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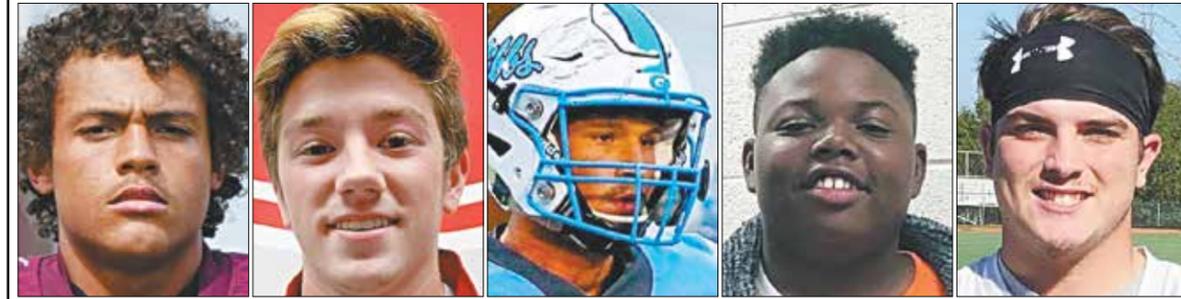
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SOURCES 1. U.S. Census Bureau 2. Knox County Health Department data from 10/31/2020



UNSUNG HEROES

Eleven local high school football players receive special recognition



Top row: Jack Adams, Bearden; Andrew Doane, Farragut; Zach Fisher, Karns; Ethan Fogle, CAK; Eli Hamilton, Knoxville Catholic; and Zakeyous Houston, Austin-East. Bottom row: Cedric (Cj) Roach, Fulton; Josh Scarbrough, Halls; Storm Tolliver; Gibbs; Amari Washington, Austin-East; and Colby Wheeler, Powell.

By Steve Williams

He's a player who may or may not be a starter, but gives his all in every practice and every game.

He's a player who is willing to sacrifice and play any position to make his team better.

He's a player all teammates and coaches respect and admire because he's a team guy first and foremost.

Most likely, his name has not been in a headline this season or announced on radio or TV. But he has stood out repeatedly in the background.

We call them Unsung Heroes. Each season we like to

recognize them.

Ten local high school coaches sent in players recently that fit this description:

KARNS

"We have a young man by the name of **Zach Fisher** that would be great for this," said Defensive Coordinator Lee Warren.

"He's a senior middle linebacker. He has great grades and he's always leading by example, staying positive, and is the No. 1 cheerleader when he's not on the field. He does anything he's asked to do, and he's constantly lifting his teammates up."

CATHOLIC

Eli Hamilton, sophomore outside linebacker and running back. "He's a great teammate, who works hard every day in practice," said Head Coach Steve Matthews.

CAK

"We have a senior offensive lineman, **Ethan Fogle**, who fits the description of 'Unsung Hero' perfectly," said Head Coach Travis Mozingo.

"Ethan embodies what we are trying to build in the young men of CAK. Two seasons ago, we asked Ethan to switch from offense to defense, and to also

switch jersey numbers.

"We asked that he move from defensive end, a position that he was familiar with and excelled at, to offensive line, a position that he was unfamiliar with.

"If you know football, you know that playing on the offensive line is a unique skill set and not as 'easy as it looks.'

"Not only did Ethan accept this role change; he embraced it and dedicated himself to mastering it.

"While Ethan's position change has been a significant contributor to our recent success (just ask running back JD Dunn!),

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Open house discusses new Lonsdale Elementary

By Ken Lay

Lonsdale Elementary School will soon have a new campus. Last Thursday evening Knox County Schools officials, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and community members attended an open house to see schematic designs for the new school.

The meeting was held in the existing Lonsdale School Building at 1317 Louisiana Avenue and hosted by Knox County Schools.

At the meeting, community members were invited to discuss the design process with architects and school officials and view presentation boards.

KCS Superintendent Bob Thomas said that the school will likely be open in the fall of 2022 and is set to serve current students of Lonsdale as well as students currently attending Sam E. Hill Primary School.

The Knox County Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Understanding to transfer Lonsdale Park property, which is adjacent to the school's current location from the city to Knox County for the purpose of building a new campus for the school.

Construction is set to begin on the new campus this spring and Thursday night,



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Schools Superintendent Bob Thomas addresses the media at a community meeting to discuss plans for a new Lonsdale Elementary School campus. The campus is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2022.

school and county leaders heard from the members of the Lonsdale Community.

"We're going to listen to all suggestions

from the community," Thomas said.

"This is a great day for the Lonsdale Community and this is a great day for Knox County Schools. I would like to thank Mayor Glenn Jacobs, who is here tonight, and the county commission for seeing this plan through for a new school at Lonsdale."

Thomas added that the new campus in Lonsdale is overdue.

"When I first became superintendent, one of the first things people from Lonsdale said is 'we need a new school, and they ask me to come over and take a look at it,'" Thomas said. "This building has served its purpose and its usefulness and I wish we could open (the new building) tomorrow, but we all know that it takes time."

The superintendent also noted that the new building will be safe and aesthetically pleasing to the students and the community.

"We will have a beautiful and safe campus where we will give the students the tools that they will need to be successful after they leave Knox County Schools," Thomas said.

Crowd size regulation dropped

Masks and curfew remain

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"November is going to be a rough month," said Dr. James Shamiyeh during the Board of Health meeting Wednesday evening.

"The pure public health professional in me says we need to be shutting things down," said Knox County Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan, adding, "the public is upset, there's lots of tension and fatigue."

She said that COVID-19 has "got to impact a lot more people's lives" before they realize that the pandemic is real. Buchanan went on to say that the local health metrics are not getting better and urged the board to look at the continuing mask mandate and "Keep it as it is."

She reported 27 positive cases each day per 100,000 population in Knox County. Of those tested she said 9.9 percent were positive, down from 12 percent two weeks ago.

The board did just that and the requirement for the people to wear masks inside public and private buildings will remain in effect indefinitely until the numbers of COVID-19 cases come down. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs was the only "No" vote on the curfew vote. The mask mandate has no expiration date and a vote was not needed to continue the regulation.

The 11 p.m. curfew for restaurants and bars selling alcohol was extended to November 12 by the board. Yet the board allowed the crowd size regulation to expire. One board member said that decision would be the headline in the news media.

Dr. Buchanan said the change might make the mandates "more palatable to the community" but said easing up on crowd size could mean the board may have to "back up again." She also noted that Governor Bill Lee has said he may extend the state emergency order through the end of the year.

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Raising a Generation of Idiots

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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Bob Harvis and I were in the same grades all the way through Chilhowee, Holston, and UT and we both grew up in Eastminster Presbyterian Church. He has lived in the Atlanta area for most of his life and sends me text messages several times a day with

quotes, columns and articles that are inspirational, political, or humorous.

One that caught my eye a few days ago was a quote from Albert Einstein. He said, "I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction, the world will have a generation of idiots."

Some people seem to think that because they are 'computer literate' they know everything they need to know. The fact is that some who are whizzes in operating computers are almost as dumb as dirt on everything else.

I thought of this in relation to the very hateful demonstrations and protests in

many cities and the upcoming Presidential election.

Most of the young people who have taken part in the protests seem to be very angry that we have not simply turned over the country to them so that they can create some sort of socialist utopia.

They seem to think this country is a horribly racist nation run by white supremacists when actually nothing could be further from the truth.

No nation in the history of the world has done or is doing as much as this country in helping minorities. The only countries that are possibly less racist than the U.S. are countries with

almost no minority population.

I realize it makes some people – especially those on the left – feel morally superior and very proud of themselves to believe that most other people are racist while they and their fellow liberals most certainly are not.

Actually, only a very tiny minority in this country support white supremacy. Look at the handful that turn out to demonstrate in favor of white nationalism while many thousands turn out for counter-protests against this almost non-existent threat.

It is hard to understand why so many people want

left-wing leadership for this nation when almost every U.S. city and state, which has had liberal leadership over the last 40 or 50 years, is in such terrible financial and social trouble.

The only way I can figure it is that in Presidential years, there are usually around twice as many voters as in the off years or years with only mid-term elections.

There will be great many voting this election who are what Rush Limbaugh has referred to as low-information voters – people who know more about what is happening on American Idol or Dancing with The Stars than what is going

on in regard to the major issues of the day.

We have addicted too many – especially those under 40 – to the screens. They spend their days staring at computers, I-Pads, TVs, and they almost never read a book or newspaper.

They have gone into many of our colleges and universities with very little knowledge and real-world experience and thus have been vulnerable to and at times brainwashed by left-wing professors.

Unfortunately, Einstein may have been right in predicting that our worship of technology has led to the raising of a generation of idiots.

East Town Mall property up for zoning change

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The City of Knoxville is moving closer to rezoning the former East Towne Mall property to make way for an e-commerce distribution center there.

The council agenda for Tuesday calls for three items involving Hillwood Enterprises LP, ranging from changing the sector plan from Mixed Use Regional Center to Light Industrial and rezoning the former Knoxville Center/East Towne Mall complex from Regional Commercial to General Industrial.

The council will also consider a variety of other zoning changes including reclassifying two lots on Asheville Highway from Office to General Commercial, a property on Greenway Drive from Single Family to Single Family Residential and a site on West Oldham Avenue from Industrial Mixed Use to Heavy Industrial.

The council will also look at changing a Whittle Springs Road property's

Residential zoning to General Industrial.

Internal illuminated signs in the Industrial District may be added as a subsection to the City Code.

The council may also authorize the mayor to ask the state for \$950,000 with a city match of \$349,000 for the Asheville Highway Sidewalk Project.

Also on the agenda is an agreement with National Building Service for a renewal option for outdoor restroom janitorial services in city parks. The cleaning service will cost the city \$66,745 a year.

The city may also take part in an agreement with Knox County in the School Violence Prevention Program as part of the COPS 2020 program. The idea is to enhance the safety of school students through training, safety improvements and technological upgrades. The mayor may be authorized to spend \$464,624 which includes a 25% match from the county.

New advisory group OK'd by commission

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It wasn't all one sided but it seemed to be during the Knox County Commission's regular meeting last week when two resolutions regarding the Board of Health came up on the agenda. Although several citizens spoke in favor of the Board of Health, the vast majority of speakers, in two separate one-hour public forums, said that the board should be demolished. The meeting lasted from 5 p.m. until after midnight mostly dealing with further attempts to eventually dissolve the Board of Health.

The safety regulations adopted by the board during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a mask mandate and bar curfews, have been violently and verbally opposed by some citizens.

New commissioner Kyle Ward introduced a motion to create a "Health and Economy Well Being Committee" that could eventually replace the Board of Health. He said it does not demolish the board; the new committee would be made of 11 members from

the medical and business communities named by Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Ward described the new group as "another tool" to advise on medical and economic issues. He described the new group as a "Swiss Army Knife" with multiple functions.

"I can't remain silent," said new commission member Courtney Durrett. She said the Board of Health is doing "an incredible job" and said, "Your personal liberty ends where my nose begins."

Chairman Larsen Jay said the group is unnecessary as the county is already served by 11 groups and eight sub-committees that advise the county.

Commissioner Randy Smith said the new group could advise the mayor on a variety of issues, not just the medical response to COVID-19.

"I'm grateful for the Board of Health," Commissioner Dr. Dasha Lundy, adding, "It is not time to cause confusion."

Commissioner Charles Busler said the community needs to listen to each other and added, "If we work together we can take care of the problem."

Working together wasn't the attitude of the majority

of citizen speakers who jeered pro-health department speakers. At one point Chairman Jay ordered the removal of one man who continued to shout from the balcony.

Ward said that Mayor Jacobs would make the appointments over the next 30 days and submit the names for approval to the commission. Chairman Jay asked Law Director David Buuck if the new group will need to follow the Sunshine Law and the reply was "Yes."

Commissioner Carson Dailey said he does not want the Board of Health to continue making public regulations but added he would not vote to demolish the board.

The creation of the new "advisory" group saw only Jay and Durrett voting "No" with Commissioner Terry Hill abstaining.

In a related first reading the commission also voted to approve a Ward ordinance requiring the Board of Health to hold a public forum during each of its meetings. Although Jay said the Board of Health already has public input once a month, the majority of commissioners voted "Yes" to set the requirement. Jay asked Ward if he

had talked with the Board of Health chairman and Ward replied, "I have not, sir."

The original motion called for the board of health to meet publically any time the commission did but that language was dropped from the ordinance prior to the meeting.

Law Director David Buuck said the final passage of the ordinance would be binding on the board and, asked why the commission should tell the board what to do, Buuck said "because they make decisions that affect our everyday lives."

Durrett said that under the Tennessee Code the commission may only establish or dissolve the board but not regulate it. Buuck said the ordinance takes nothing away from the Board of Health.

Jay, Durrett and Lundy voted against the first reading but the motion passed 8-3.

Dr. Martha Buchanan told the commission that the Board of Health would "step up" to do the public forum if necessary.

The long meeting ended with angry shouts from the Board of Health opponents and many commissioners stayed to hear the remainder of the anti-mask speakers.

