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2019 Knox County Total Population¹
470,313

Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases²
39,806

% COVID-19 Cases/ Total Population
8.5%

Total COVID-19 Deaths²
535

% COVID-19 Deaths/ Total Population
.11%

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Large apartment complex planned for Inskip

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Land doesn't stay vacant for long in the city of Knoxville. One long strip on East Inskip Drive has seemingly not been noticed until now as it is being considered for a 66-unit, three-story apartment complex. The residents of the north Knoxville neighborhood have many questions about adding to their already densely populated area.

Since January the residents have raised questions about the 66-unit complex being planned by David and Jake Varner of the newly formed Southeast Capital LLC. The development firm is asking the city for financial support from the city's Affordable Rental Development Fund.

An online meeting between residents, the city and the developers is planned for 6 p.m. Tuesday evening. Debbie Sharp of the Office of Neighborhoods is helping facilitate the meeting and has been working with residents on their questions and concerns.

Members of the community and of the small neighborhood association, headed by Betty Mahan, are not objecting to the "affordable housing" apartments but to other issues the development might cause.

Inskip went through an effort several years ago to try to limit apartment development in their neighborhood.

"About 30 properties were exempt from the down zoning due to already (being) multi-family, apartments, or beside existing apartments. This was one of the properties removed at the last minute after MPC and City Council looked at them closely," said Mahan.

Mahan said the neighborhood thought the lot was too narrow to build on and may have been overlooked until now as it seems to be part of the condos.

An eight-foot tall fence will not be high enough to block out a three-story building from the existing neighboring condos.
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SMELLING THE ROSES



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Jean Davis-James, James Haggler and JJ Cano pose with roses as the Roseberry City Organization prepares to give away Red Double Knock Out roses for planting in the historic neighborhood.

Rose planting promoted in Roseberry neighborhood

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Roseberry City is located just off Braun Road at the foot of Sharp's

Ridge in North Knoxville and is proud of its name and its history. In fact, Sharp's Ridge was once called Roseberry Ridge for the number of rose bushes there

The Roseberry City Connection Community Organization has kicked off a rose-planting project for their area. The project has participants who have agreed to plant Red Double Knock Out Roses at committed homes.

The roses would commemorate the beautiful roses that once grew on the ridge. A distribution of the rose plants

will take place on Saturday, March 6 in the parking lot of the First Baptist Roseberry City Church at 217 Hiwassee Avenue.

"The City of Knoxville has awarded the Roseberry City Connection Community Organization with a grant to cover the cost. Approximately five rose plants will be given to each resident in the Roseberry City area. This is an educational effort to emphasize the history of Roseberry City while also beautifying the community," Jean Davis-James told The Focus.

Former Food City OKed for COVID-19 clinic

AJ Building postponed again

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A six-month agreement for the Knox County Health Department to lease the vacant Food City building at 4216 North Broadway was approved by the Knox County Commission last week.

Matt Myers said the Procurement Department "is 100 percent" behind the request because the large former grocery store is convenient to citizens and accessible to the handicapped. Commissioner Randy Smith asked about the process of locating a site for vaccinations. He was told that three other sites were investigated but the Food City site has ample parking and doesn't need a lot of work for use by the health department. The lease, with an option beyond the agreement, will cost \$5,700 per month.

Health Director Dr. Martha Buchanan said the Expo Center on Clinton Highway has been used at a cost of \$2,900 per vaccination clinic but added that clinics there overlap with other events at the venue and scheduling was a problem.

When asked if vaccine shipments would go directly to the Food City site, Dr. Buchanan said they would be shipped to the health department and then taken to the location.

Chairs, tables, internet access and other necessities will be purchased for the facility for about \$13,000 which will be reimbursed from health department COVID-19 funds.

When asked what would happen to the excess tables and chairs not needed beyond the pandemic, Dr. Buchanan said they go to a government auction. It was suggested that the excess furniture go to schools or other county sites where needed. Commissioner Smith

asked if a six-month lease will be needed and Dr. Buchanan replied the state has a three-year plan for the COVID-19 struggle and there's a potential that booster shots may be needed.

The agreement passed unanimously.

The commission split on a vote to postpone until April any action on selling the Andrew Johnson Building. The extension came because Finance Director Chris Caldwell said a third party review of an in lieu of tax break has not been received yet.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker asked what would happen if the review comes back negative and was told the building would open back up for bids. There's a possibility the review will come back and the matter be on the commission's March agenda.

The postponement passed 7-4 with Commissioners Schoonmaker, Charles Busler, Justin Biggs

and Kyle Ward abstaining. Carson Daily had abstained initially and then switched to support the motion.

Beverly Road housing rezoning approved

In a split vote, the Knox County Commission approved the rezoning of a controversial proposal to build 2.5 houses per acre on 78 acres along Beverly Road. The development by Randy Guignard and Café International LLC was rezoned from Industrial, General Residential and Floodway to Planned Residential and Floodway.

Residents and neighborhood associations have opposed development of the property and settled on developing it at one house per acre. Asked if one house per acre would work Guignard answered it would not. He said some of the houses would be sold for less than \$200,000
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Enrollment open for Knoxville's first charter school

Enrollment is open, and the deadline is soon approaching to apply to attend Emerald Academy, Knoxville's first and only public charter school, for the upcoming school year.

Interested families should apply immediately, and enrollment applications must be submitted online at emeraldacademy.org by 5 p.m. on March 26.

Emerald Academy opened in 2015 and

serves scholars in grades K-8. At the conclusion of the school's fourth year in spring 2019, scholars showed the highest state test results in the school's history. Highlights include:

- Emerald Academy's average on the Algebra I and Geometry assessments exceeded the average for all test takers in Knox County Schools as well as the state of Tennessee.

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Bob Griffiths – American Hero

From a distance



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staff, he helped thousands of people in big and little ways.

Probably very few of those people realized that Bob fought on Hamburger Hill in Vietnam in some of the most brutal fighting in that war.

He fought in several battles where many of his fellow American soldiers were killed.

Because he grew up with the patriotic people of Greenback, Tennessee, and because of his love for some of the soldiers he knew personally who never returned, Bob developed a tremendous love for and appreciation of the country.

He is, like me, disgusted by some prima donna athletes who disrespect our flag and by young people, spoiled leftists who falsely believe the U.S. is an evil, racist nation.

Bob and I started our careers at about the same time, me as a lawyer, him as a realtor.

He very quickly qualified as a certified appraiser, and I used him as an expert witness in several condemnation cases.

He and I have been very close for probably 46 or 47 years.

He became so personally wrapped up in my first campaign for Congress that I

still remember the only time he ever really shocked me.

It was 1988 and a Washington newspaper, a few weeks before the election, had an article saying that the campaign against me was the most negative in the country that year. It was one attack ad after another and was so mean I wished I had not given up my judgeship.

Bob and I were crossing the street next to the downtown Post Office when he said this campaign was the worst thing he had ever been through.

I reminded him about some of the battles in Vietnam, but he said "It wasn't

this bad."

After we won, I told him no one had worked harder for me and that he could have any position on my staff that he wanted.

He told me that his appraisal business was too good and to just give him something part time, but he immediately started going with me more than full time and I made him become my district director until Judy Whitbred, a 30-year Capitol Hill veteran, retired after 13 years as my chief of staff.

I got credit for many things that Bob did and our constituents soon learned how good he was.

Once I was to speak to a

civic club in Loudon. Counting driving time, we were out of the office for a little over three hours.

When we came back, Bob had about 10 or 12 messages from people who had called wanting his help. I had two... I told Bob to give me some of his and I would call and see if I could help.

Bob Griffiths was and is one of the kindest, hardest-working, most honest men I have ever known.

I was lucky to have him as my chief of staff, and this nation was lucky to have him work for the U.S. Congress and the American people.

Sheriff's \$1.5M courtroom approved

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Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler's request for a video courtroom facility at the Maloneyville Road Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility for virtual prisoner hearings won approval from the Knox County Commission last week. Despite some reservations by Public Defender Eric Lutton about its post-pandemic use, the

commission voted 9-2 to approve the funding and the project.

Spangler said the metal facility will house six courtrooms and save the county money by not having to transport prisoners back and forth to the City-County Building for trials. Lutton said some face-to-face trials will be required under state law.

Knox County Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond told the

commission he would personally write a check for \$ 300,000 from court funds to help the funding. Asked what he would do with the \$300,000 if the resolution failed, Hammond said it would go into the county's general funding as usual.

Hammond and Spangler said they had been working on the idea of a courtroom at the jail for several months and it would

continue to be used after COVID-19 emergency orders are lifted. Both said all local judges support virtual hearings at such a facility.

The commission questioned the resolution coming to them with Shelton General Contractors already named as the contractor and no bidding process. The original agenda item was revised prior to the commission meeting.

"That doesn't sit particularly well with me," commented Commissioner Kyle Ward.

Matt Myers of the Purchasing Department said the effort "wanted to get a contractor in place" and said Shelton is a "good contractor" for the county.

County prisoners would have their attorney available by telephone during a virtual

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Large apartment complex planned for Inskip

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Renters in the new complex would be able to look down into Royal Court Condo backyards. Neighboring homeowners are asking that trees be planted to create a barrier.

Concerns of the residents include the three-story apartments overshadowing other homes and condos, too many people being added to the neighborhood, the additional children with no place to play, lighting in the complex, construction concerns, flooding, access for emergency vehicles and additional traffic.

Since the existing zoning there is RN-5 the developers would not have to go before the planning commission. The residents of

the area are hoping City Council will reject any help from city funds.

"We are in the early discussion and information-gathering stage at the moment, and I will continue to listen closely to the proposals and concerns," Councilman Charles Thomas told The Focus.

"I look forward to a deeper and fuller discussion on March 2. We do need more housing, especially that of an affordable nature, but we also must balance those interests with how well a particular proposal will serve its possible future residents in a particular location, and how it will affect already existing and well-established neighborhoods," he said.

City approves \$1 million to fight gun violence

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The rise in violence, especially gun violence, prompted Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon to ask and receive permission to spend \$1 million to address the problem. Police Chief Eve Thomas reported a vast increase in shooting over the last twelve months, including the three shooting deaths of Austin-East students in three weeks this year. The city council, after many comments and questions, voted unanimously to allocate the funds.

