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2019 Knox County Total Population <sup>1</sup>	Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases <sup>2</sup>	% COVID-19 Cases/ Total Population	Total COVID-19 Deaths <sup>2</sup>	% COVID-19 Deaths/ Total Population
470,313	18,071	3.8%	162	.0003%

SOURCES 1. U.S. Census Bureau 2. Knox County Health Department data from 11/28/2020.

## PARADES!

### Corryton Christmas Parade

The Corryton Community Club is cordially inviting you to take part in the 6th Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the Corryton ballpark behind the library.

Groups and organizations are welcome to participate in the community's Holiday Showcase.

Bring your cars, trucks, tractors, floats, and anything on wheels. Horses and horse-drawn vehicles are also welcome. Trophies will be awarded in all categories.

Lineup will begin at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, COVID-19 protocol will be followed. Pictures with Santa will be available before and after the parade at the community center.

For questions contact Joyce Harrell at (865)705-7684 or Joe Longmire at (865)898-9097.

### Halls Christmas Parade

The Halls Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Halls Business & Professional Association, is happening this year on December 12 with the parade beginning at 6 p.m. Lineup will be in front of the Halls High School beginning at 4 p.m.

This year a \$10 donation is requested from participants in the parade. 100% of the donations will go to Second Harvest Food Bank and will be earmarked for Halls Community Schools.

Go to [www.hallsbusiness.com/2020-halls-christmas-parade/](http://www.hallsbusiness.com/2020-halls-christmas-parade/) to register to participate.

### Karns Community Christmas Parade

The 2020 parade will be on Saturday, December 12. Participants in the parade start lining up at 9 a.m. at the Ingle's on Oak Ridge Highway and the parade starts at 10 a.m. It will end at "the Karns red light" where Walgreen's is. Participants in the parade need to limit the number of people on floats or in vehicles to ensure everyone's safety.

Due to the pandemic, no candy is allowed to be thrown this year and nothing can be handed out. While this is disappointing, especially for the children, this is based on the parameters and rules set by the Health Department and Knoxville's tourism office along with our desire to help ensure everyone stays safe and has a good time. Spectators are asked to wear masks and spread out along the entire parade route. Prizes are given for the best parade floats. Oak Ridge Highway will be shut down shortly before the parade begins and will re-open shortly after the

## Federal COVID-19 funds may go to housing, outreach in city

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When the city council meets Tuesday it will be asked to approve four resolutions giving federal money in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to various projects. The Community Action may get \$120,000 for rapid re-housing

services and \$100,000 to deal with emergency services and shelter.

YWCA of Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley may receive \$50,000 from the federal funds for their emergency shelter and services and Volunteer Ministry Center may get \$262,330 in funding its Street Outreach program.

The council will also be asked to approve the lease of 18,000 square feet in the new Public Safety Complex at the former St. Mary's/Tennova Hospital on Huron Avenue. The 30-year agreement is with Knoxville/Knox County E-911 for will house equipment and other services.

Real Talk organization may

get \$2,300 from Community Empowerment funds to continue its efforts for at-risk youth. The Mechanicsville Community Association may receive \$4,500 to purchase new sports equipment.

An agreement with the Public Building Authority for managing

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## Wildcats stop the 'wildcat' and South-Doyle



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Oak Ridge running back Kendall Jackson is swarmed by the Cherokees' Terrell Brown (99) and Levi Herold (33) in the defensive battle Friday night at Blankenship Field. The Wildcats won 14-0 to claim a Class 5A state title berth.

By Steve Williams

South-Doyle's new wildcat formation may have been potent against Central in the quarterfinals, but it wasn't effective against Oak Ridge Friday night.

The host Wildcats, who scored 31 points in their quarterfinal win at West, showed they could play defense too as they shut out the Cherokees 14-0 in the TSSAA Class 5A semifinals.

Oak Ridge advances to play Summitt for the gold football in the BlueCross Bowl title game Friday at 7 (CST).

Quarterback Mitchell Gibbons had a hand in both TDs. He hit Cole Adams with a four-yard scoring pass to cash in Jacob Berven's fumble recovery after the S-D 19-yard line on the game's opening possession.

Gibbons' 37-yard keeper on third-and-20 gave the Wildcats a two-score lead with 5:27 left in the contest.

The key to the win, though, said OR Coach Joe Gaddis was: "Our defense, period. Our defense was incredible."

South-Doyle got inside the OR 30 three times but never closer than the 27.

"We deserved to be here," said S-D Coach Clark Duncan. "We played hard. We just couldn't find a way to establish our run game. They did a great job stopping us."

Shawn Gary was held to 64 yards on 28 carries.

Preston Sisler was a two-way standout for S-D, with five catches for 96 yards. He also led the defense, along with Terrell Brown and TaShawn Patrick.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Patrick Hollis presents a Civil War battlefield cooking demonstration at last week's "History Over an Open Fire" at South Knoxville Elementary School.

## South Knoxville students treated to battlefield cooking demonstrations

By Ken Lay

The air smelled of smoke on a clear day early last week as history came to life for the students of South Knoxville Elementary School with "History Over an Open Fire."

The lunchtime program was made possible by Held Law Firm, the Mabry-Hazen House and Blount Mansion on Monday, November

23. The cooking demonstration went well into the afternoon as students went back in time to the period of the American Revolution and the Civil War.

The cooking demonstrations were done by Gordon Sisk, a retired high school history teacher who spent his career in classrooms at Central and Karns high schools, and Patrick Hollis, executive

director of the Mabry-Hazen House.

Students saw a school playground instantly transformed to a war-time campfire as Sisk and Hollis demonstrated battlefield cooking techniques.

The demonstration is the first of several scheduled programs to be held at South Knoxville Elementary this academic year.

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## Board of Health compromises on restaurant regulations

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The Knox County Board of Health, after hearing from restaurateur Randy Burleson, pulled back on proposed restrictions on crowd size and curfews.

Burleson, owner of twenty restaurants in the region, was invited to speak during Monday's Board of Health Zoom meeting by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. He told the board that restaurants won't survive with a restriction of 25% capacity and that the idea of closing at 9 p.m. would also harm business. He said that his staff is safe from COVID-19 at his various restaurants as they are "sanitized and the cleanest businesses in town."

"It's not a place where people are getting sick or sending them to their death bed," Burleson said.

Dr. Patrick O'Brien, a former restaurant owner, told Burleson that the

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# Land Management for the Future

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr. duncanj@knoxfocus.com

It was very sad to see the news reports on the loss of lives and the homes and even entire small towns that were burned in the recent fires in California, Oregon and Washington State.

What made it even sadder is that much of this loss could have been prevented by proper forest

management.

For 22 of my 30 years in Congress, I served on the Natural Resources Committee. This was not my main committee but was still very important, having jurisdiction over our national parks, public lands and forests and foreign territories.

Several times during those years, we had hearings in which experts warned that the number and extent of forest fires were going to grow because we were not cutting enough trees.

We were told that there are usually about six billion board feet of dead or dying trees in our forests at any one time. For many

years, we were cutting nine to twelve billion board feet in our national forests each year.

However, for the last 20 or 30 years, caving in to the most radical environmentalists, we have been cutting only about two billion board feet a year.

Formerly prosperous logging communities have been decimated. Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) said on the floor of the House in late September that the number of sawmills in California has dropped from 149 to just 27.

This has led to a tremendous buildup of fuel on the floor of the forests and has caused a big increase in the

number of forest fires.

Many of these environmental extremists do not want people to live in our forests or even very rural areas. They see forest fires as nature's way of thinning the forests.

And it is annoying to see so many young people, who know almost nothing about science or forest management, shout with great arrogance that climate change is the cause.

Environmental elitists have for many years supported the Wildlands Projects, now called by some the Wildlands Network.

They seem to want everyone jammed into a small number of urban-suburban

centers with most of the country left as wilderness or supervised as federally controlled parks.

We now have created so many thousands of parks at the federal, state, and local levels that most of them get very little use and are not properly cared for. We do not need anymore parks unless we can figure a way for our entire population to stop working and go on permanent vacations.

It is astounding how much private property has been bought by government at all levels over the last 50 years or so.

With so much less thus much more expensive private property available to

build houses on, this has led to big increases in the cost of new homes and forced them to be built on postage-stamp size lots.

Most environmental leftists came from upper income or wealthy families, so they are usually not hurt by expensive rules, regulations and red tape. But many lower and middle-income people are hurt.

Hopefully, people will soon wake up and realize that private property is a key to our freedom and prosperity. And, if government keeps taking more and more land off the tax rolls, taxes will go way up on land that is still privately-owned.

## What Do the Terms 'Case Law' and 'Common Law' Mean?

When we think of laws that affect us, we normally think of laws that have been passed by our legislators and signed off on by our state governor. For example, we are not allowed to drive

our cars while under the influence because there is a law (Tennessee Coded Annotated section 55-1-401) that was passed by the Tennessee legislators that says that we cannot do that.

While the legislators regularly pass laws, and are typically attempting to provide guidance, instruction, and protections with the laws they pass, they simply cannot address all situations that come up.

Because of that, judges are regularly required to make rulings on cases that are not directly addressed by a specific law. When they do that, the decisions they make are called case law, or



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common law. The two terms are generally considered interchangeable.

So, here's an example, the law states that student loans are non-dischargeable in bankruptcy. That means that you cannot get rid of that debt by filing for bankruptcy. However, there was a judge in New York recently who decided to let an individual discharge their debt in bankruptcy anyway.

This judge has created new case law by their decision, which actually stands in conflict with the law passed by legislators. Which one controls? Well, the judge's decision may get overturned by a higher ranking judge, the legislators may pass a new law striking down the judge's decision, or the judge's decision may stand.

Where does someone

find case law? When you see lawyer's offices on movies or TV shows you will see all of these fancy looking books. Those books, presumably, hold the written decisions (case law) of various judges dating back years and years. Lawyers used to look through those books in order to reference case law that may be applicable to the case they have before them. Today all of those cases are online, so the law books are not necessary, but the amount of case law that exists is huge and is always getting bigger.

Generally, though, a lawyer will only need to research cases that are actually applicable to the case they are working on. If a Tennessee lawyer is getting ready to argue their case, they may find some case law in Arizona that helps them, but nothing in Tennessee. Out of state case law, is considered "persuasive authority," but not, "binding authority." The judge can

either accept or reject the arguments being made.

However, if the Tennessee lawyer finds case law in Tennessee that helps their position, that is considered, "binding authority," and the judge deciding the case is supposed to make their ruling in line with the binding authority. Now, judges are allowed to do whatever they want, that is why they are the judge. Judges are allowed to reject binding authority case law and just do what they want, but they are supposed to make their decisions in line with the previously decided case law.