New group kicks off Anti-COVID-19 campaign

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Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon has convened an 11-member "Knoxville Recovers" alliance of local leaders to help the community recover both health-wise and economically from COVID-19. The Knox County Commission is waiting until its November meeting to vote on establishing a similar group for the county with members to be appointed by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Knoxville Recovers is pushing for people to wear masks in public places and urging everyone to get a flu shot. Within the group are UT Chancellor Donde Plowman; state Senator Dr. Richard Briggs; UT President Randy Boyd; former Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam; Dr. Keith Gray of the UT Medical Center; Karmen Jones, president of the UT Student Government; Phyllis Y. Nichols, president of the

Renee Kelly, Knox County Schools chief of staff; Mike Odom, president of the Knoxville Chamber; and Mayors Kincannon and Jacobs.

Senator Dr. Richard Briggs said, "The wearing of masks reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19 and allows our students to return to class, protects our teachers, permits reopening of small businesses and puts Tennesseans back to work."

The alliance is stressing that there are no adverse health effects from wearing face masks and mask use keeps the spread of the virus in check. Briggs said getting a flu shot is critical because contracting the virus while recovering from the flu can be serious or even fatal.

Mayor Kincannon said the alliance will issue statements now and then to help stem the rising number of COVID-19 cases. She said the group hopes to install trust across all sectors of the community.

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Publisher's Positions



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Mayoral Blues

Two years ago, Glenn Jacobs arrived on the political scene with the force of a hurricane. Facing two incumbent county commissioners, Brad Anders and Bob Thomas, Jacobs eked out a 23-vote win over Anders in the Republican primary to take the nomination. Jacobs winning was all the more remarkable when one considers he never ran the first television commercial. Glenn Jacobs had a kind of celebrity going for him that just about everybody underestimated. An insurance man by day, it was his night job as a wrestler that had brought him fame, fortune and name recognition. Jacobs was a political outsider in the era of Donald Trump and his candidacy appealed to just enough Republicans to win the GOP primary.

Political outsiders who win elections have to govern and governing is very different from campaigning. Any objective assessment of Jacobs' mayoral tenure would have to conclude there has been more show than substance to this point. Glenn Jacobs promised not to continue wrestling if he became mayor, a promise he didn't keep. Jacobs rewarded one of his top campaign aides, Bryan Hair, as his chief of staff, a position that paid more than \$170,000 annually. Like Jacobs, Hair had no real political experience, nor did either of them know much of anything about the political landscape. At some point, the political knowledge vacuum was filled by Mike Arms, who was chief of staff during the reign of former county mayor Mike Ragsdale. I've said it before and I'll say it again: Mike Arms was to good government what Colonel Sanders was to the welfare of chickens. The Ragsdale administration never fully recovered from a purchasing card scandal involving several top aides.

Jacobs has backed two initiatives that likely were pushed by Arms; the first was the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building which currently houses the school administration. Glenn Jacobs moved heaven and earth to get the school folks out of the AJ and into the TVA Tower. Recent news reports reveal it has become readily apparent the sale of the AJ to private developers has fallen through, yet the taxpayers are still on the hook for local government indulging in the real estate business. Jacobs and his administration convinced Superintendent Bob Thomas to support the deal by offering more cash to the school system, an inducement that worked. The mayor will hope to ink yet another deal, but it is going to be a hard sell. The old Hyatt Hotel has been sold to a billionaire, but had remained empty for years. Just how much continued demand is there going to be for \$700,000 apartments downtown?

The second political morass was Jacobs siding with the Knox County Pension Board in the pension controversy against then-county Law Director Bud Armstrong. At the heart of the issue lies an argument by the sheriff's department that deputies can retire on full salary plus any accumulated leave or vacation time (a process called spiking) while the Knox County Charter clearly states 75% of salary is the most that can be collected by any county retiree. That dispute between the law director and the mayor eventually led to a new Charter Commission, heavily weighted with those appointed by Jacobs, to put on the ballot the question of allowing the county mayor to appoint the law director, which is an elected position. Arms and a posse of former officials and political fixers seemed not to know the charter allows the law director to write the language for the question placed on the referendum ballot. Arms and company journeyed to a meeting of the Knox County Election Commission to complain about the law director having the right to compose the question for the consideration of voters. Arms hollered it was "misleading." No, it was not; in fact, it is the most clear language for any ballot referendum of my lifetime. It merely states shall the voters continue to elect the law director or shall the law director be appointed by the county mayor. And that is precisely what the ballot initiative was calculated to do; it is the literal effect of the charter amendment supported by Jacobs and Arms. Unless I am much mistaken, that question will be voted down tomorrow, as it should be. If so, that is yet another political reversal for Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Yet another reversal for Jacobs was the proposal by Commissioner-at-Large Larsen Jay to give sheriff's deputies a one-time bonus of \$1,500. The mayor contended it was too costly, especially as the county was facing increased expenditures due to the COVID crisis while revenues were expected to fall for the same reason. The commission got out from under the mayor and supported Jay's proposal. Of course the mayor had handed off a cash reward as an inducement to get the school system out of the Andrew Johnson Building but Jay's proposal to give the deputies a one-time bonus was supposed to be too costly. Chief of Staff Bryan Hair was reportedly livid that Jay's proposal passed the full county commission. Hair was wary of Jay as a possible challenger to Jacobs' expected reelection bid in 2022.

That, of course, was before the spectacular fall from power and grace by the chief of staff to Mayor Jacobs. A banker before being hired by Jacobs, Bryan Hair never seemed to have good people skills; if he did, they were not readily apparent or one needed the extra special vision of Superman to discern them. Reports from inside the City-County Building acknowledged Hair was as universally disliked by most county employees as his brother Brad was well-liked. The power of his office seemed to have gone to his head and Hair did not always treat co-workers and county employees with respect, much less kindness. Reportedly, Hair carefully guarded

the gate to Mayor Jacobs. His watchful eye was omnipresent. As it turns out, somebody needed to be watching him.

When the revelations started dribbling out about some sort of transgression on the part of Bryan Hair, it was precisely the opposite of not a dry eye in the house. Nary a tear was shed as it was reported Hair had supposedly borrowed a golf cart from the county's Parks & Recreation Department, allegedly to help Hair's wife, who suffered from a broken foot, to get around. Most mere mortals have to resort to crutches or wheelchairs.

Paul White, the director of Knox County's Parks & Recreation Department, was fired while Bryan Hair's departure from the county payroll was attributed to resignation. Few courthouse insiders believe that to be the only transgression and there very well may be more to come.

White, incidentally, was a colleague of Bryan Hair's, as they both worked at the same bank before Glenn Jacobs was elected county mayor. Another little tidbit has come to light in recent days where Hair, as chief of staff, apparently had the sole discretion to hand out bonuses, which included, not surprisingly, Paul White. I figure White made Jacobs fire him so he could sue the county and claim he had no choice but to lend Hair the golf cart as his bonuses were dependent upon the chief of staff. It boggles the mind the mayor would evidently vest that kind of power in any aide, even if it was his top aide. That seems to me to be something the mayor should decide himself, yet when questioned by the news media, Jacobs' office referred the press inquiries to Bryan Hair who was no longer employed by Knox County.

It may be difficult to imagine, but deep inside the administration of Glenn Jacobs there were whispers of a run for higher office. One heard rumors that Governor Bill Lee might not opt to run again at the conclusion of his present term, leaving the way open for Jacobs to make a bid. Perhaps Congressman Tim Burchett might run for

governor, leaving his seat in the House of Representatives open. Now with all that's happened, Jacobs' star power seems to have diminished considerably.

One thing is certain, Glenn Jacobs is going to have to extend his political base in order to win the Republican primary in the event he faces a serious challenger. Much will be transparent when and if Jacobs makes a selection to replace the unlamented Bryan Hair. Institutional knowledge and memory is invaluable, a resource that is not always abundant. Mike Arms has certainly not proven to be that valuable a resource to Glenn Jacobs; in fact, that association has almost surely helped to contribute to the political slide of Mayor Jacobs. Bryan Hair had all the institutional memory of an amnesiac, while Arms seems to have learned little or nothing from his time in politics.

The dreams of higher office for Glenn Jacobs seem to be just that, as a campaign for higher office would bring increased scrutiny by the press, as well as an assessment of Jacobs' accomplishments in office. Those are proving to be slim pickings so far. If indeed Knox County voters choose to keep the law director's office elected, rather than allowing the mayor to pick his own law director, it cannot be construed as anything but a repudiation of Jacobs and his position.

Ironically, the person called to step in and help the Jacobs administration recover from its downward spiral, is Dwight Van de Vate. Van de Vate is a veteran of county government and a person of integrity who has managed to survive in the troublesome seas of political turmoil under Sheriff Tim Hutchison as well as Mayor Mike Ragsdale. Van de Vate was reputedly almost fired by Glenn Jacobs, reportedly at the behest of local developers who did not appreciate Van de Vate's adherence to the county's rules and regulations. Jacobs did remove Van de Vate from his post as director of the county's Engineering and Public Works Department and placed in a different position at about half the pay he had formerly

earned. Dwight Van de Vate is as different from Bryan Hair as night and day. The difference in the administration of county government from here on out will reveal just how much Bryan Hair influenced event's and the mayor's office.

Prophecy Or Wishful Thinking?

Everybody will recall the ethical morass that caught up state Representative Rick Staples over questions about his campaign finances and personal expenditures. Expending campaign contributions on personal expenses is largely prohibited by state law; yet it isn't against federal law. Rene Hoyos, candidate for Congress against Congressman Tim Burchett, pays herself a salary from her ample campaign treasury to keep running for Congress. What exactly is the difference? Well, not much really, except the state forbids it while the feds allow it.

Evidently Hoyos recently told one Democratic gathering she and Burchett were in a "statistical tie." That seems utterly impossible to me. It just can't be true and my guess is tomorrow's election results will show Tim Burchett winning handily.

Hoyos won something like 33% of the vote two years ago after Burchett had endured a brutal GOP primary to determine the successor to then-Congressman Jimmy Duncan. According to Hoyos, her winning a third of the vote was an astonishing accomplishment and she has continually crowed it showed Tennessee's Second Congressional District was turning blue. Of course that ignored reality as there have been Democratic candidates who have run much better than Rene Hoyos had years earlier. It is far from the best performance by a Democrat in the Second District, but it isn't the worst either.

Hoyos apparently thinks if she keeps running for Congress, eventually she'll win. The only way I see that happening is if Democrats sweep the government and outlaw the Republican Party. I still don't think she'd win

then. Hoyos would face a primary full of Democrats like Gloria Johnson.

Still, it is a far distance from claiming the Second Congressional District is going blue. I think the only thing black and blue after tomorrow's election will be the beating Hoyos takes from Burchett.

Radical Dislike

Matthew Park, recently a candidate for the state House of Representatives in District 15, seems to be campaigning non-stop for Marquita Bradshaw, candidate for the United States Senate. Bradshaw is squaring off against GOP nominee Bill Hagerty to replace retiring Senator Lamar Alexander. Park has gone sky diving with Bradshaw, but his party regularity doesn't extend to Sam McKenzie, the Democratic nominee for State House District 15. McKenzie is a former county commissioner and the husband of Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie. Park had run in the Democratic primary against incumbent Rick Staples and McKenzie and only narrowly lost the nomination by a handful of votes. While House District 15 is not a Black majority district (it is about 60% white and 40% black), Park was the runner-up to eventual victor McKenzie.

Park apparently has some hard feelings left over from the primary contest, refusing to endorse McKenzie. Park claims he cannot endorse McKenzie's candidacy because McKenzie supports nuclear power. Really? With Oak Ridge next door to Knox County, there are probably a great majority of citizens who support nuclear power and McKenzie worked at ORNL for years.

Matthew Park evidently sees himself as some sort of political wunderkind and has gone from having a record of voting in Republican primaries to becoming a version of AOC in short pants in a record period of time. Park's refusal to endorse McKenzie — he has endorsed other Democratic candidates who apparently support nuclear power — likely has more to do with being disappointed over losing the election than political principle.

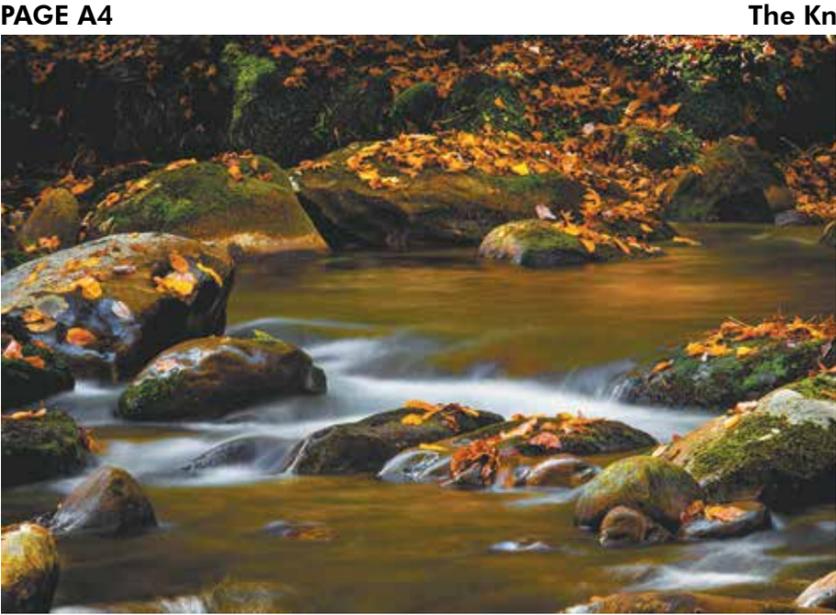
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Beautiful picture of fall, courtesy of Steve Ellis.