While there's little information on how the funds will be spent, one of the expenditures involves a contract with Cities United, a national organization serving 130 other cities, to

provide safe, healthy and hopefully community solutions for Black men, boys and their families.

Mayor Kincannon told the council the city will look at alternative ways and existing programs and asked the police department to explore strategies. She said that 50 people have lost their lives to gun violence since 2020. She said she will present specifics of the local effort in the council's March 9 meeting.

Chief Policy Officer Erin Gill said the Violence Intervention Program will target three things: group violence reduction, street outreach, and hospital-based intervention.

The funding in the effort will apparently go to programs and organizations as needed but Cities

United would immediately become involved

Several council members requested the funds be spent in the problem neighborhoods to solve the "deeply entrenched" problem. Kincannon said she was going to present the \$1 million effort in the next fiscal year budget but didn't want to wait until July 1 for it to take effect.

"Public safety is our number one priority. We're going to look at every resource, bring leaders together, increase patrols, look at habitual offenders, and (increase) community policing," she said, but added the city police continue to have no "stop and frisk" policy.

In two related votes the council approved applying for a \$1 million grant from the 2021 Edward Byrne

Criminal Justice Innovation Program for efforts to combat serious and violent crimes. The request came from the police department, which also asked and received permission to seek a \$1.2 million Internet Crimes Against Children five-year grant from the state to build "new partnerships with entities and institutions that provide further technological assistance."

Regarding the two grant requests, which passed unanimously, Chief Eve Thomas said the department has hired some grant finders. She said the grants could fund doorbell cameras for some residents, neighborhood cameras, software and community outreach in an effort to stop gang violence.

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Police video charges, a new sidewalk approved

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In addition to the three \$1 million plus allocation and grant requests in a city effort to stop violence, the Knoxville City Council also voted on several other agenda items in their Tuesday meeting.

Copies of police videos

It's been pretty expensive for a citizen to request a copy of a video encounter with a city police officer. During Tuesday's meeting the city announced the initial cost of \$50 per copied incident is being dropped to \$10. Callers into the virtual meeting were critical of any charge and were told anyone may appear at police

headquarters and watch the video at no charge.

Most of the requests for incident footage come from insurance companies and attorneys but some citizens want copies of traffic stops or encounters with police officers. Apparently the request for copies is increasing as city police officers are outfitted with body cameras.

City Attorney Charles Swanson explained that some "redaction" of videos are required by state and federal law including blurring the faces of juveniles and in cases of police visits to homes where no crime has been committed.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker suggested that \$50 be the maximum charge for any incident video but the motion died for the lack of a second.


Chief Eve Thomas said that body cameras activate when an officer leaves the car and run during the entire 10-hour patrol. She said that rather than request the footage from the entire shift a citizen may explain an incident and the department can find it easily.

Mayor Indya Kincannon asked the council to pass the \$10 charge and "see how things go." Parker was the lone abstention on the main motion.

Streetlight maintenance

Edison Electric LLC was given a \$200,000 bump in their contract with the city for maintenance service for the Citywide Streetlight and High Mast Maintenance Project. That

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Publisher's Position

Justice vs. Social Justice



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children and youngsters should be able to walk to school without fear of being shot down in the street. Social justice means families shouldn't worry their children will be killed when they leave the house to go to a playground or while sitting on the porch. Social justice isn't folks being afraid inside their own homes. Social justice isn't ever going to be crafted by a handful of elitists living safely in gated communities or occupying the security of tenured positions while living in the "better" neighborhoods. There is never social justice behind elitist paternalism.

Both Mayor Indya Kincannon and the Knoxville City Council have completely missed the boat with the shootings of Janaria Muhammed, Justin Taylor and Stanley Freeman, Jr. in our community. JUSTICE requires active participation by law enforcement and the murderers (and that's what happened to those precious young lives, they were brutally murdered by remorseless murderers) be caught, tried, and convicted if found guilty. They should be eligible for the death penalty or, at the very least, a lifetime

spent in prison. That is justice. Indya Kincannon and the Knoxville City Council's idea of justice is to spend more taxpayer dollars in the name of "woke" social justice on ill-defined and vague programs, while pretending these aren't crimes. Murder is still a crime and the worst crime any human being can commit against another. Kincannon's initial reaction was to call a hastily put-together press conference with superintendent of schools Bob Thomas and the members of the Knox County Board of Education to virtue signal. Why wasn't the district attorney general invited? Kincannon could barely be heard above the screams of professional agitators and socialists hollering about defunding the police. Those same "activists" claim Black lives matter, but apparently the lives of those Black teenagers matter less than the notion of defunding the police. Is there any rational person inside the City of Knoxville who truly believes a social worker can bring justice to the families of Justin Taylor, Janaria Muhammed and Stanley Freeman Jr.? Is

there any rational person who believes social workers can apprehend lawless thugs who deliberately gun down children in the streets? Is there anyone who believes those same murderers wouldn't just as brutally kill the social justice warriors in the blink of an eye? Every city run by Democrats and socialists in the country who have been attempting to implement their own peculiar brand of social justice has seen a big rise in crime and violent crimes. The City of Knoxville had a record of 37 murders last year yet neither Indya Kincannon nor the city council seem to react as if these murders are actual CRIMES. There have been no less than 13 shootings in the last month and three of those were Austin-East High School students who are dead. They were murdered.

And yet most of us tip toe around the topic. The local politically correct media continues to describe them as "shootings" and laments about gun violence, which seems more demur than "murder." The family of Stanley Freeman, Jr. had to endure the terrible sight of their precious son, brother,

nephew, family member lowered into his grave and buried because he was murdered on the streets of Knoxville. The family of Janaria Muhammed are about to endure the same gut-wrenching process of saying good-bye to their baby. While it is nice KUB trucks circled Austin - East High School with their lights flashing in solidarity, I doubt very much that gave the Freeman, Taylor and Muhammed families any real comfort. We have witnessed socialists and sometime candidates for the city council actually speak before the council and say the prison inmates should be literally released out into the general population. How is THAT social justice for the Freeman family or those of Janaria Muhammed or Justin Taylor?

As the daily newspaper primly says the shootings (i.e. murders in cold blood) of the three Austin-East High School students has "sparked a community wide conversation" I can only shake my head in astonishment. The topic of the conversation needs to be holding the murders accountable to the law and giving the families of the actual

victims justice. The loss of the lives of Janaria, Stanley and Justin is a stench in the nostrils of God and a mortal sin against both God and reason. Unfortunately, another mortal wrong is the lack of any meaningful response by the Kincannon administration and the Knoxville City Council. One of the very definitions of "justice" is "the administration of the law or authority in maintaining" justice. Another is "just behavior or treatment." The murderers of those three youngsters did NOT behave in a way that should be socially acceptable to any sane member of society, therefore it has to be against the very notion and concept of social justice. There can be no social justice for the members of the families of the murdered youngsters until the families have been treated fairly. By that, it means those young Black lives really did matter to all of us and the evil thugs who killed them need to be brought to justice as quickly as possible. Without that kind of justice, there can never be societal justice for anyone.

Knox GOP Convention

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On Saturday, March 6, Knox County Republicans will gather at Crown College to elect officers. There will be a contest for the party chairmanship between Harry Brooks and Daniel Herrera. Brooks spent his adult life working in the Knox County Sheriff's Department where he eventually became the budget chief. Harry Brooks served a term on the Knox County Board of Education and was later elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives where he served for 16 years. In Nashville, Brooks chaired the House Education Committee for a time.

Daniel Herrera is, at 28, a freshly minted attorney. Herrera was appointed to serve on the Charter Review Committee where some of his colleagues say his attendance was a bit spotty. A friend of county Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Daniel Herrera voted to make the Knox County Law Director's office appointed, rather than elected by the people. That proposition went on the ballot where it received a thumping with more than 81% of voters rejecting the idea of the

county mayor appointing the law director. That means both Republicans and Democrats didn't like the proposed amendment to the Knox County Charter, along with a heaping helping of Independents. Pretty much nobody but Wraslin' Glenn and his cohorts liked the idea, which was pushed along by former county mayor Mike Ragsdale's political factotum and alter ego Mike Arms. After having been on the county commission and serving for eight years as Ragsdale's chief of staff, Arms still didn't understand the process or how the language of the amendment was drafted. Arms went on a self-propelled political roadshow to push the amendment before it was rightly flattened - - - yet again - - - by the voters in referendum.

Dan didn't do himself any favors by siding with the mayor and against the electorate, never a good thing for an aspiring politician. While Brooks has served in elective office, Daniel Herrera has never been elected to anything, although not for lack of trying. A native of New Jersey, Herrera has lost at least two campaigns for political office in the Garden

State and North Carolina. The Knox County Republican Party Executive Committee has called for an "open" convention for election of officers this year. Outgoing Knox County GOP Chairman Randy Pace has put into place a committee to check the purity of those expecting to vote as delegates to the local GOP convention. Quite a few Republicans have forgotten Ronald Reagan was both head of a union and a Democrat before switching parties. Many Republicans seem not to realize Donald Trump was a Democrat throughout most of his life and he had contributed to Hillary Clinton. Things and people change and one thing is for sure, Republicans need to convert every thinking person they possibly can to the party for it to continue to be viable. Republicans will need a peacemaker and an organizer as the 2022 elections loom large. The Knox County Republican Party really needs to reorganize, rebuild and grow. This will be crucial for the success of electing Republicans over the next few years.

Biden, Washington Watch

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The massive 3 trillion dollar COVID "Relief" package is moving through Congress. There are some mighty curious things in that particular bill, which is less about relief and more about pork. The national debt has been escalating and is currently at more than \$215 thousand per household. There is \$170 billion worth of spending on schools, supposedly to help schools to open more quickly. Only 1/3 of the amount allocated in the spending package would be spent on schools between now (and the school year will be over in May) and September 2022. In fact, more of that money would be spent in 2026 than this year. \$50 billion has already been allocated to reopen schools this year, most of which is yet to be spent by school systems. The extra, largely unnecessary expenditure of more taxpayer dollars is the Biden administration's sop

to the teacher unions who, while proclaiming themselves heroes of the pandemic, are reluctant to work. Some of you will be very surprised to realize the COVID Relief Bill carries a provision to give more taxpayer dollars to Planned Parenthood and provide for taxpayer-funded abortions. There is also abundant taxpayer money to help feather the nests of welfare programs, including income tax credit programs and cash welfare payments. There is ample money being funneled to pay into the pension funds of PRIVATE-sector workers, which is to benefit union employees. Only 9% of the money appropriated to be spent under the COVID Relief package will actually be spent on the virus and related matters. The rest of it is largely a compendium of leftist wish list funding.