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## Board of Health compromises on restaurant regulations

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problem isn't a restaurant's staff but the patrons who spread it to each other.

Burleson responded that many Board of Health restrictions are unfairly aimed at restaurants and that "the media is stirring it up" referring to news stories about the pandemic.

"You're firing a cannon at restaurants, we're not the problem, we're trying to be partners in this," Burleson said.

The Board of Health members discussed what other metropolitan counties are doing to regulate restaurants and voted to follow similar guidelines. The 25% capacity in the drafted regulations was upped to 50%, the closing hours upped from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. and the six feet between tables will remain. The mask mandate remains in effect for customers until they are seated and servers are still required to be masked.

In discussing how many people would be permitted at a table, board member Ani Roma suggested eight people be permitted. That was adopted but

does not limit the number of family members sitting at the same table.

The new regulations will extend to December 23, and saw Mayor Jacobs vote "Yes" for the first time on a Board of Health regulation.

The board also voted to meet again on December 2 to review the regulations and discuss other "Social Gathering Limitations" that would look at limiting the number of social gatherings inside and outside but would exclude gatherings for events like weddings, funerals, medical, places of worship, etc.

Dr. James Shamiyeh warned that January may be the most infectious time and the board will review each regulation with each meeting. The 10 p.m. curfew for restaurants and bars remains in effect and the Knoxville Police Department, as of the board's meeting last week, reported it has begun issuing citations to violators. The police department issued a list of restaurants and bars that were cited but noted there have been no repeated citations at those establishments so far.



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# Sharp's Ridge new playspace to offer recreation, accommodation

By Bill Howard

Maybe the newest member of Knoxville's park system will bring the community a measure of unity it badly needs in these divided times. It was designed to do exactly that.

On Thursday, November 19, Carol Evans, executive director of Legacy Parks Foundation, along with Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon, cut the ribbon on Sharp's Ridge Playspace, a play area with trails that sits on the 42 acres on the north side of Sharp's Ridge. The address is 3760 Tiberius Road.

The trail will be the region's first all-access trail designed specifically to accommodate people with physical challenges. The land for the park was donated to Legacy Parks Foundation in 2017 by the Dick Family. The project was funded by a grant from the Trinity Health Foundation.

The park features a playground, bike skills area, and two multi-use trails that connect to the city park that exists now at the top of Sharp's Ridge.



PHOTO BY BILL HOWARD.

After the ribbon-cutting at the dedication of the Sharp's Ridge Playspace Thur., Nov. 19, a group of fitness enthusiasts in wheelchairs and adaptive bikes rolls out to inaugurate the trails. The park and trails were designed to accommodate those with physical challenges.

Evans addressed the crowd of 100 or so. She cited improved health of the area's residents as one of the many worthwhile benefits the park will bring.

"A large number of residents here have no playground so we thought that

was important to introduce the element of play," she said. The three zip codes in this area are all above average or average in levels of obesity. We'll monitor those numbers and feel convinced that we'll be able to reduce the incidence of

obesity through active play and (use of) trails."

The trails were intentionally designed to accommodate adaptive mountain bikes and wheelchairs. Evans told the crowd how that came about.

Carly Pearson is a

wheelchair cyclist. Earlier this year, she, Leslie King, and Sharon Privett were preparing to go to Spain where King and Privett would help push Pearson the final 100 kilometers of the Camino de Santiago trail.

"I ran into them (King and Pearson) on Market Square and I've been following their upcoming adventure to be on the trail," Evans said. "And I said what a great adventure you're about to do. And Leslie said 'yeah but Carol we need places to train.' And I said come tell us about that. I said let's not just go trails but let's go adaptive trails. So we hope this is another innovative idea that we hope we're able to replicate in other parts of the community."

Of course, any such project is the result of the efforts of many. Citing her father's favorite quote - "many hands make light work" - Evans acknowledged those who helped bring it all to fruition. They included the Knox Co. Development Corporation "allowing us to have access to their property where we are now, partnering with us on opening the neighborhood and community to us;" and the Knox Co. Health Dept., which provided health data on area residents.

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## CTV looking for funds

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Although more and more people have been turning to Knoxville's Community Television for local government meeting coverage during COVID-19, the local CTV station will be losing additional funding from Comcast that will affect its operating budget.

Jim Idol, chairman of the Community Television Board, said Comcast has notified the station that the annual \$137,000 donation it has been making will no longer be sent. The cable company has been contributing the extra funds each year since 2005 but says it is not going to continue the donation.

Most of the funding for CTV comes from what the cable systems pay the city and county.

Idol told the Zoomed board meeting on Tuesday morning, November 17 that about \$275,000 from city

and county obligations is expected to be allocated during this fiscal year. Yet the loss of the Comcast contribution is forcing the board to postpone hiring a full-time executive director for the station. He said CTV is responding with a legal appeal of the fund cuts even though Comcast claims the past 15 years funding was in error.

Since David Vogel retired last year Kevin Jeske-Polyak has been interim general manager. The community cable channel manages a huge amount of local coverage with only five employees. The board decided to wait until the new fiscal year, July 1st, to seek a new director and save the \$150,000 annual salary in hopes the virus pandemic gets better. Idol said that Jeske-Polyak has agreed to stay in his position until the funding is resolved and may, in fact, become the new director at that time.

"Comcast may be right, at least they are not seeking re-imbursement,"

Idol said, telling the board the cable tv carrier thinks the original obligation was in error.

Idol said he's asking the CTV Staff to reorganize and reassign duties but not left anyone go. The CTV crew has been working much longer than the required 40 hours per week, expanding local community TV coverage to various and sometimes long meetings. Viewership had increased a lot given many people fear attending public meetings. Most other city and county meetings have been held virtually and telecast by CTV.

There's also a discussion among board members of opening their membership to additional commission or council representation.

The interim director brought the board up to date on the station and its various programs and efforts. He also said the staff will be looking for potential revenue streams, fund raising, seeking grants and creating a

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the Transit Center and the KAT Magnolia facility is on the agenda. The PBA may also get an additional agreement, with the Industrial Development Board, for the Downtown Cinema Inc.

The PBA may also be authorized to operate the Police Department. The council may also review an agreement with the Knoxville Convention Center and Visitors Bureau for the bureau to reconcile \$396,130 in excess payments made to the center during the pandemic.

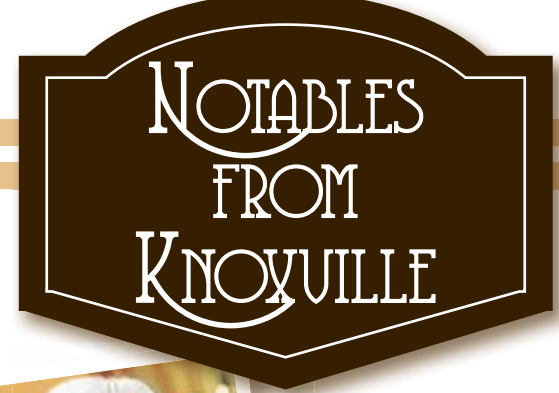
The Knox Education Foundation may get

\$100,000 in Community Agency Grant funds to support internet access for local school students.

The Engineering Department is asking for authority to acquire property at 2942 Fair Drive, by negotiation or condemnation, not to exceed \$65,000.

Two different sidewalk projects may be funded, one with Design and Construction Services Inc. for On-Call replacement adding \$100,000 to the contract. The same company may get a Phase II agreement for sidewalks not to exceed \$700,000.

Over two centuries many notable people have been born or lived in our county, from music and movie stars to business and political leaders. The Knoxville Focus highlights some of the outstanding individuals who have left their stamp on our history.



**AVA MARLENE BARBER**

Born in Knoxville to become a star on the Lawrence Welk Show, Ava Marlene Barber rose to stardom in country music. She began performing on WNOX's "Tennessee Barn Dance" at the age of ten. Her mother was a Welk fan and encouraged her daughter to write to the show nine years later.

Ava became a regular on the popular television show and had several County Music hits including "Waitin' at the End of your Run" and "Bucket to the South." She appeared several times on the Grand Ole Opry and other television shows.

She and her husband, Roger Sullivan, moved back to Knoxville when the Welk Show ended and she partnered with Dick Dale, opening a music theater in Pigeon Forge that operated until 1996. Barber also sang at the Welk Theater in Branson, Missouri and tours with former Welk Show performers.

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# Change of holiday plans

Thanksgiving will be different from any we've experienced. That happens in life, especially one that has been lived for nearly 70 years. Still, it's strange the way events cause us to adapt to new ways.

When we were children, our family didn't make such a big deal of Thanksgiving. Daddy worked split shifts, and sometimes he couldn't be home on the holiday. I don't remember having a big turkey and all the good things that go with it on this special day. Daddy always cooked a turkey for Christmas, but not for Thanksgiving, so I'm not sure what we ate other than regular supper food.

As we entered young adulthood and married, the three of us with our wives met at Mother's house for a Thanksgiving meal. It was then that I remember the turkey and dressing and mashed potatoes and homemade rolls and vegetables. After stuffing ourselves, we'd spread out around the house and take naps or watch terrible football games. In the evening, one by one, we would return to the kitchen to eat again and top off the food with a piece of pumpkin pie.

At some point, Amy, the children, and I began traveling to Cookeville for a Thanksgiving meal at her cousin Melinda's house. Aunts, uncles and cousins joined the festivities. Immediate families didn't necessarily sit at the same table. It was a case of find a seat and take it. We all ate until that stuffed feeling hit. Sometime around 4:00, we fell into the car for the one-hundred-mile ride home. The traffic was heavy, and the darkening skies brought with it the glare of headlights. Arriving home was something for which we all were thankful.

Since Amy's mother passed, we've shared the day with our daughter, her family and our son, Dallas. We meet the weekend before Thanksgiving for the meal. It has worked perfectly. Lacey, Nick, and Madden have been able to spend the holiday with



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Nick's parents in Huntsville, Alabama. Amy and I hang around our house and eat a modified Thanksgiving meal with Dallas. Not traveling is something for which we are thankful.

This year, the holiday will be different once again. Lacey and Nick have decided to heed the warnings of doctors and scientists. They will remain at home in Hendersonville for Thanksgiving. We will settle in at our house. Dallas lives close to us and will come by. We will have our Thanksgiving meal and watch better football games. Yes, I'm sure that naps will also be on the agenda, as will late-evening returns to the kitchen for leftovers and dessert.

