

Returning retirees addressed at pension board meeting

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Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler sat in on a Zoom meeting of the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board last week to address a matter dealing with retired department employees coming back to work.

There was some misunderstanding that those

former employees may be granted supervisory positions but the sheriff clarified that after 120 days of retirement, former employees may come back to work for the department “on entry-level positions and salaries.”

The returning employees’ pay would not affect their Uniformed Officers Pension Plan retirement and

they would not be putting in additional funds into their plans.

The UOPP is no longer open for enrollment but some who started with that plan are still enrolled and are planning retirement.

“It’s a good thing and a supplement to their retirement,” the sheriff said.

The board voted to add the “entry level” wordage to

the plan.

The UOPP is the centerpiece of the lawsuit brought by citizens against the county last September after the county mayor and commission authorized payment of vacation days into retirement payments. The suit is still before the Chancery Court after pension board attorney John Owings and the board’s

outside attorney filed a motion to dismiss.

Because of filings and the coronavirus outbreak the matter is now in limbo.

Owings told the board that the Tennessee Supreme Court has extended a court shutdown through May.

“We’ll not be hearing something until June, if then,” Owings said, adding, “None of us have ever

witnessed anything like this before.”

In introducing the pension board’s budget for the coming fiscal year Pension Director Jennifer Schroeder noted that \$25,000 was added to support an outside attorney, upping funds for outside representation to \$52,000. The current year has \$27,000 designated for that.

Beeler votes against constituents 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 Knox County 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 Knox County Commission meeting, Beeler, who seldom speaks up on issues, delivered a short address. The commission was being asked to approve a rezoning from Agricultural to Planned Residential in the Gibbs schools area. The planning commission had

Dogwood Arts announce winners of annual contest

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. But the festival still went on virtually and the organizers still kept up the tradition.

On Friday the festival officials announced the winners of the annual art contest, which was held online this year.

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, Dogwood Arts Festival Media Coordinator, said that 1,245 votes were cast and that represents the most ever.

He also noted that over 6,000 people

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Donations sought for Lions Mobile Vision Lab



The Fountain City Lions Club is looking for help to repair the Mobile Vision Lab.

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One of the many things that Lions Club members do for the community is to provide eyeglasses for those who need them. During the Gatlinburg Fires the club made three trips there to help.

Jim McFarland of the Fountain City Lions Club told The Focus that damage done to the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Mobile Vision Lab on March 3rd set the charity back. McFarland

said that a tree falling on the lab did some major damage.

Since then the Lions Clubs in the region have been raising money to repair the damage. He said that the non-profit charity had a \$1,000 deductible and has been working to raise \$1,200.

“We’re almost there,” he said.

The lab is used to manufacture glasses for patients served through the various East Tennessee Lions Clubs.

“We’ve moved all

the equipment and are mobile. We can set up in churches, schools, etc., anyplace where we have the room,” he said

“Before the damage, we were doing 80 to 90 patients each month and since we started with the mobile lab we’ve provided more than 6,000 pairs of glasses.”

The mobile lab was parked behind the Fountain City Lions Club and, because of the damage, the manufacturing of glasses has been suspended.

McFarland said that because of the restrictions during the coronavirus outbreak and the repairs needed to the lab it may be June or July before eye exams and glasses are available.

Donations can be made by mail to Smoky Mountain Lions Charities, P.O. Box 70276, Knoxville, Tn. 37938. McFarland said anyone can do a credit card donation by calling him at (865)556-9091.

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KAT funding grants on Knoxville City Council Agenda

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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday they will have a much longer agenda than recently. The Zoom meeting will also be available on CTV Knoxville. Four of the proposed resolutions seek federal and state funds for Knoxville Area Transit.

One of the requests, for \$351,206 from the state, is for bus engine overhauls and requires a match of \$39,023 from the city. A sum of \$1.8 million is being asked of the state and federal government in a block grant for local bus service. The city match is \$201,736. The city council will probably

vote "Yes" giving Mayor Indya Kincannon permission to apply for the funds. Another resolution seeks \$877,187 for Formula Bus and Bus Facilities, with a city match of \$97,466. The city may also seek \$5.8 million from the state and federal government for local surface transportation. The council may also

vote on an agreement with Goodwill Industries to provide all materials, equipment and supervision for recycling at five area locations. The council may also discuss, on the first of two readings, amending the Operation and Capital Budgets for the current year. Also on the agenda is a 90-day moratorium

on any action by the Property Naming Committee for any new application. The planning commission has more than a dozen requests on the agenda including updating some zoning in the city code. The changes deal with buffering, off-street parking, and mixed use zones. There's also several requests

for zoning changes. A contract with Barge Design Solutions may get a boost in funding, adding \$25,000 for the First Creek Greenway and Broadway Streetscape Project. The mayor is asking for Sandra Korbelik and Karyn Adams to become members of the Board of Zoning Appeals board.

What is a Claims Adjuster?

There are a number of weird words and job titles that I encounter in the legal field. Where did the job title, "bailiff" come from? Why is it called a "motion to quash" and not a "motion to squash?" Where did the title, "guardian ad litem" come from?



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the amount that they were offered by the insurance company for the damage to their vehicle, but maybe there is some person out there who was very happy with what they were offered.

As for the claims adjuster who handles the personal injury side of the claim, that adjuster will take a recorded statement of the injured party, they will discuss the matter with their own insured, and they will review medical records and medical bills incurred by the injured party after the wreck as well as any other documentation provided by the injured party.

After they have reviewed all of these items, the claims adjuster will generally make a two part determination. They will first determine how responsible they think their insured is for the injured party's damages. Then they will determine whether they believe the medical treatment and expenses incurred by the injured party after the wreck were reasonable and necessary and were related to the wreck at issue.

Based on those factors, as well as a number of more subtle factors, the claims adjuster will make a settlement offer to the injured party. Or they may offer the injured party nothing if they determine that their insured was not at fault, or that the injured party was not really injured at all. If the injured party decides to file a lawsuit, the insurance company will hire an attorney to represent their insured at the expense of the insurance company. Although claims adjusters are not attorneys, after a lawsuit is filed, the claims adjuster is very much involved in the decision-making process of how the lawyer should handle the case or whether they should offer to settle the case.

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Left: Vicki Love, leather crafter from Knoxville, took second place and a \$300 award. Photo by Kristen Bright Photography. Right: Mixed-media artist Tina Brunetti of Loudon won \$200 with third place. Photo by Bloom Photography. To view works by the three winners, visit klockmillerart.com, vickilovedesigns.com and tinabrunettiart.com.



Dogwood Arts announce winners of annual contest

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from all 50 states visited the display on the festival's website, allowing it to keep up a tradition that goes back nearly six decades. Since 1961, the festival has showcased the work of artists. In recent years, the art was displayed in Market Square during the festival but the

coronavirus pandemic forced the annual event to be shut down. But the Dogwood Arts Festival didn't give in. Festival officials continued the tradition virtually, displaying the work online and allowing people to vote. "This is our busiest time of the year," said Herron.

"We were all disappointed but we wanted to keep up this tradition. "We usually do it at Market Square but this year, we couldn't but we know that people come from all over to the festival and we know that the art is the livelihood for a lot of these artists, so we wanted to award \$1,000.

We wanted to help the artists." This is not the first event to be continued virtually this year. The annual Chalk Walk was exhibited and judged virtually. This year, the annual event had more than 200 artists participate and 19,500 votes were cast.

Friendsville and the original 'Cudjo Cave'

Whether you're still cocooning at home or venturing out there are some very interesting places nearby that you can take the family to walk around without being in a crowd. Every town and community in East Tennessee is unique, fun and educational.

A Day Away

By Mike Steely

with Friendsville's William J. Hackney prior to 1863. Hackney and the Quakers had long used the cave, on Hackney's property, to secretly house run-away slaves as part of the Underground Railroad. Friendsville and nearby Unity (now Unitia) were part of that secret system as escaped slaves fled to the northern states.

During the Civil War Hackney and his wife also sheltered up to 50 people in the cave including Tennessee Loyalists hiding from Confederate conscription. In 1863 he was invited to Knoxville by Union General Ambrose Burnside who offered him a position on his staff. Despite sheltering more than 2,000 people Hackney turned down the honors.

Although Confederates took horses and supplies belonging to church members there, the local farmers treated both sides with kindness.

The cave was never discovered as its entrance was concealed by thick overgrowth. A nearby spring supplied water and Hackney and his wife provided bedding and food through the Underground Railroad and Civil War years. Since the publication of the book the Friendsville cave has been known as "Cudjo's Cave."

The name "Cudjo" comes from the Jamaican runaway and slave leader, Captain Cudjoe. The Friendsville cave had a large room where slaves

Garry Tener of Broadway Carpets has a strong Friendsville connection:

"I was raised in the Quaker Church there. We actually lived in Maryville. My father was raised there and my paternal grandmother was from there. She was a Hackney," he said.

"My paternal grandfather moved to Friendsville and became a teacher and basketball coach at Friendsville Academy. They are both buried at the church," Tener said.

The cemetery behind the church has graves going back many years including those of early settlers and church officials.

and others were sheltered. It is now said to be filled with dirt.

You can stop at the Friends Church and walk through the historic graveyard or browse the main "downtown" at your leisure.

The town is one of those places that recall the small towns of our area and a friendly place to create some memories.

Returning to Knox County you may want to take the new bridge on Highway 321 into Lenoir City and drive back home along Highway 11 which becomes Kingston Pike.

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The only really bad thing about being a weekly newspaper is preparing an editorial on one topic. Hardly a week goes by that I don't hear from people wondering why I didn't write about this or that. There's so much that happens nationally and locally that it is usually difficult to decide what I might editorialize about. This week's editorial is about this and that, covering a range of things that are going on.

STUPIDEST QUESTION EVER

Olivia Nuzzi may well have asked the stupidest question ever posed during a presidential press conference during the history of the United States. A reporter for New York magazine, Nuzzi asked President Trump, "If an American president loses more Americans in the course of a week than died in the Vietnam War, does he deserve to be reelected?" Ari Fleischer, press secretary to President Bush, posted, "It's clown questions like this that can make the briefing a waste of time. The only point of the question was to provoke. Not learn anything new. Nuzzi claims it was a legitimate question, although Fleischer's post provoked her into replying, telling the former press secretary, "Oh, shut the f_ _ up."

And there are still people who wonder why people have cut the cord and pay no attention to people like Olivia Nuzzi.

HMMM... COULD IT BE HYPOCRISY?

If anyone doubts the bias

of the mainstream media, one only has to look at the news coverage relating to Tara Reade's accusation former vice president Joe Biden sexually assaulted her while she served on his senatorial staff and compare it to that of the accusation made against then-Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. What happened to the daily trumpeting by the media . . . and Hollywood types screeching, "A woman must be believed!" What happened to the crazed-looking types who gnashed their teeth, wore sack cloth and ashes and wailed (not to the Lord of course as most of those people don't believe in God), but where are they now?

The media coverage of the accusations is proof positive of the clear bias of the mainstream news media and there is no denying it.

It would be astonishing if we weren't used to it by now. New York senator Kristin Gillibrand was asked if Democrats were contradicting themselves in their reaction to the allegations made against Brett Kavanaugh and those against Joe Biden. "No, and I stand by Vice President Joe Biden," Gillibrand croaked. "He's devoted his life to supporting women, and he has vehemently denied this allegation." So did Kavanaugh. In fact, Brett Kavanaugh denied the allegations made against him as vehemently as anybody possibly could. Tara Reade has had people she told about the alleged assault come forward and speak on the record. Reade's mother apparently called into the Larry King Show to repeat the charge in 1993. Kavanaugh's accuser, on the other hand, couldn't remember where the alleged assault took place or when, not to mention everyone she cited as being there said they weren't. Yet Gillibrand thought that was plenty of reason to label Brett Kavanaugh as an abuser of women. Apparently, women must be believed, until they aren't.

Nor is Kristin Gillibrand hardly the only female hypocrite running around. Actress Alyssa Milano has come under some scrutiny

by feminists and progressive activists who aren't hypocrites. All Milano could offer up was questioning the evidence. "I just don't feel comfortable throwing away a decent man I've known for 15 years in this time of complete chaos without there being a thorough investigation." The evidence against Biden is better than it was against Brett Kavanaugh, but Alyssa Milano gave the Supreme Court nominee no such courtesy. Nor did she show the slightest reluctance to ruin the life of a man who was very decent. Now Milano is Tweeting she sees and hears Tara Reade, which probably is a great comfort to Ms. Reade.

OUCH STACEY!

Congressman William Lacy Clay, interviewed on the "Tangazo" podcast, didn't have much nice to say about Stacey Abrams' openly campaigning for the Democratic vice presidential nomination. Abrams was the failed Democratic nominee for governor of Georgia in the last election cycle. Abrams lost by some 50,000 votes to Republican Brian Kemp but has insisted she is the legitimate governor of Georgia, a view shared by nobody else.