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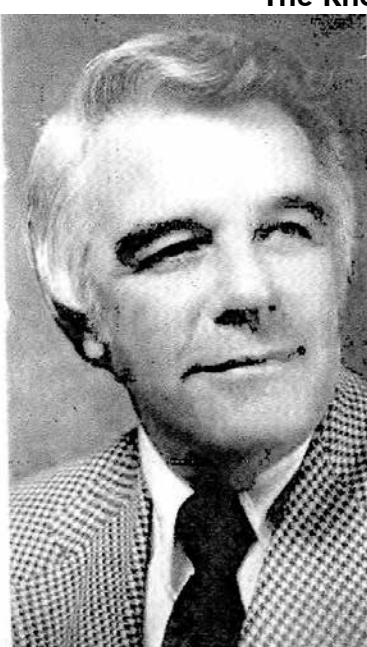
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Picture of Wallace Dwight Kessel in one of his many campaign brochures, provided by Dwight Kessel.

Time Spent at Chapman Drug

(Part 7 in series on Dwight Kessel)

Dwight Kessel's father-in-law, Dr. Edgar L. Grubb, bought Chapman Drug Company from the estate of Col. David Chapman in 1946. (Col. Chapman was in the forefront of establishing the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, and Chapman Highway was named in his honor.)

"In 1956, my father-in-law asked me to come to work at Chapman Drug Company," Kessel said. "They needed someone in the business to handle storage layout and shipping procedure for expansion, and I also did some product buying for the company."

Dr. Grubb died in 1962 of a massive heart attack,

and he left control of Chapman Drug Company with four trustees.

"They immediately fired me because they did not want any of the family in the business," Kessel said.

After his firing, Kessel kept busy with the development of Heather Heights in Karns and managing his rental properties and the two farms that belonged to Magnolia Enterprises. One of those farms was 90 acres in Corryton. Later when Kessel was county executive, he and Gloria represented Magnolia Enterprises and made a donation at the opening of a Knox County Library Branch in the name of her grandparents, William and Lundy Grubb, who were lifelong residents of Corryton.

When the trustees of Chapman Drug got ready to sell control of the business, they refused to sell to the family. Thus, they violated the terms of the will. After legal proceedings, Kessel and his

brother-in-law bought the stock and took control of Chapman Drug. They sold the business in 1992. Kessel has been involved in numerous businesses through the years including real estate and consulting.

After being fired from Chapman in 1963, Wallace Dwight Kessel was elected city councilman. The 1962 annexation of Holston Hills and Fountain City prompted several of Kessel's friends to encourage him to run for Knoxville City Council. Three years into the term, there was talk of problems in the Knox County Court Clerk's office. Again, friends encouraged Kessel to run for that office. He did, and he won. The West Virginia native was making a name for himself in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Words of Faith: "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust." Psalm 18:2 (KJV)

We're losing our local writers

Local writers have been on my mind. That's because the Knoxville community recently lost one of its best, David Hunter. He's just one of the writers who has either passed or whose parts in daily news have diminished over the years.

David Hunter and I met at a Knoxville Writers' Guild get together some years ago. He was a long-standing columnist, and I was barely getting my feet wet back then. Our friendship strengthened as we talked and learned that a special bond united us. David spent part of his youth in Lonsdale. My dad worked at Southern Extract, a pollution-puking plant that produced paper and cardboard in the community. Additionally, my grandparents lived in Lonsdale.

David used his years on the police force to help write fiction crimes books. He also wrote a column for the Knoxville News Sentinel for 23 years. The books were true "page turners" that captivated his reading audiences. My favorite pieces were his columns, which covered a variety of topics. Some were on religion, some were on man's duty to others, and some were moments of reliving life as a boy.

The newspaper is a fickle business, and for some reason, the Sentinel chose to drop David's column. Suddenly, something as the important as the comics or crossword puzzle was missing. I talked to him about it, but he chose to share little about the subject. Instead, he posted some of his writings on other sites. Still, the Knoxville community was bewildered at the disappearance of David's work.

A few years before David left the paper, Don Williams lost his weekly column. Don's always been an individual who speaks his minds and stands by his principles. In this case, that dedication to the truth, or refusal to adhere to the paper's direction, sent Don packing. He's written several books,

gee-hawed New Millennium Writings, and loved and supported his family and his mom.

I met Don when I took a class he offered for fledgling writers several years ago. Most of my stuff was like this column, but I also stretched to write short stories, books, and one poem. Don always offered quality analyses with touches of kindness so as not to crush fragile writers' egos. The friends I met in those classes still are a part of my life, even if I don't see them as often. Folks like Lucy, Maryanne, Bob worked with Don to improve their skills and are thankful to him for sharing his knowledge.

Ina Hughs was kind to me. She didn't know me well but kindly reviewed my book Baseball Boys. Just a blurb in her column was a win to me. Ina had the best sense of humor, one akin to my mother's. She was a no-nonsense, tell-it-as-it-is person who feared no one. From the 1970's until she was let go in 2018, Ina gave those of her generation a sense of connection. I miss her sorely.

I might be wrong, but another local writer, Sam Venable, might be the next to go. At one time, Sam was splashed across the sports section and prominently placed in the editorial section. However, these days, it seems that Sam's writings are stuffed in the strangest of places. Perhaps those who own the paper fail to appreciate good Tennessee boy humor; perhaps they don't have a sense of humor at all. What is abundantly clear is that they don't understand the need of readers to consume local news, local folklore, and local features.

I send my deepest sympathies to the family of David Hunter. Thank you for sharing him with us for so many years. I am lucky to be able to write for a paper that is more tolerant. If you have enjoyed local writers, drop them a line while they are here to let them know how much their work means to you. Tell them which piece you liked best or tell them what you learned. They will appreciate it. David, don't quit the work even in heaven.



By Ralphine Major
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Former Food City OKed

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and be energy efficient. Flooding near the railroad tracks on Beverly Road has been a historic problem and the developer has promised to deal with that.

Commissioner Courtney Durrett, who represents the area, moved to restrict the development to one house per acre. Commissioner Carson Dailey

moved to allow 2.5 houses per acre and Commissioner Dr. Dasha Lundy seconded the motion.

The vote saw Commissioners Dailey, Lundy, Terry Hill, Larsen Jay and Randy Smith favor the rezoning. Opposing were Durrett, Schoonmaker and Biggs. Commissioners Richie Beeler and Ward passed on voting.

Enrollment open for Knoxville's first charter school

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(Emerald Academy eighth graders took these assessments that are traditionally for ninth and 10th graders.)

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Carroll Reece Tennessee's 'Mr. Republican' Pt3

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Congressman Sam R. Sells, a veteran of ten years in the U. S. House of Representatives, was being hard-pressed for the Republican nomination in 1920. Carroll Reece had been a farm boy who had fought with distinction during the First World War and taught economics at New York University. Sells, a cigar-smoking, bushy-headed forty-nine-year-old businessman, was thought to be well-entrenched inside Tennessee's First Congressional District. Like many veterans before and after him, Carroll Reece had effectively leveraged a heroic war record into a formidable campaign for public office. Sells was believed to have an effective political organization inside the First District, although Reece had cobbled together an organization of his own, comprised of fellow veterans and political opponents of the incumbent congressman. Women were also voting for the first time in Tennessee following the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Originally, few people took the congressional candidacy of Carroll Reece seriously; indeed, the supporters of Sam R. Sells laughed off Reece's candidacy as little more than a joke. The congressman's supporters had stopped laughing and were working hard to reelect Sells.

Congressman Sells and Carroll Reece crossed verbal swords in Tazewell, Tennessee where five hundred citizens had gathered to hear the congressional candidates speak. Reece spoke first, speaking for an hour while Congressman Sells spoke for an hour and fifteen minutes. Reece was allowed an additional fifteen minutes for rebuttal. It was court day in Tazewell and had the air of a carnival with a lad selling lemonade from a washtub "cold as ice and sweet as honey." "The Punch and Judy man with his joking mannikins" as well as "a patent medicine man" and an aviator from Kentucky helped to keep the interests of folks who had come to hear the candidates.

"I am not the candidate of Sells' political enemies, as Mr. Sells has always charged," Carroll Reece told his audience, "raising a war cry that his enemies are stabbing him in the back." Reece claimed he was "not the candidate of any man or set of men." Carroll Reece said he was "a mountain boy who claims that by his own efforts to have qualified for the office to which he seeks, and I am perfectly satisfied to leave my case for a decision of the people in the August primary." One nub of contention

between the two candidates had been an interview between Sells and Reece in the congressman's office. The Reece version of the story had Sells attempt to browbeat the young man, as well as treat him with profound rudeness and discourtesy. The version told by Sells was that the congressman had not summoned Carroll Reece, but rather had agreed to see him at the request of a mutual friend. The congressman insisted Reece had been treated with every courtesy. At the joint appearance in Tazewell, Reece gave his rendition of what occurred at that meeting. Reece said once they were alone, the congressman had lit a cigar which he stuck in the corner of his mouth. "Then sticking his thumb in the armpit of his vest, and looking out from under his shaggy eyebrows he looked at me and said, 'Reece, who are you?'"

Carroll Reece contended Sam Sells was primarily a businessman who devoted far less attention to his office than to his business interests. Reece insisted, "No man can do any work justice unless he takes a delight in performing the duties of his office." "Now, if there is any good in this office," Reece said, "it should be passed around; and if there is any bad in it, it oughtn't to rest upon the shoulders of one man too long." It was an attitude that would change once Reece became the incumbent congressman.