We'll be a bit blue to spend one of the year's best holidays apart from our family. However, COVID-19 is raging, and it delights in attacking those who gather in large groups to celebrate. I've read the opinions of some who say they will not miss the chance to be with family because they fret it could be the last one that some individuals might enjoy. I'd rather miss loved ones this holiday than to risk having them fall to this pandemic and dying from it.

Thanksgiving this year might be a "bummer." We humans are made for interaction with family and friends. However, if we don't begin acting like a responsible nation with a strong will and determination, more people will contract the disease, more people will die, and future holidays will be observed without loved ones who have been the victims of our selfish desires. Let's be thankful that we are healthy right now. Let's hunker down once again and do those things that will blunt the effect of this pandemic. Next year we will have vaccines that will allow us to join once again for Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as birthdays and July 4th. The decision is ours. Let's give thanks for our lives and our abilities to defeat a killer pandemic. Let's make sure we ALL wear a mask. Bless each and every one of you.

# Sheriff's Merit Board meeting today

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The Knox County Commission has called a special meeting with the Knox County Sheriff's Department and the Merit System Council for today at 4 p.m. in the small assembly room of the City-County Building.

The agenda of the called meeting includes a

discussion of the sheriff's department organizational chart, the employment process between the sheriff and the merit council, and the related employment timeline.

Over the past year there has been disagreement between the merit board and the sheriff's department on how employees are hired and whether or

not to run a background check on potential employees before or after they are officially hired.

Committee members include Commission Chairman Larsen Jay and Vice Chair and Commissioner Richie Beeler. Commissioner Courtney Durrett is secretary. Other committee members include Lysette Aviles and Mike

Ruble of Knox County Sheriff Office's administration; Merit System Council member Gina Oster; Merit Administrator Paula Taylor; Lt. Krystal Gibson and Officer Lt. Gabe Mullinax; and Scott Broyles, Citizen Representative.

The committee is also planning a meeting on December 15 in the small assembly room.

# Thanksgiving Scaled Back During Pandemic

It may be the biggest test of discipline we have seen during this pandemic. At this writing, we are preparing for Thanksgiving, one of our nation's most popular holidays. Gathering with family and friends for Thanksgiving has been a tradition--when to meet,

where to meet, and what dishes to bring. COVID-19 sheds a whole new light on family gatherings and causes second thoughts about whether to meet at all as Americans are being urged not to travel and congregate. But those who do gather for a Thanksgiving meal are urged to eat outside and use plastic utensils. It is a stark reminder of the pilgrims who came to this continent and settled in our great nation later named America. Undoubtedly, they endured many hardships.

While sorting through and purging files during these stay-at-home days of the pandemic, another of my favorite photos surfaced. I used it with my first Thanksgiving column in 2011, the year I began writing for the Focus. The single snapshot brings so much to mind. It was made not long after our father was diagnosed with life-changing heart disease in 1965 at the age of 36. Our mother had the



Picture of Wayne and Ralphine Major with turkeys on the farm, photo by Juanita Major.

presence of mind to grab her camera and take the picture of my brother and me with our white domestic turkeys on our dairy farm. Though the color has faded somewhat, a closer look shows our school spirit. We were wearing our powder blue Gibbs Eagles sweatshirts! I think of our simple life on the farm during the sixties--and now, in 2020 in the midst of a global coronavirus pandemic. What a drastic difference! Our frugal lifestyle growing up on the dairy farm has certainly

helped us weather this pandemic. On the farm, we learned how to live on less. Of course, you did not know what you did not have.

Whatever circumstances we face in life, it is faith that brings us through tough times because the Word of God never changes.

Words of Faith this Thanksgiving season come from Psalm 107:1 (NKJV): "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."

# CTV wants to help neighborhoods

By Mike Steely  
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Knoxville's Community Television, which will celebrate 45 years of service on Christmas Eve, wants to help neighborhoods with a new project.

Kevin Jeske-Polyak, interim manager of CTV, announced last week the station is expanding its outreach with an emphasis on neighborhood organizations related to communications and engagement.

He said whether the neighborhood is large or small, active or struggling, he wants them to cooperate. At the end of the study, which starts now, a report will be produced with findings related to neighborhoods and their unique character. It will include methods for communications, strategies to increase

engagement, and successful neighborhood projects and fundraising efforts.

"They will learn of successful experiences of other neighborhoods and will discover easy ways to use CTV to help them achieve their goals," he said.

The project will include focus groups conducted by Zoom meetings over the next six to eight weeks. Each will be scheduled at convenient times and last about 40 minutes. Participants will include three to seven neighborhood residents selected by neighborhood organizations. A two-minute video describing the project will be viewed on the Zoom link.

Interested neighborhood leaders are urged to contact Kevin Jeske-Polyak by phone at (865) 215-4352 or email at kevin@ctvKnox.org.

# CTV looking for funds

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workshop for the Alliance for Non-Profits. The board also discussed possibly charging for production training sessions for programs that would not be appearing on CTV.

CTV Board members include Idol, Jeske-Polyak, Charles Lomax Jr., Beth Waters, Stephanie Cooke, Jackie Lane, Kumi Alderman, Seema Singh and Richie Beeler. Their next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021.



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# Thunder On the Mountain

## Matthew M. Neely of West Virginia

### Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Matthew Mansfield Neely may be the most resilient politician in our nation's history. Perhaps the only person in recorded history who made a better comeback than Neely was Lazarus and while Lazarus came back from the dead only once, Neely came back from political death repeatedly.

M. M. Neely was born November 9, 1874, in Doddridge County, West Virginia. Neely attended Salem College but left before completing his degree, although he did earn a law degree later from West Virginia University. Neely was practicing his profession in Fairmont, West Virginia when he was elected Mayor of his home city. When President Woodrow Wilson appointed John W. Davis to be Solicitor General of the United States in 1913, Matthew Neely ran for and won Davis's old Congressional seat.

Neely was reelected to Congress in 1914, 1916 and 1918. Neely's political fortunes suffered from the increasing unpopularity of President Wilson and the Republican tide of 1920. Neely lost his seat to a Republican but immediately set out to win a seat in the United States Senate in 1922. Neely challenged incumbent Senator Howard Sutherland and won. Senator Neely had the misfortune to be a candidate in yet another Republican year and lost his reelection bid in 1928 to popular former Governor Henry Hatfield.

Again undaunted, Neely resolved to run for West Virginia's other Senate seat in 1930. The Republican incumbent, Guy Goff, opted not to run and Neely won a smashing victory. From that point on Matthew M. Neely's political fortunes would rise and fall, but he remained a genuine force to be reckoned with in every political campaign until his death.

Neely was an old-fashioned orator, speaking in a flowery language that was likely even outdated for the time. Neely had a near-photographic memory and would deliver his orations after having read them only once or twice. Oddly, for a successful politician, Neely disliked crowds and it was not uncommon for Neely to give an impressive speech, only to disappear just as soon as he left the platform. Matthew Neely was also something of a dandy, always impeccably and immaculately dressed.

With the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the politics of West Virginia changed dramatically. Prior to the Great Depression and Roosevelt, West Virginia had been more often than not a reliably Republican state. Following FDR's election,

it became solidly Democratic in its voting habits. Along with Franklin Roosevelt, West Virginia had elected a new Democratic governor, H. Guy Kump. Governor Kump proved to be a highly effective and talented administrator, but he was far more conservative than the liberal Matthew M. Neely. Neely promoted the candidacy of Rush D. Holt against his Senate colleague and rival Dr. Henry Hatfield in 1934. Holt, then only twenty-nine years old, faced a crowded primary field composed of other ambitious and more experienced Democrats. With Neely's help and that of organized labor, Holt was nominated and defeated Senator Hatfield, despite the fact he would not meet the constitutional age requirement of thirty years until the following summer.

Senator Neely soon found himself at odds with the state administration and Governor Kump managed to handpick his successor, Attorney General Homer Holt, another conservative Democrat. Neely was soon bitterly disappointed with his protégé Rush Holt when the young man was infuriated by his inability to get more patronage from the Roosevelt administration. Federal patronage in West Virginia was largely in the hands of Matthew M. Neely and Holt launched a bitter and personal attack on his senior colleague. Holt's frustration with the Roosevelt administration caused him to become one of the least predictable opponents of FDR in the Congress and he was soon one of the leading voices of the isolationist movement in Congress as well.

Neely, whose command of the English language was second to none, fought back and in one speech denounced Senator Holt and perhaps the nicest thing he said about his young colleague was that Holt was a "sewer rat." Senator Neely was facing opposition from both the state administration and Rush Holt. Neely was the recognized leader of the "Federal faction," which was stoutly opposed by the "state faction." Despite the opposition to Neely, he was reelected by a tremendous majority in 1936 even with Senator Holt actively stumping against him.

Few could use the dramatic gesture as well as Matthew Neely and he decided to take the fight to his political opponents in a preemptive strike. After having publicly mused he would support any candidate who supported Franklin Roosevelt for the West Virginia governorship in 1940, Neely eliminated the various possibilities one by one. Neely finally



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Former Senator Matthew Mansfield Neely listens to elections returns in 1948.

determined he would be the strongest candidate for governor in 1940. Neely announced he was running for governor and helped to recruit a little-known local judge, Harley M. Kilgore to challenge Rush Holt in the Democratic primary. The threat in the Senate race was especially dire, as former Governor Guy Kump had decided to enter the race. Kump sponsored a candidate against Neely in the gubernatorial primary while Neely returned the compliment in the Senate race. Neely easily defeated his opponent and had the satisfaction of seeing Harley Kilgore not only win the senatorial nomination but watching Rush Holt run a poor third behind former Governor Kump. Both Neely and Kilgore ran with Franklin Roosevelt, seeking his third term in 1940. The entire Democratic ticket in West Virginia was successful and Governor Neely soon wiped out those state employees who owed their allegiance to the state machine, replacing them with Neely loyalists.

Matthew M. Neely took the oath of office as governor no less than three times, as he proposed to name his own successor to his seat in the United States Senate. Not to be outdone, Governor Homer Holt insisted he had the right to appoint Neely's successor. Holt appointed Clarence Martin, a conservative and a former president of the American Bar Association. Neely appointed Dr. Joseph Rosier, the long-time President of the Teacher's College in his home city of Fairmont. The U. S. Senate spent months determining which appointee was the legitimate member, finally seating Rosier.

By 1942, Neely had eliminated most of his serious opposition inside his own party and was intent upon returning to his first love,

the United States Senate. Former Governor H. Guy Kump again sought the Democratic nomination and waged a bitter primary battle with Neely and while losing, Kump inflicted enough damage on Neely to cause a very surprising result in November. Governor Neely was facing Chapman Revercomb in the general election and West Virginia had not elected any member of the GOP to statewide office since 1928. Neely confidently expected to be elected in 1942, but the war was not going well for the allies and many Kump Democrats exacted their revenge by quietly supporting Revercomb. Neely was astonished to lose to Revercomb decisively.