Congressman Clay said he thought it "kinda inappropriate" for Abrams to be so openly angling for the job as well as "somewhat offensive." Clay doesn't appear to think Stacy Abrams was the winner of the Georgia gubernatorial election, hardly surprising as Kemp was sworn in and all. Clay burned Stacey when he said, "You know, at the race track you cannot show up at the winner's window with loser's tickets. You haven't won anything. You can't show up at the winner's window with loser's tickets and demand anything." Wonder if that just got too real for Stacey?

CHRISTMASTIME IN THE CITY

Well, progressives hate using the word Christmas and I don't know how they feel about Santa Claus

currently. They might be interested to know Santa Claus is alive and well and campaigning in Tennessee's 15th House district. Tall, lanky and clean shaven instead of bearded and stout, Matthew Park has offered up a smorgasbord of tantalizing goodies for consideration in his bid to unseat incumbent state representative Rick Staples. Park has published a Black Agenda Report. The 15th District is not a black majority district, but has a significant black population. Park is clearly bidding for black votes with a sweeping confection of tasty treats and freebies. Among Park's recommendations are allowing the black community to supervise police departments, giving away this and that and a host of other things that will never pass the Tennessee General Assembly. In fact, Park's agenda is less likely to pass the legislature than for progressives to have manger scenes in their yards.

Park is enlarging on his existing platform where he is for restorative practices, which emphasizes therapy instead of punishment and calls himself a "prison abolitionist." Park is also loudly against the death penalty. One wonders if the families who have lost loved ones to violence, including drive-by shootings are prison abolitionists?

Matthew Park's platform is a re-warming of the usual social justice warrior's diet of pabulum for progressive people who never did quite manage to grow up. Matthew Ocasio-Cortez Park is running well to the left of Staples and former County Commissioner Sam McKenzie.

Staples is the incumbent representative up for reelection.

McKenzie is the husband of City Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie, the vice mayor of Knoxville. McKenzie served eight years on the Knox County Commission, although East Knoxville has nothing to show for it. Evidently the McKenzies are looking to collect as many government checks as they possibly can.

SPEAKING OF MEDIA BIAS

Another good example of media bias is the coverage being given several GOP governors over the proposed re-opening of their respective states following the China virus. Greg Abbott of Texas, Brian Kemp of Georgia and Kristi Noem of South Dakota have been pilloried by the press and practically accused of putting everybody's lives in danger. Jared Polis, the governor of Colorado, is doing much the same thing in his state, but you haven't heard a word about it. Of course Polis is a Democrat and that would only matter if he was a Republican.

THE CHINA CONNECTION

Elizabeth Rowland has jumped into the race to succeed Bill Dunn in the Tennessee General Assembly. Dunn has served admirably since 1994 and is retiring this year. All the candidates running to succeed Dunn are women. County Commissioner Michele Carriager, Knox County Board of Education member Patty Bounds and now Elizabeth Rowland are running. Carriager and Bounds will face off in the Republican primary, while Rowland is going to be the Democratic nominee. Rowland's father was Michael Y. "Mike" Rowland who served a few terms in the Tennessee legislature. There aren't many folks who recall it, but Rowland left the Tennessee General Assembly to run against Congressman John J. Duncan, Sr in 1976. Rowland, young and handsome, could give a heck of a speech and was a pretty friendly fellow. Jimmy Carter was the Democratic presidential nominee and most folks don't remember, but Tennessee was Carter's second best state in the nation after his native Georgia. Jim Sasser beat Bill Brock for the U. S. Senate that year, but Congressman Duncan, who ran scared, won easily. If Mike Rowland couldn't win, no Democrat could.

A successful attorney, Mike Rowland died in 1998. It remains to be seen whether Elizabeth is

her father's daughter, or takes after her mother. Elizabeth Rowland is the founder and board chair of something called the "TN - China Network." Evidently Rowland worked for the highly respected Covington - Burling law firm, an elite Washington, D. C. law and lobbying firm in Beijing. Considering the many recent exchanges between the US and China has been about the origin of the coronavirus, that particular tie might not do Elizabeth Rowland much good politically.

KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL HYPOCRISY

The Knoxville News-Sentinel happily jumped on Mayor Glenn Jacobs with all four paws over the salary issue. The Sentinel has always liked low-hanging fruit and immediately questioned whether Jacobs and the officeholders participating in flourishing county employees would give up their own salaries? Informed they could not legally do that, the Sentinel changed course and wondered if Jacobs and his fellow officeholders would donate their salaries to charity. Jacobs indicated he would consider it, but the mayor is better off financially than many of his colleagues, which put the others on the spot.

The Sentinel knows a thing or two about employees. There are few businesses as expert in running off long-time employees than the Knoxville News-Sentinel. The publisher and the editor of the News-Sentinel are surely pretty well paid, but somehow, I don't think they took a pay cut or donated their salaries to charity. The Sentinel still has a publisher and editor while the lesser lights, which include veteran reporters and columnists have all pretty much disappeared over the years. Odd how nobody mentioned that.



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Catching up with Yassin Terou



Yassin's Falafel House is hugely popular in Knoxville. Many people know of the restaurants but how much do you know about the founder and owner? Yassin Terou is a personable business owner and advocate for harmony in our community.

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He has been honored by national, state and local organizations and recognized by Reader's Digest and ABC's "Good Morning America." Despite all the attention and accolades, this restaurateur doesn't seem to let fame go to his head.

The honors began with Yassin Terou opening up his Middle East food catering venue Falafel House downtown. The Walnut St. location officially became a restaurant in 2014. He later added another restaurant in West Knoxville. During the coronavirus pandemic Terou has been feeding the homeless with deliveries, providing

food to first responders, providing a safe working place for employees and preparing the restaurant for customers. The Knoxville Focus chatted with Terou recently and asked a few questions. Here is what he replied:

Asked about his restaurant and how that's working for him he replied, "Being a restaurant business owner puts me in the position to be able to connect with the community and grow as a person. I love being able to help give back!"

The native of Damascus, Syria explained, "I chose Knox County because the weather was not very cold and the expenses to live were affordable," when asked why he chose to live in Knoxville.

"After that the love between me and the city started to grow and I feel at home."

"I hope we can build more bridges between the community and establish more businesses to support the economy. Be able to bring ideas and people together to build our county," he replied when asked about his hopes for our area.

When he's not working, Terou enjoys spending time with his family, "watching my kids grow and going to new places and doing new things."

What does he consider main accomplishments in life? "Having an awesome family and being part of the reason my restaurant was named Nicest Place in

America on National News."

When asked how other people see him, he said, "I think they see me as someone who makes food with love and also builds bridges!"

"Maybe I would have started my journey to America sooner," Terou said when asked what he would do over in his life if he had an option.

One thing he wouldn't do over is being the owner of a place where everyone is welcomed.

Asked about his favorite food his answer was "Falafel, shawarma and local breakfast/brunches!"

How would he like to be remembered? "With a good smile and delicious smell of my food!" he answered.

Celebrating Mother's Day Amid a Pandemic

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Holidays. They are one of the few events on the calendar that are not canceled these days because of the Coronavirus. It is the way in which we must celebrate them that has changed.

Mother's Day is one of the most popular days of the year. Phone calls, flowers, gifts, and family dinners fill the special Sunday to honor mothers. Even as many restaurants are opening for dine-in customers, face masks and social distancing must still be practiced. Because of COVID-19, some mothers may be in the hospital or their children may be in the hospital and family members cannot all be together. Sadly, some may have even passed away as a victim of the virus.

As Mother's Day is celebrated this year, may those whose mothers



Picture of our mother, Juanita D. Major, at graduation from Halls High School, Class of 1951.

have passed on find comfort in memories; may those whose mothers are still living find joy in their presence and the opportunity for another year to create more memories. On this Mother's Day, may we all enjoy the gift of God's grace. Happy Mother's Day!

Words of Faith: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed . . . Proverbs 31:28 (KJV).

Mommy to Mother

I admit that I'm in awe of those females with children. I am always amazed to think that they carry new lives for nine months and then go through the pain to deliver those lives into the world. Many go through the process again, even knowing what lies ahead. Maybe that's why females are God's greatest creation. As the years of parenthood wind, the name for that life-giving person changes.

As soon as a newborn arrives, parents begin talking to it. Before long, sounds come, and grown-ups coax the little one to call them by name. Selfishly, we men try every way in the world to have our children utter the word "Daddy" as their first. To be fair, all children should be encouraged to say "Mommy" instead because that woman is the main line to life.

Jim and I were a surprise in that the doctor hadn't known there were two of us until delivery. During those first years of life, "Mommy" stayed home with us. She sewed to bring in extra money to the household, and during those times, no such thing as daycare existed or would have been condoned. Jim and I squalled out "Mommy" for everything. We



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were hungry and wanted her to fix food. We sat on the potty and need her to complete the clean-up tasks. Sometimes, we cried for "Mommy" because we were scared by a bad dream. Most important, we wanted Mommy when we were ill, and her hugs and pats made us feel better.

At some point, the name "Mommy" was too immature sounding. Maybe because we'd heard Daddy use the name or because our older brother Dal used it, we began saying "Mamma." That's who had gone back to school and become a teacher. Mamma is the one who cooked supper and washed clothes. That's who made sure we "toed the line" and used switches, belts, and paddles to correct bad behavior. The woman loved us, but she also rode herd on twins who were loud of mouth, round in stature, and constant in motion. Mamma was the woman who helped the three of us get through and survive the death of our daddy. She was the sole bread winner that made sure we had clothes and food and education.

Gradually, a new name came into use. Maybe it was because we'd gone away to college. Maybe we

just realized how much she'd sacrificed for us throughout the years. At any rate, we began to refer to that woman in our lives as "Mother," and for the rest of her days, that is the name we used for her. When she overdid things and appeared to be close to collapsing, we'd fuss at her. "Mother, you've got to stop that and let us help you." Those words fell on deaf ears. We reassured Mother that we'd be there for her as she battled cancer and made sure she knew she could stay home. To this day, Jim and I talk about Mother and the things she said and did.

My wife Amy has gone from "Mommy to Mom to Mother" with our children. They love and respect her and are amazed at all she's done for them in their lives. Sometimes Amy might feel inadequate, but a quick "Mother" is followed with reassuring words from Lacey and Dallas that let her know just how important she is in the world.

All of us would do well to offer thanks to those wonderful women who have been there for us through life. Men, realize that you are important, but not as much as Mommy, Mamma, and Mother. That's just the facts of life.

Happy Mother's Day!

Beeler votes against constituents on zoning matter

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approved a request of developer Scott Davis in an 8-3 vote. The proposal calls for "up to five" dwelling units or a total of 215 new homes along Thompson School Road. Adam Thompson of Corryton spoke against the rezoning stating the neighbors there would rather have 3.25 homes per acre. He said the five units requested is "too

high a density for this plot of land." He said that Thompson School Road is too narrow to handle the additional traffic and the plan calls for only one way into the proposed development.

Scott Davis represented the applicant, Mesana Investments, and said about 40 houses have been dropped from the request.

Beeler said there are

"two great injustices" in the district: one being "zero representation" on the planning group and, two, the rural district has the most developable land in the county.

"We welcome a certain amount of development but we don't want density," he said, adding, "I don't think we're ready."

"Even though I disagree," he said, noting he wanted fewer houses, **he**

moved to approve the 4.25 homes per acre.

Kevin Murphy of the Knox County Planning Alliance spoke briefly in favor of 3.25 per acre.

Commissioner Randy Smith said the county should utilize land in the Planned Growth Area. Chairman Hugh Nystrom agreed since the development is near the schools.

Thompson said there is strong opposition to the large number of homes and Commissioner Carson Dailey said maybe the vote should be postponed until a public meeting in May.

"Are we sure we are meeting in May?" asked Commissioner Justin Biggs, referring to a public meeting rather

than a Zoom session.

Beeler's hesitant support carried the day with only Dailey and Commissioner Evelyn Gill voting "No."

In other action, the commission heard Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs speak about the county's efforts to combat the coronavirus. He referred to the recently announced three phase plan. Commissioner Jay asked if businesses would be certified to open or remain open and Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan said no, the health department will do "spot checks."

Jacobs said the new Joint Task Force will have input to any decision and that the county

is "trying to be as business friendly as possible."

Sheriff Tom Spangler spoke briefly about rumors that the county jail was not dealing with the virus problem well. He said that since March 15, 637 prisoners were released under court orders. Spangler said that there are zero cases among the prisoners at the Rogers D. Wilson facility. He said he wanted to dispel rumors of overcrowding.

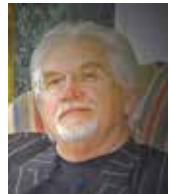
Among the long list of consent items was the passing on of state funds of \$950,000 to the Knox County Election Commission to acquire a new voting system. That "paper ballot" will be used in the August Primary.