When it came to his turn to speak, Congressman Sam R. Sells denied he had been rude to Carroll Reece when the two had met. Sells pointed to the signed sworn statement of the gentleman who had brought Reece to the congressman's office. The only dissatisfaction Reece could have had with the interview, the congressman snapped, was Sells' refusal to abandon his office and the Republican nomination. Sells addressed the charges made by Carroll Reece he was an absentee congressman much of the time. "There have been many reasons why I have not answered every roll call," Sells said, "and I want to say here that I have never known a representative in congress who was worth much to his people who made it a practice to respond to everyone, and I daresay that if Mr. Reece would make a close investigation he would find that 90 per cent of these roll calls were for the purpose of securing a quorum to listen to a frenzied oratorical effort in which I had not nor my constituency any hope of profit." Sells attempted to throw his failure to respond to



Carroll Reece, circa 1922.

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roll calls in the laps of his opponents, telling the audience, "The number of rolls to which I failed to respond would have greatly lessened had my enemies left me alone for a few brief intervals or pursued me with less vengeful hate." Sells claimed most of the roll calls he had missed were during the four years Ben W. Hooper, a Republican, had been governor of Tennessee. Sells said his "repeated visits to Nashville to aid" Governor Hooper was the reason for many of the missed roll calls votes. The congressman said he had no apologies to make for having voted against the income tax, saying it had "laid its heavy hand on the millionaire, the manufacturer, the farmer, the clerk, the mechanic and in the long run has been borne by the consuming class of this country." Sells accused Reece of being the "tool" of his political enemies in the district and said "his record as a soldier" was "his greatest, and in fact, his only asset for preferment." Congressman Sells said Reece had never done anything on behalf of the Republican Party, nor did the records of Sullivan or Johnson counties indicate the young candidate had ever voted. "I am standing squarely on my record," Sam Sells cried, "and not withstanding the slanderous attacks of my opponents, there is nothing in it that I am ashamed of, or for which I offer an apology."

Republicans were enthused and Alfred A. Taylor, a former three-term congressman from the First District, was competing for the GOP nomination for governor. The day following the Republican primary, Congressman Sam R. Sells gave out a press release claiming victory. "I am nominated by a majority of from 200 to 300, with Claiborne county yet to hear from," Sells said. "Claiborne will give me a majority of about 400, which will make my lead in the district about 600 to 700." Sells insisted "there are absolute facts" irrespective of whatever the Reece campaign might say to the contrary. At the same time, Congressman Sam R. Sells

was claiming victory, the Knoxville Sentinel carried a story headlined, "Sells Is Unwilling To Concede Race To Reece." The congressman said he did not have access to complete returns from the counties comprising the First Congressional District and believed there were numerous "irregularities" in the election. Sells said he had seen a report some 2,100 Republicans had cast ballots in the GOP primary in Hawkins County, which had never before voted more than 1,700 in a Republican primary. Congressman Sells said the vote in Washington County was practically as many ballots cast as in a general election.

The Johnson City Staff published a report that according to its calculation of the votes cast in the Republican primary, Carroll Reece had won by 300 ballots. Dr. S. H. Thompson, one of Reece's campaign managers in Bristol, believed the young candidate was leading Sells by 1,200 votes. The Kingsport Times carried a banner headline Reece had been nominated for Congress, saying Reece's majority was 1,319 votes.

George C. Taylor, former secretary of Governor Ben W. Hooper, and the campaign manager for the Reece for Congress campaign, dismissed Sells' claims of election irregularities, pointing out the congressman controlled the election machinery inside the First District. "It is indeed strange that Mr. Sells' friends would rob him," Taylor said. "Mr. Sells is defeated in the primary which he has absolutely controlled and should not now cry fraud."

The Knoxville Journal and Tribune agreed Reece had won the GOP nomination by at least 500 votes. The Chattanooga Daily Times published an editorial stating, "The people appear to have taken a great fancy to overseas men in the primary balloting in the state..." The Daily Times noted the victory of Lieutenant Carroll Reece "who served his country faithfully, honorably and with distinguished bravery during the war with Germany" over incumbent

Sam R. Sells. Nor did the Daily Times shortchange Sam R. Sells, noting he had long been one of the "bosses" of the Tennessee Republican Party and was "a strong man" as well as a "fighter of ability and experience." Yet, the Daily Times noted Sells had a record "that savors too much of demagoguery, hypocrisy and opportunism" which had evidently given "the young soldier the opportunity he was seeking" in challenging the congressman. The Daily Times compared Reece's campaign to that of another veteran in West Tennessee, Gordon Browning. Like Reece, Browning was a veteran of the World War and was challenging an incumbent inside the Democratic primary. Thetus W. Sims had served in Congress from Tennessee's Eighth Congressional District for twenty-four years. Sims had flirted with a bid for the U. S. Senate in 1915, but after

announcing his candidacy, had withdrawn it about as quickly. Captain Browning had commanded Battery A of the 114th Field Artillery. The Daily Times reported Browning was straightforward in his approach to politics and issues. Browning had beaten Congressman Sims by a big margin which ended Sims's political career. Both Carroll Reece and Gordon Browning would be fixtures in Tennessee politics for decades to come.

Days after the election, Congressman Sells continued to insist he was a victim of fraud and refused to concede. Another manager of the Reece campaign, Sam R. Thompson, stated Reece had a large majority over the incumbent. According to Thompson, Sells had a scant majority of only 12 votes over Reece before the returns from Claiborne County had been received. Claiborne County had given Reece a majority of 1,093 votes.

To win the GOP nomination, Carroll Reece had carried Carter, Claiborne, Johnson, Sevier, Sullivan and Unicoi counties. Congressman Sells prevailed in Cocke (by 47 votes), Grainger, Greene, Hawkins (by 53 votes), and Washington counties.

"I have definitely made up my mind to contest this election," Congressman Sam Sells said in an interview in Knoxville. "There is no element of doubt in my mind that I can show enough irregularities to overcome Reece's reported majorities." Congressman Sells added, "If I cannot show that I am the rightful nominee of the party, then I expect to support Lieut. Reece and do it heartily. I have been requested by hundreds of men to run as an independent, but I have refused to do so. I am either going to run as a legal and rightful nominee of the Republican party or not at all."

NOTABLES FROM KNOXVILLE



EDDIE TAYLOR

Eddie Taylor was born in Anderson County and started playing pool when he was eight years old. His family moved to Knoxville near the YMCA and pool just

came natural to him. He became known as the "Knoxville Bear."

Taylor became a member of the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame as a two-time winner of the all-around championship. The national pool champion was also inducted into the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 1987. He was an active billiards promoter with the Boys and Girls Club of America and is known as one of the greatest one-pocket and bank pool players of all times.

Also known as "Fast Eddie" Taylor died in 2005 and is buried in the Cox Cemetery in Clinton.

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Sheriff's \$1.5M courtroom approved

Cont. from page 2 — glitches in the current hearing but Lutton said that's an issue and there's nothing like being in a live courtroom and "leaning over to speak with your client."

Commissioner Terry Hill lamented that she was opposed to "knee jerk" reactions in building the facility and said it would be sad to find out "somewhere down the road we find we don't have a need."

Commissioner Richie Beeler said he had some concerns but, "It appears to me that the rights would be preserved and anyone could ask a judge to appear in person." He added that the proposed courtroom would clear up many of the current video

lifting video hearings and may limit what the county can do during or after the pandemic.

"The money's there, the opportunity is there," Beeler said.

The sheriff said the facility would cut down on time of the jail stays of some prisoners who would, after a successful hearing, be taken down to the City-County Building for release.

Law Director David Buuck said threats of a lawsuit are common but the commission and judges cannot be sued.

"None of these judges are going to allow Civil Rights violations—it's balderdash," Buuck told the commission

Lutton warned that the Tennessee Supreme Court would have a decision on

The motion to approve a revision of the resolution that included the contractor's name was made by Commissioner Carson Dailey and seconded by Commissioner Randy Smith.

The approval of the \$1.5M allocation for the virtual courtroom passed 9-2 with Commissioners Courtney Durrett and Dasha Lundy voting "No."

Chairman Larsen Jay asked for court case data and a quarterly report be provided to the commission.

Police video charges, a new sidewalk approved

Cont. from page 2 — building and Break One LLC at 428 South Gay Street. The former supreme court building is being converted to retail and apartments.

The Old Broadway Sidewalk Improvement Project was awarded to McKinnon Construction Company LLC. The \$1.6 million project is hoped to improve safe access to shopping and walking.

and Recreation Department and the annual budget of the Downtown Development Alliance was approved.

The World United Ministries was given \$4,800 for its Safe Haven Gym Program and Love Your Neighbor Day efforts.

Golden Gloves Charities Inc. was given \$75,000 to provide boxing programs in a request from the Parks

Two encroachments and boxing

The council voted to permit two properties to encroach onto public right-of-ways including the Old Tennessee Supreme Court

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Lady Bulldogs overcome slow start to rout Clinton in region tournament

By Ken Lay

It had to overcome some cold early shooting but Bearden High School's girls basketball team would come to life in the second quarter to capture an opening-round victory in the Region 2-AAA Tournament Friday night.

The Lady Bulldogs, the District 4-AAA Champions, had some struggles out of the gate but they would do enough to eliminate Clinton 76-37 in the region quarterfinals Friday night at Bearden High School.

Lady Bulldogs' coach Justin Underwood knew his team didn't have its best shooting touch early.

"It took us a while to get going and we didn't shoot the ball well in the first half," Underwood said. "We did a much better job shooting the ball in the second half and we shared the basketball."

"Basketball is one of those games where you take shots and sometimes, they just don't fall. But we played good defense."

Bearden (27-1) did

struggle early on the offensive end but the Lady Bulldogs, who host District 4-AAA rival Heritage today at 7 p.m. in the regional semifinals, manufactured enough firepower to reach 19-12 by the end of the opening frame.

Bearden wasted no time pulling away in the second quarter. The Lady Dragons, the No. 4 team from District 3-AAA, became fatigued in the second quarter and their post player, Jazz Moore, got into some foul trouble. Those factors would

ultimately doom the young Lady Dragons (9-14).

"We came in here and we did some good things in the first quarter," Clinton coach Alicia Phillips said. "We came in here and we wanted to make them beat us from the 3-point line."

"But in the second quarter, we got tired and Jazz got into foul trouble and then they started hitting shots. Bearden is one of the best teams that I've ever coached against and I think they could go a long way."