Jack Frost

By **Ralphine Major**

He makes surprise visits overnight. Autumn's chill usually gives a hint that he may make an appearance. A dip in the temperatures are a sure indication that he will come.

Early mornings show-case his handiwork as it sparkles in the morning sun. Delicate designs on window panes look like Jack Frost spent hours weaving a frosty scene. Summer's green leaves turning into the

beautiful colors of fall are also recipients of the amazing work of Jack Frost. Stubble from hayfields and lawns provide a foundation for his work, as well. The landscapes that once burst with green growth look like blankets of light snow after Jack Frost works his magic. The wonder of Jack Frost can even bring a glimmer of normal life after months of disruption in our lives and livelihoods by the challenges of coronavirus. With Thanksgiving on the way, there is sure to be frost on the pumpkins, too!

As quickly as he appears, the magnificent creations of Jack Frost disappear when the fall sun starts rising. Enjoy the wonders of Jack Frost this fall!

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Small service businesses save the world

By **Joe Rector**

Like many other homeowners, Amy and I aren't taking a vacation this year. We're dedicating that money to fixing things that are needed at our home and at the place we have in Gallatin. We've been lucky because in both cases, the work has been completed by local companies.

A month or so ago, we traveled to Gallatin to visit our daughter who lives in Hendersonville, about seven miles from our condo. Our first act upon arrival was to turn the thermostat down to cool the place off. The unit ran for just a minute and then stopped. Thinking it might have frozen up, I left it off for a couple of hours, but when I turned the a/c back on, again the unit ran for a couple of seconds and then quit. A phone call was placed to a large heating and air company. A technician came out with the understanding that a service call would be \$89.00.

The man worked for a while and informed us that the fan had died. He said one was available in his company's shop, so we agreed to have it installed. After completing the job and us paying another \$600, we were ready for some cool air. The thing ran for more than two hours at which time the temperature had risen from 74 to 78. We called the company again, and the next day the same man arrived. This time he went outside to check that piece of equipment. Surprise! The compressor

was dead and that meant the entire heat and air unit would need replacing. This bigger company gave a price right at \$8000 for a gas furnace and a/c unit.

I was put out that we'd paid \$700 already to find out a new system was needed. The company offered \$500 credit toward a new unit, but my principles got in the way, and I refused. Our condo neighbor suggested we contact his serviceman.

Rick Apple is a one-man company. I called, and he offered to drop by our place and look at the unit, thereby keeping us from making another trip to Gallatin. He called to tell us that the system did need to be replaced. His bid for doing the same work as the big company was about half the price. Rick also told us that we could call him at any time to get help with any future problems. Apple's Heating and Air Condition Services saved us plenty of money and gave us a person on whom we can count for quality work and prompt service.

We signed a contract in Knoxville to have our roof replaced in June. On several occasions, we contacted the company to see when the work would start, but each time we were told others were ahead of us. I was tired of waiting by the first week of October and called Daniel Hood Roofing Systems. I talked personally with him, and he assured me that work would begin within one week of our signing a contract.

The crew showed up on a Friday and removed the old roof, replaced some plywood, and put down shingles on most of the roof. They cleaned the area and place trash in the dumpster the company provided. Two workers swept the yard with large magnets to find nails that might have fallen in the grass. Daniel dropped by the house to inspect the completed job and thanked Amy and me for our business, can't remember the last time a business made me feel that appreciated. The finished product is beautiful, and Daniel standing behind the work of his crews allays worries.

Spending on a house never seems to end. Repairs are a part of homeownership. The good thing about an otherwise unfortunate situation is discovering local small businesses that provide excellent services to customers. Most folks don't mind paying a fair price. They do want to feel valued as a customer and confident in the services of the provider. I'm proud to say that Apple's Heating and Air Conditioning Services and Daniel Hood Roofing fulfilled both. Small businesses are the backbone of America, and these companies are sure to be around for years to come.

By the way, as we left Gallatin, I discovered that the garbage disposal was leaking. I'll be looking for another "guy" when I go back. It's always something.

Crowd size regulation dropped

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The growing number of hospital beds taken up by COVID-19 patients is increasing and Dr. Shamiyeh described the situation as getting worse. He said the pandemic is affecting medical givers and the school system noted a problem in having enough custodial workers and substitute teachers.

Four of the benchmarks noted by Dr. Buchanan are in "Yellow" or cautious status and only one, contact tracing, is in the "Green" status.

A report from UT on the "Tennessee Pulse Survey" was presented to the meeting showing that 85% of the state population approve of wearing masks. Seventy percent of the people responding to the survey said that easing restrictions would increase case loads.

Although UT Chancellor Donde Plowman said the number of college students

testing positive decreased and flattened out following the 11 p.m. bar curfew and 25 person occupancy regulations, the board debated the crowd size as having no provable impact on cases.

Dr. Patrick O'Brien said, "We've got to let that one go. We need the Volunteer spirit and it wasn't helping us that much."

Dr. Shamiyeh voiced some concern about in-home gatherings during Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays but it was noted the board could not regulate private family gatherings. It was also mentioned that most of the surrounding counties do not require masks and those people shop in Knoxville.

Ami Roma noted the loud and aggressive citizens opposing mandates, especially those speaking out at the Knox County Commission meetings. She referred to those citizens as "a small vocal group."

Chairman Dr. Jack Gotcher asked attorney David Sanders how the Knox County Commission ordinance demanding public forum at each board meeting works. Sanders replied that the matter will face a second vote but if it passes it would supersede the board's rules. He also said the ordinance has no enforcement authority.

Dr. Buchanan asked for a board member to attend the commission meeting this evening with her to speak to the proposed changes. "Anybody but me," she said so as not to be the only board member facing the commission. Gotcher said that, if available, he would attend.

The Board of Health will meet again on Tuesday, November 10, one day following the Knox County Commission work session. Public Forum is scheduled for the meeting.

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The Unknown Congressman Tom Murray of Tennessee

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Lest anyone believes being elected to Congress is glamorous and allows one to bask in the limelight of attention by the press and the public, there are far more congressmen sloggling through the daily chores that make up a congressman's day. Even today one only has to listen carefully to a telephone town-hall, like that sponsored by our own congressman, Tim Burchett, and one will hear a myriad of complaints and problems that have little or nothing to do with the federal government. Oftentimes, congressmen become indispensable to their constituents merely for being willing to help on any given matter, large or small. A willingness to listen and point one in the right direction usually goes a long way.

Thomas Jefferson Murray of Jackson, Tennessee was one who listened and was always willing to help. For twenty-four years, Tom Murray was the congressman from Tennessee's Seventh or Eighth Congressional District. Murray came from a politically prominent family and his brother David was a colorful local district attorney for an astonishing forty-seven years before he retired in 1977. Tom Murray's nephew Roger was a highly respected state legislator who eventually ran for governor.

Short and pudgy with a full head of white hair, Tom Murray has to be one of the least photographed members of Congress in history; locating a photo of Murray is nigh unto impossible, but the congressman, unlike many of his peers, did not have a press agent on his staff. Congressman Murray had a miniscule staff, especially when compared to those of his colleagues. Even while he served as the chairman of the House Post Office Committee, Tom Murray's staff was very small. Murray employed Jack Woodall as his district director and the congressman's primary assistant in his Washington, D. C. office was Mrs. Sara Ward, who had gone to work for the congressman in 1953 following the defeat of U. S. senator Kenneth McKellar. Mrs. Ward had worked for decades for Senator McKellar and had been the senator's personal secretary.

Murray had been in the U. S. Army during World War I, but was always careful to point out, he had not seen any combat. After his discharge, Tom Murray hurried home to Jackson where he established a law practice.

In 1923, Murray became district attorney for the 12th judicial district and served until his resignation in 1933. Murray would be succeeded in office by his brother, David. Tom Murray's service as district attorney did not apparently

preclude his involvement in local politics, as he was also the Chairman of the Madison County Democratic Party from 1924 until 1933. Murray had resigned as district attorney to accept a federal appointment arranged for him by Senator K. D. McKellar as an attorney in the Solicitor's office in the Post Office Department.

Murray was a federal employee before the passage and implementation of the Hatch Act and was elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1928, 1932, and 1936. The congressman from Tennessee's Seventh District was Herron Pearson, first elected in 1934.

Murray announced his candidacy for Congress in 1942 just hours before Congressman Pearson revealed he would not be a candidate for reelection. Either Tom Murray had information the incumbent would not run again, or he intended to challenge Pearson inside the Democratic primary. Joe Hatcher, political columnist for the Nashville Tennessean, wrote Murray had been talking about running for Congress for some years and Pearson decided he did not care to undertake a hard fought and costly primary battle. Evidently Herron Pearson was never all that impressed by being a Member of Congress and, according to Joe Hatcher, had told friends should it become necessary for him to have to fight to keep his seat in the House of Representatives, he would rather go home and practice law. Hatcher wrote that Pearson was "well-to-do" and had given up one of the largest law practices in his region of the state to serve in Congress. Nor did Herron Pearson really have the kind of personality that served most congressmen well; Pearson was "quiet and rather retiring" although he was "a serious and earnest worker at his job." Herron Pearson had once served as the city judge for Jackson, Tennessee and had the kind of personality that made a very good jurist.

Although Joe Hatcher opined there was little doubt Herron Pearson could hold his seat despite an onslaught from Tom Murray, "backed by the Crump-McKellar and state administration forces", it made little difference in light of Pearson's announcement he was leaving Congress at the expiration of his term of office.

D. S. "Scott" Daniel, who had been secretary (Chief of Staff) to Congressman Pearson, announced he would oppose Tom Murray for Congress. As the Democratic primary approached in August of 1942, Murray announced he would spend



Tennessee Congressman Tom Murray is at the far right of the photo wearing glasses. To the far left, standing near JFK is Congressman Robert A. "Fats" Everett of Tennessee.

the last of the campaign at his headquarters in Jackson.

The Eighth Congressional District was then comprised of eleven counties and Scott Daniel, a resident of Paris, Tennessee, carried his native Henry County and one other; everything else went to Tom Murray. Murray won by a two-to-one margin over Daniel while a third candidate won just over 1,000 votes district-wide.

The Nashville Tennessean lamented the election of Tom Murray that November, claiming the congressman-elect was "a McKellar man through-and-through."

For the next twenty-four years, Tom Murray would easily win reelection from his West Tennessee district. A bachelor, Murray spent virtually all of his time tending to the needs of the people of his district. Locally, Murray became known for his activities while Congress was out of session. Decades later, the Jackson Sun wrote Tom Murray was "about as familiar a figure as a town could have as he seated himself daily on a park bench in front of his brother's offices on Baltimore Street" when not in Washington, D. C. The Sun thought Murray sitting on a park bench in front of his brother's office was "more meaningful than casual." The newspaper thought it was "an index to the man's personality and character and a symbol of his approachability as his constituents' representative in Congress."

The key to Tom Murray's political success, at least, in the opinion of the Jackson Sun, was the congressman's "amiability, straightforwardness and concern for the district" that kept him in Congress.

Tom Murray, perched upon the park bench "was an inviting and highly successful spot to talk about whatever people do talk about with Congressmen, or simply to ask about the folks or otherwise brings things up-to-date."

Murray was an old-fashioned Democrat and in later years critics like the Nashville Tennessean would lament the congressman's inherent conservatism. The Sun believed Tom Murray remained in Congress precisely because he was conservative and opposed "extremism" and fought for economy in government instead of backing "extravagant" programs. Murray had oftentimes frustrated his colleagues,

most of whom had families to support, by routinely opposing pay raises for congressmen, but it had suited the folks back home just fine. The parsimonious Murray could live in a hotel or apartment in Washington and get by, while living in the family home when he returned to Jackson.

Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal organization, complained Murray had voted "wrong" in 11 out of 12 votes it used to rank members of Congress. One other member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation matched Murray's conservative record: B. Carroll Reece, a Republican representing upper East Tennessee. The ADA huffed Congressman Murray was a "right-wing" member of the Democratic Party. The previous year, Murray had earned a perfect score from the ADA, voting "wrong" every time on nine recorded votes. Murray's hometown newspaper, the Jackson Sun, opined that while the ADA might think Murray's votes were wrong, the people in the congressman's district most certainly thought he had voted quite right. The Sun boasted Tom Murray "is a true liberal, a true American, a true exponent of the ideals of the people he represents in the Congress." It was a valid point, like most congressmen who stay in office for a lengthy period time, Tom Murray largely reflected the views and opinions of a great majority of the people he represented.

Tom Murray never really changed with the times; the congressman had represented a largely rural and agricultural district and kept in touch through the mails and was accessible to those who wished to see him either in Washington or Jackson. Yet Congressman Murray was not immune to time and as he got older, he became more frail. The first sign of Murray's vulnerability at the ballot box occurred in 1964. Murray had opposition inside the Democratic primary, but beat challenger W. K. Brooks soundly, winning quite nearly 75% of

the vote. It was the general election that was a shock, as Republican Julius W. Hurst won almost 37% of the vote, while an Independent candidate polled quite nearly 10%. Congressman Tom Murray won in a strongly Democratic year under 54% of the ballots cast.