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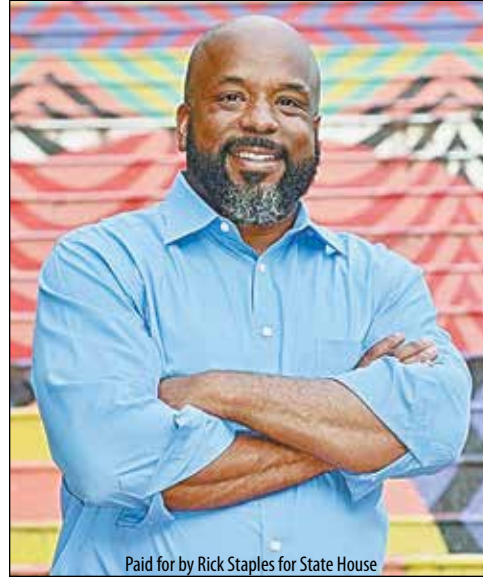
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Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate, XIII

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Malcolm Patterson, twice elected governor of Tennessee, had attempted to make a political comeback by entering the first U. S. Senate race where the people nominated candidates for the general election in 1915. Patterson faced stiff opposition in the incumbent, Senator Luke Lea, and Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar. Neither Patterson nor Lea thought the McKellar candidacy would amount to much and pounded each other unmercifully throughout the campaign. McKellar surprised just about everybody, beating both Lea and Patterson.

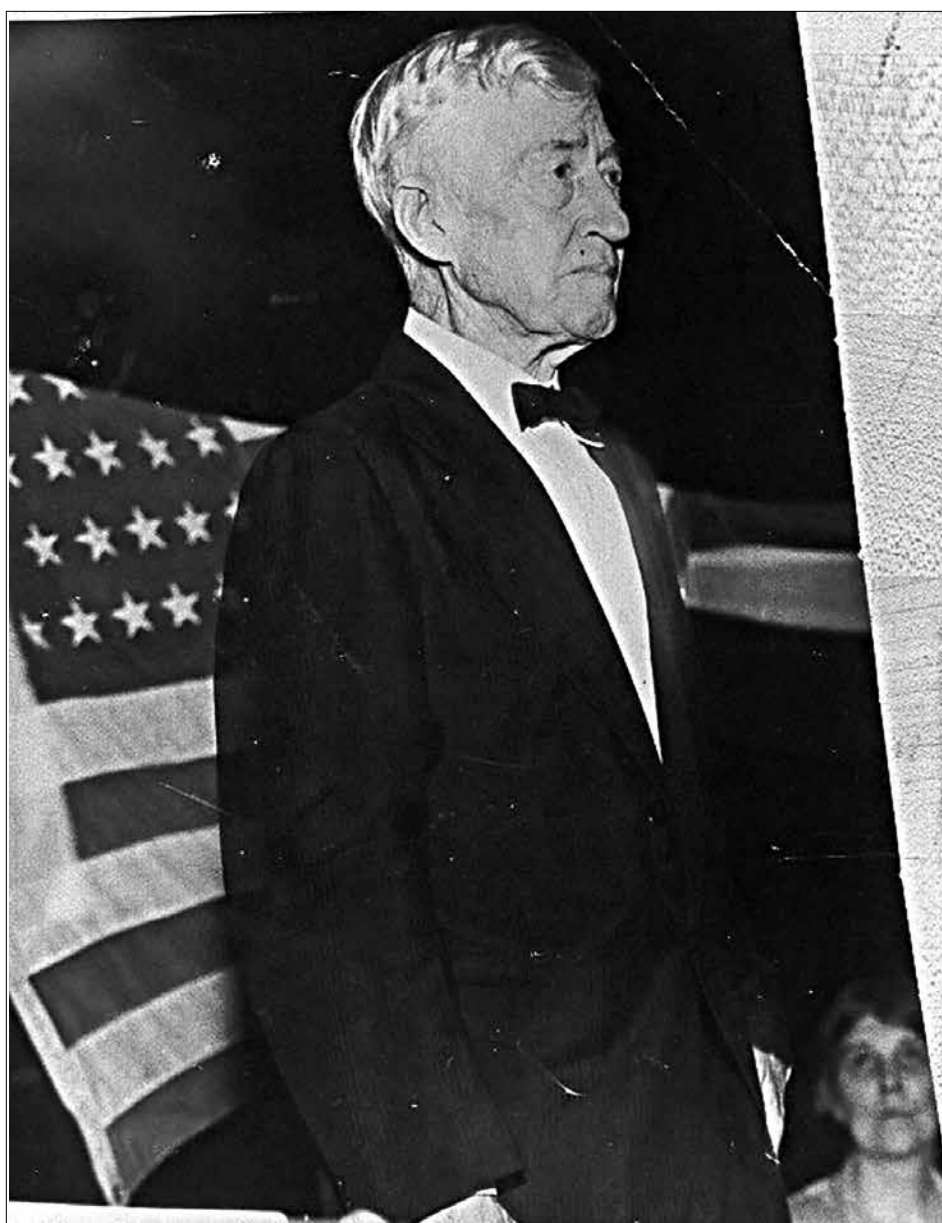
The former governor had lived through substantial tragedy, losing two wives and his son and namesake. Young Malcolm Patterson had been severely alcoholic, descended into a life filled with brawls, few companions, and had tried to kill a man while living in Washington State. Eventually, the younger Patterson had been adjudged to be insane and was confined to the Tennessee State Asylum for the Insane where he died. Patterson's own fondness for alcohol had led him to be the champion of the liquor interests in Tennessee, but in 1913 the former governor became a leading advocate and spokesperson for temperance. Many Tennesseans doubted the sincerity of Patterson's switch, especially as he traveled the country as a paid spokesperson, but considering what had happened to his son, as well as the fact the former governor had once been discovered in a house of ill repute while drunk, there is reason to believe Patterson's views might have legitimately changed.

Surprised by his defeat for the senatorial nomination by Congressman McKellar, Patterson resumed his former activities as a lecturer for the Anti-Saloon League. Apparently the former governor made quite a good living speaking on behalf of the Anti-Saloon League and on the Chautauqua circuit; in a letter to his wife, Patterson wrote he was averaging more than \$1,000 per meeting in 1918. That was quite a sum for the time.

Patterson, a gifted orator, spoke in small and large venues, giving his lectures in theatres and churches. Despite his decisive defeat by McKellar in the 1915 special primary, few Tennesseans believed Malcolm Patterson was done with politics. The former governor kept up a busy schedule speaking to throngs of Tennesseans in his work with the Anti-Saloon League, exposing him to thousands of

prospective voters. By the fall of 1921, there were rumors Patterson was considering challenging Senator McKellar inside the Democratic primary in 1922. Complicating the situation was the attitude of Tennessee's senior U.S. senator, John Knight Shields. A thoroughly crusty and curmudgeonly man, Shields had been an opponent of President Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations, while McKellar was an ardent supporter of both Wilson and the League of Nations. The Nashville Tennessean merrily reported Senator Shields had made "sneering" remarks about a speech given by his junior colleague on the floor of the Senate in support of Wilson and the League. The Tennessean, no admirer of either Shields or McKellar, admitted it was impossible to detect any open break between the senators, but reminded readers of what it considered to be Shields' duplicitous nature, noting "...McKellar's intimates are aware that Shields never breaks that way with political associates." The Tennessean opined, "It has been a practice with Shields, they pointed out, to wait until those with whom he has differences are in close quarters before wielding the stiletto." Patterson had indignantly insisted he had been "double-crossed" by Shields in the 1915 primary, claiming the senior senator had promised to back him. Instead, Shields had strongly supported McKellar. The Tennessean speculated Senator Shields might support Patterson in 1922 against McKellar.

Patterson duly announced his candidacy for the U. S. Senate in January of 1922. The former governor quickly agreed to a proposal by another candidate for the Democratic nomination, Noah Cooper, to limit expenditures in the primary campaign. That likely had less to do with Senator McKellar than another aspirant, Guston T. Fitzhugh, who was quite wealthy and could self-fund his senatorial campaign. The Nashville Banner, a strong proponent of Senator McKellar, had published a story stating Patterson was inclined to enter the gubernatorial race, which the former governor hotly denied. "This is untrue in every particular," Patterson said, "for I have not the slightest idea of offering myself as a candidate for governor. How the rumor originated I don't know, except in some over-heated brain wild over politics." Patterson said he had stated his intention to run for the U. S. Senate, adding, "...and this is what



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

Former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson circa 1932.

I intend to do."

Former Congressman Thetus W. Sims, who had badly wanted to run for the Senate in 1915, announced he, too, would enter the senatorial race. Few took Sims seriously, as he had been defeated by Gordon Browning for renomination inside his own Congressional district in 1920. Noah Cooper was never a serious candidate either, being little more than a vocal fringe candidate. Neither Thetus Sims nor Malcolm Patterson could sustain a race against a popular incumbent. Eventually, both withdrew from the race. Few Tennesseans even noticed Sims' withdrawal, but the former governor's announcement was widely covered by the Tennessee press. Citing "wholly personal reasons" for his leaving the senatorial race, Patterson's brief statement to the people of Tennessee said his friends were free to choose among the remaining candidates. The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle likely came much closer to the truth when it noted many of the former governor's firmest friends felt there was little chance for Patterson to defeat McKellar. Patterson had last been elected to statewide office in 1908 and his defeat by McKellar in 1915 had been thorough.

The Tennessean immediately predicted Patterson's withdrawal from the Senate race was "a blow" to McKellar's candidacy. Of course the Tennessean was still owned by former U. S. senator Luke Lea, who had been defeated by McKellar in 1915 as well. Lea and his newspaper still showed considerable animosity toward McKellar and noted the latter had been elected in a "three-way race" and was "a political accident." Suddenly, Lea's Tennessean was full of praise for Malcolm Patterson. Lea had apparently forgotten the hatred between the

two for the better part of a decade. Now Lea published an editorial telling readers Patterson was "head and shoulders above any other in Tennessee" as a natural politician. "He is a man of rare charm and magnificent intellect," the Tennessean opined. Moreover, the former governor had "at some time or other, but never simultaneously, had the support of about every Democrat in Tennessee." The Tennessean readily acknowledged Patterson's supporters in the state had deteriorated steadily through the years, admitting, "he could not gather an encouraging following" to make a serious bid against McKellar in 1922. Ruefully, the Tennessean concluded, "As a man, as an intelligent and conscientious force, Patterson today ranks high. As a politician he is passé." It was certainly true Malcolm Patterson was well beyond his political prime. His loss to McKellar in 1915 had virtually extinguished whatever remained of his political career, yet Malcolm Patterson could not stay away from politics or running for office.

Former governor Patterson caused a bit of a stir when he spoke in his home city of Memphis and was critical of the Crump regime. E. H. Crump had yet to fully master Shelby County, but Patterson told members of the City Club Memphis, "it is the only city whose politics is custom-made and handed down without alteration."

Senator McKellar demonstrated his own personal popularity when he crushed Guston Fitzhugh in the Democratic primary, beating his challenger by a two-to-one majority. Almost immediately following Fitzhugh's defeat, rumors began to circulate Patterson would enter the general election as an Independent candidate. The former governor instantly denied the rumors, saying, "You may say for me that I never

contemplated such action and under no circumstance whatsoever would I enter the field as an Independent candidate. I am a Democrat and I vote for Democratic nominees." Patterson later said he expected the entire Democratic ticket to win and offered to "take the stump" if necessary in support of his fellow Democrats.

Perhaps one sign that Crump had yet to exert full control over Memphis and Shelby County was Malcolm Patterson's election as a judge of the Circuit Court. Patterson would remain in office for over a decade, at least tolerated by the Crump machine. Patterson also wrote a newspaper column called "Day to Day With Gov. Patterson." Governor Austin Peay wrote Patterson in 1923, offering to appoint him to a judgeship; Peay was shrewd enough to realize he would surely be criticized for the appointment and assured Patterson he was quite willing to accept the criticism, but was prepared to make the appointment due to friendship for the former governor. Governor Peay appointed Patterson as judge of the First Circuit Court of Shelby County and the former governor was later elected in his own right.

Malcolm Patterson would make on final attempt at a political comeback. In 1932, Patterson declared he would once again run for the Democratic nomination for governor. One indication of just how much things had changed in the state was the fact Patterson had the full backing of Luke Lea, his newspaper, and the administration of Governor Henry Horton. State Treasurer Hill McAlister had the support of Senator McKellar and Mr. Crump, while Lewis Pope campaigned as an Independent Democrat. Almost seventy-two years old, Patterson, once the "gamecock" of Tennessee politics, campaigned with some expectation of

success. While the Horton administration had been gravely wounded by the collapse of Caldwell and Company, which took almost \$7 million of state funds with it, Luke Lea remained a force in Tennessee politics. Governor Horton could do little, aside from directing his appointees and patronage employees to support Malcolm Patterson, as whatever power he had once exercised had been broken when he had quite nearly been impeached. Only by using means both ruthless and desperate had Henry Horton avoided impeachment. The real power behind the throne of Governor Horton was Luke Lea. Lea was equally desperate to keep his hold on the governor's office and his political power and selected Malcolm Patterson as the best way to win the Democratic primary.