Neely's statement on his defeat was characteristic: "A fatalistic philosopher once said that on election day the American people have the right to do anything they damned please. Recent returns from the political front preclude the possibility of refuting this assertion."

Neely unhappily remained governor until 1944 and later referred to his decision to seek the governorship as the greatest mistake of his long career. Neely would invite friends to come and visit him at the Governor's Mansion and often-times referred to his "confinement" in the state house. West Virginia did not permit its governors to seek a second consecutive term and Neely disliked private life. He concluded

he would seek election to his old Congressional seat, which was then occupied by a Republican. Neely, again running with an ailing FDR who was seeking his fourth term, defeated GOP Congressman A. C. Schiffer. At seventy years of age, Matthew M. Neely returned to Congress in 1945 as a freshman legislator.

Neely resumed his crusade for Federal funding for cancer research. It was a topic dear to his heart, as Neely had lost several fingers on one hand to cancer. Neely made impassioned pleas for funding to find a cure for cancer. Neely had been one of the original Congressional sponsors of the National Cancer Institute Act and throughout the remainder of his career was an unwavering proponent of more government aid to find a cure for cancer.

Neely sought reelection to Congress in 1946 but was upset by yet another wave of votes for Republicans across the country. Neely returned to his law practice in Fairmont and despite being seventy-three years old, made plans to win back his old Senate seat in 1948. Neely had the express satisfaction of defeating two former antagonists that year; he dispatched former Senator Rush Holt easily in the primary and went on to defeat incumbent Republican Chapman Revercomb by a large majority. It was Rush Holt's last campaign as a Democrat; he became a Republican

and lost a Congressional race in 1950 and was only narrowly defeated for governor in 1952. Neely's intense dislike for his old opponent faded away when Rush Holt was stricken with cancer. Neely quietly made it possible for Holt to enter a facility for treatment.


Matthew Neely returned to the United States Senate at age seventy-four and remained there for the rest of his life. He was reelected in 1954 at age eighty, but he was not to finish his term. Neely's most relentless opponent of all, cancer, returned in 1957. It was to be Neely's last battle and while the old warrior would make occasional appearances on the Senate floor, especially when Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson feared a close vote, he spent increasingly more time hospitalized. When Neely entered the Senate Chamber for the last time, he was still impeccably dressed, but quite frail and confined to a wheelchair.

Matthew M. Neely lost his final struggle on January 18, 1958, finally succumbing to cancer. Neely was forthright in his politics and while loved and admired by many, including organized labor, he was cordially disliked by the captains of industry. Once, after an appalling inappropriate introduction at an event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Neely got to his feet and glared at the Master of Ceremonies and started his speech by snapping, "And the same to you, sir!"

As we approach the holidays, it seems appropriate to quote the old West Virginian who was equally adept at thundering from the mountain and cooing soft words that conjured the warmest of feelings. Governor Matthew Mansfield Neely issued a 1943 holiday message to West Virginians fighting across the globe during World War II.

"The Christmas dinner will not be sumptuous enough, the snow will not be white enough, the sun will not be bright enough, to tempt us to forget you, or cease to regret that you are far away on this most important holiday of the year."

It was vintage Neely and there will never be another like him.

  
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# South Knoxville students treated to battlefield cooking demonstrations

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"We're going to have something every month until May," South Knoxville Principal Tana Nicely said. "Hopefully, this pandemic will go away and our students will be able to march in the (June) parade to mark the 225th anniversary of our state ratification."

Sisk and Hollis demonstrated their techniques to small gatherings of students. Sisk was in colonial attire and Hollis was dressed as a Union Army Soldier.

For Sisk, last week's program was a labor of love.

"I first started doing this when I was teaching history at Central High School and then I did it for Karns for a

while," he said. "Since I've retired, I do this as part of the Over Mountain Victory Trail Association.

"We would get up at five in the morning and do a demonstration and then we would go to a school, then, we would do a demonstration for a Daughters of the American Revolution gathering. I was eating a lot of food and it was killing me in a good way."

Sisk has a passion for American History but his favorite part of these gatherings is bringing our heritage to life for elementary school students.

"I love doing this for the little kids," he said. "It's fun and these kids are the future leaders of our nation."

Hollis also relishes the opportunity to bring American history alive for the students of Knox County.

"This is an opportunity to help install a sense of history," Hollis said. "History is taught and learned with all five senses."

Students had the chance to sample food and were also given ingredients for a recipe to take home to share with their families.

Other events slated for South Knoxville Elementary School include a book drive, a candle making demonstration, a sewing demonstration, a program on other cultures in East Tennessee, a farm day and a game day. All events will be conducted from an 18th-century perspective.



Gordon Sisk demonstrates a Revolutionary War-era musket as students look on at "History Over an Open Fire" on Monday, Nov. 23 at South Knoxville Elementary School. Photo by Ken Lay.

# Sharp's Ridge new playspace to offer recreation, accommodation

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"Ross Fowler (landscape architecture firm) donated all of their design time to this project," said Evans, "taking a footprint that was a little bit different and making what you see into this beautiful park." The trail was designed by Randy Conner of Contour Trail Designs. "To learn how to build adaptive trails, that was the requirement of this particular project and I think he did an excellent job," she

said.

"We got a wonderful little grant from Barge Design Solutions to allow for some of the play features," said Evans. "And TVA Retirees Association who provided benches."

Two adaptive bikes and two adaptive wheelchairs were purchased by Legacy Parks through a grant from the Siddiq Foundation, and can be rented by the public. Rental of the chairs and bikes will be managed by Catalyst Sports through FC Pedaler.

Lynn Metler is Foundation and Grants Coordinator at Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee. She loudly lauded Evans for her effort and commitment.

"I just wanted to mention a couple of things that really stood out to me in working with Legacy Parks Foundation and with Carol and her team," Metler said. "The excitement and enthusiasm and just the passion they have for this project. It never waned And in the pandemic that

we are still in they still made it happen."

"The second thing that was so impressive to me was the inclusive nature of this proposal," Metler went on. "To make sure that children, families, adults, those with physical challenges had an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful recreational space in nature."

"These are the kinds of things that make the quality of life in Knoxville better for everybody," said Kincannon. "One of the philosophies that I really

appreciate is you see a mountain, and instead of seeing a barrier, you see an opportunity. We are in a mountainous place.

Instead of saying 'we can't do this because of the mountains,' we say 'how can we make this ridge a place for everybody.'"

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## PARADES!

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parade is completely over. (The road is typically closed for at least an hour.) For more information, contact Cassie Kiestler at (865) 382-8846.

### Powell Lions Club Christmas Parade

Powell Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 19 at 5 p.m. at Powell Middle School.

### Seymour Christmas Parade

The 27th annual Seymour Christmas Community Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. The parade route will travel Chapman Highway from Valley Grove to Kroger.

John and Carol Linsengbiger will be the Grand Marshals for this year's "A Christmas Story"-themed parade. You can still register your float for the parade

at the website below. Proceeds benefit local families.

In honor of Seymour Volunteer Fire Department's upcoming 50th anniversary, the Seymour Area Chamber of Commerce is collecting new books for the firemen to hand out during their annual Christmas Eve Santa Run. To order books for the SVFD Book Drive or register to be in the parade, please visit [www.seymourtn.org/events/christmas-parade/](http://www.seymourtn.org/events/christmas-parade/).

Any interaction with the general public poses an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19. Per the County executive order, masks are not required in outdoor spaces, though you are expected to maintain a safe social distance from others. By attending the Seymour Annual Christmas Parade, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

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## 2020 KNOX METRO YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

# Beep! Beep! Baby Roadrunners make the most noise

By Steve Williams

It was the year of the Roadrunner in the Knox Metro Youth Football League.

Out of the eight title games, the Baby Roadrunners won four championships and were runners-up in another one.

"We had a tremendous year," said Melvin Tate, who is a member of the Board of Directors for the Baby Roadrunners' organization.

After being the football commissioner for 40 years, Tate recommended Mark Andrews for that position this season and he was approved by the Board.

Tate also pointed out the Baby Roadrunner program increased from "60 kids to 180" this season.

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Michael Blair Jr. gets plenty of blocking as he carries the ball for the Baby Roadrunners' 8U team against Gibbs in Knox Metro Youth Football League action this season. With the pancake block at left is Eli Wolf. Malik Teasley (30) and Stryker Huddleston also help clear the way. The Baby Roadrunners were runners-up in this season's KMYFL 8U post-season playoffs.



### The KMYFL Championships' Final Scores

**6U FLAG**  
Powell 20, Carter White 0

**7U TACKLE**  
Roadrunners 28, Powell 0

**8U TACKLE**  
Falcons 32, Roadrunners 0

**9U TACKLE**  
Roadrunners 31, Farragut 7

**10U TACKLE**  
Farragut 8, Catholic 7 (OT)

**11U TACKLE**  
Roadrunners 39, Falcons 6

**12U TACKLE**  
Roadrunners 20, MCA 6

**14U TACKLE**  
Powell 43, CCYSP 27

# 'That's what's wrong with the world today'

For those of us who traveled with the Vols over the years, Friday nights on the road were open for most of us, with Saturday's evening events being scripted nearly to the last minute. Except the game, of course.

For me, one of the most interesting aspects of the trips was a long-time friendship with Vol Network stat guy Russ Bebb, whose association with the network dated to the days of George Mooney, Bob Foxx, Julian Andes, John Ward, Bill Anderson and the two Edwin Husters.

Away from his day job at the Knoxville Journal, where he served 38 years in the sports department before the paper closed down in later 1991, Russ served as spotter from 1958-67 and statistician from 1968 through the 2004 season.

Russ was always in the hotel room before I got there. We got off the bus

and picked up our room keys at almost the same time, but Russ somehow made it to the room first. He had the television going, yet managed to maintain a running commentary about the art of putting words on paper and other similar subjects.

Just when I believed he wasn't paying attention to something on television, someone (usually one of these "talking heads" on ESPN) would say something really stupid.

"That's what's wrong with the world today," he would say. He then proceeded to tell me why. He was very convincing in his explanation.

Russ authored two books on Tennessee football. "The Big Orange," a year-by-year history of Tennessee football, was published in 1973 and updated in 1979. "Vols: Three Decades of Big Orange Football, 1964-93," came out in 1994.

Ward called him the "human adding machine." Bob Keisling said, "Russ didn't need a fancy computer, just a legal pad and

pencil" to chart the game. He could calculate the distance on a punt an instant after the receiver caught it, and, in nearly the same motion, come up with the return yardage.