It is usually a sign an aging incumbent is politically vulnerable and it was generally acknowledged Congressman Murray was not as effective as he had once been. Murray was fortunate to have an excellent staff, small though it might be. Mrs. Ward, a veteran of congressional service, kept the Washington office functioning smoothly. Tom Murray was also plagued by an affinity for alcohol, which further diminished his effectiveness.

For those who thought Murray might opt to retire at age seventy-two, they were sorely disappointed. When journalists inquired why the congressman had not announced whether he would be a candidate for reelection, a cantankerous Tom Murray snapped he was "always running" so he never needed to make an official announcement of candidacy. Murray would run yet again.

Congressman Tom Murray was challenged by three serious opponents in the Democratic primary in 1966. Worse still, redistricting added several thousand new voters from Shelby County to his largely rural district. That would make the difference in victory and defeat for Tom Murray who remained in Washington during the campaign. The congressman relied upon family and friends to wage his reelection campaign against Ray Blanton, a state representative from McNairy County, and Henry Sutton and Jack McNeil, candidates with an electoral base in the Shelby County portion of the district.

Murray carried six of the eleven counties comprising what was then the Seventh Congressional district. Murray's margins were much diminished in many of the counties where

he had once been unbeatable, but the congressman ran a very poor fourth in the Shelby County portion of the redrawn district.

The Jackson Sun published an editorial noting the passing of the former congressman in 1971 pointing out Tom Murray had never lost inside the confines of his own congressional district. "Although he was beaten by a bare margin of 384 votes (half of one percent) in the 1966 Democratic primary by Ray Blanton, Mr. Murray had a lead six times that large in the counties which had been in his district during the 12 terms he served." The Sun lamented it had been the congressman's "fourth place finish in Shelby County" that had ended "a long and distinguished career." The Sun readily confessed Tom Murray's health and "physical condition" had effectively "prevented his taking part in an active campaign" for reelection in 1966.

Murray's successor in Congress, Ray Blanton, eulogized his predecessor as "one of Tennessee's foremost legislators and one of the most powerful figures in Washington for a number of years." Blanton attended the former congressman's funeral rites in Jackson.

Dr. Paul J. Lyles, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Jackson, described Tom Murray as a public servant "whose highest joy and greatest good was representing his people." Murray "was a man without pretense" and "had a humility approaching shyness," Lyles said.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to Tom Murray and his service to his people was published in the Jackson Sun which believed the congressman had been truly appreciated by his constituents, "And many a man told him so sitting and talking on that bench on Baltimore Street."



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Scalise makes Knoxville campaign stop for Burchett, Trump

By Ken Lay

United States Representative and Minority Whip Steve Scalise made an early-morning stop for a breakfast meeting hosted by Representative Tim Burchett Thursday at the Rothchild Catering and Conference Center in West Knoxville.

Scalise came to not only show support for Burchett, who is in a re-election bid and is being challenged by Democrat Renee Hoyos, but also came to encourage Knoxville Republicans to vote on Tuesday.

Like many in Washington, D.C., Scalise (R - Louisiana) said that he feels that this



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Republican representatives Tim Burchett and Steve Scalise answer questions at a breakfast meeting Thursday morning at the Rothchild Catering and Conference Center.

is the most important election in the country's history as President Donald Trump is seeking re-election and attempting to defeat former Vice President Joe Biden.

"This is the most important election of our lifetime, and I don't think you heard that when (Bill) Clinton was running against (George) H.W. (Bush) because both

of those people wanted to get to the same place," Scalise said. "They had different visions but they wanted to get to the same place.

"This year, you have people (in the Democrat Party, who want to change what America looks like and what we are. You have a movement towards socialism, even though everybody knows that it doesn't work. It hasn't worked anywhere that it's been tried."

Recently, there have been movements and some politicians want to defund the police and this doesn't sit well with Scalise.

"There used to be a time when people, everybody, stood by police and our military," he said. "Now, the left wants to defund police and our men and women in uniform. They've even politicized that.

"If you're going to make this partisan, then put me on the side that supports the military and the police. Joe Biden had eight years in the White House (as Vice President under Barack Obama, and he sat by while Obama cut our military and we had more military people killed on training missions than we did on combat missions because Obama defunded the

military because he didn't believe in them and went around the world apologizing for American Exceptionalism."

In his speech, Scalise voiced his pro-life views and spoke against the Green New Deal. He also said that he thought Trump would be victorious on Election Day because he continues to get support from swing states in the Rust Belt, including Pennsylvania.

"We've put people back to work in the steel industry in Pennsylvania and those people can't wait to vote for Donald Trump," he said.

UNSUNG HEROES

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more so, his attitude and selflessness has been a fantastic example of what we want CAK football to be about --putting what's best for others before what seems best for you as an individual."

Coach Mazingo added: "Ethan (6-2, 194) is a long snapper and offensive tackle. He's very good at both. His GPA is 4.34 and he has applied to the Virginia Military Institute and the Army ROTC Program."

GIBBS

"Storm Tolliver (senior offensive lineman) is a young man who has been committed to football all four years. He has worked hard on and off the field to get where he is today. He works a job when he is not at football, while still

maintaining good grades. "He always puts the team first and is willing to play wherever we need him. He is undersized as an o-lineman but plays bigger because of his effort and heart.

"Storm has overcome a lot in his life and will be successful in whatever he does in life. He is a true Gibbs Eagle and is everything we want in our program." - Head Coach Brad Turner

AUSTIN-EAST

Head Coach Antonio Mays said:

"Zackeyous Houston is a sophomore offensive lineman that will play anything the coaches ask. He always knows the job regardless of what position he is asked to play.

"Amari Washington is a

sophomore tight end who does the little things at practice. He always makes sure things are taken care of in the locker room. Very unselfish."

HALLS

"Josh Scarbrough is a senior receiver who NEVER misses and does scout team every day, making his teammates better," said Head Coach Scott Cummings. "A true TEAM player that never complains and will do whatever is asked of him. He has great grades with a 3.8 GPA."

BEARDEN

"Senior Jack Adams is a valuable member of our football program and contributes to the team in multiple facets. His contributions include but are not limited to playing

linebacker, special teams and assisting on scout team when needed.

"Not a lot of media attention is given to quiet, hard-working young men like Jack, but he is a leader for our team on and off the field." - Head Coach Morgan Shinlever

FULTON

"Cedric (CJ) Roach is our Swiss army knife," said Head Coach Rob Black. "He's a senior and plays a little bit of everything for us.

"CJ is on all special teams. He is such a smart player and a great teammate.

"We have played him defense at OLB, ILB, DB and a little bit of DE. On offense, we have played him at WR, FB, HB and also lined him up at TE. He has

proven to be so valuable to us.

"He is not a guy that will get his name in the headlines, but he is a guy that we can count on in so many ways."

FARRAGUT

"Andrew Doane is a senior linebacker and defensive lineman. Andrew was a starting linebacker last season. Due to numerous injuries he has had to overcome, he keeps coming back and practicing anywhere we need him. He has kept his 4.0 GPA through all this. He is respected by his coaches and teammates because of his determination and his love of the game of football." - Head Coach Eddie Courtney

POWELL

Adam Moussa, Powell

High's football operations manager, said Head Coach Matt Lowe and his staff nominated senior offensive lineman **Colby Wheeler** as the team's "Unsung Hero."

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"This young man has come to work early every day this year, given his all and made everyone around him better from his position on the offensive line." - Powell Head Coach Matt Lowe



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NOTES FROM THE SCORECARD:

Opening round of the state tournament

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- A pair of local high school girls soccer teams earned mixed results at the state championships late last week.

In Class AAA: Bearden nabbed a 7-0 victory over McMinn County Friday afternoon at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex.

The Lady Bulldogs (21-1) scored two goals in the first half before really blowing things open against the Lady Cherokees (14-4-1).

Bearden, which won the District 2-AAA regular-season title, the district tournament championship and the Region 1-AAA Tournament before beating Kingston Pike rival Farragut in the state sectionals to reach the grand stage in the Midstate, got on the board when senior forward Zneyah McLaughlin scored an unassisted goal in the 14th minute.

McLaughlin had a big day as she scored two markers and dished out an assist for the Lady Bulldogs, who boasted their usual balanced and potent attack. Bearden outshot the Lady Cherokees 29-8 in the match with 16 of those shots landing on target.

The Lady Bulldogs extended their advantage to 2-0 when Brinley Murphy, a sophomore forward, scored in the 21st minute. Anna Beichler was credited with an assist on that marker.

After halftime, the Lady Bulldogs scored four goals in an 8-minute span.

Murphy tallied her second goal of the game in the 50th minute. McLaughlin picked up the assist on the third goal of the match.

Alivia Scott then scored twice in three minutes. She made it 4-0 with an unassisted goal in the 51st minute. She tallied again

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CAK holds off Webb for 10-0 season and region title

By Steve Williams

Grant Sterchi had a smile as big as Texas with that cowboy hat on Friday night.

He had a reason to be feeling good too after making a pick six down the stretch to all but seal CAK's 21-13 win over upset-minded Webb at Faust Field and David Meske Stadium.

It wasn't just any ordinary win either. It was No. 10 in a perfect regular season for Christian Academy of Knoxville. And it came with the Division II-AA East Region championship on the line, too.

The Warriors have captured titles in the past, but it's been a while.

Someone asked Sterchi



PHOTO BY DANNY DUNLAP

CAK's Kanye Harris (21) sends Webb running back Elijah Bane flying during the region championship game Friday night on Faust Field. Other Warriors moving in on the play are Denzel Jackson (4) and Luke Myers (14). CAK won, 21-13.

if he was going to get to wear that 'big play' cowboy hat over the weekend,

since he made the last big play of the game.

Grant smiled and turned

the spotlight away from him and on the team.

"It's a great feeling to

wear this hat, but it's not all about me," he said. "These guys have worked so hard. We just grinded all season to get to this point. It's an incredible feeling. My guys, I just love them so much."

CAK Head Coach Travis Mozingo wasn't surprised when he heard about Sterchi's response: "That's him 100 percent. He's a junior captain this year. We've got five captains with four seniors and Sterchi. And the players voted on him."

With the CAK defense protecting a 14-7 lead and a minute to go, Sterchi picked off Joseph Moore's pass and returned it 35 yards for the game-clinching touchdown. Freshman

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Central starts slow, storms back to defeat Gibbs, 34-23

By Bill Howard

Midway through the second quarter Friday night at Joel Helton Field, Knoxville Central High School had four possessions against regional rival Gibbs. The result? Two punts, a lost fumble, a missed field goal, and a 9-0 deficit on three Gibbs field goals.

The two-time defending state champ's chances of winning Region 2-5A were in obvious jeopardy. The win Gibbs had to have to stay in the playoff hunt was looking good.

"We ran the ball really well at times in the first half; we just didn't finish drives," said Bobcats' first-year coach Nick Craney.

But then came the play that would change the momentum and the game. With 6:31 left in the half, the Eagles had a third and five from their 30. Quarterback Colton Qualls's pass was picked off by Brody Cranford, who returned the ball 32 yards for a touchdown. The 9-7 Gibbs lead held until half.

Central would take that momentum to outscore the Eagles 27-14 in the second half to win 34-23, and nail down the Region 2-5A title.

"He gave us a huge lift on that play," said Craney of the interception. "We were struggling to finish drives offensively in the first half. That really gave our whole team a lift with



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

After a Central touchdown, the Bobcats' Andrew Cooper makes a hard-hitting tackle, flipping Gibbs' Ethan Coppinger on the ensuing kickoff return at Joel Helton Field Friday night. Central won 34-23 to wrap up the Region 2-5A regular season title.

that defensive score."

The loss knocks the Eagles (4-6 overall, 2-4 in the region) out of the playoffs. "It is a tough loss, I'm proud of our guys," said Gibbs' coach Brad Turner. "I felt like the first half we were very aggressive and we played really good on defense, controlled the line of scrimmage. I feel like in the second half they got a little momentum."

They did indeed. Central (8-2, 5-1) jumped to a 21-9 lead with their first two possessions after halftime. First, running back Shannon Mills finished a 58-yard drive with a two-yard scoring run to make it 14-9.

Then after stuffing a fourth-down attempt by Gibbs, the 'Cats took over on their own 45. On first and 15 from the Eagles' 35, quarterback Ryan Bolton connected with Jaidin Horton for the score and a 21-9 lead.

Mills and Abraham Dudley Jr. combined for 199 yards on 27 attempts. "They did a great job hitting the holes and hitting some cutback lanes that were there that opened up," said Craney. "Our offensive line did a great job getting a push."

Gibbs hardly rolled over. They cut it to 21-16 on a one-yard plunge by Qualls early in the fourth. On that

drive, Central had two personal fouls and a pass interference call that kept the drive alive. For the game, the Bobcats were flagged 13 times for 159 yards.

"Penalties are not good," said Craney. "We gotta get 'em fixed. We haven't had many personal fouls, we had a couple today. At this point, we gotta get it fixed and we will."

