

a train wreck heading our way'

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The Knox County Board of Health's ruling Wednesday to close all bars for two weeks, which took effect Sunday at midnight, was discussed at length during their meeting but only after the board successfully moved to reject a proposal by Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

In mandating the closure Mayor Jacobs was the sole "No" vote.

Jacobs offered a motion to postpone the meeting for a week and hold a public meeting in the City-County Building with a public forum. He read the proposal which claimed the Board of Health "is more powerful than the Knox County Commission, the Knoxville City Council, and any other body that governs our community."



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Jo Anne Lavender of the TVA Retirees Association led the announcement of the Solway Veterans Memorial. The project is expected to be completed this fall.

Solway Veterans Memorial announced

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The construction of a new Veterans Memorial was announced Thursday morning at the Solway Baptist Church and the long-sought

project had taken the efforts of many people, organizations and businesses.

The Solway Veterans Memorial will consist of a wall with all six military emblems embossed on it. When the new Space Force emblem

is available it will be added. A small walkway with a courtyard and benches and a plaque with contributor names will be placed on the site.

Construction may be completed

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The Focus welcomes new columnist

We would like to welcome Tom Mattingly to The Knoxville Focus. Tom is a Knoxville-based freelance writer who has written on books about the University of Tennessee's athletic programs. He has also written more than 100 newspaper and magazine stories about the people and events that have shaped the university's history. Please look for Tom's column in the Sports section of the paper every Monday.