Thanks to the nearly invisible numbers on the road uniforms in the early 1990s, something about a light orange number on a white mesh jersey, things would often get confusing in the radio booth.

One year at Arkansas, two of the wide receivers were Marcus Nash, wearing No. 12, and Maurice Staley, wearing No. 21. It was a battle the whole day identifying the duo, for Russ as the statistician and me as the spotter.

Case in point, Ward had just come back on air 30 seconds or so before the red hat on the field signaled the ball ready to play. As Ward began to set the stage, Russ leaned behind him and looked questioningly in my direction.

It was nothing short of a stage whisper, accompanied by furtive hand signals.

"Was that Nash or Staley who caught that last pass?" Simultaneously, he made the numbers "12" and "21" with his fingers.

Ward shot a disapproving glance in both of our directions. I made the hand signal signifying No. 12 (Nash), and things went on as usual.

Russ also served as official scorer at Tennessee basketball games for more than 30 years. One of his most memorable moments was the 1974 Vol Classic championship game, when Temple held the ball for nearly the entire game, leaving Russ with precious little to do.

He also scored SEC Tournament games after the event was renewed in 1979.

He kept a precise official scorebook, with a system of circled dots telling him who was in the game. There were Xs for field goals and circled 3s for three-point goals. He learned that from his predecessor, Sam Venable Sr., and rarely was there a controversy with the scorebook.



Russ Bebb (shown between Bill Anderson and John Ward) was an integral part of Tennessee football broadcasts, charting the game with pad and pencil.

With Russ, the goal was nothing short of perfection. More often than not, he succeeded. He died Dec. 1, 2004, at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville at age 74. Haywood Harris, his long-time friend, had called me with the news. That was just days before the SEC Championship Game.

"Russ didn't make it," he said, the sadness from the loss of a good friend evident in his voice.

That hurt. I remember checking in at the hotel that weekend and walking to the room by myself. I thought I'd be prepared when I opened the door.

No Russ, for the first time in nearly 17 years. The memories are still fresh, still important. When someone on television says something stupid, I still remember how Russ would react. He might have been often in error, but he was never in doubt.

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# 2020 KNOX METRO YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



*Powell Panthers, 2020 KMYFL 6U Flag Champions*



*Baby Roadrunners, 2020 KMYFL 7U Champions*

## Beep! Beep! Baby Roadrunners make the most noise

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"With the pandemic, we were lucky that no kids got sick," added Tate. "We sterilized their equipment every time at their games.

"In December, we're going to give each team a banquet, but we can't treat them all in one day because that's over the (protocol) limit. We'll do it over two days one weekend in December."



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

*Gibbs cheerleaders root for the Eagles' 8U team in the Knox Metro Youth Football League.*

### Red and Blue colors fill the air for 7U finals

A smoke bomb was set off, producing the Red and Blue Roadrunner colors, as their 7U team took the field at John Tarleton Park on Tuesday night, Nov. 10.

Coach Mark Andrews' young team responded with a 28-0 win over Powell.

After the game, Andrews said he had been most impressed this season by his players' willingness to learn. "For a lot of them, it's their first year in pads."

Despite their youth, Andrews said they had the "discipline" to understand the "high school terminology" he used in his play-calling.

An example of that was one of Coach Andrews' favorite plays: "Pistol right, motion, 48 jet."

Andrews has been a head coach for 14 years and this was his third season with this group of players.

The unbeaten 7U team was unscored on and gave up only two first downs all season. It averaged 27 points per game in KMYFL play.

### Thompson scores three different ways for 12U champs

Jayzon Thompson put his versatility on display as he led the 12U Baby Roadrunners to a 20-6 win over the Mechanicsville Community Association's Goon Squad.

The Gresham Middle School 12-year-old ran for a touchdown, caught a TD pass and returned an interception to paydirt as time expired.

Just "play hard" was the key to the win, said Jayzon after the game. Winning the championship was a "great" feeling, he added.

The Baby Roadrunners led only 7-6 at halftime but increased their lead to 14-6 in the third quarter.

Kaylin Chesney intercepted a long pass by MCA at mid-field with 6:46 remaining in the final quarter and the Baby Roadrunners kept the ball until turning it over on downs with 42.8 seconds to go.

Two plays later,

Thompson tallied his third touchdown with a 30-yard interception return.

It was the third meeting of the season for the two teams. MCA won 13-12 in a season opening bowl game at A-E, said Roadrunner Coach Kaylin Chesney. In regular season league play, the Baby Roadrunners prevailed 27-6.

### 9U team also wins title in Battle in Rocky Top

Head Coach Charlie McCaleb's 9U Baby Roadrunners rolled past Farragut 31-7 for their KMYFL title and went on to win the championship in the recent Battle in Rocky Top tournament - a first-time accomplishment for the Baby Roadrunner program.

### Gaston guides 11U team past Falcons, 39-6

David Gaston said brighter days could be ahead for Austin-East High's football program after his 11U Baby Roadrunners walloped the Falcons 39-6 for their title.

"If these kids can stick together, they can get back to where they were at (in the past at A-E)," said Gaston, who was a running back at Central High in 2005.

"The (Austin-East) community is starting to rally again, and there's excitement with the youth teams and how they are winning again."

Antonio Mays, Austin-East High School's first-year head coach, was in attendance during the KMYFL finals. His Roadrunners finished 0-10 this season.

Gaston coached at First Baptist Academy for three years before becoming a head coach last year in the Baby Roadrunner program.

Gaston's team this season was undefeated and their "closest" game was 15-0 (in its semifinal win over CCYSP). They were unscored on in their six regular season games and the Falcons' touchdown in the finals was the only points they allowed in KMYFL play all season.



*Farragut Admirals, 2020 KMYFL 10U Champions*

## Ten-year-old's kick in OT lifts Farragut to title

**By Steve Williams**

Ten-year-old Anderson Glover came through like a pro.

With the Knox Metro Youth Football League's 10U championship game on the line in overtime, young Anderson kicked the ball through the uprights, lifting Farragut to a dramatic 8-7 win over top seed Catholic Thursday night, Nov. 12.

"Great kick buddy" were Coach Jason Martin's first words to Glover. "I had no doubt that you would nail it. Now go celebrate with your teammates!"

The two teams had battled to a scoreless tie in regulation. Catholic got the ball first in OT at John Tarleton Park's Field No. 1 that night and took a 7-6 lead.

(In the local youth league, a successful kick after a touchdown is awarded two points, while a successful pass or run conversion gets one point).

After the post-game celebration moved into the adjacent parking lot area and pictures were taken, the hero of the game was interviewed.

"Yes sir, (I was) very nervous," Glover admitted. "I had missed a couple of kicks this year.

"I was just thinking ... we're going to win or lose (on this kick)."

Teammate Grelyn Gordon shared what he had seen in Anderson's face prior to the game-deciding kick, after his touchdown run from the 2-yard line pulled the Admirals to within one point of the Irish.

"He was really nervous and I could see him tearing up," said Gordon.

"I thought we were going to lose. I was really glad at the end when

we won."

Glover, who oddly enough wears No. 13, definitely wanted to share the spotlight with his teammates.

"It was 100 percent a team victory," he said.

"My team put me in that position." Coach Martin said there was no hesitation to go for the win in OT.

"We knew if we scored the touchdown in overtime, then we were going to kick," he said. "I told Anderson and the team before overtime even started 'if Catholic scores then we are going to answer with a touchdown and kick for the win.'"

"Anderson kicked about 25 extra points before the game and only missed two. We will take those odds all day. Anderson Glover is a competitor. We've put him in pressure situations all year.

"This is a special group," added Coach Martin. "They've faced adversity all season. They have a positive attitude and keep moving forward. This season, the coaches have preached about how to overcome adversity ... Coaches and their parents couldn't be more proud of them."

Among fans and spectators on hand watching the game was Farragut High Coach Eddie Courtney.

The 10U tournament had an eight-team field. Farragut, the No. 2 seed in the American Division, eliminated Central Black, the No. 1 seed out of the National Division, 14-8 in the semifinals.

Catholic nipped the Baby Roadrunners, the No. 2 seed in the National Division, 13-12.

### 'More trophies' for Powell's 6U flag champs

Powell defeated Carter 20-0 to win this year's 6U Flag football championship on Tuesday, Nov. 3, on Field 5 at John Tarleton Park.

The title victory gave the Powell team a 7-0-1 record.

It was the first season as head coach for Shawn Angel, who had been an assistant coach the past two years.

"It feels great," said Coach Angel after experiencing the championship. "The boys played hard. They were unstoppable."

Angel said he planned to have a post-season get together with the team at his home to celebrate the championship. "I have some more trophies to give out."

### 8U Falcons roll in KMYFL, win Rocky Top, too

Ricky Jones' 8U Falcons started the season slowly but came on strong down the stretch.

"In our first game of the season we had six turnovers and lost five fumbles," said Jones.

That was in a 6-0 win over the Baby Roadrunners..

At the end of the season, however, Jones' Falcons beat that same team 32-0 in the KMYFL title game.

"That's how much we've improved," said Jones, whose team 10 days later capped a special season by taking top honors in the Battle in Rocky Top, a tournament that includes teams from throughout the state and out of state.

Colston Woods, a fullback and line-backer, and running back Antwon Hill were two of the team's top players.



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## Stooksbury, Glover and 10-0 Panthers 'make it work'

By Steve Williams

It was a season of firsts for the 14U Powell football team's quarterback Dylan Stooksbury and Head Coach DeMarcus Glover.

Stooksbury was playing his first season of football and Glover was calling the offensive plays for the first time in his 18-year coaching career.

Together they teamed up for a championship season as the Panthers defeated the CCYSP Raiders 43-27 in the Knox Metro Youth Football League title game on Nov. 10 at John Tarleton Park's Field No. 1.

"It was my first year calling offensive plays," said Coach Glover. "We made it work."

In the past, Glover said he had always called the defense when coaching with Josh Jones in the Fulton Falcons' youth program for about 10 years.

With Glover calling the plays, Powell averaged 36 points per game in KMYFL play in rolling to a 10-0 season.

Stooksbury, of course, also played a big part in the high-scoring offense at quarterback.

"To play quarterback and do what he did at that age and never playing football before, that was the most impressive thing I've ever seen in coaching," said Glover. "He stepped right in and picked it up."

Last season would have been Stooksbury's first season of football, but he broke his arm the first day of practice, said Glover. "This was his first full year of playing football."

Glover believes Stooksbury beat the odds.

"In all my years of coaching, anytime a kid comes out at 13 for the first time and tries to play, it won't work," he said, "because of the physicality of the game."