It was a humiliating end to a long political career. Patterson carried only a handful of counties in West Tennessee and Claiborne and Scott counties in East Tennessee. Patterson ran a poor third, well behind the eventual winner, Hill McAlister and Lewis Pope, winning barely over 20% of the vote.

In 1934, Malcolm Rice Patterson retired from the bench. Whether he retired because of age, illness or the belief he could no longer be elected in Shelby County because of E. H. Crump's control is unclear. Patterson was ailing and he went to Sarasota, Florida to rest. While in Florida, the former governor became increasingly ill. The Tennessean published a report Patterson had been admitted to Sarasota Hospital due to a heart ailment, although his "condition is not serious." The very next day a report in the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle stated the former governor was quite ill and what had originally believed to be a heart condition was complicated by a serious kidney condition. Only a day later, the Murfreesboro Daily News-Journal reported Patterson was improving. The next day every newspaper in Tennessee reported the death of former governor Malcolm Rice Patterson.

The seventy-three year old former governor's body was brought back home to Tennessee where he was laid to rest beside his parents. Dr. T. K. Young, pastor of the Idlewild Presbyterian Church eulogized the former governor, saying, "His courage and faith in his convictions led him on to fight the battles of life." Right or wrong, what could be a better epitaph for anyone?



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Farragut Citizens Forum gets heated

5G controversy continues

By Focus Staff

The Farragut Mayor and Board of Aldermen met via video conference for their bi-monthly meeting Thursday, April 23 and conducted the Citizens Forum at the end of the meeting. Because of the COVID-19 virus no one could attend in person and the Citizens Forum was done by email. Two Farragut residents sent emails, Laura Squires and Mike Mitchell. They were both criticized by the mayor and aldermen.

Squires' email addressed questions about the 5G cellular towers that would be in residents' front yards. Squires asked if there was a uniform standard or if the 5G cell towers in upscale neighborhoods would be more attractive than the 5G cell towers in average neighborhoods. The mayor and aldermen somehow took offense to this. The question was reasonable since the Town of Farragut and the cellular providers have not agreed on the appearance of the cellular towers. The town maintains it has a standard for the towers but the cellular companies currently say they are not bound to the Farragut standards. By Tennessee law these 5G cell towers in residents' front yards can be as tall as forty feet.

Farragut resident Mike Mitchell created a resolution for the mayor and aldermen to consider that would pause any 5G cell tower construction until the cellular providers could provide medical proof the 5G cell towers were safe and asked that the resolution be read into the minutes. Town Attorney Tom Hale and the Farragut Mayor Ron Williams refused to allow the resolution to be read aloud. The resolution is included at the end of this article.

The Focus asked Mike Mitchell why the resolution was not read aloud. Mitchell replied, "It's more of the censorship and harassment the people of Farragut have had to put up with from our elected mayor and aldermen on this 5G issue. For 39 years the Citizen Forum has been at the beginning of the Mayor and Aldermen Meeting but Mayor Ron Williams has unilaterally moved Citizen Forum to the end of the meeting to discourage public participation and free speech.

"WVLT TV came to film the people of Farragut speaking about 5G in a Mayor and Aldermen Meeting and the mayor, at the beginning of the meeting without a vote, moved the Citizen Forum to the end of the meeting even though it was listed on the agenda at the start of the

meeting.

"Mayor Williams claimed there was a needed workshop and he didn't want the workshop participants to have to wait to hear a lot of citizens talk about 5G. There were only two workshop participants and was of them was an alderman who had to stay to the end of the meeting anyway. I believe the Mayor did this to prevent WVLT from filming the citizens.

"Last week was more of the same, I was not allowed the chance to speak in the video meeting to defend myself or protest the censorship of not reading the resolution."

Mitchell received criticism from the town attorney, the mayor, and the vice mayor. Some of the criticism regarded the resolution. But the rest was from a statement in Mitchell's email where he wrote: "There have been bad federal laws in America before such as the law which prohibited women from voting and the law that segregated schools and businesses. Those laws were repealed as the Telecommunications Act in 1996 will be too. The Town of Farragut has repeatedly claimed it must follow the bad law in the Telecommunications Act in 1996. I feel that is a violation of the town charter and your oath of office. Other towns in American have done the opposite and defended the health and public safety of their residents. I ask the Mayor and Aldermen to protect the residents of Farragut."

Town Attorney Tom Hale started first and claimed that since there is disagreement among "experts" about the safety of 5G towers in residents' front yards the resolution could not be considered.

The Focus asked Mitchell about this. Mitchell said, "There is not a single medical, toxicological, or epidemiological study that shows these 5G cell towers are safe at 25 feet from where people sleep. There are thousands of peer reviewed medical, toxicological, or epidemiological studies that show these cell towers can cause cancer. I have provided these to the mayor and aldermen and in the meeting last week they actually said they were not smart enough to understand the medical studies. The town attorney said maybe Mr. Mitchell could understand these studies but he was not smart enough to. What else can I do? They refuse to consider any proof these 5G cell towers can hurt people." You can watch this part of the meeting

on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/2fKXiBjb4Co>

Mayor Williams criticized Mitchell next. Williams said, "He wanted us to read the resolution, but what's in it is false and can't be included. It doesn't matter who he is quoting. It is so much his opinion, and not proven fact. He can ask that we do a resolution, but he can't be the author of it."

Mitchell's response to this was, "the mayor said he wasn't smart enough to understand the medical studies I've provided last week and now he claims they are false? That doesn't make any sense. Citizens write resolutions quite often. I have written a charter amendment for Knox County that was passed into law by the voters of Knox County. I've written numerous resolutions over the past ten years. The Tennessee law on 5G was written by Joelle Phillips from AT&T and Mandy Young from Verizon. The idea that a citizen cannot author a resolution is ludicrous and completely false."

Mayor Williams said, "With my hand on the Bible I swore I would uphold all the laws of the great State of Tennessee and the Constitution of the United States. I think that is crystal clear and I will continue to do so. It does not say anywhere in our Charter that it is the job of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to budget finances in order to wage a war on the State of Tennessee to try to abolish a state law, particularly when it is backed by a federal law,"

The Focus asked Mitchell

for comment. Mitchell told us, "The purpose of the Town Charter and the oath of office is to protect the residents of Farragut. In my opinion they are in violation of both the Town Charter and their oath of office. These 5G cell towers are very dangerous to pregnant women and young children. We are not going to stop defending the residents of Farragut. Someone has to. I will prepare a new resolution and present it to the mayor and aldermen in the next meeting. I will continue to do so until someone on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen stands up to protect the people of Farragut. If that fails we will have to go to court. My mother died of brain cancer and I know firsthand how devastating this is."

Mitchell's resolution:

A resolution calling upon all telecommunications companies and public utilities operating in Farragut, Tennessee to cease the build-out of so-called "5G" wireless infrastructure until such technologies have been proven safe to human health and the environment through independent research and testing.

Whereas the telecommunications industry is engaged in a massive deployment of microwave and millimeter-wave "small cell" antennas across the county to facilitate the next generation of wireless communications known as 5G, and

Whereas this new technology uses existing wireless infrastructure and new

types of radio-frequency (RF) microwave radiation to transmit large amounts of data, but requires significantly closer proximity to users, resulting in the dense deployment of antennas near residences, schools, and hospitals, and

Whereas the deployment of 5G-enabled small cell antennas in our neighborhoods raises serious questions regarding the potential health and environmental impacts of long-term exposure to untested RF microwave radiation frequencies, and

Whereas the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not conducted any long-term safety testing of new 5G wireless technologies, and has failed to update its human RF microwave radiation exposure guidelines since 1996, despite being advised to do so by the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and hundreds of medical and scientific experts from around the world, and

Whereas telecommunications industry leaders have publicly admitted that they have not conducted any safety tests to determine the possible adverse health and environmental effects from exposure to RF microwave radiation emitted by 5G-enabled small cell antennas, and

Whereas a significant body of published, peer-reviewed, independent science links exposure to RF microwave radiation with serious environmental and biological harm, including



Turkey Creek 5G cell tower

increased risk of cancer, reproductive problems and neurological impairments, and

Whereas population especially at risk from this exposure include pregnant women, children, the elderly, and individuals with implanted medical devices, or cardiac or neurological problems, and

Whereas Swiss Re, the second-largest re-insurance company in the world, called 5G a "high impact" liability risk due to health risks in its 2019 SONAR emerging risks report, and

Whereas the theory that exposure to RF microwave radiation is harmless, which has been the underlying principle of all federal legislation and regulations regarding wireless technologies for more than twenty years, has now been proven false,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that Farragut, Tennessee calls upon all telecommunications companies and public utilities operating in Farragut, Tennessee to cease and desist in the build-out of 5G-enabled small cell antennas until such technologies have been proven safe, beyond a reasonable doubt through independent research, and the public health and welfare can be assured.

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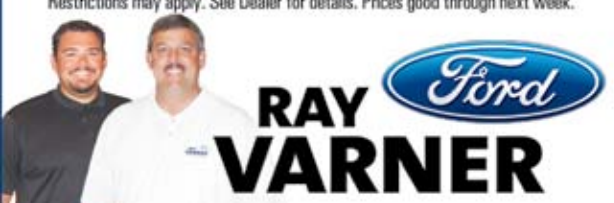
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DM Miller (center) appears to have a radio between his legs as Rule High coaches get ready for a practice session. At left is Ermal Howard, who played at UT, and at right is Head Coach Ralph Hutchins. Miller later succeeded Hutchins as head coach and the Rule field was named after Hutchins.

NCAA athletes will (likely) soon be compensated

By Mark Nagi

It's been a long time in coming. Finally, it appears that collegiate athletes will be allowed by the NCAA to receive compensation for their own name, image and likeness.

"Throughout our efforts to enhance support for college athletes, the NCAA has relied upon considerable feedback from and the engagement of our members, including numerous student-athletes, from all three divisions," said Michael V. Drake, chair of the NCAA Board of Governors and president of Ohio State. "Allowing promotions and third-party endorsements is uncharted territory."

This isn't going to happen overnight. Nothing with the NCAA is ever that simple. So, don't expect Tennessee linebacker Henry To'o to set up autograph sessions at the local car dealership come September. Vols basketball players won't be tweeting in November how an area restaurant is their favorite place to eat.

But we are getting there.

"The NCAA's work to modernize name, image and likeness continues, and we plan to make these important changes on the original timeline, no later than January 2021," said Gene Smith, Ohio State senior vice president and athletics director and working group co-chair. "The board's decision today (April 29) provides further guidance to each division as they create and adopt appropriate rules changes."

As a fan of college sports (which I enjoy considerably more than the pros), and someone that has covered SEC athletics for decades, I've seen the hypocrisy of the NCAA's archaic rules and regulations firsthand. For all the NCAA talk about how they are trying to prepare "student-athletes" for life when the games end, it's obvious that the NCAA is concerned mostly about the NCAA.

The NIL changes should have started to be implemented many years ago. The ridiculous decisions that the governing body has made to keep the status quo are borderline immoral.

What harm is there for a "student-athlete" to get a couple of hundred bucks to put a picture on their Facebook page of them eating a slice from a local

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DM Miller was a winner right from the start

By Steve Williams

Gus Manning, the legendary UT athletic administrator, was once the quarterback at Rule High and an older teammate of DM Miller on the Golden Bears' football team.

Miller passed away at 94 on April 15, but made his mark on Rule High and was well known in

education and athletics locally and across the state.

Jon Miller, DM's oldest son, shared a funny story last week that involved his dad and Gus, who is 96 and living at a West Knoxville nursing facility.

"In his first high school football game at Rule, they put Dad in and Gus was the quarterback,"

said Jon. "Dad was an end and they called a pass play.

"Dad was supposed to run a little out route or whatever and Gus said, 'Alright Miller, are you going to run an out route? Well, you better catch the ball, you little son of a b----.'

"Dad caught the pass and said he got about 15 to 17 yards

on it and they scored on that drive and ended up winning the game."

Jon said DM told him that story "and I think even Gus told me that story years and years ago. Since they both told it, I guess it was true."

While Manning went on to

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SPECIAL NAMES IN SPECIAL PLACES

He hadn't planned to coach, but ...

Bill Young coached over half of his 37 seasons at Bearden

By Steve Williams

Won-loss records don't always tell the whole story when it comes to the impact a high school football coach has on his players, program and community.

Bill Young was a good example of that at Bearden.

Young had compiled an overall record of 98-94 in two stints

(1977-80 and 1988-2001) with the Bulldogs, yet six years later, after ending his long coaching career at Christian Academy of Knoxville, Bearden High named its football field after him.

"Why me?" even ran through Bill's mind

SPECIAL NAMES IN SPECIAL PLACES

Bearden High has 12 athletic facilities on campus that are named after people who have meant a lot to the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs sports programs.