Central answered right back to make it 28-16 with 10:05 left in the game. A 34-yard run by Dudley set up a two-yard scoring run by Liam Fortner.

The versatile Fortner not only caught five passes for

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE

WEEK 11 SCORES (Regular season)

- Bearden 27, Science Hill 7
- CAK 21, Webb 13
- Clinton 42, Karns 33
- Farragut 42, Jefferson Co. 14
- Central 34, Gibbs 23
- GCA 27, Boyd Buchanan 17
- Halls 37, Seymour 14
- West 44, Campbell Co. 13
- Northview Acad. 28, A-E 7
- Powell 48, South-Doyle 40
- Sevier County 45, Carter 37

WEEK 12 SCHEDULE

Friday

Ensworth at Knox. Catholic

PLAYOFFS

(Games start at 7 p.m. local time)

DIVISION I

First Round

Friday

CLASS 5A

- Sevier Co. at David Crockett
- Daniel Boone at South-Doyle
- Halls at Tennessee High
- Morristown East at Central
- Lenoir City at West
- Powell at Walker Valley
- Soddy-Daisy at Oak Ridge
- Fulton at Rhea County

CLASS 6A

- Cleveland at Doby-Bennett
- Bearden at McMinn County
- Bradley Central at Farragut
- Science Hill at Maryville

DIVISION II-AA

Boyd Buchanan at CAK

Webb at Goodpasture

Silverdale Academy at CPA

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Halls Middle School changes mascot to the Red Devil

By Ken Lay

Halls Middle School has a new mascot. Well, sort of. For years, the school's athletic teams have been known as the Demons but in 2020, that's all changed and the school's new mascot is the Red Devil, the same as the high school's. Halls joins Farragut, Karns, Powell Hardin Valley and Gibbs as both the middle school and high school have the same mascot.

Farragut's nickname is Admirals. Karns is known as the Beavers. Powell is the Panthers. Hardin Valley is the Hawks and Gibbs is the Eagles.

Halls Middle School athletic director Tom Poisal said the change was made to show unity between the middle school and the high school. Prior to holding his current administrative position at the middle school, Poisal coached girls basketball at both schools.

"It's a pride thing," he said. "We went ahead and changed our mascot from the Demons to the Red Devils and Lady Devils to show unity and pride between the middle school and the high school."

"We want our kids to grow up and be Red Devils all the way through high school. We did this to show consistency, passion and pride for the two schools."

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

A lot of fun, pride and good come with a championship

By Steve Williams

A championship.

"Lot of fun," said a beaming Coach Travis Mozingo when he heard that word Friday night standing on Faust Field at Webb School after his CAK Warriors defeated the Spartans 21-13 to take the Division II-AA East Region title.

"I'm so proud of this team. It's good to see with all the chaos that's going on around the world and in our country. It's good to see there's still a reminder that hard work does pay off. Sticking with it is something that has its rewards. It's not always going to be easy, but it's going to be worth it."

It was a team win, too.

"It really was," said Mozingo, who is in his fifth season as head coach at Christian Academy of Knoxville.

"A great punt there at the end by Ryan (Degges) after he had kind of a rough punt earlier. Special teams came in and played a part tonight, offense got us on the board early and defense kept us in the game."

CAK's Grant Sterchi, whose pick-six in the final minute pretty much put the game out of reach, said: "We came out strong, (but) they



CAK Head Coach Travis Mozingo speaks to his team after the Warriors capped a 10-0 regular season with a 21-13 win at Webb Friday night.

gave us a fight."

Webb Coach David Meske said the difference in the game had a lot to do with the beginning.

"We didn't start off strong. We put the ball on the ground a couple of times early. We came back. I thought we played really well in the third quarter. We just have to score more points."

Meske said there weren't any big adjustments made after the poor start. "We just settled into the game. That's all it was."

Joseph Moore, a senior, took over for Charlie Robinson at quarterback when the sophomore was sidelined in the second half, and

the Spartans started running out of its old Wing-T offense with some success.

"Joey understands the Wing T," said Meske. "He's a good quarterback and we thought we could move the ball by going a little bit unbalanced and we did for a little bit there."

Now it's on to the playoffs Friday, with all kickoffs at 7 p.m. (local time).

CAK will host Boyd Buchanan and Webb travels to Goodpasture.

Based on the seeding, the top teams in Division II-AA, in addition to CAK, look like Lipscomb Academy, Evangelical Christian School,

CPA and Lausanne.

Knox County has six teams in the Class 5A playoffs, including once-beaten Region 3-5A champion West, which could have a rematch with Powell in the second round.

Bearden posted an impressive 27-7 win over Science Hill in its regular season finale Friday and will play at once-beaten McMinn County in the opening round of the Class 6A playoffs.

If Farragut gets past visiting Bradley Central this week, the Admirals most likely will go against unbeaten Maryville in the second round.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Thirty years ago, on Nov. 2, 1990: Ivan Roper threw two touchdown passes in a 20-point second quarter as the Fulton pulled away from Holston for a 40-12 win. One of Roper's aeriels was a 27-yarder to Dewayne Cotner. Pete Stone also had a TD pass for the 7-3 Falcons. Charles Clark ran for both of the Warriors' touchdowns.

(The 1990 season was the last for Holston, which closed after the 1990-91 school year).

Stingy third-quarter defense spells victory for Gibbs Middle

By Ken Lay

Gibbs Middle School's boys basketball team found itself trailing at halftime in its game against rival Halls Wednesday night in the Emory Road Classic.

But the Eagles weren't behind long after halftime thanks to a stifling defense

that would help them claim a 30-24 victory over the Red Devils at Halls Middle School.

With Gibbs trailing 14-11 in a low-scoring game on the road, the Eagles turned up the defensive pressure and outscored Halls in the third quarter. Gibbs would've blanked Halls if not for a basket by forward

Aron Mase as time expired in the frame. Mase's effort pulled the Red Devils to 23-16 heading to the final stanza.

The Red Devils would manage to come within two points as they trimmed Gibbs Middle's lead to 26-24 on a basket by Landon Vest.

The Eagles would seal

their victory with a late surge that included a bucket by John Caldwell and a pair of successful free throws from Zack Turner.

Turner made a pair of 3-point baskets and led all scorers with 12 points in the contest. Brady Hughes finished the game with seven points for Gibbs.

Halls featured a balanced offensive attack as five players scored four points each.

Gabriel Holmes, Elijah Elliot, Tres Scates Vest and Mase all contributed four points for the Red Devils, who opened a 10-6 lead in the first quarter.

Opening round of the state tournament

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with help from Janie Lewis approximately two minutes later.

Stott also picked up an assist on McLaughlin's second tally, which came in the 58th minute.

Kenslie Myers closed out the scoring when she tallied in the 78th minute. Sarah Altshuler assisted on the final goal of the match.

In Class AA: Seymour

was eliminated Friday night as it came up on the short end of a 2-0 decision against East Hamilton.

Goalkeeper Lauren Horton had five saves for the Lady Eagles, who finish the 2020 campaign with a 13-4 record.

The Lady Hurricanes (15-3) got goals from Alaina Fortune and Diamond Stephens.

Lady Devils defeat Gibbs in MS basketball

By Ken Lay

Despite some shooting woes, the Halls Middle School girls basketball team notched a big win in its 2020-21 home opener Wednesday night in the Emory Road Classic.

The Lady Devils played some stifling defense and crashed the boards. They also manufactured enough offense to rout Gibbs 35-13 before a spirited crowd at Halls Middle School.

Halls shut out the Lady Eagles over the first six minutes of the contest, opening an 8-0 lead by the end of the opening quarter.

From there, the Lady Devils would cruise to victory as they allowed the Lady Eagles just one point in the first half. That came on a free throw by Maddison Wudley with 5 minutes, 47 seconds remaining until halftime.

Halls led 11-1 at the break before opening a 21-4 by the end of the third stanza.

"I saw some things I liked, Lady Devils' coach Lori Cook said. "We played great defense and our

rebounding was pretty good."

Halls, however, missed on some easy looks at the basket.

"We're having some trouble shooting," Cook said. "We missed a lot of easy ones."

Gibbs Middle's offensive struggles were more problematic. Gibbs didn't get a field goal in the first half and went just 1-for-4 from the free throw line.

Halls Middle's Bailey Roberts scored a game-high 20 points, including 12 after halftime. She gave the Lady Devils a 10-1 lead with 4:32 left in the second frame.

She also got some help from her supporting cast. Harper Abercrombie scored four points.

Kadence Fisher added three points while Mackenna Fritz, Korbyn Young, Aubrey Mayton and Peyton Richmond all scored two points each.

Raley Qualls paced the Lady Eagles with four points. Wudley and De'Ja Cosby each chipped in with three points and Brooke Farmer had one.



PHOTO BY ANDREW BENNETT.

Halls Middle School basketball player Bailey Roberts goes for a layup over a pair of Gibbs players in a game Wednesday at Halls. Roberts scored 20 points to lead the Lady Devils to a 35-13 victory over the Lady Eagles.

Central starts slow, storms back to defeat Gibbs, 34-23

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99 yards and scored twice, but had 10 tackles and a sack.

But Gibbs again refused to go away, cutting the lead to 28-23 on Qualls' nine-yard scoring run. A roughing-the-passer and personal foul were called against Central on the drive.

The Bobcats put the game away with 5:20 to go when Fortner finished an 80-yard drive with a two-yard plunge. Mills rushed for 58 of the drive's yards.

"Proud of those guys; they did a great job," said Craney. "We got some things cleaned up from what they were doing schematically. They're a defense that likes to give a lot of multiple different looks. So they were doing some things that gave us some issues."

"Credit to them, they've got some great players on their side of the ball," Turner said. "I just feel like we lost the line of scrimmage. Defensively we got a little tired and they lined up and ran right at us."

Central will host a first-round playoff game Friday night at 7. For Craney, winning the state title the last two years is meaningless heading into the post-season.

"Brand new season, everyone's 0-0," he said. "It doesn't matter what happened in the regular season. It's a fresh slate. So we're excited but we know that comes with a challenge. Being back-to-back state champs means nothing in round one of the playoffs. It's anybody's game."

CAK holds off Webb for 10-0 season and region title

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Chase Stokely kicked the PAT to make it 21-7.

The Spartans got the ball back with 52 seconds left and kept battling. Moore completed two long passes to freshman Brandon Winton and scored from four yards out on a keeper as time expired.

The key to the win?

"Defense hanging in there, doing just enough to keep us in the game," said Mozingo. "Scoring just enough points and obviously Sterchi's pick six at the end kind of sealed the deal for us."

The Warriors started as though they were going to run away with it. They opened with a 13-play, 80-yard drive to go up 8-0 with 6:46 on the clock. Ryan Degges' 34-yard pass to JD Presley put the ball

on the Webb 6. Another JD (last name Dunn) ran it in from the 3.

With CAK's senior kicker, Ross Badgett, in quarantine (Mozingo got the news at 3 Friday afternoon) after being contact traced, Dunn tackled on a two-point run.

Webb lost a fumble on its second play and linebacker Chi McNeil-Harrison recovered at the Spartans' 30. Webb managed to avoid further damage, thanks to Moore's interception at the 6.

After forcing a punt, CAK quickly scored its second touchdown to extend its lead to 14-0. After two short passes to Caleb Sparkman and Presley, Dunn showed his toughness as he refused to step out of bounds on a 39-yard run to the 11. He scored behind the left side from the 5.

The clock read 0:40 in the first quarter. CAK would not score again until Sterchi's big play.

Webb got back in the game on its first possession of the second quarter with a 10-play, 70-yard drive. Starting quarterback Charlie Robinson got it going with a 12-yard run. An unsportsmanlike foul on CAK moved the ball to the Warriors' 33. A fourth down pass fell incomplete, but a roughing the passer penalty kept the drive alive.

Dominic Vance ran 15 yards around left end to score. Otto Niendorff's PAT kick pulled the Spartans within seven points (14-7) with 8:43 left in the opening half.

As the game continued, the momentum seemed to be slightly tilting toward the home team.

But a pass by Robinson was intercepted by CAK's Presley late in the third quarter at the Warriors' 23.

Moore took over in the fourth quarter after Robinson left with an injury. "He got banged up and had to come out," said Webb Coach David Meske afterwards.

The Spartans switched to their old Wing-T offense which Moore knew how to operate and Webb was moving the ball. Presley, however, came up with his second interception as Moore appeared to be hit on the arm as he released the pass.

The teams exchanged punts and CAK's Ethan Fogle made a huge third down sack.

Now it was time for Sterchi's big play.



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'The vestige of a long-ago day'

There was a time from the 1950s into the 1970s, Knoxville News-Sentinel Sports Editor Tom Siler battled the University of Tennessee Athletic Department over kickoff times for Volunteer home football games.

Siler had twice been president of the U.T. Alumni Association, offering him a valuable fans perspective about how hard it was to get into and out of Knoxville each home Saturday, even though average attendance at the games never exceeded 40,000 until 1965.

"Tom was an advocate for the fans," recalled colleague Marvin West.

An earlier kickoff time, 1 or 1:30 p.m., maybe even noon, Siler reasoned, would help Vol fans get home more quickly, especially those heading outside the Greater Knoxville area. That occurred in the days the interstate system outside of Knoxville was non-existent.