The Panthers had other weapons, too.

Connor Wheeler was a standout running back and linebacker.



Coach DeMarcus Glover huddles up with his 14U Powell team during the KMYFL playoffs. The Panthers defeated the CCYSP Raiders 43-27 in the championship game.

"He was probably my best offensive player, but he can't get it, if the quarterback can't get it to him," said Glover.

Fabby Neiwon was one of several good wide receivers and also played linebacker.

"He was our motivator," said Glover. "He was the engine that made it go."

The Panthers also had a "shut-down" corner in Levi Allison.

Coach Glover, who expects about "90 percent" of his players will go to Powell High, said he had been most impressed by "how we jelled together and played as a team."

"In my 18 years of coaching, it's probably the most disciplined team all the way around I've ever had, as far as making it to practice and buying into the system and being committed."

The Panthers were also pretty sneaky.

Glover said he was completely caught off guard by the Gatorade treatment during the team's post-game celebration.

"Yeah, they got me good."

## Q & A with City Parks and Recreation

Comments from Nathan Nease, Athletics Coordinator for City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation, regarding the Knox Metro Youth Football League's 2020 season in this pandemic year.

### How did things go after the late start?

"All in all, the football season went very well. Being in the parks watching games, it felt like a normal season. The major differences this season were people wearing masks with other safety protocols and procedures put in place."

### Any issues with protocols?

"As with most things during this pandemic, there was a learning curve. At the start we had to make sure people understood our policies and procedures. After the games got going, people started to settle in to the new process and procedures. People, for the most part, were compliant with our policies."

### Any players or coaches diagnosed with COVID?

"A few teams were impacted

by COVID-19 which resulted in players or whole teams missing practices or games. We communicated details of positive cases or high exposure with the Knox County Health Department, who then detailed next steps for those impacted."

### What were the participation numbers this year (total players and teams)?

"62 teams in 2020. 105 teams in 2019."

### Your overall feelings about completing the season for our young football players in trying times?

"It is exciting to complete the season with all the new protocols in place due to COVID-19. A lot of the kids didn't get the opportunity to participate in spring sports due to the shutdown, so for them to be able to have a somewhat normal fall football season was a good thing."

STEVE WILLIAMS

## COVID continues to play havoc with Tennessee Volunteers

By Mark Nagi

Boy oh boy was November 23 a lousy day for Tennessee athletics.

First came the news that men's basketball coach Rick Barnes was one of multiple members of the program that had tested positive for COVID-19. Tennessee immediately postponed all team activities. That news broke after a statement that was released by the UT men's basketball twitter account.

"The basketball team is following SEC, local and university public health guidelines to prioritize the health and safety of all student-athletes and staff as well the campus and local community." It wasn't the first time they've

had to stop team activities due to the pandemic. Back in June two players tested positive for the virus.

Later in the day, Tennessee canceled its first two games, against Charlotte and VCU, due to COVID-19 contact tracing.

The football program, which already had the Texas A&M game postponed due to a COVID-19 outbreak in College Station, once again saw its schedule affected. The Vols were supposed to play Vanderbilt on November 28, but that game was postponed so that the SEC could reschedule the previously postponed Vanderbilt/Missouri game. The conference is trying to get all 14 teams to play their allotment of 10 games, and this move might make that happen.

That leaves the Vols with two games (December 5 against Florida and December 12 against Texas A&M) and what seems to be the game at Vanderbilt on December 19.

Athletics director Phillip Fulmer tested positive for COVID-19 on November 20. UT Chancellor Donde Plowman is in quarantine after she and Fulmer attended a meeting together earlier this month.

Nothing is typical this year, and nothing comes easy. Everyone is trying to find a way to get through the season.

Let's touch on the basketball team first. On paper the Vols are going to be good this year. Really good. They start the season ranked 12th in the nation, and have the potential to make it to

the Final Four for the first time in program history. But they are going to have to fight their way through factors that no one foresaw a year ago.

And now, they have a 66-year-old coach that is dealing directly with COVID-19. It's not a recipe for success.

The good news is that every other program is going to have to deal with this in some way, shape or form as well.

As for football, scheduling issues due to COVID-19 seem to be the least of their worries. They enter the Florida game losers of five straight games for the first time since 1998. They lost each of those games by double digits. Tennessee has played football since 1891 and has never lost five straight games by double

digits. This coaching staff appears to be incapable of finding and developing a quarterback. They can't make adjustments in the second half. It isn't a program that appears to be moving in the right direction.

But with the new schedule (if in fact these three games are actually played), it sets the Vanderbilt game up as a make or break affair for Jeremy Pruitt as head coach.

If Tennessee loses to the Gators and Aggies (and they will be massive underdogs), they enter the Vandy game with a 2-7 record.

Should Pruitt be fired, the buyout would be massive. Pruitt would be owed over \$13 million.

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## POWELL/HALLS MS HOOPS:

# Wheeler huge for Panther boys; Roberts dominates for Halls' girls

By Bill Howard

It was the Connor Wheeler show Monday night, Nov. 23 at Powell Middle School in the boys' game. The star point-guard poured in 24 points as the Panthers easily defeated Halls 50-26. Wheeler's teammate Dylan Stooksbury played a strong secondary role, scoring 19.

"Very pleased," said Panthers' coach Steve Waugh, whose team improved to 9-2. "Connor did a great job as our leader at point-guard tonight. He set the tone on the offensive end."

Behind six points by Wheeler and four by Stooksbury, the Panthers jumped to a 10-0 lead before Halls put up its first point. Two more threes by Wheeler - including a 30-footer at the buzzer - gave Powell a 16-4 lead at the end of one. They never looked back.

"He's exciting to watch, he's very coachable," said Waugh of Wheeler. "Great attitude, he'll do whatever you ask him to do. Plays as hard on one end as he does the other. Just everything you could ask for. I

think he'll be a great high-school player."

A 6-3 second quarter gave Powell a 22-7 lead at half. The Panthers cruised in the second half. Waugh emphasizes defense.

"We're all about our defense," said Waugh. "When we're playing that well defensively, we're hard to beat. Give that credit to all seven players that we had tonight. They all played major minutes, they all played well."

Halls' first-year coach is Jeremy Fine. Last year, Fine left a position as an assistant high-school coach at Powell to take over the Red Devils.

"Powell just outplayed us in every facet of the game," he said. "We didn't have an answer for Stooksbury and Wheeler in the half-court, and Powell did a great job of forcing turnovers and converting them into points on the other end. Powell is well coached and they play very hard."

Gabriel Holmes and Braiston Soppet led the Red Devils with six each.

(We have) a lot of experience - we're an all eighth-grade team," said Waugh.

"It's just been one of those years where they're very coachable. They wanna win. We're 9-2 and liking where we are right now."

The Panthers' two losses are to Bearden and Farragut, both close games.

In the girls' game, Halls defeated the Lady Panthers 44-21 behind Bailey Roberts's 25 points. The Lady Devils built a 29-15 halftime lead and coasted after that. Of Halls' 15 second-half points, Roberts scored 12. MacKenna Frity chipped in eight for Halls.

Powell was led by Daisy Gentry and Lizzi Lowe, who each had nine. The Lady Panthers, who were held scoreless in the final period, are still looking for their first win. According to second-year coach Tonja Johnson, Powell is exceedingly young, and it shows.

"We have five sixth-graders on our varsity team, and they play" she said. "Turnovers tonight. Size, strength...it impacts the outcome of a game. We just were not very strong with the ball. This year is very much a learning year."

## Strickland lifts Farragut to season-opening victory over South-Doyle

By Ken Lay

Good things come to those who wait. Just ask Farragut High School basketball player Avery "Ace" Strickland.

Strickland, a junior guard for the Lady Admirals was waiting, along with her teammates, to open the 2020-2021 season. And the team finally got to play on Monday, November 23.

It was Strickland who spearheaded a complete team effort as Farragut routed South-Doyle 83-26 in the opening round of the Farragut Thanksgiving Tournament at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

"It was amazing. I literally couldn't wait for this," said Strickland, who scored 24 points against the Lady Cherokees. "Our team has been so pumped and I think this is the best year we have, like our team chemistry and everything. I just think we've really got a shot this year.

"I've just been waiting for this. This is so exciting for me."

If last Monday's effort is any indication, the Lady Admirals, who won 23 games and reached the Region 2-AAA semifinals last season definitely have a chance to make some noise this season.

But the Lady Admirals have had limited practice time because they had to pause team activities due to COVID-19 concerns. Farragut had to cancel three Hall of Fame games. That pushed the Lady Admirals' season opener back to this week.

And Farragut was ready. The Lady Admirals wasted little time finding their rhythm against the Lady Cherokees as they opened a 27-10 lead in the first quarter. From there,



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

**Farragut High senior guard Macy Barnes in action in the Lady Admirals' season opener last week. Barnes scored 19 points as Farragut routed South-Doyle 83-26 in the Farragut Thanksgiving Tournament.**

Farragut raced to victory, using a balanced attack to dismantle South-Doyle.

Macy Barnes, a senior guard, scored 19 points and junior point guard Keeleigh Rogers added 13. Gabi Duncan had seven, McCall Willis had six and freshman Allie Heins scored five off the bench.

"I was really pleased with the way we shared the basketball," Farragut coach Jason Mayfield said. "We've got a lot of people who can score the ball, and when we share it like that, we can be hard to guard at times, so that was good.

"Without any practice, I was pleased with the way

we shared the basketball. That was a positive."

Junior guard Terryauna Griffin scored 17 of South-Doyle's 26 points. But she was saddled with foul trouble out of the gate. She had four fouls at halftime and fouled out in the third quarter. A top player in the area, Griffin scored 54 points in a game against Karns last week.

Mayfield said things might've been a little different had Griffin not had to battle foul trouble.

"Honestly, without foul trouble, that game was much closer," he said. "She was hard to guard.

"We had some struggles guarding a quick guard like that."



**Lee Roberts proudly holds the banner that will sit high on the wall at the Powell Middle School gym. Roberts holds numerous basketball records and awards from his time playing in both middle and high school. On Monday, Nov. 23, his number 34 was retired. His wife and children look on.**

## Lee Roberts's jersey retired between middle-school games

By Bill Howard

Powell Middle School has a long, successful basketball tradition. As of Monday, Nov. 23, it now has its first retired number.

Lee Roberts, longtime Powell resident and alumnus of both Powell Middle and High Schools, was honored between the girls' and boys' games between Powell and Halls by having his number 34 retired. After hearing of Roberts's exploits on the hardwood at both levels, it's easy to see why.