This week The Focus recognizes:

- Bill Young Field (football)
- Bob LeSueur Track
- Radcliffe-Kelly Soccer Complex
- Turner-Allender Soccer Field
- Bill Wilson Dog Walk

when he heard the news.

Last week, a former player of Young's, who was among those instrumental in making that recognition happen in 2007, answered that question.

Brad Taylor was head coach at BHS in 2007 and three assistants on his staff that also had played for Young – Randall Scott (Class of

1978), Brian Tanner (Class of 1993) and Hunter Fendley (Class of 1994) – felt it was time for their former coach to be so honored.

"I think the world of Coach Young," said

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With his wife Janet at his side, Bearden Head Coach Bill Young grins after apparently getting doused with some wet stuff following a victory.

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Bill Young coached over half of his 37 seasons at Bearden

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Taylor, also a member of the Class of 1994. “He is still is very special to us. I don’t know of a better man in football than Bill Young; just the type of person he is and his example played a huge role in me wanting to be a football coach.

“After his last year to coach at CAK, me and the others were excited to get it done. Lynn Hill was the athletic director and became interim principal that year. He played a huge role in getting the wheels turning and making sure all the things were taken care of with Knox County Schools to make it official.”

Ralph Reynolds, Young’s late brother-in-law, also was instrumental in the process, said Taylor. At the time, Reynolds was a Wellness teacher at Bearden who took care of a lot of the administrative duties for the football program.

Taylor, who now is the head coach at Karns High, felt there was no better representative for the title – Bill Young Football Field.

“Coach Young is the type of person you want to be around your kids and to help mold your kids. You’re not going to find a better person.”

During his coaching career, seven different high schools were blessed to have him

But the odd thing about it was Young never had any intention of being a coach. Fortunately, that would change.

Young was an all-round athlete himself at old South High in the early to mid-1960s. He was an All-East Tennessee selection in football, playing quarterback and free safety for Coach Vic Taylor, who he said was a great influence on him and his coaching career. Taylor would later become Athletic Director for Knoxville city schools and then AD at Catholic High when it was located on Magnolia Avenue in East Knoxville.

Young made All-State in basketball under Coach Marshall Bible, who guided the Rockets to fourth place in the TSSAA state tournament Bill’s junior season in the days before classification and integration.

They didn’t select all-star teams in baseball in that

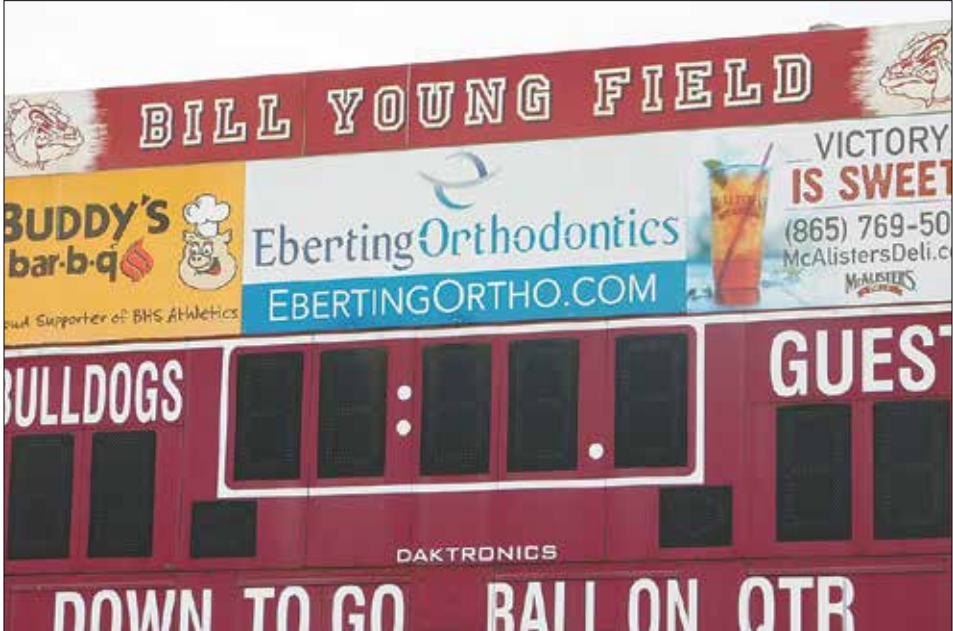


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Bearden named its football field after Bill Young in 2007.

era, but Young was a versatile player for South, primarily used as a pitcher, catcher or centerfielder.

His overall athletic skills were showcased too when he won the state decathlon in Nashville as a senior.

The 1965 South High graduate was signed by the University of Tennessee, where he played basketball and football his first two years before focusing solely on football.

He said his role for Ray Mears’ basketball team was being a backup for 7-foot, 280-pound center Tom Boerwinkle, who went on to play for the Chicago Bulls in the NBA.

“Our size dropped off considerably when I went in,” said Young, who was 6-3, 205. “But we had played the 1-3-1 zone in high school and that’s what Mears used, so I had experience playing in that middle position.”

Young was on that 1967 SEC championship team too that had Ron Widby and wrapped up the title with a three-overtime win over Mississippi State in Starkville.

Young was captain and the starting free safety as a senior for Coach Doug Dickey’s football Vols, who were SEC champions in 1969.

Bill married Janet Guthrie on Valentine’s Day 1970. She had been a majorette at – of all places – Bearden High in the 1960s and then at the University of Tennessee.

After graduating from UT that spring, Young signed a free agent contract with the Miami Dolphins but said he found out quickly

in preseason camp that summer that he didn’t have the speed it took and the Dolphins had drafted two or three standout DBs as well.

Before leaving and returning to Knoxville, Young had to turn in his playbook and was directed to meet with Head Coach Don Shula, who was in his first season at Miami.

“Coach Shula was very nice and having known my background, he asked me if I had ever given thought to teaching and coaching,” recalled Young. “I told him I really wasn’t interested. Never even thought about it.”

Later that summer, however, Young, who had majored in Industrial Management, did accept former UT teammate Derrick Weatherford’s offer to join him on his staff as an assistant that fall at LaFollette High in Campbell County.

In addition to assisting in football, Young was head coach in basketball and baseball plus taught five

classes.

“I was kind of in over my head,” he recalled, “but it was interesting.”

Weatherford left after that first year, and Young became head coach in football in addition to the other two sports.

He left after his second year at LaFollette and became an assistant football coach at Seminole High in Sanford, Fla. But after three games, the head coach was fired and Young found himself in the head post again. That season also was marred by one of the Seminole players suffering a broken neck in a game. Young made the decision at the semester break to return home.

He was washing UPS trucks when Bobby Gratz came to offer him a position as assistant coach at Bearden for the 1973 season. That would be the first of three stints in all at the West Knoxville school.

Following that year, the head coaching post at South, his alma mater,

came open.

It turned out; however, David Sexton had already accepted the position. “But the next day when David found out I was interested in it, he told Bob Neff (athletic director) he would like for me to have it,” said Bill.

Looking back, Young called that “the most pivotal time” in his coaching career.

“Coaching at South turned out to be a great experience for me and my family,” he said. “I had really two good years there and it put a good taste in my mouth about coaching.”

South closed after the 1975 school year and merged with Young High to form the new South-Young High School.

Knox County hired John Clabo, who had been coach at Young, for the head coaching position at South-Young because he had the most experience. Coach Young said he understood and had no problem with that decision.

Knox County Schools gave Young the option to assist at South-Young or take the head coaching position at West High. Young chose to go to West. He would only be there for one year though, as the Bearden head job became available in 1977 and he took it.

After four seasons coaching the Bulldogs, the Oak Ridge position came open. Emory Hale had resigned at OR and taken the Austin-Peay State University job after leading the Wildcats to back-to-back state titles in 1979 and 1980.

At first Young felt he would be crazy to take the Oak Ridge job. He could only maintain the program’s success or go down. But the lure of one of the state’s top programs eventually changed his mind and he headed to the Atomic City.

Young coached the Wildcats through the 1987 season and then felt he “needed a change.” He resigned at Oak Ridge and the Bearden post came open that next season, opening the door for Young to return for a final 14-year run with the Bulldogs.

After retiring from the Knox County school system, Young finished his 35-year head coaching

career with five seasons at Christian Academy of Knoxville (2002-06).

During his time at CAK, he captured his 200th career win.

“I knew it was No. 200 at the time, but I didn’t mention it to anybody,” he recalled. “It was just between me and my wife.”

The last game of his career was a 50-7 loss to Alcoa in the second round of the 2006 Class 2A playoffs.

“They beat us awful,” said Young. “But their coach, Gary Rankin, gave me the game ball. I had already mentioned that I would be stepping down at the end of the season.

“I remember play was stopped and Coach Rankin came out on the field to present me with the ball. I thought it was a classy move on his part.”

Young, a math teacher who has taught Algebra 2 and Geometry, continued to teach at CAK until this year. He’s teaching at Knoxville Christian School this year and it marks his 50th year in education.

In addition to winning 200-plus games, his coaching highlights include leading Bearden to the state quarterfinals in Class 5A in 1995 before falling 17-6 to Murfreesboro Riverdale and guiding CAK to the state semifinals in Class 1A before losing to eventual state champion Boyd Buchanan in 2003.

Young’s objectives as a high school football coach, however, weren’t just about winning games.

“The big thing was to try to help them,” he said. “You want them to come out being better people and realize hard work and all that you have to do to be successful is extremely important. In everything you do, you can learn life lessons no matter what your success is.

“I figured up not too long ago I probably have had over 4,000 students in class and over 2,000 athletes that I had coached and been involved with over the years.”

For a high school coach and math teacher, those also are impressive numbers.



Janet and Bill Young celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Valentine’s Day this year with their daughters Anne (left) and Eileen.

LeSueur led Bearden track to title after title

By Steve Williams

Bob LeSueur is regarded as one of the greatest track and field coaches Knoxville ever had and Bearden High named its track after him in 2016.

LeSueur, who was 80 when he passed away in December of 2016, was born in Johnson City and graduated from Science Hill High School, ETSU and UT-Knoxville. He was captain of the ETSU track team.

LeSueur was a teacher and coach at East, Austin-East and Bearden. In addition to track, he also assisted in football.

The Bob LeSueur track sign in his honor was placed at Bearden in 2016 and Bob LeSueur Day was proclaimed at the school.

LeSueur guided Bearden to a TSSAA state outdoor boys track and field title in 1975. Bearden’s boys and girls also won an indoor title under LeSueur.

He coached at Bearden

from 1969-84 and his teams combined to win 37 KIL championships, 14 region titles and three state crowns. His athletes also won 19 individual state titles by the time he retired in 1984.

He was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

RADCLIFFE-KELLY SOCCER COMPLEX

Bearden High’s soccer complex is named the Radcliffe-Kelly Soccer Complex in honor of the Radcliffe family and former Booster Club President Jim Kelly.

Kelly led efforts to turn what was a flood plain into one of the best high school facilities in the state. He was instrumental in securing the land and adding lights, grandstands, scoreboard, press box, player dugouts, field house and concession stand.

Coach Ryan Radcliffe’s dad Rick Radcliffe helps

maintain the soccer complex and has been a part of every improvement project for more than 20 years. Coach Radcliffe’s mom Linda Radcliffe has served as Assistant Coach, Team Manager and a mentor to both the boys and girls teams.

TURNER-ALLENDER SOCCER FIELD

The Bearden High Soccer field (Turner-Allender Field) is named in honor of former head coach Eric Turner and Bruce Allender, who served as Booster Club President in 2000.

Allender played an important part in the planning of the soccer facility, but passed away soon after the project was initiated.

Turner directed the Bearden boys and girls teams from 1998 until 2014 and amassed over 500 wins, five state titles (three in boys and two in girls) and his boys team



The Dog Walk at Bearden is named in memory of Head Coach Bill Wilson.

was crowned national champion in 2002.

BILL WILSON DOG WALK

The Bill Wilson Dog Walk was constructed in

the fall of 2010 in honor and memory of Coach Bill Wilson. Coach Wilson’s tenure at Bearden was rather short, but his impact at BHS is long lasting.

Wilson was instrumental in reviving the campaign to build an athletic complex to house the football program which was completed in the summer of 2010.

Catholic's Odusipe commits to play for Vandy

By Ken Lay

During his days on the hardwood at Knoxville Catholic High School, Akeem Odusipe was a dominant post presence, both offensively and defensively. His talent, combined with his 6-foot-9 frame, made him impossible not to notice.

He was recently named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association's Division II-AA All-State Team, along with teammate and sophomore point guard B.J. Edwards.

Odusipe also helped the Irish go 25-4 and win their first-ever state championship in basketball.

With his dominance came scholarship offers and recruiting visits to multiple NCAA Division I schools.

He made a trip to Rhode Island and had offers from Maryland, Georgia, West Virginia, Texas-Arlington and several others. He received much interest from some of the country's top college basketball coaches. But his recruiting process was shrouded in secrecy.

That was until late last month. He broke his virtual silence on Wednesday, April 22 when he finally publicly articulated his decision.