Routes out of Knoxville were U.S. 11 and U.S. 70 to Chattanooga and Nashville, respectively, "Bloody 11W" and U.S. 11E to the northeast, U.S. 25W northward to Jellico (Siler's home town) and Lexington, Ky., and U.S. 25W and U.S. 70 heading into North Carolina.

His was a voice crying in the wilderness, however,



There's nothing more exciting than the opening kickoff of a Tennessee football game, but over recent years kickoff times have ranged from noon to 8 p. m. and all points in between.

because the 2 p.m. kickoff, a vestige of a long-ago day, stayed with us until the barrage of televised games began taking hold.

In this case, the pen was not mightier than the sword. Not even close.

At Tennessee, the 2 p.m. kickoff seemed sacrosanct, perhaps ordained by the gods of football through Walter Camp, Gil Dobie, Amos Alonzo Stagg, or other early greats of the game, maybe even Bob Neyland.

Another consideration of earlier kickoff times might have been the compilation

of the numerous elements of coverage that comprised the sports section in those days. There were coach and player interviews to be conducted, game stories and columns to be written, pictures to be developed and captioned, and the Dyergram to be drawn and placed in its proper place on p. 5 of the Sunday sports section.

That all had to happen before Pierce Holt Carter could appear near the old KUB offices at Gay Street and Church Avenue or Bobby Langston could show up at the Krystal

on Cumberland Avenue, both men prepared to sell Sunday's early edition around 11 or 11:30 p.m. Both venues were popular among Vol fans, who were anxiously awaiting the News-Sentinel's coverage of the game completed just a few hours earlier.

Tennessee football brochures in those years often carried the 2 p.m. kickoff times, including those rare cases ABC might have wanted a 4 p.m. kickoff for the 1968 Georgia game, a 1:55 p.m. kickoff for the 1969 Auburn game, or a noon kickoff for the 1971

Penn State game, for example.

There were concessions made to start November games at 1:30 p.m., once the time changed, but the 2 p.m. start still ruled the roost. The lack of stadium lighting made things very interesting in November, especially in the southwest corner. That part of the stadium was bathed in shadows very quickly.

Wonder what Siler might think now, with kickoff times being all over the map, the 2 p.m. start being the exception rather than the rule? How many 2 p.m.

starts have there been in the last 20 or 30 years or so?

Kickoff times have ranged from noon, in some cases, to 8 p.m. in others, all times Eastern. In SEC games, the 3:30 p.m. kickoff seems to offer the highest prestige value, the noon kickoff less so.

Can anyone believe there was actually an era fans knew the kickoff times well before the season began?

That exigency was not lost on Knoxville gospel music promoter Rev. Bazzel Mull. He always wanted to know the schedule and kickoff times. That was in those long ago and much-beloved days, when kickoff times were known well in advance.

Rev. Mull was promoting gospel concerts in Knoxville and his query, received sometime in August each summer, was always the same: "Doc, what time do those football games start this fall?"

The reason he wanted to know? Without fail, he always said, "I don't want my concerts to hurt the attendance at your football games."

That never happened, but it was a laudable sentiment.

The 2 p.m. kickoff is now consigned to history, but in a far nobler day, it was a source of stability, an indication that all was right with the world. Tennessee kicked off its home games at 2 p.m., and everybody knew it.

Trouble for Tennessee

By Mark Nagi

It wasn't supposed to be this way.

This is year three of the Jeremy Pruitt era, and while teams like Texas A&M have been able to secure at least one "marquee" win (over Florida a few weeks ago), Tennessee still finds itself struggling mightily against the best teams in the conference.

Following their 48-17 loss to Alabama on October 24, Pruitt tried to reassure Vols fans that things are not as bleak as they seem. "I can assure you that the gap is closing," said Pruitt. "It might not show on the scoreboard today, but the gap is closing. I can assure you that. That's one thing that is frustrating to me and it is frustrating to our players. There are times that

we have done some really good things as a team, whether it is the offense playing really well or the defense playing really well or special teams. We've not put any of that together and that's what elite teams in our conference do."

It isn't just Alabama. The Vols' three biggest rivals are Alabama, Georgia and Florida. The Vols have played Alabama and Georgia three times under Pruitt and twice faced Florida, and none of those games have been close.

"To be honest, they have been better than us," said Pruitt. "Plain and simple. If we were better than them and lost the games, I would say that. They have been better than us. We've played with them in spurts, but from an execution, finishing standpoint we have

not been able to sustain and do that. When I look at our team, I really like our makeup, got a lot of young guys that have the chance to be really good for us and as they grow and develop, we'll continue to close that gap."

If you are getting Butch Jones flashbacks, you aren't alone.

If you are getting Derek Dooley flashbacks, you aren't alone.

Tennessee fans have been down this road before so often over the past 13 seasons that it's difficult to keep track of all the times hopes were dashed.

Before we go any further, let's just get it out there that even if Tennessee limps to a 3-7 finish (yes, I'm giving them the Vandy win no matter what), Pruitt isn't going anywhere.

Firing a coach... and in turn his staff, and paying over ten million in buyout dollars... during a pandemic? Nah, not even Tennessee, a University that hands out buyout cash like it is from a big bag of Smarties at Halloween, is going to do that this year.

Plus, Pruitt's boss is athletics director Phillip Fulmer, who is going to give Pruitt every chance to make it work. Fulmer to this day feels that he was not rightfully dismissed in 2008, only a year after winning the SEC East. He's not booting Pruitt this year.

Pruitt has the misfortune of being the Vols coach at a time when those big three rivals we talked about are rolling. Overall, the conference remains the most difficult in the nation. It's really tough to climb the ladder in

the SEC, and Pruitt, a first-time head coach, is learning that the hard way.

Entering Saturday's game at Arkansas, the Vols are 15-15 under Pruitt's watch. In that time, they have yet to beat a top ten opponent, nor stay within a couple of touchdowns of those teams. This is not progress.

The biggest issue is obviously at quarterback. The Vols have not developed one under Pruitt. They can develop talent at every position it seems but that signal caller.

If Jarrett Guarantano truly is the Vols best option at quarterback, that is an indictment of Pruitt, offensive coordinator Jim Chaney, and quarterbacks coach Chris Weinke. It is simply unacceptable when you consider the millions of

dollars those three guys are bringing in.

The second half of this football season is likely going to bring with it more anguish for Vols fans.

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A Hardin Valley state title 'is not in the bag'

By Steve Williams

Did Hardin Valley Academy's cross country team show some chink in its armor with the TSSAA state championships coming up?

Andrew Shultz, a senior member of the team, wasn't pleased with the Hawks' overall performance in the Region 2 Large Class meet last week at Tommy Schumpert Park.

"It (the state) is going to be a tough race," warned Shultz, after Hardin Valley had what he called its "first rough race" of the season.

"It was just one of those races, I don't know (why). We had a pretty hard workout (four days before). The cold air (this morning) I

think maybe affected it a little bit. We just didn't have that good of a race.

"Overall, we qualified and got the job done, but it was ... our first rough race of the season."

Shultz says the Hawks must put it behind them and move forward.

"It's one race," he said. "We've got the state (this) week. That's all that matters."



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Three Farragut runners come down the hill on the last part of the 5,000-meter race in the Region 2 meet last week at the new Tommy Schumpert Park course. Camryn Johnson (right) is slightly ahead of teammate Grace Lathrop. A third Lady Admiral, Caroline Carr, can be seen farther back. Farragut won the team event and will compete in the TSSAA state meet Thursday in Hendersonville.

Shultz also knows bad days happen in all sports and to all athletes.

"I think it was just an eye opener, like the state is not in the bag," he said. "We're going to have to work and put our best men and best times forward. We'll see how it goes at state."

Hardin Valley had posted a perfect score in the KIL meet earlier in October, but Farragut sophomore Trevor

Coggin placed fourth to prevent a repeat in the region.

The Hawks' Kaden Keller ran three seconds faster (16:21) in his second race on the 5,000-meter course to capture the region title, but three of his teammates were clocked in much slower times.

Shultz posted a 16:37 to place second and senior teammate Alex Brittain was third with the same time

(16:40) he had in the KIL.

After Coggin's 16:49, HVA's Mitchell McCown came in fifth (17:01). The Hawks got a boost from sophomore Ivan Bell, who took sixth with a 17:18.

Farragut sophomore Riley Hanson finished seventh (17:19) to help the Admirals take second place in the team scoring and qualify for this Thursday's Division I Large Class state meet at Sanders Ferry Park in Hendersonville.

Sanders Ferry is a 70-acre lakeside park located on a peninsula surrounded by Old Hickory Lake.

Pack attack leads Lady Admirals to win

Farragut Coach Chelsea Osborne said the day was all about the team.

"It was about all seven of those girls, running as a team, as a pack," said Osborne. "Going into the state meet, that's going to be an important thing."

Freshman Melanie

Hayman led a 2-3-4 finish with a time of 20:04. Teammates Camryn Johnson (20:08) and Caroline Carr (20:21) followed.

West freshman Kate Robinson (20:26) got just ahead of the Lady Admirals' next two runners, Kendall Johnson and Bridgett Ebbert, who were both clocked in 20:27.

Farragut also got Top 15 finishes from Lexi Foley and Kennedy Reynolds.

Freshman sensation Maddie Archdale took individual honors with a time of 19:42 to lead the Lady Hawks to second place.

West, with five freshmen among its seven runners, placed third to claim the other state berth.

"We've got some really good teams in the state," said Coach Osborne. "The advantage with my girls is they run in such a pack (one through five). Hopefully that's going to be an advantage when we go up against some of these Middle Tennessee and upper East Tennessee teams."

Coming into the season, the Brentwood girls looked

like the team to beat for the state championship. And they still do, after winning the Region 6 title last week on the Sanders Ferry Park course.

QUARANTINED: Maryville's Andie-Marie Jones, the top runner in Region 2, didn't get to compete because she was "contact traced," said her coach, Landon Harris.

"She was sitting too close to a girl who tested positive (for COVID-19) in school and contact tracing rules are 14 days quarantine, which (included) the region race."

Jones had the "second fastest time in the state," according to Harris. "She ran a 17:37 in a meet in Alabama this season."

Maryville also had another key girl runner and its third and fifth fastest boys quarantined for the same reason.

That played a huge part in both Maryville teams finishing fourth in the region and short of qualifying for the state.

A-E is making history in boys' cross country

By Steve Williams

For the second year in a row, the Austin-East Roadrunners, under the guidance of veteran coach Steve Prince, have qualified for the TSSAA Small Class state cross country meet.

Seniors Shawn Prater and Xayvion Bogus led the way last Tuesday at Tommy Schumpert Park, finishing eighth and 11th, respectively, as Austin-East took second place as a team behind Alcoa.

Prater's time over the new 5,000-meter course was 19:43.

Other runners in A-E's top five were juniors Ezekiel Nsabiyunua, Darrayan Smith and Lavie Ushindi.

"They did a great job," said Prince, who is in his fourth season as the school's coach.

"Checking the records last year, Austin-East had the first all-black team in the history of cross country in East Tennessee - from Chattanooga all the way up to the Tri-Cities - to qualify for the state," said Prince.

"Two years ago, Shawn went as an individual after finishing eighth in the region. He was my only one to go (and placed 22nd at state)."

Last season, A-E's Dwayne Morris placed 17th at the state as a sophomore, leading the Roadrunners to eighth place as a team.

Morris missed last week's region with a knee injury, but he could join A-E at the state this week, if he's healthy.

"Our goal is to win the region next year," said Prince. "Now they've seen the vision. Now they know the goal. Now they know what to do."

Sam Anderson, the Austin-East boys track coach, was at the region meet to support the Roadrunners.

"This team and last year's team are by far the best teams we've had in cross country at Austin-East," said Anderson.

Prince has been involved in high school track and cross country for 33 years.

As a half-miler himself in high school, he was a member of Bearden's 1975 state championship team.

Alcoa junior Abdul Jaber won this year's region with a time of 17:37. The Tornadoes had five runners to place in the top nine.

Gatlinburg-Pittman junior Lily Stinnett led the Lady Highlanders to victory with her winning time of 21:48.

L&N STEM Academy's boys, led by Evan Carr's 12th place finish, came in fourth in team scoring.

Sophomore Kaelin Porter of L&N was 11th in the girls' race, just missing a state berth by one spot. The Lady Gryphons as a team were fifth.

The Division I Small Class state meet is Thursday at the Sanders Ferry Park course in Hendersonville.

Webb sweeps teams titles in Division II-A region

Freshman Anna Graves won the Division II-A East Region cross country meet in Chattanooga last week as Webb swept top team honors for girls and boys.

Graves' 5,000-meter time at the Woodland Park Baptist Church course was 19:53.87.

Other members of the state-bound Lady Spartans' team were Lauren Davis, Lilly Slade, Lawson Phillips and Avery Krishnan.

Keely Bates of First Baptist Academy placed ninth to also qualify for state as an individual.

In the boys' race, Notre Dame senior Colton Sanborn won with a time of 16:47.79. FBA junior Colten Lee was runner-up, just six seconds back.

Also qualifying for state in the 3-4-5 positions were Webb's Kaden Narayani and Austin Rhea and Grace Christian's Reilly Mehegan.