The Lady Bulldogs took

advantage of the Lady Dragons' youth and Bearden's defensive pressure began to take its toll on the Lady Dragons.

Bearden kicked things into high gear and outscored Clinton 22-6 in the second stanza.

The Lady Bulldogs had their usual balanced and potent offensive attack on this night.

Sophomore center Avery Treadwell led Bearden with 19 points. Senior guard Jennifer Sullivan added 17. Zneyah McLaughlin added

15. Hannah Claire Stephens had seven while Emily Gonzalez and Maddie Brillhart finished with six points apiece.

Bearden, which made just one 3-point shot over the opening 16 minutes, knocked down six long-range jumpers after half-time.

Belle Starnes led the Lady Dragons with 12 points. Sarah Burton, one of the area's top scorers had 10, including eight after half-time. Moore finished with nine.

THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS / COACHES' 2020-21 BASKETBALL TEAMS All-Knox County teams include a dandy dozen

By Steve Williams

The original plan was for the first Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County basketball teams to have a 10-player first team and a 10-player second team plus an honorable mention list.

We had to pivot and increase the size to a dozen each. But that's a good thing. It just shows there's a lot of good talent on the local prep scene.

You'll find that talent among the players on the first and second teams as well as those receiving honorable mention.

Here's some interesting tidbits we pulled out from the information the coaches sent in with their nominees:

FOR UT FANS: Catholic 7-footer Handje Tamba

has offers from Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Georgetown, South Carolina and Auburn.

He's averaging 11.2 points per game, 7.5 rebounds and 2.5 blocks.

Says Coach Mike Hutchens: "Handje is a force in the middle as a rim protector and is one of the best big men in the state."

DEADEYE SHOOTERS: Bearden's Izaiha Bredwood is making 51 percent from 3-point land.

Webb wing Lukas Walls shot over 65 percent on 2-point attempts and 42 percent from behind the arc.

TOP SCORERS: Dawson Warwick (Gibbs) averaged 23.8 points per game. (He scored his 1,000th career point against Union County on Feb. 19).

Other scoring leaders:

Aiden Goins (Karns) 21.4, Greg Moore (Central) 21.0, BJ Edwards (Catholic) 19.5, Brycen McKeehan (Carter) 19.5, Lukas Walls (Webb) 19.0, Quentin Carr (South-Doyle) 17.0, J.J. Faulkner (Karns) 16.9, Christopher "Blue" Cain (Catholic) 16.7, Dante Oliver (CAK) 16.0, Jay Allen (A-E) 15.0, Ayden Greene (Powell) 15.0, Bennett Lane (Halls) 15.0.

UNDERSIZED BUT: Webb's David Sanger is a 6-foot post player and usually defended the other team's best post player.

Halls Coach Clint Sharp said 6-3 junior forward Bennett Lane was the Red Devils' "only player over six feet tall who earned significant minutes, so he always had to play against the opponent's taller / larger player."

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PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

Catholic High junior BJ Edwards, *The Knoxville Focus* / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year, goes against Concord Christian School in a Senior Night game this season.

Fabulous freshmen are turning heads on girls' scene

By Steve Williams

There seemed to be more younger standouts in Knox County basketball this season.

You'll find two freshmen on the All-Knox County girls' first team - Fulton's Sammy Taylor and Sydney Mains of Catholic.

Taylor, who was named Freshman of the Year in District 4-AA, averages 22.4 points per game. 7.8 rebounds, 4.6 assists, 4.8 steals and 1.6 blocks.

Catholic freshman

Sydney Mains averages 20 points, 9.0 rebounds, 3.0 steals, 1.3 blocks and 2.0 assists per game.

Madison Perrin is a 5-9 freshman point guard for Karns and Lady Beavers Coach Tyler Robinson said, "I would argue she is one of if not the best freshmen point guards in the state. She is one of a kind."

Some Lady Vol fans may want to alert UT Coach Kellie Harper about these fabulous freshmen.

REBOUND MACHINE: Carter senior post Emily

Irwin set a school record for rebounds in a game: collecting 19 on Dec. 10 vs. Gibbs, reported Coach Bo Lewis.

Irwin it seems has always been good on the boards. In her junior year, she had 222 rebounds in 33 games. Emily finished with 170 this season as Lady Hornets missed 10 to 12 games due to COVID and played 21 games.

Irwin's career totals were 715 rebounds and 902 points. She also had 19 career double-doubles.

TOP SCORING AVERAGES: Gracie Palmer (Berean Christian) 28.1, Anna Kate Reichter (Karns) 27.1, Terryauna Griffin (South-Doyle) 25.3, Catherine Hendershott (FBA) 24.0, Reagan Trumm (Powell) 24.0, Sammy Taylor (Fulton) 22.4, Sydney Mains (Catholic) 20.0, "Ace" Strickland (Farragut) 18.2, Macy Kirby (Halls) 16.2, Macy Barnes (Farragut) 15.7, Avery Treadwell (Bearden) 15.3.

Kirby also recently joined the 1,500-point club.

DEFENSE! Regarding 5-2 senior guard Savanna Parker, Powell Coach John Fisher said: "I'm not sure about her numbers. They aren't staggering. But she has started 105 consecutive games and is my best defender. She's a tough basketball player."

Maiya Moore, another freshman at Fulton, "does a lot for us from a defensive standpoint most nights as she guards the best player on the floor," said Coach Tyler Howell.

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District Tournament Roundup:

boys hoops

By Ken Lay

The high school boys basketball district tournaments for Division I schools are in the books and one local team won a championship and completed a perfect run through their league and tournament schedule.

The Bearden Bulldogs completed an undefeated run through their league and they culminated it by winning the District 4-AAA Championship with a 48-36 victory over Maryville at Bearden Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs (26-3) overall went a perfect 14-0 in the district during the regular season. They knocked off West High and Maryville to win the tournament title.

In the championship game, tournament, Most Valuable Player A.J. Pruitt and Hayden Treadwell scored 11 points each for the Bulldogs, whose only losses came to Hamilton Heights, a powerhouse from the Chattanooga Area. They also dropped a pair of games to defending Division II-AA State Champion Knoxville Catholic.

Bearden, the defending Class AAA State Champions (which won the state title in 2019), has won the District 4-AAA Tournament four times in the last five seasons.

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FIRST TEAM

MACY BARNES

Farragut senior
5-7 guard

TERRYAUNA GRIFFIN

South-Doyle junior
5-9 guard

CATHERINE HENDERSHOTT

First Baptist Academy senior

MACY KIRBY

Halls senior
5-8 point guard

SYDNEY MAINS

Catholic freshman
5-10 guard / forward

ZNEYAH MCLAUGHLIN

Bearden senior
5-9 point guard

KEELEIGH ROGERS

Farragut junior
5-9 point guard

'ACE' STRICKLAND

Farragut junior
6-1 guard

JENNIFER SULLIVAN

Bearden junior
5-8 guard

SAMMY TAYLOR

Fulton freshman
5-9 shooting guard

AVERY TREADWELL

Bearden sophomore
6-3 power forward

REAGAN TRUMM

Powell junior
5-8 guard

SECOND TEAM

RANAISHA GATES

Fulton junior
6-0 post

JEILA GREENLEE

Catholic senior
5-8 guard

EMILY IRWIN

Carter senior
5-8 post

AANIYAH JOHNSON

First Baptist Academy junior
5-8 guard

MADELYN LADD

Webb sophomore
5-11 forward

KEIRA LEFFEW

CAK sophomore
5-10 small forward

CAROLINE MYERS

CAK senior
5-10 center

GRACIE PALMER

Berean Christian junior
5-8 guard

SAVANNA PARKER

Powell senior
5-2 guard

ANNA KATE REICHTER

Karns junior
5-7 guard

ASHLYN SHERIDAN

Farragut junior
5-11 guard

JAMIA SIMMONS

Fulton junior
5-6 guard

HONORABLE MENTION

BEARDEN: Emily Gonzalez and Maddie Brillhart; CARTER: Sydney Hurst; CATHOLIC: Jazmin Williams; FARRAGUT: McCall Willis; FULTON: Maiya Moore; HALLS: Sophie Tharpe and Ella Tharpe; KARNs: Madison Perrin; WEBB: Shae Berry. WEST: Kyra Buntyn.

Players of the Year have much in common

By Steve Williams

Avery and Brian. Who? Ace and BJ. Oh, those two. Yes, these two. And they have more in common than just their popular nicknames and being juniors in high school.

Avery "Ace" Strickland and Brian "BJ" Edwards are The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Players of the Year for the 2020-21 basketball season.

Not only are they well known locally; they are among the nation's best.

Strickland is a 6-1 Farragut guard who already has committed to sign with West Virginia University.

She was averaging 18.2 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game when post-season tournament play began.

"I'm really honored," said "Ace" of her Player of the Year recognition last week. "I've worked so hard and my teammates have pushed me so hard.

"I'm honored that the coaches feel I deserve this award. It's a blessing and I just want to say thank you."

Strickland edged another Avery for the award as Bearden sophomore power forward Avery Treadwell was runner-up.

Others that were in the running included Terryauna Griffin of South-Doyle, Madelyn Ladd of Webb, Jennifer Sullivan of Bearden and Reagan Trumm of Powell.

"This year I had a bigger role on the team," said Ace,



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Farragut junior Avery "Ace" Strickland drives to the basket in a game against rival Bearden. Strickland is The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year.

referring to former teammate Claire White graduating last year.

Strickland is pleased with her game but believes there's always room for improvement.

"One thing I feel I can really work on is dominating the game (offensively and defensively)," she said. "I feel like I already do in spurts, but my next goal is to dominate everything I do."

BJ, who helped lead Catholic to the school's first state

championship last season by taking the Division II-AA title, is ranked as the No. 17 point guard in America by ESPN.

The 6-3, 185-pound Edwards averages 19.5 points, 6.9 rebounds, 5.9 assists and 2.7 steals.

He too was pleased with the Player of the Year award.

"It feels really great," said BJ. "I just went out there every game and gave it my all. I'm trying to make my teammates better as well and the results came

for Player of the Year and that's just a great accolade for me."

Edwards received over half of the votes that were cast. Bearden's AJ Pruitt and Elijah Bredwood were a distant second along with Central's Greg Moore.