He made a verbal commitment to stay in Tennessee and play in the Southeastern

Conference.

The Tennessee Volunteers never made an offer to Odusipe, who made the all-tournament team at the state championships in Nashville. But he's staying in-state and will take his talents to Vanderbilt.

Odusipe closed out his high school career with a bang as he averaged 10.5 points and 11 rebounds in two state tournament games and those efforts landed him on the all-tournament team. Edwards was the event's Most Valuable Player.

But Odusipe, along with others on Catholic's roster was a leader. He averaged 16.3 points and 11.1 rebounds per game during his senior campaign.

He dazzled fans with his slam dunks and made significant improvements between his junior and senior seasons. He was also a versatile defender, as he could guard big men as he averaged 2.4 blocks per game on the defensive end of the floor.

Longtime Catholic basketball coach Mike Hutchens said he was extremely happy for Odusipe.

"We're proud of Akeem and we're happy for him," said Hutchens. "This was his dream.

"He wanted to play in the Power 5 and he wanted to play in the SEC."



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

Catholic High School big man Akeem Odusipe dunks the ball in a game against Mcallie. Odusipe recently committed to play for Vanderbilt. He helped the Irish win the 2020 Division II-AA State Championship.

Six HVA athletes sign National Letters of Intent

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy recently had six student-athletes finalize their college plans.

Joey Leo, Malaika Grice, Declan Brophy, Kyra Ranvek, Brady Hauk and Josh Pietarila all signed National Letters of Intent to continue their academic and athletic endeavors.

Leo, a baseball player for the Hawks, signed with Bryan College. He helped HVA win the 2019 Region 2-AA Tournament championship.

Grice, who played for the Lady Hawks basketball team, will move on to Walters State Community College. She was a top scorer and rebounder for Hardin Valley over the last two seasons.

Brophy, a fullback and outside linebacker on the HVA football team will remain in the Volunteer State and play at Austin Peay.

Kyra Ranvek, a soccer player for the Lady Hawks, will head to Johnson City to play for East Tennessee State University.

Hauk, a top high school swimmer, will continue his career at Grand Canyon University in Arizona.

Pietarila, who had a stellar wrestling career at Hardin Valley, will continue grappling for Cumberland College in Lebanon. He is a three-time Class AAA State Runner-up.

NCAA athletes will (likely) soon be compensated

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pizzeria? Why should it be any issue to the NCAA if a "student-athlete" profits in any way due to their status as a football player? Aren't they the ones that earned that status? There wouldn't be any issue if a regular student did this, so what's the problem?

Why should the fat cats at the NCAA offices in Indianapolis make six (or seven!) figure salaries while the teenagers are the ones breaking their backs?

I know the counter-arguments. I know the "student-athletes" are getting tuition and room and board. In recent years they've received more compensation in terms of food too. But when compared to the amount of money that specifically football and sometimes men's basketball brings in for a University and the overall local economy, it's a minuscule number.

A little over a decade ago, former UCLA basketball standout Ed O'Bannon

was at a friend's house. The friend was playing an NCAA basketball game. He was playing with the 1995 UCLA Bruins. On the screen was a player with O'Bannon's number, skin tone, and even the same lefty jump shot. When O'Bannon approached the NCAA asking why his likeness was on a video game when he never gave permission for that to happen, he was told by the NCAA that the player in the game wasn't him. He was also told even if it was him, they

basically didn't care.

O'Bannon sued the NCAA, which eventually brought us to the point we are at today. Public opinion began to change during that lawsuit, and then state and federal government entities got involved. When you look back at it that way, last week's NCAA decision was inevitable.

Here's the thing. Cheating in sports has been going on as long as games have been played. And cheating will still occur when the new NIL rules

go into effect. But isn't it a good thing that the teenagers that worked hard to get to this point in their lives will finally get compensated for their skills and work ethic?

I think it is.

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

Area hoops and wrestling standouts honored by TSWA

By Ken Lay

Seven local high school basketball players and four wrestlers were recently named to its respective teams by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

Bailey Trumm, of Powell High School, was selected to the Class AAA girls team and Catholic High School freshman, was named to the Division II-AA girls team.

South-Doyle senior Kendrick Holland was named to the Class AAA boys team.

Ty Hurst from Carter and Edward Lacey from Fulton made the Class AA team.

Catholic forward Akeem Odusipe, a recent Vanderbilt commitment, was named to the Division II-AA boys team, along with teammate and sophomore point guard B.J.



Edwards.

Webb School of Knoxville's Luke Burnett was selected to the Division II-A boys team after helping the Spartans reach the state semifinals in Nashville.

Trumm will take her talents to Boone, North Carolina where she will play at Appalachian State.

Williams, who will be a rising sophomore for the Lady Irish, burst on to the scene opening night when she had a triple-double in her first game against Cedar Bluff Area rival Christian

Academy of Knoxville.

She helped the Lady Irish to their best season in recent history. Catholic went 11-18 and reached the state quarterfinals. She suffered a season-ending injury against Greeneville and Catholic closed the season with eight consecutive losses.

She and the Lady Irish will have a new head coach next season as former Daniel Boone coach Travis Mains takes over the program.

"She's special," Mains said of Williams.

Meanwhile, Holland closed out a stellar career with the Cherokees last season and is still weighing his options for next season according to South-Doyle coach Brian Stewart.

Hurst just completed a stellar career for the Hornets and will play for UNC-Pembroke. Lacey led the Falcons to a Class AA Sectional appearance and was a Mr. Basketball Finalist.

Odusipe, a highly-touted post player for the Irish, recently committed to play for the Commodores. He had numerous offers from throughout the country. He was one of the area's top post players and the only senior starter for the Irish. He was named to the all-tournament team at the state championships in Nashville after helping Catholic's boys basketball team capture its first state title.

Edwards, a rising junior point guard, was the state tournament's Most Valuable

Player.

Burnett, meanwhile, helped the Spartans reach their third consecutive Division II-A State Tournament.

He helped Webb claim the state championship in 2020 and coach Ricky Norris had high praise for Burnett, who transferred from Heritage during his sophomore year.

"He's a great basketball player but the biggest thing about him was his willingness to play in our system," Norris said of Burnett, who will play at the University of Alabama-Huntsville next season. "We got him half-way through his sophomore year, and I saw him score 48 points in a game for Heritage.

"This was my 29th year coaching and he's the best

shooter that I've ever had. He has great basketball character and he's going to play Division II Basketball and he's not going to have to pay a dime to go to school. He'll have a great career in college."

Meanwhile, in wrestling: Gibbs had three athletes received all-state honors. Marcus Smith (106 pounds) and Christian Moore (138 pounds) were named to the Class A/AA boys team. Kaylee Hayes (125 pounds) was named to the all-state girls team.

Hardin Valley Academy senior Josh Pietarila (170) was selected for the Class AAA boys team. He is a three-time state runner-up.

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By Bill Howard

I remember vividly where and when I fell in love with minor league baseball. It happened in a most unexpected situation, but hey, they say irony is a big part of life. The circumstances under which I became a huge fan of minor league ball are strong evidence of that adage.

From the age of eight on, I grew up in a small town in west Tennessee – McKenzie, in Carroll County – and in the summer of 1998, circumstances necessitated that I move back home with my widowed mother. I was 39 and would end up living with Mom for three years before I again headed on to the next chapter of my life.

In the summer of 2000, Mom had to go to the hospital, in Jackson. Jackson, in Madison County, is about an hour from McKenzie on the way to Memphis. Mom's situation required surgery, so needless to say my two brothers and I were in a constant state of concern.

One day in July 2000, I drove from McKenzie to the hospital in Jackson to see Mom. I hung out in her room for a few hours until about 7 pm, whereupon I had to leave because visiting hours were over. Mom didn't seem to be doing really well and I was quite worried. But visitation was up and I had to go. I teared up as I left her room.

I don't remember how, but while I was in Mom's room, I found out that Jackson's minor-league baseball team – the West Tenn Diamondjaxx (now the Jackson Generals) – were in town that night. Being a lifelong baseball fan, and really needing some diversion, I decided to go to the game before I drove back to McKenzie. I couldn't possibly have known at the time what a momentous decision that was.

It was a beautiful summer evening, warm but not hot. It was a weeknight and the crowd was relatively light, so after buying the cheapest ticket, I was able to choose almost any seat I wanted. And the baseball was great. It's called the minor leagues, but believe me, those guys can play. The gap between those players and the major leaguers is pretty small. Of course, virtually all major leaguers start in the minors and then work their way up.

No, minor league ball doesn't have the same electricity that you feel at a major-league park. You certainly don't get the same sense of "wow, this is big" that you commonly feel at a big-league game. You're a whole lot less likely to be watching future Hall-of-Famers, and you might or might not remember any of the players' names the next day.

But you also don't have to mortgage your house to pay for the evening. A hotdog or bag of peanuts won't bust your weekly budget, and a cold beer costs half or less what you pay at the bigs. You also get to sit far closer to the field than you would at a major-league game.

Ten bucks at Smokies Stadium in Kodak can get you a seat right behind the dugout. If you wanted a similar seat at Wrigley Field where the Chicago Cubs play (the Smokies' parent team), you're probably looking at a hundred or more. And let me say again, the minor leaguers play very good baseball while earning a tiny fraction of what their major-league brethren get paid.

That night 20 years ago in Jackson is exactly what I needed. It took my mind off of Mom's plight and enabled me to relax and enjoy the game I've loved since I was six. I'd been to a few minor-league games over the years, but after that night in Jackson, my fandom went to a much higher level. Every time I go back to west Tennessee I go to a game in that park if the team is in town. Several times a summer I'm at Smokies Park on the third-base side.

If you've never been to see the Smokies, I highly recommend it. The baseball is great, the prices very reasonable, and wherever you sit, you'll be pretty close to the field. It's not called America's pastime for nothing.

There's been talk for a few years about bringing the Smokies back to Knoxville, where the team (by other names) played for many years. This baseball fan can only hope.



DM Miller was a winner right from the start

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obtain his fame as an administrator in UT athletics, Miller played on an undefeated Maryville College football team that played in the first Tangerine Bowl, a forerunner of today's Citrus Bowl.

Miller later became an assistant football coach and then the head coach at his alma mater.

"Dad graduated from Rule in 1944 and a day or two later he was in the service (Navy)," said Jon. "He stayed there two years and then went to Maryville College."

Jon somewhat followed in his dad's footsteps.

"Dad went to Rule and became principal and I went to Central and became principal," he pointed out.

During his prestigious career, DM was the only person to serve on both the city and county school boards. He also was on the TSSAA Board of Control and inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 1994.

Through the years, Jon accumulated a lot of admiration for his father and he shared those feelings.

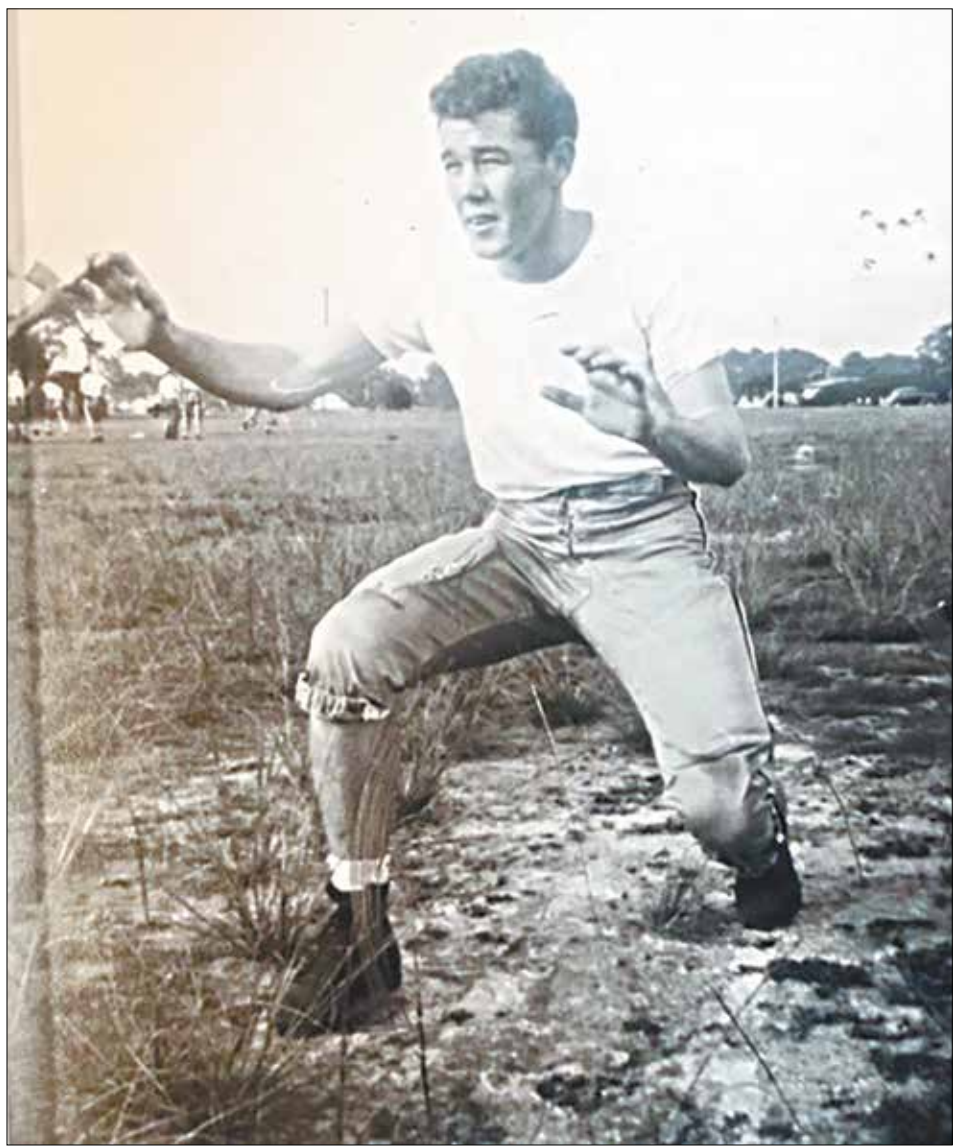
"I admired my father's intelligence, athleticism, vision and caring/protectionism," he pointed out. "I think he was the first person in his family to earn a college degree. He played college football, finished second in the 100 yard dash and high jump in the City-County Championship while at Rule."