Roberts's career offensive statistics are almost too numerous to chronicle. He's the second all-time scoring leader in Powell Middle School history. His 42 points against Bearden during his eighth-grade year still stand as the most ever scored in a single middle-school game. That same year he averaged 23 points per game - extraordinary by middle-school standards - and 31 in the post-season tournament.

At Powell High, Roberts's offensive output became even more prolific. His scoring average went from 16 as a sophomore, to 23 as a junior, to 26 as a senior. His 2144 points in high school still stand as a PHS scoring record.

But Roberts was equally good at getting his teammates involved. Another of his PHS records is for career assists, with 484. His "All-" honors - district, state, KIL (Knoxville Interscholastic League), Player of the Year - could fill a page.

"Very humbling," said Roberts of the recognition. "I praise God for the opportunity to have your family and friends here, what friends said and family, it's truly a blessing. The thing about Powell that's so dear is that it's a community, and the community helped raise me. I've given back to them

and so thankful to have the opportunity."

Various friends and former teammates of Roberts's made comments and told funny stories during a video montage that began the ceremony.

Roberts, who works as a financial adviser for Northshore Financial Group, still lives in Powell with his wife Nicole and four children - ages seven to 14 - all of whom play basketball.

"We never left," he said. "Hard to leave something that's good. Some of my very best friends today are right here in this gym right now. Basketball's fun, but it goes away at some point. The part of the family and community that you have, that sticks with you forever."

The event's genesis came from Steve Waugh, boys' basketball coach at PMS. Wanting both to promote Powell middle-school basketball and honor "top one-percenters" as he put it, he took his idea to his athletic director as well as former coaches who helped build the program. All were on board.

"We all agreed that Lee should be the first one to get it," said Waugh "If you grew up in the late '80s, early '90s, you knew who Lee Roberts was. Powell Middle has such a rich tradition in basketball. We wanna celebrate that and bring back some of the older guys."

Included among Roberts's myriad memories of his playing days was being pulled in the third quarter of a game so he wouldn't set the single-game scoring record. The record was held at the time by one of the assistant coaches.

"They took me out in the third quarter so I wouldn't break it," he said.

## COVID continues to play havoc with Volunteers

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Factoring in his assistant coaches salaries and Tennessee would be on the hook for over \$19 million. If UT were to hire a current college coach, they'd likely have to worry about a buyout for him too.

That is absurd money, even for a place like Tennessee, which has made living the buyout a reality

for coaches and administrators. During a pandemic I'm not sure even Tennessee would do that.

But if Vanderbilt were to beat Tennessee, dropping the Vols to 2-8? That would mean UT went from an eight game winning streak to an eight game losing streak. And if that happens, then all bets are off.

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**Curiosity**

“The question for agnosticism is, Who turned on the lights?”

The question for faith is, “Whatever for?”  
 Annie Dillard

Humans are creatures of habit, though some more so than others. I’ve known people who are inflexible or can deal with only one issue at a time. When I was in traditional medical practice flexibility was a necessity for survival.

Balancing the various aspects of life with hospital rounds, office practice, phone calls and then getting home to family life were my principle focuses. And then, after kids were in bed, I would finish chart work in anticipation of the next day’s work, and hope I didn’t get called back to the emergency room.

Well, all of that is history for this older doctor.

Kids have been raised, educated and launched - and doing well with kids of their own. These days it is a rarity to find an old, dinosaur internist who still has an office practice and sees his patients in the hospital. And charts with written notes have been replaced by electronic records.

The ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said, “Panta rhei,” (everything changes); and so, it does. But that doesn’t mean I have to like change. Undeniably, we are more flexible when we’re young than as seasoned citizens.

I understand that Holiday schedules are necessary to accommodate the folks who put the Focus together each week. But the Holiday schedule wreaks havoc with my writing schedule. Even in retirement I still have routines, but it’s unsettling

when the Thanksgiving week essay appears on Monday and next week’s essay is due Tuesday!

Recently, I did an inventory in my spiritual journal regarding the momentous changes in the world around me, many of which I consider as bad. A like-minded friend recently quipped. “It’s a good time to be an old person,” expressing her sadness regarding our country. My own thoughts were along the line, “It’s not my country any longer.”

Humans are quick to complain about what they see as wrong, and too often take for granted what is working well. I admit that I am preoccupied by the mess in my church and country and the world. However, when I began to list my blessings, I was reassured to find three times as many positives as negatives featured on Santa’s “naughty” list. I urge you to do your own inventory. And I think you’ll be surprised.

I’m a fan of the science fiction writer Ray Bradbury, who is also a genius of mystery and the macabre. Years ago, I obtained Mr. Bradbury’s permission to use one of his quotes in my science fiction novel, “Epiphany.” He said, “Anything you dream is fiction. Anything you accomplish is [of]

science. The whole history of mankind is nothing but science fiction.”

I remember Bradbury’s weekly TV show which opened with a view of him in his office cluttered with all manner of unusual and mysterious items. As a writer I know it’s sometimes difficult to conjure up a storyline. This is sometimes referred to as writer’s block. Mr. Bradbury averred (held) that his inspirations often came from the objects in his office brought to life by his fertile imagination. I don’t have an office full of objects, though I have a replica of Auguste Rodin’s The Thinker on my desk. My inspirational cues come from my curiosity.

As a lifelong teacher, I’ve wondered if you can teach curiosity. The ancient Greeks were notably an inquisitive people. I’ve come to the conclusion that you may not be able to teach curiosity, but hopefully you can stimulate it or bring it to light. This was certainly true for me through education, apparently stimulated by memorable teachers. Now, using internet tools and aided by common sense I can quench my curiosity and then “pay it forward” by teaching medical students and my readers.

Ancient cultures were built upon what became

known as The Cardinal Virtues of courage, common sense, justice and moderation. Consider that courage demands the presence of fear and the possibility of loss. Justice requires a standard, whereas moderation is a personal consideration. Interestingly, attempts to build cultures on these concepts did not survive. Later, the Apostle Paul wrote of The Theological Virtues, faith, hope and love

(1 Corinthians 13). I view these as preeminent. They function like the rudder of a ship. As a comment upon our current culture, I wonder if common sense is possible if there is nothing in common? And I wonder if there is ultimate meaning if God has been renounced? Years ago, my minister spoke of functional atheism where God has become irrelevant. Certainly, a troubling notion.

History teaches that the fundamental questions of humankind are: where did we come from and what is our purpose? I would add, what is our destiny? I am no longer conflicted about where I came from. I am a part of the Creation and I believe it has a Creator. Aristotle argued for the notion of causality, stated simply, something does not arise from nothing. I agree with

Aristotle and innumerable other luminaries, and disagree with Stephen Hawking and deGrasse Tyson. Their origin stories are little more than the hubris of man. Lastly, I am blessed and thankful to understand my purpose and my destiny.

Yes, these are troubled times, but imagine what it must have been like in Jerusalem under conquest by the Babylonians. Imagine the privation of the Great Depression or charging German machine guns on Omaha Beach. Like many, Becky and I often awaken saddened these days, but then I recount my blessings and continue the journey we call life. As the old hymn goes, I trust and obey; and I pray.

Entropy is a fundamental principle of the Creation which holds that all energy systems run down unless resupplied or rejuvenated. I believe the vision of God also dissipates if not actively sought through “daily bread.”

“Use it or lose it” is the vernacular iteration of entropy. We must daily seek the Spirit. We need to stay fit and as positive as we can. And in this information age there is no excuse not to satisfy your curiosity!

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# The battle of the mind

Recent stats since this pandemic hit reveal that one in every four young adults has contemplated suicide. That number is staggering. And it is not just young people who are struggling with depression and anxiety. Every segment of society from young kids to senior adults is dealing with anxious thoughts. COVID-19 has stirred to the surface a fear that has been going on in the hearts of people well before this pandemic - “I am not in control and I need help.”



By **Mark Brackney**, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

I have read that on average, you have around 60,000 thoughts per day. Studies reveal that around 85% of those thoughts tend to be negative, and 90% of your thoughts are ones you have had before. That is a lot of repeated negativity swirling around in your mind. I have to admit, it is easy to have negative thoughts - stinking thinking as some recovery groups call it. We tend to dwell on the bad stuff in life or the potential bad stuff. What do you do?

Thankfully, there is help for changing our thinking and thus our actions. Perhaps you have heard of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, a form of therapy that modifies thought patterns in order to change moods and behaviors. It’s based on the idea that negative actions or feelings are the result of current distorted beliefs or thoughts, not unconscious forces from the past. That sounds an awful lot like what we discover in the Bible.

There are three great lies that virtually all anxious thoughts fall under: we are hopeless, we are helpless, and we are unlovable. Run whatever reoccurring

negative thought or fear you have to its conclusion and it will likely fall under one of these lies. Now there is a hint of truth in each of these. Due to our fallen nature and sin, we are hopeless, helpless, and unlovable. But due to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we have hope, help, and love.

Paul talks about the blessing of being able to take control of our thinking: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:2). Paul wrote to the church

at Colossae: ‘Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory’ (Colossians 3:1-4). We can take control of our thinking by renewing our minds, by thinking on things of God. We need to filter every thought through the lens of the cross of Jesus. We have been forgiven, set free, and given unbelievable hope, help, and love.

So, the next time you start feeling overwhelmed by anxious thoughts, remember where they come from. They are not of God so we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). I’m not talking about the power of positive thinking, because you can’t wish yourself to have happy thoughts. What I am talking about is to surrender that thought to Christ. Let Jesus show you truth and expose lies. Trust his unconditional love for you. Satan attempts to steal, kill, and destroy your hope. Jesus came to bring you life and life to the full (John 10:10).



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WHEREAS, Commercial Bank appointed Gregory C. Logue, a resident of Sevier County, Tennessee, as Substitute Trustee on February 28, 2020, pursuant to an Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record as Instrument No. 202003090055935 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, default in the payment of the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust has occurred and proper notification of the parties and proper notification of said default has previously occurred; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Bank has demanded the real property described in the Deed of Trust be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said debt, and Commercial Bank has ordered the sale of the below-described property. The real property as described in the Deed of Trust will be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said debt and any costs legally accruing in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that I, GREGORY C. LOGUE, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon me in said Deed of Trust, will on **December 11, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.**, prevailing time, at the Main Street entrance to the Knox County City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in front of the small assembly room, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash and free from the right of homestead, equity of redemption, and statutory right of redemption, all of which have been expressly waived by grantor as provided in said Deed of Trust, certain real property described in Knox County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

SITUATED in District Six of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 5 of the Cool Springs Estates Subdivision, as the same appears on the map recorded as Instrument No. 200608160014540, in the Knox County Register's Office, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Travis Hollifield and wife, Tracy Hollifield, by Special Warranty Deed from Commercial Bank, dated April 4, 2012, and recorded as Instrument No. 201204090055897, in the Knox County Register's Office

See also Deed of Trust of record as Instrument No. 201204090055898 of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The best street address for this property is **222 Spring Water Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37934.**

CLT #151FC-005.00

2020 Knox County taxes are due in the amount of \$3,063.00.

2019 Knox County taxes are due and delinquent in the amount of \$3,430.56 (November rate)

2018 Knox County taxes are due and delinquent in the amount of \$4,644.50 (November rate)

2017 Knox County taxes are due and delinquent in the amount of \$5,195.85 (November rate)

2016 Knox County taxes are due and delinquent in the amount of \$1,408.31 (November rate) (A partial payment was made on March 15, 2018.)