BJ is among the finalists for the TSSAA Mr. Basketball Division II-AA award this week.

As for his game, he said: "Right now it's okay, but I definitely want to get better and better. I'm working on it."

BJ is ranked as the No. 87 player in the country by 247 Sports. He has his list of offers down to Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, Florida and Virginia Tech.

Edwards said he plans to commit before his senior season starts next fall and right now is "building relationships" with the schools that are recruiting him.

Longtime Catholic Head Coach Mike Hutchens said he had been most impressed by BJ's actions as a team player this season.

"Keeping everybody on the team involved and doing the little things," said Hutchens. "We all know he can score, but he actually leads the team in offensive rebounding right now by one or two; it's close with Tamba (Catholic's 7-footer). I've been pleased with that."

"He's just running our team. He's the floor general."

Despite losing a valuable **Continued on page 4**



Far left: Bearden High's Jeremy Parrott, The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County boys' basketball Coach of the Year, kneels in front of his team's bench as the Bulldogs battle Catholic at BHS on Feb. 15.

Left: Justin Underwood encourages his Bearden Lady Bulldogs during a game this season. Underwood was an easy choice as The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County girls' basketball Coach of the Year.

Photos by Luther Simmons.

Boys' Coach of the Year recognizes his assistants

By Steve Williams

In acknowledging his selection as this season's Knox County boys basketball Coach of the Year, Bearden's Jeremy Parrott quickly turned the spotlight on his four assistant coaches.

"I'll tell anybody," said Parrott last week, just days after his Bulldogs added a District 4-AAA tournament title to their regular season championship. "We've got the best basketball staff around. I've got guys here that work with us that help me a great deal. They make our program better. They make me better. They make the coaches better."

"Coach of the Year honors are really cool, but I like to call it Staff of the Year honors, because I don't do this alone. I'm blessed and thankful that I've got guys that are doing things for the greater good of our program."

Assistants Tyler Place and Luke West are full-time teachers at BHS.

"They carry a lot of the load in our coaching staff and they coach our JV and freshmen teams too," said Parrott.

Place is the JV coach and West the freshmen coach.

Eric Sandefur and Darren Higgins are non-faculty coaches.

"They come and help us mostly on game days and practices when they can," said Parrott. "They are key to our team as well."

The Bulldogs went 14-0 in regular season play and were ranked No. 2 in The Associated Press' final Class AAA state rankings. They took a 26-3 record into the Region 2-AAA tournament.

Catholic's Mike Hutchens and Concord Christian's Mike Wilkins tied as runners-up in the Coach of the Year voting, which was based on regular season play. Ricky Norris of Webb was fourth.

"I tell our players all the time and I think anybody who has been in coaching for very long understands how hard it is to win a (regular-season) conference title," said Parrott. "It's a grind. It's night in and night out. You're playing teams that are very familiar with you and you're familiar with them."

"I consider that one of our proudest achievements this year regardless of where we end up."

Underwood 'blessed' to have talented team

Bearden's Justin Underwood was a runaway winner in the balloting for girls' Coach of the Year in Knox County.

Some votes also went to Powell's John Fisher, Fulton's Tyler Howell and CAK's Abby Williams.

"It's very kind of my peers," said Underwood. "Anytime you're nominated for an award from those that are doing what you do and know the highs and lows that go with it, it's greatly appreciated to be respected amongst your peers."

Underwood said he didn't know any coaches who seek out the Coach of the Year awards.

"Those awards usually come from your team's success," he said. "I'm very blessed that we've got a ton of talented athletes. Sometimes you try to not mess it up, so to speak. But we've got some really good pieces and some kids that are very determined and focused to win. I'm very blessed to get to be the one to coach them."

Underwood's Lady Bulldogs have lost only one game this season and came into the region tournament with a 26-1 record. Like Bearden's boys team, they also were ranked No. 2 in the state in the final AP poll.

The Bearden girls also are ranked No. 23 in the nation by MaxPreps.

Commenting on the regular season, Underwood said, "I think it's a part of the marathon."

"The regular season title checks off the box of the goal that is set every year. That's a fantastic accomplishment and I tell our girls that we never want to be complacent."

"Then the slate is wiped clean and you start again with tournament play, which can feel a little bit like a whirlwind," added Underwood. "This part seems a lot quicker than a regular season, but I think so much of it comes from the groundwork and foundation that you have put forth the first four months."

Underwood also said he and his team are very pleased to have endured the rollercoaster of a pandemic season and still be playing.

ALL KNOX COUNTY

BOYS

FIRST TEAM

JAY ALLEN

Austin-East junior
6-3 small forward

IZAIHA BREDWOOD

Bearden senior
5-7 point guard

'BLUE' CAIN

Catholic sophomore
6-4 shooting guard

'BJ' EDWARDS

Catholic junior
6-3 point guard

TAJ KIMBER

Fulton freshman
6-0 guard

BRYCEN MCKEEHAN

Carter senior
6-3 wing

GREG MOORE

Central senior
6-2 guard

DANTE OLIVER

CAK sophomore
6-4 guard

AJ PRUITT

Bearden senior
6-1 wing

JOSE RODRIGUEZ

Concord Christian junior
6-2 point guard

HANDJE TAMBA

Catholic junior
7-0 center

LUKAS WALLS

Webb sophomore
6-3 wing

SECOND TEAM

AHMAD BELTON

Central senior
6-5 forward

ELIJAH BREDWOOD

Bearden junior
6-1 guard

AIDEN GOINS

Karns sophomore
6-8 center

JAYLON GREEN

Webb junior
5-10 point guard

DENAJ KIMBER

Fulton freshman
6-1 guard

CHASE MORGAN

Concord Christian junior
6-5 forward / center

RYAN NEAL

Farragut junior
6-1 shooting guard

JAQUARIUS SANDERS

Austin-East sophomore
6-2 shooting guard

DAVID SANGER

Webb senior
6-0 post

LOGAN SUTTON

Powell junior
6-2 guard

HAYDEN TREADWELL

Bearden senior
6-6 forward

DAWSON WARWICK

Gibbs senior
6-0 guard

HONORABLE MENTION

Bearden: Walker Kyle; Carter: Colby Reynolds; Catholic: Presley Patterson; CAK: Luke Carter; Concord Christian: Juan Rodriguez and Noah Gilder; Farragut: Dillon Atwell; Fulton: Tyler Lee, Tommy Sweat and Marcellus Jackson; Gibbs: Colton Qualls; Grace Christian: Johnny Eller and Dylan Doerfler; Halls: Bennett Lane and Luke Simpson; Hardin Valley: Hudson Stokes and Jaelyn Pannell; Karns: J.J. Faulkner; Powell: Ayden Greene; South-Doyle: Tony Sapp and Quentin Carr; Webb: Luke Lentz. WEST: Will Biven.

The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' 2020-21 Boys Basketball team

Doc Julian



Dr. W. J. Julian leads the band's halftime show at the 1987 California game at Neyland Stadium.

Three significant hires in the early 1960s had a profound impact on the University of Tennessee athletic program and its history.



By Tom Mattingly

Dr. W. J. Julian, known best as "Doc" or "Doc Julian," and Haywood Harris came on board in 1961, as director of bands and sports information director, respectively. Doug Dickey followed in December 1963 as head football coach.

This was a time the Vol program was reaching for the stars, and each of them had their fingerprints all over the program's growth and development.

A native of Silver Point, Tennessee (Putnam County, pop. 1476), Julian led the band for more than 30 years. He was dedicated to a standard of excellence that became a band trademark during numerous presidential inaugurations and bowl game appearances. The band's performances have become legendary not only in Knoxville but throughout the world of college football.

Under his leadership, the band became known for a spit-and-polish style, one that has remained a UT tradition. He designed the uniforms that are still worn today, blue and orange with an orange "T" on the back of the coat.

Julian introduced the legendary "Circle Drill," one of the most difficult and unique marching band routines in the country.

In 1972, he brought a new song to fans at Neyland Stadium, Felice and Boudleaux Bryant's legendary "Rocky Top," which quickly became UT's unofficial fight song. No one knows how many times it might be played on a fall Saturday. Julian strongly maintained there would be a mutiny among the Tennessee faithful if the band, for whatever reasons, stopped playing the country classic.

For Vol fans, there is nothing like the moment the band opens the "T," first from the east side of Shields-Watkins Field and from the north end in 1983.

Former band members will tell you that Dr. Julian was so precise about the "T" in its early years that he and Dickey had the team practice running through the "T" so everything would be in order by game time.

As respects each, Julian and Dickey gave the other the credit for what is still a beloved Vol tradition entering the 2021 season.

Julian died in 2015 as Director of Bands Emeritus. When told of Julian's passing, Dickey deferred the credit entirely to him.

There was a time in November 1968 at the Tennessee-Auburn game at Legion Field in Birmingham, the band was forbidden to march at halftime on a rainy Saturday night. Alabama and LSU had played in the rain that afternoon, and the powers-that-be decreed the band would damage the field beyond repair if that were humanly possible.

Dr. Julian's response was vintage, saying, in part, that the band didn't "spill anything."

In November 1983, a group of former University of Tennessee Singers was scheduled to join the band at halftime of the Mississippi game, singing Mrs. Meek's University of Tennessee "Alma Mater."

During the rehearsal, something went awry, and the music stopped. Someone got chewed out for something, and, a few moments later, Dr. Julian very innocently looked at the lead trumpet player and said, "Tone, please."

The trumpet player played the introductory notes, thinking that was the appropriate thing to do.

Dr. Julian seemed incensed. "I didn't want a concert. I just wanted a tone."

Most everybody not connected with the band wanted to snicker, but that would have directed Doc's wrath to them.

When the university honored College Football Hall of Fame honoree Ed Molinski's family at halftime of the 1990 Tennessee-Notre Dame game, there was about a minute or so between the end of the Fighting Irish band's show and the start of Tennessee's.

The script was about 30 seconds with room for applause, but Doc seemed convinced the ceremony would run over. That 60-second interval was a classic example of the adage, "If Doc ain't happy, ain't nobody happy."

You could sense him counting down mentally from 60. Steam wasn't quite coming from his ears, but his concern was evident. "They're going to run over," he said more than once. The ceremony finished in about 40 seconds (with applause), and he went on about his business, happy everything had worked out. Those of us around him also took a deep breath or two and went about our business.