"He served his country in the U.S. Navy on the USS Gosper, and couldn't swim a lick. He and mom took care of my sister, Libby, for 64 years, until she moved into a group home. He slept with her on his chest for two years, because she wasn't projected to live very long, with all of her disabilities and problems."

"And so much more....."



DM Miller was a fixture at Rule High School for years. Here he's shown accepting an American flag at a dedication for the Ralph Hutchins Football Field, working at his desk in the principal's office and getting in a defensive end position as a Golden Bear.





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As I write this column, it is day forty-four of our “sheltering in place,” and we’ve had enough. Tonight, our neighborhood friends will join us in Blount County at our favorite Mexican restaurant to celebrate “liberation” with margaritas and Tex-Mex. The straw that broke the camels back occurred when I found myself identifying with a clip of a sheltered Kermit-the-frog looking out his window and “dreaming of Mexican food.”

I love and collect the wisdom of scripture and quotations. I even jot down my own observations (Fergisms) of life which of course have not stood the test of time nor rise to the stature of more noble reflections.

By the time you read my column General Michael Flynn may have been exonerated from the malicious entrapment of the FBI and the dishonest prosecution

of the Department of Justice (DOJ). Recently, I came across a quote from Lavrentiy Beria, head of Joseph Stalin’s secret police. He said, “Show me the man, and I’ll show you the crime.” Little has changed in eighty years because, with their soft coup d’état of President Trump, James Comey, Andrew McCabe and John Brennan echo the dreaded Stalinist Beria.

During our coronavirus imprisonment, we have watched a lot of TV. Unfortunately, so many of the movies and shows are poor in my opinion and do not measure up to the “personal classics” of my small video collection.

Becky and I have missed baseball this spring so we again watched the first of Kevin Costner’s baseball trilogy, Bull Durham. The second in the series is the more well-known Field of Dreams and the series concludes with For the Love of

the Game. All three surpass anything I’ve seen on Netflix, especially if you’re a fan of baseball.

Most know the story of Shoeless Joe Jackson and the baseball scandal of the Chicago Black Sox depicted in Field of Dreams. In my opinion, Jackson was innocent and manipulated by corrupt lawyers and sacrificed by a corrupt judge and system to rescue baseball’s reputation. General Flynn, the system has not changed since 1920.

Though I’ve become more skeptical, I’m usually willing to consider even the perspectives of those I feel are “confused.” I now admit my abject cynicism of Washington DC in general and the previous leadership of the FBI and DOJ. The verdict is out on Attorney General William Barr, federal prosecutor John Durham and the current head of the FBI Christopher Wray.

I’m also cynical of the media. If we’ve learned anything in the last few years, you might as well be listening to Tokyo Rose if you’re getting information from CNN, MSNBC, the NYT or the Washington Post. Mark Twain once said of the media, “If you don’t read the newspaper you are uninformed; if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.” It seems like nothing changes.

The “Wicked Witch of the West” has decided to remain in her compound eating chocolate ice cream from her double-wide freezers instead of reconvening Congress. The last Queen of France, Marie Antoinette, infamously once said, “Let them eat cake” when told that starving peasants had no bread. She should have been more sensitive of her “Main Street” folks because the French Revolutionists soon took off her royal head.

Perhaps it’s better that Congress remains sheltered. “No man’s life, liberty or property is safe while the legislature is in session.” (Mark Twain) And given the corruption with the last Corona spending bill, it was Twain who again observed, “There is no distinctly Native American criminal class, save Congress.”

In final analysis, the recovery of our country and economy is dependent upon you and me. If we don’t take some risks and go to restaurants, stores and support businesses it will be as Christ uttered, “It is finished.” I am no economist and view economic theory as little better than sorcery. However, it is common sense that the government can’t fix a twenty-two trillion-dollar economy by flooding the market

with printed money and neo-Keynesian spending.

Thomas Jefferson once said, “When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as [sick] (corrupt) as Europe.” I changed the wording to reflect the Coronavirus crisis after reading the recent study from MIT which found the major sources of viral transmission in NY City were buses and the subway system. Both were deemed vital by Mayor de Blasio and Governor Cuomo and were never shut down. Coupled with high density living in the most populous American city is a recipe for an epidemic. This also explains why California, with cars instead of mass transit and disbursed suburban living, has far less COVID-19 illness and death despite antibody-documented high exposure.

The “controversy of this week” (we have a new crisis every week) revolves around Trump’s statements regarding Federal relief for states. Trump favors relief for the months where the coronavirus took its toll, but not for years of mismanagement. Bailing out Illinois or New York’s long-standing financial mess and sanctuary city lunacy is unfair to the rest of the nation. I feel sorry for people in Democrat controlled states and

cities, but those people elected incompetent and often corrupt officials. Once, we taught our children there are consequences for choices. Again, Jefferson observes, “To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.”

Perhaps next week the media will discover poor Joe Biden’s picadillos and nascent dementia. Perhaps “expert” Dr. Fauci will clarify his comments regarding hook-up sites like Tinder and “your willingness to take risks.” Perhaps Pelosi and Democrats will be forced to choose America over the Chinese communist government. Perhaps we will learn the true prevalence of the coronavirus with antibody tests, and thereby know the denominator and finally learn the lethality of the corona scourge. But don’t hold your breath. Too many people are too invested in Biden, experts, models, money, power and globalism to allow the hoi polloi to learn the truth.

If it weren’t so tragic, I might joke and laugh. However, “I don’t make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.” (Will Rogers)

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Wesley House is expanding service, connections in the community

Wesley House Community Center is stepping up to serve their community in more ways than one.

When Mayor Kincannon placed the city of Knoxville under the safer at home order on March 23, Wesley House knew they had to join the fight on the frontlines. The Wesley House team quickly came together to figure out a plan to keep all employees working and to serve the families and senior citizens during this time.

With a few days of planning and working with community partners as well as the Department of Human Services, Wesley House obtained a waiver to be open for childcare for essential employees and

began a food pantry for program participants. Since March 27, the organization has been open from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. for childcare, open for families to come and pick up groceries and have been making weekly doorstep deliveries of food and basic household items to 25 senior citizens and four families who struggle with transportation.

After a month of a twist on services, Wesley House has served over 200 families and seniors through their food pantry and opened their doors to any essential employees living or working in Knox County for childcare.

New parent, Keri Allen, expresses her appreciation for Wesley House during this time.

“My son goes to Emerald Academy and has been out of school now due to the coronavirus for the past month and a half. My husband and I are both “essential” workers and have still had to work full time. We do not have much family around to help with childcare,” Allen explained.

“Kendal’s teacher mentioned Wesley House so I checked into it. It’s difficult for us to trust others to watch our son but I felt like they were taking all of the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. Wesley House has been nothing short of amazing! The staff are always very friendly and caring. They even help Kendal do his online schooling every day. It has been a huge blessing to our family

and I am so glad I found out about this program!”

Wesley House has been blessed to continue to support their program participants during this time, but wanted to better support the community even further.

“Since we have received so much support, we wanted to show our support for the community, too” Executive Director Kara Finger explained.

The agency participants in Takeout Tuesday, where they purchase lunch for their students from local businesses. They have purchased food from Soccer Taco, Brenz Pizza, Harby’s, All Occasion Catering, and Buddy’s BBQ, which the kids are loving! Partnerships are also

blooming during this uncertain time as well. Wesley House is partnering with non-profits such as Second Harvest and the Boys Scout to provide food and crafts for their students. Relationships with community church like Ebenezer United Methodist Church, community groups and even individual community members and developed and flourished over the last month.

While running a non-profit during a global pandemic has been anything but easy, Wesley House Community Center has found the silver lining of receiving an incredible amount of support and showing love the community who has loved them since 1907.



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Treasure Hunt & Online Auction Postponed

Community Television of Knoxville's annual Neighborhood Treasure Hunt & Online Auction has been postponed from Friday, May 1, to Friday, June 5.

It's not too late to get your neighborhood's treasures donated and entered into the auction. You have until Friday, May 22, to get your items entered.

This event is an easy (and socially distant!) way to raise money for your neighborhood organization's future projects. Search your storage areas for treasures to donate.

Citywide bidding will begin on Friday, May 22, and run through Friday, June 5. A live event will be held that night, from 5-8 p.m., to watch the final bids come in. No bids will be accepted past 8 p.m., and winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions, call CTV at (865) 215-8848.

In John chapter six, crowds of people are swarming around Jesus. Jesus and his disciples were tired from constant ministry and they went to a place to get some rest (Mark 6:31). So, Jesus and his disciples take a boat across the sea to Bethsaida for a respite. The only problem was that some people saw where they went and word spread. The crowds followed. The boat headed north, to the spot where the Jordan River empties into the Sea of Galilee. The crowd figured they were going to Bethsaida, two miles up the Jordan River. So, the people take off on foot and actually beat Jesus there.

What was the reaction of Jesus? According to Mark's gospel, Jesus had compassion on them. There are 5,000 men plus women and children. As the day came to a close, they



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

recognized a problem. People had come from as far as ten miles away to find Jesus. In all the excitement, there had been no preparations made for food and lodging. The people were in the sun all day and now they are hungry and tired. Jesus asks Philip, "Where are we going to buy bread for all these people?"

Jesus already had a plan but he wanted to test his disciples. He wanted to stretch their spiritual understanding of who he was. Philip responds, "Eight months' wages wouldn't be able to feed this crowd." Philip was the modern-day CPA; quick with numbers and things were not adding up. He sees the size of the crowd. He looked at the price of bread. Conclusion: eight months' wages would not be enough to feed all the people.

Andrew, Peter's brother, had been out about the crowd

searching for food. Andrew is thinking, "There has got to be a way to help solve this problem. Here is a kid's sack lunch, but how far can that go among so many. A can of sardines and a few biscuits to feed thousands!" Often, we have no idea what to do with our situation, but the starting point is always to bring what there is to the attention of Jesus. You just will never know what Jesus will do with it. Likely Jesus will do something new and creative. We also read of a third person in the text. He doesn't have a name but we remember him. He is the boy with the fish and bread. He could have held on to his lunch sack, but he shares it.

The twelve disciples decide the only logical decision was to send everyone away to fend for themselves. But they missed something. Jesus. They thought all they had was a few loaves of bread and two fish. But they forgot. They forgot water changing to wine. They saw a

nobleman's son healed from a distance. They had heard Jesus healed the paralytic lying by the pool of Bethesda. But now they couldn't picture Jesus taking care of this situation. Why not? They had a defective view of Christ. Jesus offers a solution in one of the most miraculous displays of Christ. In fact, this miracle is recorded in all four Gospels. Jesus created the additional food.

What was Jesus trying to teach in this miraculous sign? He said, "I am the bread of life." This is the first of seven "I am" statements in John. Jesus reminds his hearers as the Jewish Passover was near (6:4), that just as God provided for Israel during the wilderness wanderings with bread from heaven (manna), Jesus is going to take care of them now. As we eat of food to survive physically, we must eat of Jesus to survive spiritually (6:57-58). Partake of Jesus!

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE

Cause No. CE-29248
In the Circuit Court for Blount County

ROGER GENE PILIPOVIC, Plaintiff,
v.
LESLIE PAIGE PILIPOVIC, Defendant.
NO. CE-29248

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that Leslie Paige Pilipovic's location is unknown and cannot be ascertained for service of process upon diligent inquiry, it is ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, as required by law, in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knoxville, TN, notifying Defendant, Leslie Paige Pilipovic, to file an answer to the above referenced action for divorce filed with this Court and a copy to Plaintiff's Attorney, Lance Evans, 5029 Pea Ridge Road, Maryville, TN 37804, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to said Defendant. If there is no answer, a hearing on Plaintiff's motion for default judgment may be heard after June 11, 2020.