Others who may have an interest in the property being sold or other matters affecting title to the property include the following:

- Judgment entered against Tracy Hollifield in favor of University Health Systems, in the amount of \$10,570.66 plus interest and costs of suit, entered on March 26, 2014, in Knox County General Sessions Court, Docket No. 34948H, and recorded as Instrument No.201406130070623, in the Knox County Register's Office.
- Judgment entered against Travis Hollifield in favor of Craig Jenkins, in the amount of \$4,800.00, plus interest and costs of suit, entered on September 4, 2019, in Knox County General Sessions Court, Docket No. 13354K, and recorded as Instrument No.201909200020239, in the Knox County Register's Office.
- Judgment entered against Travis B. Hollifield in favor of Republic Finance, LLC, in the amount of \$10,731.32 plus interest and costs of suit, entered on April 29, 2019, in Knox County General Sessions Court, Docket No. 6375K, and recorded as Instrument No. 201907290006642, in the Knox County Register's Office.
- Easement to American Telephone and Telegraph Company recorded in Book 886, page 166, in the Knox County Register's office.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day and time certain, without further publication and in accordance with the law, upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plan or plat; any unpaid taxes that exist as a lien against the property; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any matters of record not terminated by the foreclosure; any statutory rights of redemption not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any prior liens or encumbrances that may exist against the property. This sale is also subject to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Proceeds of this sale will first be applied to the discharge of the costs and charges of executing this Trust, including attorney's fees; next to all indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust; and next the balance, if any, shall be paid to those legally entitled thereto.

This is the 11th day of November, 2020. Publish in the The Knoxville Focus on November 16, 2020, November 23, 2020, and November 30, 2020.

**GREGORY C. LOGUE**

GREGORY C. LOGUE, Substitute Trustee WOLF, McCLANE, BRIGHT, ALLEN & CARPENTER, PLLC Suite 900, 900 S. Gay Street P.O. Box 900 Knoxville, Tennessee 37901-0900 (865) 215-1000

## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: NORRIS JAY HARVEY, IN RE: ASHLEY NICOLE MITCHELL v. NORRIS JAY HARVEY NO. 197998-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, NORRIS JAY HARVEY, 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 NORRIS JAY HARVEY.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ashley Mitchell, the Plaintiff whose address is, 8440 Vessel Lane Powell, TN 37849, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 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 November 2020

Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ALI FADHIL -Vs- MONA ABDALLA Docket # 150238**

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MONA ABDALLA 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 MONA ABDALLA.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by ALI FADHIL MUTAR, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SAMUEL B. TIPTON, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 206 S. WASHINGTON ST. MARYVILLE, TN 37804, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 18TH day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

MIKE HAMMOND  
Mike Hammond, Clerk

Deputy Clerk

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: CHAZTUS DENONZO WHALEY, IN RE: SELENA M. KING v. CHAZTUS DENONZO WHALEY NO. 201238-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause appearing from the sworn complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, CHAZTUS DENONZO WHALEY, 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 CHAZTUS DENONZO WHALEY. IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is, 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125 Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 6th day of November 2020.

Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN IN RE: ANGELINA JESSICA GOLDSTEIN v. SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN NO. 200801-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN 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 SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN it is ordered that said defendant SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jeddiah McKeohan, an Attorneys whose address is, 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite P-295, Knoxville, TN 37919 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 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 20th day of November 2020.

Clerk and Master

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT L BEAN SR DOCKET NUMBER 83723-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT L BEAN SR who died Oct 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:

- (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

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 16 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF ROBERT L BEAN SR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROBERT L BEAN, JR.; EXECUTOR 4326 S WAHLI DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

WILLIAM L MYNATT SR ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 2425 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF OLEN LORRAINE WARREN BREWER DOCKET NUMBER 83703-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of OLEN LORRAINE WARREN BREWER who died May 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 within the earlier of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

Claims filed with the Clerk are subject to applicable defenses and limitations that may be asserted.

This the 17 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF OLEN LORRAINE WARREN BREWER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARGARET GILBERT; CO-EXECUTOR 200 E RED BUD ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

RICHARD C BREWER; CO-EXECUTOR 1710 HOLSTON RIVER ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES M CARROLL DOCKET NUMBER 83706-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES M CARROLL who died Jul 21, 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 16 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF JAMES M CARROLL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TIMOTHY C CARROLL; EXECUTOR 7901 WIEBLO DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

DAVID W TIPTON ATTORNEY AT LAW 800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 1400 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TERESA C CARTER DOCKET NUMBER 83724-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TERESA C CARTER who died Sep 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:

- (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 16 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF TERESA C CARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CONNIE K JACKSON; EXECUTRIX 2576 MOSS CREEK ROAD. KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WALLACE EARL CLENDENEN DOCKET NUMBER 83717-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALLACE EARL CLENDENEN who died Aug 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 the 13 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF WALLACE EARL CLENDENEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PATRICIA ANN CLENDENEN; CO-EXECUTOR 6104 TOP O KNOX DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

GAR LYNN CLENDENEN; CO-EXECUTOR 236 SPRING WATER LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

JACKSON KRAMER ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 629 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN ELIZABETH GOUGE CRITCHER DOCKET NUMBER 83657-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN ELIZABETH GOUGE CRITCHER who died Oct 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:

- (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 12 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN ELIZABETH GOUGE CRITCHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PEGGY E BRADLEY; EXECUTRIX 3501 MT BARKER DRIVE AUSTIN, TX 78731

REBECCA ABBOTT ATTORNEY AT LAW 118 HUXLEY ROAD, SUITE 7 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LAMAR COWAN DEMPSTER DOCKET NUMBER 83575-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAMAR COWAN DEMPSTER 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 8 day of OCTOBER, 2020

ESTATE OF LAMAR COWAN DEMPSTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MELINDA D DAVIS; EXECUTRIX 5421 DOGWOOD ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

DAVID W TIPTON ATTORNEY AT LAW 800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 1400 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EDWARD WILLIAM FRANKHOUSER DOCKET NUMBER 83725-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDWARD WILLIAM FRANKHOUSER who died Feb 7, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF EDWARD WILLIAM FRANKHOUSER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KAREN LEE FRANKHOUSER; EXECUTRIX 12021 V KINGSGATE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BOBBY GENE GORDON DOCKET NUMBER 83708-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BOBBY GENE GORDON who died Aug 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:

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- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 16 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF BOBBY GENE GORDON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DAWN MICHELLE GORDON; ADMINISTRATRIX 6439 HUGH WILLIS ROAD POWELL, TN. 37849

GAIL WORTLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW 3715 POWERS STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARSHALL EVERETT IVEY DOCKET NUMBER 83578-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARSHALL EVERETT IVEY who died Jul 20, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (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 9 day of OCTOBER, 2020

ESTATE OF MARSHALL EVERETT IVEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHARON I HATCHER; EXECUTRIX 322 ISAAH CIRCLE SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LAWRENCE KARDOS DOCKET NUMBER 83704-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAWRENCE KARDOS who died Oct 7, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (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 10 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE KARDOS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SANDY L ORLANDINO; EXECUTRIX 670 W WAYMAN STREET #1901 CHICAGO, IL 60661

STEPHEN CARPENTER ATTORNEY AT LAW 10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LISA P KAUFMAN DOCKET NUMBER 83720-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of NOVEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LISA P KAUFMAN who died Dec 17, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the







# Keep Knoxville Beautiful now a collection point for hard-to-recycle items

**Keep Knoxville Beautiful is now participating in three Terracycle programs for hard-to-recycle waste**

Keep Knoxville Beautiful is expanding efforts to reduce waste and promote recycling by enabling the community to recycle hard-to-recycle items. Flexible plastic packaging, like bread bags, are one of the most pernicious forms of plastic waste that are seen around the community and when they are not disposed of properly they either end up polluting our ecosystems and streams or being sent to a landfill.

## How It Works

Accepted items can be brought to the Keep Knoxville Beautiful office at the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum located at 2743-B Wimpole Ave, Knoxville, TN 37914, just behind the Visitors Center above the garage. The recycling bins will be out Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and all day and night on the weekends (unless there is rain in the forecast). Once the collection bins are full, KKB will ship the recyclables to Terracycle for recycling. Accepted items include:

**Bimbo Bakeries:** KKB will accept all Bimbo Bakeries brands bread bags for recycling. Bimbo Bakeries is home to many well-known household brands, including Sara Lee and Thomas. For a full list of their brands,

please visit their website. Please ensure there are no crumbs left in the packaging to prevent unwanted pests.

**Simple Truth and Simple Truth Organic:** KKB will accept all Simple Truth and Simple Truth Organic brands flexible plastic packaging; i.e. bags, pouches, liners, and wraps. Please ensure there are no crumbs left in the packaging to prevent unwanted pests.

**Colgate Local:** Through the Colgate recycling program you can recycle all brands of used or empty oral care products and packaging, including toothpaste tubes, tooth brushes, dental floss containers, mouthwash bottles, etc. Please do not include any electric toothbrushes, battery toothbrushes, and/or their parts.

"We're excited to be able to bring these recycling programs to our community," said Briana Gladhill, the outreach coordinator of Keep Knoxville Beautiful. "We see it not only as a way to divert more waste from our landfills, but as a means of fostering environmental stewardship in our Knoxville communities. So, please tell your friends and family and remember to bring your bread bags and

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old toothbrushes to Keep Knoxville Beautiful!"

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and reuse product packaging," said Melissa Eads, corporate affairs manager for the Kroger Nashville division. "We're thrilled to partner with TerraCycle and Keep Knoxville Beautiful

to support our sustainable packaging goals and enabling Kroger customers to recycle their favorite Simple Truth and Simple Truth Organic products." You can find more

information about the Terracycle recycling program, in addition to general information about recycling in Knoxville, by visiting [www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org/recycling](http://www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org/recycling).

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