Julian was single-minded where the band was concerned, obsessive about the smallest detail of the band's operation, loyal to the university, and a man whose name will be written large when the next history of the University of Tennessee is penned.

Vols offense will look much different in 2021

By Mark Nagi

The Tennessee offense was tough to watch in 2020. It's new head coach Josh Heupel's job to fix it.

It took a while, but Heupel's offensive coaching staff is now complete. Alex Golesh is UT's offensive coordinator and tight ends coach, Kodi Burns is coaching wide receivers, Glen Elarbee is with the offensive linemen, Joey Halzle has the quarterbacks and Jerry Mack is the running backs coach.

It was not a surprise that Heupel brought a lot of his staff from Central Florida with him to Knoxville. If the results from 2020 come along for the ride, the Jumbotron at Neyland Stadium will be busy this Fall.

Heupel, with Golesh, Halzle and Elarbee's help, had UCF second in the FBS in total offense with 568.1 yards per game. They were also fourth in passing offense with 357.4 yards per game, seventh in total passing yards with 3,574 and eighth in the nation in scoring offense with 42.2 points per game in 2020.

"Guys that are energetic, passionate, they're great teachers of the game - more importantly, they're going to invest in our young people off the field," said Heupel. "I really do

believe that if you take that perspective, you're going to win-win. You're going to win on the field and you're going to win off the field, as well. (This is) a group of guys that some of them, I've been with for the last couple of years and some of them that are new to what we're doing offensively but bring in a great background, both on the recruiting side of it and the development of players as well."

Harrison Bailey and the rest of the Tennessee quarterbacks should be happy. This offense sounds like a signal caller's dream.

"We are going to let you rip it," said Halzle. "We are going to let you rip it all over the field. We are going to put a lot on you. To me, I would say that is quarterback friendly because we are not going to hold your hand. We are going to teach you. We are going to mold you into the best that you can be, and we are going to turn you loose, to go play ball on Saturdays. We don't make guys play scared. We don't make them afraid to make mistakes. Go out there and cut it loose."

You do have to wonder how long it will take this group of offensive players to learn the system. Back in 2008, the Vols never figured out how to play for offensive coordinator Dave Clawson, and it cost Phillip Fulmer

his job.

But there doesn't seem to be much concern from Tennessee's new offensive coordinator that the change in approach will be an issue.

"Until you get out there and do it day one of spring ball, day one of March or mid-March, until you get out there and physically see it, control it, run it, I think it's hard to simulate how fast we want to play," said Golesh. "You're teaching it, explaining it, and walking through it. But I think until there is wood on the fire and you're out there with no coaches around, I think it's really hard. My hope is by practice four, five or six of spring we are hitting at a high tempo. But like any scheme, it doesn't matter because it's repetition over everything. The more reps these guys get, the better we are going to be and it's just force-feeding their program and letting these kids make mistakes and correcting them off the film. The hope is by the middle of spring that we're operating at a high level. We're just going to continue coaching and it's a process-based deal in terms of building the offense. By the time we get to August and September, we'll be hitting on all cylinders."

All-Knox County teams

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FABULOUS FRESHMEN: Twin brothers Taj and Denaj Kimber are starting guards for Fulton and 6-4 Tyler Lee is another freshman starter for Jody Wright's team. All three average in double figures.

TOP DAWG: AJ Pruitt of Bearden, says Coach Jeremy Parrott, is "tough as nails, a team captain and a stat sheet stuffer, averaging 12.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.5 steals."

DEFENSE! Izaiha Breewood leads Bearden in charges taken, said Coach Parrott.

Aiden Goins, Karns' 6-8 sophomore, averaged 6.4 blocks per game.

Farragut Coach Jon Higgins, former UT standout, says Ryan Neal is a "great defender and tough player."

Halls Coach Clint Sharp calls junior Luke Simpson a "lock down defender who plays both sides of the floor and was always asked to defend the opponent's best guard."

OVERLOOKED: Jay Allen of Austin-East apparently didn't make the All-District 4-AA team because district coaches didn't recognize his name on the ballot, said Roadrunners Coach Marcus Stanton.

"He goes by Jay, but I think his real first name was on the ballot," said Stanton. "He was our most consistent player this season."

In addition to 15 points, Allen averaged nine rebounds, three assists and two blocks per game.

CHEERS FOR LIONS! Concord Christian finished second in its district in the regular season for the first time in school history with a record of 12-2. The Lions were third in their district tourney and reached the region quarter-finals. Their final record under Coach Mike Wilkins was 20-8.

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Tindall is Carter's first state wrestling champion!

By Steve Williams

Jailynn Tindall's move from Georgia to Strawberry Plains last summer has proved to be just peachy for Carter High School.

Tindall, a junior, notched a TSSAA state wrestling championship in the girls' 140-pound weight class Thursday at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

"As far as I know, she is Carter's first state champion in wrestling," said Coach Tim Free.

According to TSSAA's state championship history, Carter has had 21 appearances in state wrestling events, but never a champion ... until now!

Tindall pinned Cane Ridge junior Bryce White in 2 minutes and 56 seconds for the title.

"When she came off the mat, she said she couldn't believe it," recalled Coach Free. "She was very, very happy. She was in tears and I was too."

Jailynn then gave her coach a big hug.

"I think she did a great job," said Free. "She listened very well and executed."

"She did great. I'm very, very proud of her."

Tindall came into the tournament seeded No. 2 in her weight class.

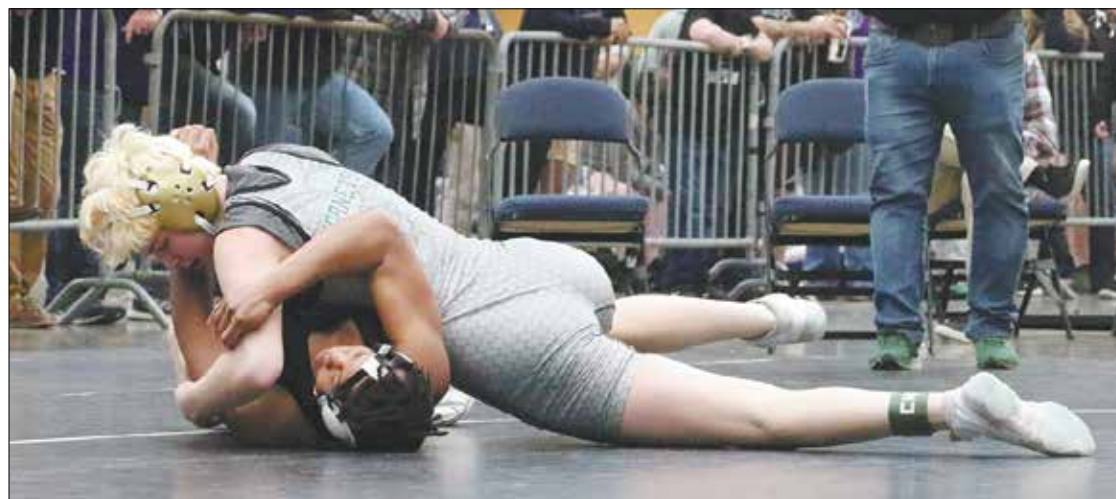
In her opening match, she pinned her opponent in 3:47 and followed that with a 10-1 major decision win.

Her opponent in the finals was the top seed.

The three wins at the state boosted Jailynn's season record to 23-1 in sanctioned matches. Her only loss came against a Riverdale wrestler in a tournament at Stone Memorial during the regular season.

Hardin Valley Academy freshman Ella Murhpey gave Knox County its only other state title in the three-day event when she recorded three straight pins in the 190-pound class.

Gibbs sophomore Haley



PHOTOS BY JESSI TINDALL

It's the pin to win! Jailynn Tindall finishes off Bryce White of Cane Ridge to become Carter High's first state wrestling champion.

Redmond placed second in the 132-pound class. She won 3-1 and 6-5, but lost a 14-0 MD in the finals.

Farragut sophomore Hailey Webb (160 pounds) also was a state runner-up – one of six in all that Knox County had. Webb advanced with a two-minute pin and a 26-9 technical fall before being pinned in the finals.

Gibbs places sixth in A-AA scoring

Coach Tim Pittman's Gibbs boys team had a good overall showing, with five of its wrestlers placing in Class A-AA.

Porter Finstad (29-3) claimed second place in the 106-pound weight class. The junior advanced with a pin, 16-0 technical fall and 7-4 decision to reach the finals, where he was pinned by Signal Mountain's Ethan Uhorchuk in 1:34.

Freshman Spencer Reep (120 pounds) took second place, reaching the finals with a 11-1 MD and a pair of decisions before losing a 12-4 MD to Pigeon Forge's Andy Cable. Reep posted a 26-5 record this season.

Senior John Pittman placed third at 145. He started fast with a pin in 16 seconds. After

losing 6-3, he went on a run in the consolation bracket, winning his next four matches to improve his record to 32-6.

Gibbs junior Carson Reep (160) also took third place. He had an 11-2 MD and 4-0 decision before bowing 12-4 in the semifinals. In the consolation bracket, Reep had a pin in 1:47 and defeated Hixson senior Kobie Smith 8-7.

The Eagles' Kirk Parsons had four pins in his bracket and ended with fourth place when he lost 4-0 in the consolation finals of the 182-pound class. The Gibbs senior is 29-5.

Pigeon Forge took first in team scoring with 193 points. Gibbs totaled 109 points.

Boruff is state runner-up in Division II

Webb School's Brik Boruff was state runner-up in the 220-pound division. He started with a pin in 41 seconds and won a 6-3 decision, but was pinned by MBA's Gabe Fisher in 5:48. Boruff is 31-5.

Three CAK wrestlers took fourth place – Andrew Justice in the 160-pound class, Packer Sapp in 132 and Ethan Fogle in 195. Hawk Dunn placed fifth in the 145 division.



Gibbs' Haley Redmond wrestles in the TSSAA State Championships in Chattanooga on Feb. 25. Redmond, a sophomore, placed second in the 132-pound class.

Grace Christian's Nick Krauss placed fourth in the 145-pound class.

Baylor racked up 216.5 points in the team scoring.