This 6th day of April, 2020.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN BROWN BAILEY
DOCKET NUMBER 82915-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN BROWN BAILEY who died Mar 19, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 17 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN BROWN BAILEY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS CAMPBELL BEETS
DOCKET NUMBER 82895-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS CAMPBELL BEETS' who died Mar 22, 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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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERIC CORMAN DRUMM
DOCKET NUMBER 82921-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERIC CORMAN DRUMM who died Feb 7, 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 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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(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 22ND day of APRIL, 2020

ESTATE OF ERIC CORMAN DRUMM

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN CLARKSON FREY
DOCKET NUMBER 82918-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND day of APRIL 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KATHLEEN CLARKSON FREY who died Feb 20, 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 22ND day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN CLARKSON FREY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CURTIS GIBSON
DOCKET NUMBER 82828-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CURTIS GIBSON who died Feb 24, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 22ND day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF CURTIS GIBSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL LINDSEY HOBSON
DOCKET NUMBER 82910-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL LINDSEY HOBSON who died Feb 19, 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 16 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF PAUL LINDSEY HOBSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FREDDIE ELIZABETH JOHNSON
DOCKET NUMBER 82711-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of APRIL 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of FREDDIE ELIZABETH JOHNSON who died Dec 27, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF FREDDIE ELIZABETH JOHNSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARMIE ANN GILLIAM MARTIN
DOCKET NUMBER 82909-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARMIE ANN GILLIAM MARTIN who died Aug 23, 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 16 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF CHARMIE ANN GILLIAM MARTIN

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK MICHALEC
DOCKET NUMBER 82885-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARK MICHALEC who died May 14, 2018, 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 22ND day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARK MICHALEC

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN RICHARD MILLER
DOCKET NUMBER 82917-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN RICHARD MILLER who died Feb 20, 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 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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(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 APRIL, 2020

ESTATE OF JOHN RICHARD MILLER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEONARD B. MURRAY, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 82840-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LEONARD B. MURRAY, JR. 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 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 16TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF LEONARD B. MURRAY, JR.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ILA MAE NAPIER
DOCKET NUMBER 82903-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ILA MAE NAPIER who died Oct 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 15TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF ILA MAE NAPIER

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Rosie's World

are getting longer and warmer, which means it's time to get rid of those very hot dishes we make when the weather is cold, such as chili or chicken pot pie. Yes, it's salad time, and one of my favorites is Cobb salad. I'm going to tell you how to make it. It's very easy and very delicious,

COBB SALAD

- 8 slices bacon
- 3 hard-boiled eggs-peeled and chopped
- 1 head Romaine lettuce-torn into bite-size pieces
- 4 c. cooked chicken

Salad Time

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This recipe is for 4-6 people. I don't like blue-cheese dressing, but you can add any dressing you like. You can make it by the traditional recipe or add your own twist. It is thought to have originated in Hollywood in 1930 at the Brown Derby restaurant and was named after the owner, Robert Howard Cobb. Cook bacon until crisp-15-20 min. Add remaining ingredients, one on top of the other. Then eat and enjoy.

Thought for the day: You've got to continue to grow, or you're just like last night's cornbread--stale and dry. Loretta Lynn

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

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KCDC's Five Points Earns Award

Knoxville's Community Development Corporation's (KCDC) Five Points redevelopment has earned a 2019 Tennessee's Best award in the neighborhood stabilization category. Presented in March by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) at the Tennessee Housing Conference in Nashville, the Tennessee's Best awards honor excellence in the development or management of affordable housing that reflects the highest standards in quality and sustainability. The Neighborhood Stabilization category recognizes developments achieving this goal through THDA programs or the orchestrated use of THDA programs with other housing organizations. The \$80 million redevelopment of Five Points in East Knoxville includes the construction of 336 modern, energy-efficient housing units through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Rental Assistance

Demonstration (RAD) program, utilizing Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and Community Investment Tax Credits (CITC) through THDA. Additionally, the City of Knoxville has invested more than \$13 million in the Five Points site for extensive utilities replacement; new and widened streets; additional lighting; and sidewalk construction to improve walkability and connectivity of housing to the community. Five Points redevelopment is based on a master plan released in 2014, which followed years of community input as a guide to replace the outdated Walter P. Taylor Homes and Dr. Lee L. Williams Senior Complex developments with modern housing units. The four-phase plan was designed to build on previous redevelopment in the area, including the adaptive reuse of Eastport School and The Residences at Eastport senior housing. Phase 1, The Residences at Five Points, opened

in 2017 on Bethel Ave., and includes 90 units for elderly and disabled residents. Phase 2 opened in 2018, on the east side of McConnell St. along Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., and is a 10-building, 84-unit development for families. Phase 3 opened in 2019, at the west corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. and McConnell St., and is a 28-building, 80-unit complex for families. Construction is underway for a 2020 opening of Five Points 4, a 31-building, 82-unit complex for families at the intersection of Kenner Avenue and McConnell Street. The completion of Five Points 4 will mark the realization of the Five Points Master Plan. The investment at Five Points has elevated the quality of the built environment as well as the overall aesthetic of the site, creating a space that fosters a sense of pride among residents and the broader community.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK ROBERT ORR
DOCKET NUMBER 82901-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15TH day of APRIL 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARK ROBERT ORR who died Mar 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARK ROBERT ORR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES DENVER PARTIN
DOCKET NUMBER 82808-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES DENVER PARTIN who died Sep 23, 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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(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 15 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF JAMES DENVER PARTIN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES DISNEY SWERSKY
DOCKET NUMBER 82902-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES DISNEY SWERSKY who died Feb 12, 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 15TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF FRANCES DISNEY SWERSKY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. THOMAS
DOCKET NUMBER 82908-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY E. THOMAS who died Mar 23, 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 16TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. THOMAS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALTER L WILLIS
DOCKET NUMBER 82920-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND day of APRIL 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WALTER L WILLIS who died Dec 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22ND day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF WALTER L WILLIS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY JO BAIRD
DOCKET NUMBER 82925-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY JO BAIRD who died Mar 29, 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 24TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY JO BAIRD

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET COE
PLUMLEE CAGLE
DOCKET NUMBER 82898-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of APRIL 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of MARGARET COE PLUMLEE CAGLE who died Feb 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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(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 27 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARGARET
COE PLUMLEE CAGLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID G. CRAIG
DOCKET NUMBER 82926-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID G. CRAIG who died Mar 9, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF DAVID G. CRAIG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILBREY HINRICHS
DOCKET NUMBER 82930-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of APRIL 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILBREY HINRICHS who died Oct 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.

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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 28 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF MILBREY HINRICHS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH C. LEWIS
DOCKET NUMBER 82929-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH C. LEWIS who died Dec 15, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH C. LEWIS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN LOUISE CROKER PETKE
DOCKET NUMBER 82888-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEAN LOUISE CROKER PETKE who died Dec 1, 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 27TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF JEAN LOUISE CROKER PETKE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY J. BURNETTE
DOCKET NUMBER 82923-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY J. BURNETTE who died Mar 20, 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 24TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF BETTY J. BURNETTE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY B. TODD
DOCKET NUMBER 82911-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY B. TODD who died Mar 7, 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 27TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY B. TODD

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Burning bridges wreaked havoc in early days of the Civil War

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In the early days of the war the Confederate takeover of East Tennessee drew the attention of many politicians from the region, and pleas for relief were taken directly to the president. Abraham Lincoln recognized the loyal citizens of central Appalachia, especially those in east Tennessee.

A directive issued on June 29, 1861, was signed by President Lincoln and set afoot a secret effort to assist both the citizens of the region and the Union Army effort as well. It involved transferring a naval officer to army service, sending him to oversee the effort, arm loyal citizens, and raise Cain by surprising Confederate leaders with a little hit and run.

It involved disrupting Rebel supply lines by burning railroad bridges.

Samuel P. Carter, a Carter County native, received his orders through Simon Cameron, Secretary of War, and from Greeneville's Senator Andrew Johnson.

Cameron wrote to the Lieutenant General of the Union Army, giving him orders concerning Carter:

"You are hereby directed to send an officer to Tennessee to muster into the service of the United States 10,000 men..."

"The Ordinance Bureau will forward to Cincinnati, Ohio, 10,000 stands of arms and accoutrements... to be carried through Kentucky to east Tennessee... to muster into service at the same time, in southeast Kentucky, four regiments."

Carter was told to "stop all (Rebel) supplies passing on the east Tennessee and Virginia Railroad."

Andrew Johnson, serving as Union military governor of Tennessee while exiled in Kentucky, gave his approval to the plan.

William Carter met secretly with President Lincoln and then traveled to talk with General George Thomas, field commander of Union forces in Kentucky, at his headquarters at Camp Dick Robinson.

Carter's plan developed and he decided to select hand-picked volunteers from among the East Tennessee Loyalists still living in the region. At the same time he attempted to arm the citizen militias there, and in October he asked his superiors to assist.

"You will please furnish the bearers with as much lead, rifle powder, and as much caps as you can for Scott and Morgan Counties. You need not fear to trust these people, they will open the war for you by routing these small bodies of marauding cavalry..."

He also directed delivery of the ammunition and suggested the men go by way of Monticello or Jamestown, Kentucky. Carter then joined his refugee brother, William Blount Carter, at "Camp Calvert" near London to plot further.

At about the same time, rebels dispatched Virginia units to Bristol, Alabama units to Chattanooga, and Memphis units to Chattanooga. Confederate President Jefferson Davis sent Virginia Engineer Corps to east Tennessee with detailed orders directing them to protect the vital railroads between

Bristol and Chattanooga and to repair telegraph lines already damaged by the Loyalists.

Meanwhile, Carter returned to Camp Robinson and departed there on October 18, along with three Union officers, bound for east Tennessee. Accompanying him were Captain David Fry of Greene County; Captain Thomas Tipton of Sullivan County; and Lieutenant Arch Myers of Blount County.

Several railroad bridges were targeted for destruction, but only a few were actually burned. The most noteworthy attempts involved Carter County Loyalists who were friends and neighbors of the Carter family. Each of the secret agents were officially sworn into Union Service, but were not fully identified until after the war.

Unfortunately many of the bridge burners, as well as most of the Loyalist population, expected the action to be the forerunner of a massive Union liberation of their homeland.

Union Army Commander General George B. McClellan, while hesitant, nevertheless gave his permission to the Kentucky commander on November 7th.

"It therefore seems proper that you should remain on the defensive on the line from Louisville to Nashville while you throw the mass of your forces by rapid march to Cumberland Gap or Walker's Gap in Knoxville in order to occupy the railroad at that point and thus enable the loyal citizens of east Tennessee to rise, while you at the same time cut off the railroad communications between eastern Virginia



A lone Confederate stands guard at the Strawberry Plains railroad bridge where Union loyalists attempted to burn the structure. The early days of the Civil War saw several bridge burnings in our area.

and Mississippi. It will be prudent to fortify the pass before leaving it in your rear," he wrote.

The bridge burners went about their work, risking their lives and those of their known relatives, but the Union invasion did not follow.

The night of November 8, 1861, was to live in the memory of east Tennesseans for many years. Many of the citizen soldiers are identified here, many of whom went on to become "official" Union soldiers and officers: Daniel Slover, John F. Burrows, John C. Burchfield, Gibson O. Collins, Walter Collins, Landon Carter, M.L. Cameron, Jackson Carriger, James T. Davenport, Samuel Davenport, Daniel Ellis, John Fondrin, William M. Gourley, Henderson Garland, William F.M. Hyder, J.K. Haun, Jacob Hendrickson, Mark Hendrickson, Jonas H. Keen,

B.M.G. O'Brien, Berry Prichard, Henry Slagle, James P. Scott, James Williams, Elijah Simmerly, Pleasant M. Williams, and Benjamin F. Treadway.

A few of the bridge burners wore hoods, including the future officer Daniel Slover, but many deliberately refused to conceal their identity, and were recognized by Rebel bridge guards. Captain Tipton acted as messenger from W.B. Carter and Andrew Johnson to the local bridge burning organizers.

Nine bridges were targeted on the one night; four of which were successfully destroyed. Four men struck the bridge at Zollicoffer (now called Bluff City), led by Daniel Stover. Strikes were also planned

at bridges over the Watauga and Holston Rivers. The bridge at Carter's Depot, today called Watauga, was struck along with one over Lick Creek.

The bridge across the Holston at Strawberry Plains, on the east Tennessee and Virginia road, was saved from destruction by the "self-sacrificing act of a humble individual," according to the Southern press. The heroic Confederate guard was identified as James Keelan, who was said to have fought a dozen bridge burners, killing one and wounding another. Keelan was himself wounded several times, but the burners retreated without damaging the span.

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