Christian Academy of Knoxville placed third to also get a state team berth, with Ethan Coffey and Andrew Cross leading the Warriors.

The Division II-A and AA state meets will be Friday

at the Sanders Ferry Park course in Hendersonville.

Austin-East's boys cross country team will be running in the TSSAA state tournament in Hendersonville this week. From left to right: Darrayan Smith, Noah Djenini, Ezekiel Nsabiyunua, Xayvion Bogus, Lavie Ushindi, Jakaylon Bogus, Shawn Prater and Coach Steve Prince. Photo by Steve Williams.



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The Doctor is in
a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Seeing

“Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy; its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.”

Winston Churchill

Each spring I welcome the special color of green suffused with a hint of yellow (read Robert Frost’s beautiful poem, “Nothing Gold Can Stay”). And each fall I revel in the brilliant yellows of hickory trees surrounding my house. When asked by grandchildren my favorite color, I say, “green...no, purple or maybe blue...” However, perhaps I should reconsider yellow, the tint of our sun and the color of pollen designed to attract bees for cross pollination.

We humans see color within a small portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. Light can be broken down into various colors

by a prism or by raindrops which produce a rainbow of colors. As kids we learned the acronym Roy G Biv (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet). Now I’ve passed this color mnemonic to my grans.

Sight, like most other things, is too often taken for granted, until it dims or, heaven forbid, is lost. It would be awful to miss fall’s colors as yellows turn orange, then auburn and finally brown.

I’m weary from preaching the dangers of Democrat/socialism. Trump is indefatigable - I love that word. I see him barnstorming across the country in the week before the American Armageddon. He’s leaving nothing on the table, so neither can I. All the while, Biden mostly rests in his basement or occasionally ventures out to talk in circles or take a few softball questions from sycophant

reporters. Virtually all the so-called media continue to overlook the elephant in the room - Biden’s scandalous business dealings with a subsidiary of the Chinese government.

As you read this column, the “die is cast,” to quote Julius Caesar. In 49 BC he crossed the Rubicon river in northern Italy which started a Civil War in ancient Rome.

We are also at war with ourselves. Ordinarily, our election would be over by the time you read this essay, but in the warped reality we now inhabit, you should prepare for a continuation of the conflict. I predict a month of voting fraud worse than the “dangling chads” of 2000, and then a Christmas season of lawsuits. Even when a winner is ultimately determined, you should expect riots, tyranny or both. The citizens of ancient Rome finally gave up their republic and demanded a dictator to stop murderous street warfare. God, help us!

I hope I’m wrong. I hope the media and political apparatchik’s demands for us to see their polls as legitimate are just illusions and the latest iterations of the Big Lie. I know our war cannot end until there is a clear winner, acknowledged by the loser.

However, it wasn’t over in 2016 with Trump’s landslide Electoral College victory. The Deep State, Democrats and leftists launched their coup d’état. And just as in the aftermath of the American Civil War, it will take generations to repair the damage to our society - if that is even possible. The sides are too far apart. The US Senate may project a facade of civility, but it is a ruse as disingenuous as Adam Schiff’s Russians. In the real world, I see friends, families and churches torn asunder. Many are separating over political “irreconcilable differences.”

I’ve previously written about the 1991 book “Generations, The History of America’s Future” by Strauss and Howe. I was intrigued by the title and found it a thought-provoking book. The authors predicted America would face an external crisis beginning in 2014 which would peak by 2020. These researchers based their predictions on recurring cycles in American history over the last 300 years.

I see the rising threat of China, culminating with the 2020 Wuhan coronavirus pandemic as the external threat to America predicted in “Generations.” Halloween spooks don’t scare me. America-hating

leftists, politicians in thrall to our enemies, utter corruption of the media and the animus of fellow citizens terrify me.

Our people once had common values and aspirations. We once agreed on The Constitution’s rule of law, the freedom of worship and speech and the desire to make our children’s lives better. We might have differed in the amount of government necessary to Make America Great, but now this slogan is rejected by at least a third of our citizenry. We are not a perfect people. We have made mistakes and have taken corrective actions. Yet we remain the “last best hope of Earth.”

I have not seen the play “Hamilton” which was the rage of theatre until COVID-19. The musical depicts the story of America’s founding. I don’t doubt the wonderful reviews. I did object to the actors’ discourtesy toward Vice President Pence. However, I was stunned to learn that all the actors were Black except the actor who played King George of England. Isn’t it curious that we just accept the politically correct alternative reality of the play depicting George Washington, Jefferson and Hamilton as Black? Why is this not blatantly racist? But

you must understand that according to the left and its political stooges, a minority cannot be racist. Perhaps the play should be included in the NY Times alternative reality of its bogus 1619 Project.

I am not able to see into the future like Strauss and Howe. I don’t know how the election will turn out. I see the support for President Trump. I see the impaired Joe Biden. I see why China prefers his Trojan Horse candidacy, as does the Democrat media, academia, antifa, BLM, Washington DC, the Deep State and the crony capitalists of Silicon Valley and Wall Street.

I have never missed voting since I was eighteen years old, and I’ve always voted in person on election day. For the first time, Becky and I decided to vote early in case we were killed in a car wreck. The gravity of the situation demanded this. I believe your vote should transcend any consideration of peevishness over personality or style.

“America is on the ballot.” Becky and I are terrified of the leftist revolution and losing our country. You should be as well.

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

Open enrollment for healthcare.gov marketplace now open

Area residents without health insurance can receive personal assistance to learn about their options under the Affordable Care Act’s Health Insurance Marketplace during the open enrollment period, which began Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 15.

“I appreciate these efforts to overcome the challenges of the pandemic to help residents explore their options to purchase affordable health insurance on the federal ACA marketplace,” said Mayor Indya Kincannon said.

In past years, the Tennessee Health Care Campaign and Cherokee Health Systems held ACA enrollment events at multiple locations in Knox, Blount and Sevier counties, pairing trained counselors/assistants with residents seeking options for coverage and/or re-enrolling through Healthcare.gov.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s ACA enrollment sessions will be conducted remotely at no charge to

participants. To schedule an appointment with a trained counselor/assistant, contact:

- Tennessee Health Care Campaign: InsureAllTN.com or 844-644-5443
- Cherokee Health Systems: 866-672-1979

Additional information about purchasing health insurance on the ACA marketplace is available at www.HealthCare.gov, the federal government website, or by calling 1-800-318-2596 or TTY 1-855-889-4325.

Enrollees should have these documents on hand when they call:

- Social Security numbers (or documentation of legal status);
- Employer and income information for every household member to be covered (pay stubs or W-2 forms are acceptable); and
- If renewing, you must bring your User Name and Password

The Christian and Politics

By the time you read this, our nation will soon be announcing the next president or the election will be over already. I have been doing some thinking, studying, and praying about the role of the Christ follower and politics.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

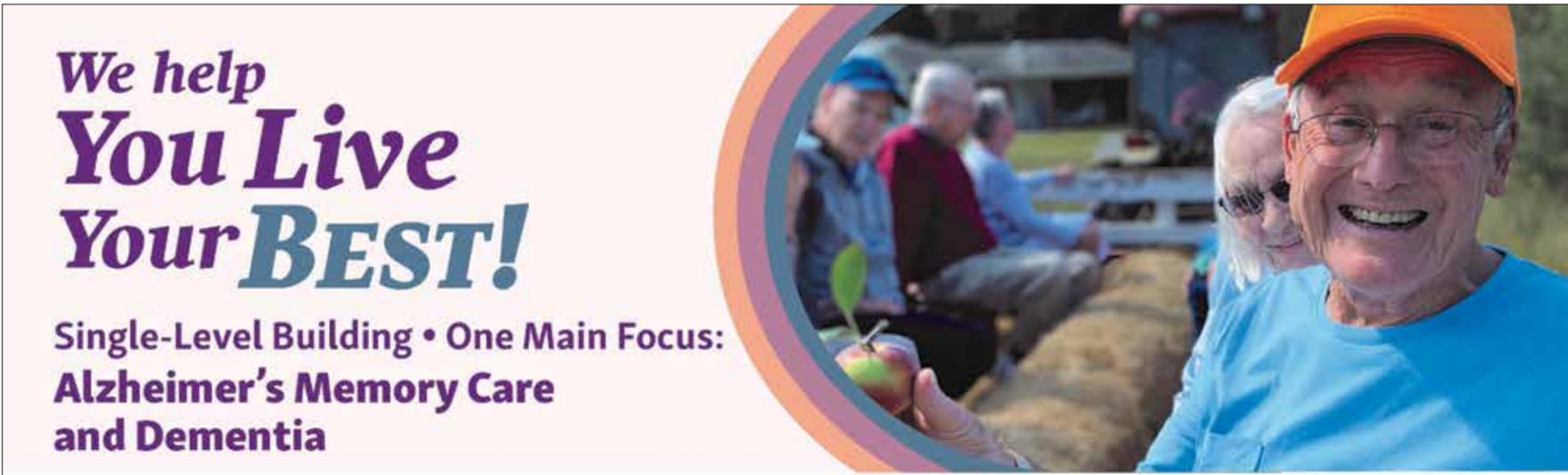
What is this relationship between God and government? A good passage to look at is Romans 13:1-4. Paul points out that government is to act on God’s behalf to promote good in society and limit evil in society.

In America we live in a democracy. Actually, the world is a theocracy. The world is ruled by God. God

has set up governmental systems. Here are three important ones God established: The family, the church, and civil government. Each of these has been given certain jurisdiction and authority. God says he is over each of these institutions. God tells each what to do, not the other way around. They are not equals. We must not allow institutions to tell God what to do or what is right. That is God’s role.

For example, we are told in Ephesians that the husband is the head of the home (Ephesians 5:23). He is the head of the

home, kind of. The husband is the head of the house underneath God. “But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God” (I Cor. 11:3). Any institutional leader who takes himself away from the authority of God is no longer governing God’s way. If you want government to rule independent of God, God says, “Ok, that is your choice, but I am going to hang out someplace else. I am going to pick up stakes and move on.” And that is exactly what God did to Israel as recorded in Ezekiel 43:7-9. God says the human kings, which is the government in Biblical days, **Continue on page 4**



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TO: PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS. IN RE: CARLIE JUNE DIGBY HARRIS v. PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS NO. 200358-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS. It is ordered that said defendant PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Curtis W. Isabell, an Attorneys whose address is, 251 Short Street Clinton, TN 37716, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 15th day of October, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOSHUA DEWAYNE MATTHEWS IN RE: JAVIER DEUCE MATTHEWS D.O.B. 06/15/2011 NO. 200927-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOSHUA DEWAYNE MATTHEWS a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JOSHUA DEWAYNE MATTHEWS it is ordered that said defendant JOSHUA DEWAYNE MATTHEWS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jenae A. Easterly an, Attorneys whose address is 118 Parliament Drive Maryville, TN 37804, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication. It is further Ordered that if the defendant fails to appear and answer the complaint within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication, the Plaintiff shall be permitted to file a Motion and Notice for Judgment by Default and you the defendant will be served by leaving a copies of the Notice and Motion for Default Judgment with the Clerk & Master of this court. This cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 12th day of October 2020

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN AKINS DOCKET NUMBER 83610-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN AKINS who died Mar 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:
(1) 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 15 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF JOHN AKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MICAH DAKINS; ADMINISTRATOR 5135 BONE LANE BROOKSVILLE, FL. 34604

KEVIN N PERKEY ADMINISTRATOR P.O. BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37801-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH HAYES ALLEY DOCKET NUMBER 83591-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH HAYES ALLEY who died Aug 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 20 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF KENNETH HAYES ALLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TERESA ROBBINS; EXECUTRIX 2313 COVERED BRIDGE BLVD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT K GREENLAW, MD DOCKET NUMBER 83126-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of AUGUST 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT K GREENLAW, MD who died Mar 1, 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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ESTATE OF ROBERT K GREENLAW, MD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROBERT E GREENLAW; EXECUTOR 1500 LAKE FOREST COVE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAMUEL M BROWDER DOCKET NUMBER 83572-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAMUEL M BROWDER who died Sep 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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ESTATE OF SAMUEL M BROWDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOE H BROWDER, II; CO-EXECUTOR 8822 MOSSY HOLLOW WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

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ESTATE OF STEVEN WAYNE MAHAN DOCKET NUMBER 83601-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEVEN WAYNE MAHAN who died May 13, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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ESTATE OF STEVEN WAYNE MAHAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LAURA MAHAN; EXECUTRIX 4312 WALPINE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

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ESTATE OF CAROL SUE HOOD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LAURA SMCLECK; EXECUTRIX 1878 BEECH STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SCOTT ROBERT JENKINS DOCKET NUMBER 83581-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SCOTT ROBERT JENKINS who died Sep 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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ESTATE OF SCOTT ROBERT JENKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) VICKIE QUICK; EXECUTRIX 107 MEAD LN. OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

JENNIFER CHADWELL ATTORNEY P.O. BOX 4038 OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

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ESTATE OF CARL LEO JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 83613-2

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ESTATE OF CARL LEO JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JEREMIAH JOHNSON; EXECUTOR 6455 BURNETT CREEK ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ZOE DELLA LEE HEIFNER HATCHETT DOCKET NUMBER 83618-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ZOE DELLA LEE HEIFNER HATCHETT who died Sep 27, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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ESTATE OF ZOE DELLA LEE HEIFNER HATCHETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ELIZABETH H WOOD; EXECUTRIX 7808 GYNEVERE DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

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ESTATE OF BOBBY EDGAR KECK DOCKET NUMBER 83620-3

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ESTATE OF BOBBY EDGAR KECK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BOBBY E KECK, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR 908 LAKEVIEW DR. KINGSTON, TN 37763

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HARVEY MAC MCGEE DOCKET NUMBER 83576-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARVEY MAC MCGEE who died Jul 27, 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 15 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF HARVEY MAC MCGEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BOBBY RAY MCGEE; EXECUTOR 7721 SABRE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

DAVID N ROBERTS, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 2564 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALAN J MEALKA DOCKET NUMBER 83630-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALAN J MEALKA who died Aug 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:
(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This 21 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF ALAN J MEALKA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ELSEBETH M FREEMAN; EXECUTRIX 910 OAK GROVE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

MACK GENTRY ATTORNEY AT LAW 900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2300 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN WAYNE MAHAN DOCKET NUMBER 83595-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY T MAHLMAN who died Sep 27, 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 13 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF STEVEN WAYNE MAHAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LAURA MAHAN; EXECUTRIX 4312 WALPINE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL SUE HOOD DOCKET NUMBER 83595-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL SUE HOOD who died Dec 18, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the 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 14 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF CAROL SUE HOOD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LAURA SMCLECK; EXECUTRIX 1878 BEECH STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY T MAHLMAN DOCKET NUMBER 83595-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY T MAHLMAN who died Sep 27, 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 13 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF NANCY T MAHLMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JANICE MAHLMAN MOORE; EXECUTRIX 12924 GREELEY LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

LISA GAMMELTOFT ATTORNEY AT LAW 110 COGDILL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANK GAMBILL PICKERING, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 83604-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANK GAMBILL PICKERING, SR. who died Sep 16, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This 14 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF FRANK GAMBILL PICKERING, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM B BREWER, II; EXECUTOR 709 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEVERLY J. WORKMAN DOCKET NUMBER 83311-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY J. WORKMAN who died Dec 9, 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 19 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF BEVERLY J. WORKMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DEBRA BOLAND; EXECUTRIX 3030 MCKINNEY AVE. #1502 DALLAS, TX 75204

DUSTIN R. LANDRY ATTORNEY 5301 KINGSTON PIKE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALTER WRIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 83621-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALTER WRIGHT who died Nov 20, 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 20 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF WALTER WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ALAN B WRIGHT; EXECUTOR 1201 FOXCROFT DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

KATHERINE A YOUNG ATTORNEY 9041 EXECUTIVE PARK DR. SUITE 121 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH SANFORD DOCKET NUMBER 83628-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SARAH SANFORD who died Aug 28, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This 21 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

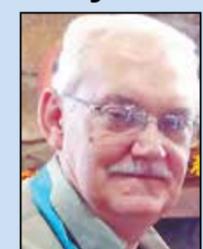
ESTATE OF SARAH SANFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHER

Have you seen that thingamajig?

We've been doing a lot of home repairing and upgrading while cocooning during the COVID-19 pandemic. We've ventured out to get groceries and to buy items like paint, tile, etc. During these days some hardware stores have shown a big profit from fixer-uppers like us. While shopping for home

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

items recently I could not remember what a certain painting product was called. I found my wife in the store and asked her "What do we call that thingamajig?" She laughed but couldn't remember the product's name either. Thingamajig is but one of the terms, or slang, used to try to describe an object that we don't know

or can't remember its name. Being a professional wordsmith I've asked folks on Facebook for what they call an un-named item. Wordsmith is a term that came down from blacksmith or smithy and the term smith is often used for other trades such as tunesmith or a crafts person. I also consulted my trusty old thesaurus, given to me at my first station as a Coast Guard journalist. The elder public information guy there gave me two really important items: a thesaurus and a spelling dictionary.

Growing up, I remember some of my family would call a thing a *doowhatchet* or a *gizmo*. It always helped if someone would describe the use of the gadget by saying something like, "That *doodad* that you use to attach the door to the door facing." They were describing a hinge as a *doodad*. The terms we use for unknown items vary, I suppose, around the country. The thesaurus also gives terms like *thingamabob*, *whatsit*, *thingummy*, *doohickey*, *dingus*, *doodah*, *doojigger*, *gubbins*, *bijou*, *whim-wham*

and *folderol*. Some of those terms I've never heard before and probably will never use them to describe an object. *Dingle-dangle* is another odd term listed. That sounds oddly personal and I thought that was something that hung from a car mirror as a teen. I've heard a tantrum described as a *hissy fit* and *caddywampus* used to mean something crooked. I've heard *catty-cornered* used to mean diagonal and *idgit* meaning idiot. *Balderdash* is a term my cousins in Ohio used to use, meaning nonsense. In

the South we use the word *hogwash* to mean the same thing. My late mother used to use the term *thingy*. Other terms I've heard for certain un-named objects include *widget* which, I recall was a non-existent marketing product in an old Rock Hudson movie. It's a very appropriate word for an unnamed object or product. There's a company by the name of *Widgetsmith* that says it can improve your computer's home screen. I suppose smith can be added to just about anything.

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SCOTT GRANVILLE ZACHARY DOCKET NUMBER 83627-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of SCOTT GRANVILLE ZACHARY who died Sep 9, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
 (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); 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 20 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF SCOTT GRANVILLE ZACHARY
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 WILLIAM R RAY; ADMINISTRATOR CTA
 1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLEN EDWARD ARMSTRONG DOCKET NUMBER 82310-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLEN EDWARD ARMSTRONG who died Dec 4, 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:
 (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 5 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF GLEN EDWARD ARMSTRONG
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 MACIE C ARMSTRONG;
 ADMINISTRATOR 1804 JIM ARMSTRONG
 ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

TOM R RAMSEY, III ATTORNEY AT LAW
 550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE
 310 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED L BARNARD DOCKET NUMBER 83632-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILDRED L BARNARD who died Aug 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
 (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MILDRED L BARNARD
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 D SCOTT BARNARD; ADMINISTRATOR
 P.O. BOX 14412 KNOXVILLE, TN, 37914

STEPHEN GARRETT ATTORNEY AT LAW
 7838 BARKER ROAD
 CORYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY CURREY CARMICHAEL DOCKET NUMBER 83641-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of

OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY CURREY CARMICHAEL who died Apr 3, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY CURREY CARMICHAEL
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANNE SWARTZ; EXECUTRIX 1123 ANTHEM VIEW LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JULIA LEE CLARK DOCKET NUMBER 82880-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER 2020, LIMITED letters administration in respect of the Estate of JULIA LEE CLARK who died Jan 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
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF JULIA LEE CLARK
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 DEE DAVID GAY;
 ADMINISTRATOR AD LITEM
 117 WEST SMITH STREET,
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING SUITE
 105 GALLATIN, TN. 37086

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ANN FERGUSON DOCKET NUMBER 83633-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ANN FERGUSON who died Sep 17, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
 (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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN FERGUSON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 VIRGINIA E ROACH; EXECUTRIX 1508 CELLA HOMMA LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAY W FISHER, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 83631-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAY W FISHER, JR. who died Sep 30, 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
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 21 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF RAY W FISHER, JR.
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JACQUELINE FISHER; EXECUTRIX
 1648 HARBOR CREST WAY
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

MACK GENTRY ATTORNEY AT LAW
 900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2300
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES RUTH FULTON DOCKET NUMBER 83636-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES RUTH FULTON who died Jul 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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF FRANCES RUTH FULTON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 CELESTE MICHELLE WATSON; EXECUTRIX
 P.O. BOX 52386
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37950

CAROLE LYNCH WORTHINGTON ATTORNEY AT LAW
 861 EBENZER ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KELLYE HORNER DOCKET NUMBER 83649-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KELLYE HORNER who died Apr 11, 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 26 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF KELLYE HORNER
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 DONNA J GRISSON; EXECUTRIX
 8032 VERONA LANE
 POWELL, TN. 37849

FIONA HILL ATTORNEY AT LAW
 550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH B JACKSON DOCKET NUMBER 83594-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH B JACKSON who died Aug 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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

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 This the 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF KENNETH B JACKSON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 ELIZBETH BARTLETT HARRIS; EXECUTRIX
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANET I RUST LARSON DOCKET NUMBER 83646-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANET I RUST LARSON who died Jul 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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ESTATE OF JANET I RUST LARSON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 RICHARD E LARSON; EXECUTOR
 8412 IVY GREEN WAY
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHILIP J LAWSON DOCKET NUMBER 83634-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHILIP J LAWSON who died Aug 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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ESTATE OF PHILIP J LAWSON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 NEVILLE K LAWSON; EXECUTRIX
 7120 E EMORY ROAD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY KATHERINE WADE LETSINGER DOCKET NUMBER 83520-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY KATHERINE WADE LETSINGER who died Jun 30, 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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 This the 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY KATHERINE WADE LETSINGER
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 SAMUELE LETSINGER; ADMINISTRATOR
 5535 KESTERBROOKE BLVD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED B PORTERFIELD DOCKET NUMBER 83629-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters of administration c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of MILDRED B PORTERFIELD who died May 25, 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 26 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MILDRED B PORTERFIELD
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 RUBY COCHRAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
 CTA 5916 WINDTACE LANE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILTON CLAY SWEARENGIN DOCKET NUMBER 83639-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILTON CLAY SWEARENGIN who died Jul 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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 This the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MILTON CLAY SWEARENGIN
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 BRIAN CLAY SWEARENGIN;
 ADMINISTRATOR 6618 KERN ROAD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT S VAN FLEET DOCKET NUMBER 83642-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT S VAN FLEET who died Sep 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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ESTATE OF ROBERT S VAN FLEET
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 ROBERT S VAN FLEET, JR.; EXECUTOR
 5414 COLONIAL CIRCLE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

JAMES T NORMAND ATTORNEY AT LAW
 30 KENTUCKY AVENUE
 OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY JO WINSTEAD DOCKET NUMBER 83647-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY JO WINSTEAD who died Aug 31, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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ESTATE OF BETTY JO WINSTEAD
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 ROBERT EARL PATTERSON; EXECUTOR
 133 BROMLEY PARK LANE
 FRANKLIN, TN. 37069

PHILIP CRYE, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW
 125 N MAIN STREET CLINTON, TN. 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MEYER XIE DOCKET NUMBER 83637-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MEYER XIE who died Aug 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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MEYER XIE
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JINLIN XIE; ADMINISTRATRIX
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MISC. NOTICES

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Mount St. Helens program sponsored by UT Arboretum Society November 5th

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Large ecological disturbances like the Mount St. Helens eruption in 1980 will be among the topics presented at the UT Arboretum Society virtual program on November 5th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Dale will help us see the ecological connection in disturbances like Mount St. Helens and current events.

Presenting the program, "An Ecological Perspective on Large Infrequent

Disturbances," is Dr. Virginia Dale, adjunct professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Tennessee and Corporate Fellow Emeritus at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Dr. Dale was among the first ecologists to enter the Red Zone after the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens. Her study of the effects and recovery processes at Mount St. Helens is now in its 40th year.

Registration for this free online event is required. The format for this program will be Zoom. For the link to

register go to: utarboretum-society.org.

Dr. Dale's career also includes studies of the effects of fires, hurricanes, ice storms, droughts, invasive species, and floods. The 1918 flu and COVID-19 pandemics are other large, infrequent disturbances that affect ecological systems. Together these events show how important it is for society to consider the potential for such disturbances to occur and to mitigate their detrimental effects. She will discuss how management actions

can be tailored to particular disturbance characteristics and specific end goals in order to foster conditions that promote desired recovery patterns and processes.

In accordance with the University of Tennessee

guidelines for COVID-19 precautions, all programs will be presented online. Though the Arboretum Society's educational programs are not on-site activities, we are excited to bring the public some great online

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To learn more about the Arboretum Society, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org. For more information on this event, contact mcampani@utk.edu.

The Christian and Politics

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put their throne next to his throne. Government got so close to God that there were two thrones in God's house. So, you have human kings and God and they were treating God like they were equals.

The problem is that politics and government brought their evil things with them into the house of God. The temple was God's throne in which God

rules. God runs the show in his house. Kings are not to run the show. The separation of church and state was never intended to be a separation between God and government. The key was to remember that God was over government. The kings brought civil religion into the church and thus defiled God's name. It is government's job to reflect a theocracy that already

exists. It is the job of the family to reflect a reality that already exists. It is the job of the church to reflect a truth that already exists - God's rule. These three institutions are fine if they complement God's rule.

Here is a big problem I see with politics today. We have allowed politics to dictate the kingdom of God. We need to remember, as Dr. Tony Evans says, "God does not ride the backs of elephants or donkeys." God doesn't sit on a throne in the White House. He has his own throne and he is calling the shots.

We must be careful that we don't become so committed to a political party that we are actually competing with the throne of God. Whatever political or non-political party you endorse, understand that we are part of an eternal kingdom that is not of this world (Jn. 18:36) and the glory of the Lord is present there.

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