Meade takes second in Class AAA

Bearden senior Matheson Meade placed second in Class AAA's 170-pound weight class. He lost 3-2 in the finals after advancing with a technical foul, pin and major decision.

Halls senior Jeremy Peters (120 pounds) reached and won in the blood round to place sixth.

Jonathan Kiser (138 pounds) also had a sixth place showing for the Red Devils.

Cleveland led the way with 241 points. Halls came in 10th with 41 points.

District Tournament Roundup: boys hoops

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Farragut won the consolation championship, claiming third place with a 63-58 win over West High Tuesday night at Farragut High School's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

The third time was truly the charm for the Admirals, who lost two close tilts to the Rebels during the regular season.

Ryan Neal scored 21 points to lead the Admirals. Dillon Atwell added 17 while Jack Carasso and Carter Mayfield finished with nine points apiece for Farragut.

Will Biven scored 18 points and Gabriel Pastrana had 13 for the Rebels.

In District 3-AAA: The Central Bobcats finished third in the district as they notched a 73-59 victory over Karns High Tuesday night in Fountain City.

Central overcame a 38-29 half-time deficit against the Beavers.

Bobcats' head coach Andy Hill said that the difference in the game was his squad's defense after the break.

"In the second half, we defended," Hill said. "We didn't do a good job defending at all in the first half."

"But in the second half, we decided that we were going to get in a stance, sit down and defend. That's been the identity that we've established around here the last few years."

Offensively for the Bobcats, Greg Moore scored 15 of his game-high 28 points in the third quarter. Darian Bailey scored 18 points in the contest and Ahmad Belton Jr. had 14. Jaylon Harris finished with nine.

Jaylen Roberts led the Beavers

with 15 points. Raley Henson had 13 and J.J. Faulkner had 12 and Walker Lockhart finished with nine.

Three local teams posted runner-up finishes in their respective district tournament.

In District 2-AAA: South-Doyle finished second. The Cherokees lost their championship game to Jefferson County 50-44 in Dandridge on Monday, Feb. 22.

Also last week, Carter claimed the runner-up spot in District 3-AA as the Hornets dropped a 63-58 decision at Gatlinburg-Pittman.

Chandler Wilson led Carter with 19 points and Dalton McNew added 15 in Tuesday night's championship game.

In District 4-AA: Kingston edged Fulton 69-63 in Roane County Tuesday.

The Falcons (18-8) got 20



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Central High's Darian Bailey (4) attempts a pass as Karns High's Bubba Faulkner defends in the District 3-AAA Consolation Game Tuesday in Fountain City. Bailey scored 18 points as the Bobcats downed the Beavers 73-59.

points from Taj Kimber. Tyler Lee had 18 and Denaj Kimber finished with 13.

Fabulous freshmen are turning heads on girls' scene

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Her stats include 4.8 steals per game and 1.6 blocks.

PROGRAM BUILDER: Gracie Palmer has led Berean Christian School to 40 wins in her first three seasons, helping the Lady Eagles be competitive at a high level in the Knoxville area, said Coach Eric Palmer. Berean was 13-9 this season.

In addition to averaging 28.1 points per game, the 5-8 junior also averaged 9.1 rebounds, 5.8 steals, 2.7 assists and 1.7 blocks.

COLLEGE BOUND: Farragut's Macy Barnes has signed with Lincoln Memorial.

Junior teammate Keeleigh Rogers has offers from Carson Newman and Lee among others, said Coach Jason Mayfield, and junior Ashlyn Sheridan is an Anderson commit.

Elsewhere, Sydney Hurst of Carter is a Maryville commit, reports Coach Lewis.

BIG IN BIG GAMES: Farragut junior McCall Willis shot 52.5 percent from the field (highest on the team) and nearly averaged a double-double in the Lady Admirals' biggest games, said Coach Mayfield.

BOUNCING BACK: Jazmin Williams, a 5-10 Catholic sophomore guard, had a hamstring injury that really hurt her production this year, but she has bounced back over the last four weeks, said Coach Travis Mains.

Senior teammate Jeila Greenlee averaged 13 points, 3.0 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game while overcoming a MCL injury early in the year.

Players of the Year have much in common

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teammate in White, who is now playing at High Point University, Strickland has improved her production this season, said Farragut Head Coach Jason Mayfield.

"She's obviously getting more shot attempts and more looks, but she's also getting a lot more focus from the opposing team," he said. "What's most impressive is that she has been able to increase every stat that she has – points, rebounds and assists – while being the focal point of everybody's defense."



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Scoring

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.”
Robert Frost

I scored last week, but not in the vernacular sense and certainly not as defined in the urban dictionary. After trying for over a month to get a Covid vaccine I got my first shot last Friday. Thank you, Governor Lee, for lowering the Tennessee age criteria to sixty-five because, despite my qualifying 1a2 doctor status, I could not get vaccinated since I was not quite seventy.

Becky and I were never in a panic about getting the vaccine because we're careful. But we refuse to be cooped up. If you sit alone in your house, isolated and listening to the fear mongering on MSNBC, you're already dead, spiritually.

I've studied the Covid vaccines as best one can amidst the politicization of everything, even

the “science” ballyhooed by Tony Fauci. Everything in life has a risk/benefit ratio. I felt that the benefits of receiving the vaccination at our age were greater than the potential side effects of the novel mRNA vaccines. If I were less than twenty-five years old, I probably would not take the vaccine since the risk of Covid death is one in a million in that age group.

To date, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have a very low incidence of significant side effects. But, because they are available on emergency FDA approval, there are no long-term studies of these novel mRNA vaccines. I read a report that the military cannot mandate soldiers take the vaccines because of the emergency status designation. Upwards of one half of service men are currently declining Covid vaccination.

Since I considered the benefits outweighed the risks, Becky and I took the vaccine and became

part of perhaps the largest clinical trial in United States medical history. Scientists, but hopefully not Tony Fauci, will be following all vaccine recipients to assess long term side effects.

Vaccines work by challenging the immune system to process the vaccine ingredients, remembering the foreign agent and then rapidly responding if the real McCoy is encountered. This requires a healthy and functioning immune system which I'm afraid we sometimes take for granted. The immune system can be damaged by chemotherapy, radiation and even becomes less robust as we age.

The Moderna and Pfizer Covid vaccines are unique. They are not manufactured from killed viruses like polio vaccines. They are not made from live, weakened (attenuated) infectious agents such as measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox/shingles vaccines. Nor are they made from the protein subunits of infectious agents like influenza, diphtheria and whooping cough or the toxins of tetanus germs.

In previous essays I've explained that historically there were four coronaviruses and these contributed to common colds. However, in 2002 a new coronavirus appeared (from China) and caused SARS. Then in 2012 another coronavirus emerged causing MERS. The seventh

coronavirus arose in China in 2019 and swept across the world as COVID-19.

Previously, scientists experimented with mRNA vaccines to prevent SARS and MERS, but were unsuccessful. The animals in their experiments all died. Fortunately, the scientists learned from those experiments and the new Covid vaccines do not cause the problems previously seen. The vaccines are remarkably safe, except in people who are highly allergic or have a history of severe vaccine-associated reactions. Studies have shown the vaccines are highly effective at stimulating an immune response, producing antibodies and memory T cells (a subset of white blood cells). And the vaccines have been shown to prevent or lessen the severity of Covid infection.

Without getting too deeply in the medical weeds, these vaccines work by injecting a piece of Covid viral RNA (ribonucleic acid) which codes for the spike proteins on the viral particle. You've undoubtedly seen the cartoons of a Covid virus with numerous spiked projections. (The pics remind me of WWII explosive anti-ship mines.) The spikes allow Covid virus to attach to receptors on the lining of the respiratory tract. With injection of the “messenger” RNA into a person, it is delivered to the vaccinated person's cells which then produce

the spike protein (antigen). The spike protein consequently elicits an immune response through the production of antibodies and memory T cells.

Since this essay is, among other things, about scoring and choices, let's take a different path, ala Robert Frost. Do you believe in keeping score? You may think this is a ridiculous question or perhaps a trick.

Americans are a competitive people and enjoy sports. Would you watch a basketball game without a scoring system? Do you believe you can have an election without a reliable and verifiable way to count the votes? Some weeks ago, I quoted Joseph Stalin who said it doesn't matter who the people vote for. What matters is who counts to votes.

I was recently challenged by an email from a friend who presented CDC statistics of deaths in America. The email said between 2017 and 2020 the total number of deaths in America has not significantly changed despite the Covid pandemic. I researched the information which was pooh-pooed by various liberal fact checking sites and confirmed by more conservative sites. Who do you believe? Can you trust those who are keeping score or those watching the scorekeepers?

A cartoon meme was sent to me by another

friend which read, “Covid has cured influenza.” In even a mild flu season there would normally be tens of thousands of deaths by late February. In this flu season influenza is virtually nonexistent. Explanations include social distancing, washing hands, face masks, etc. That sounds logical, but there is no study that proves this, despite what double-masking Fauci says. I think the scoring system has been skewed by filthy politics which has corrupted everything. I believe my logical counter-hypothesis is every bit as good as the explanations of titular experts.

This Lenten season causes me to reconsider the story of Didymus, better known as Doubting Thomas, a disciple who was skeptical of Jesus' resurrection. I'll admit I have similarly become a skeptic of anything reported in the “news,” which like schools have become less about education and more about indoctrination.

This doctor believes a bit of skepticism is healthy. How do you make sense of the world swirling around you? I advise that you read widely, but consider the source carefully. Use common sense and listen to your conscience. And always, keep looking up!

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

Overcoming Jealousy

Have you ever bought something new, like a car, and then had someone tell you - “I'm green with envy.”

We say this phrase tongue in cheek. But the Greek idea of envy or jealousy means to “boil within.” Anger and jealousy boil within our hearts. Paul addresses this issue with the church at Corinth: “You are still worldly. For since

there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, ‘I follow Paul,’ and another, ‘I follow Apollos,’ are you not mere human beings?” (I Corinthians 3:3-4). The Corinthian church had split up into little cliques. You had the Paul camp and you had the Apollos camp. People were lining up behind their man and jealousy surged. The church had lost its focus and Paul had to step in.

The words jealousy and envy are often used interchangeably in Scripture, but there is a difference between the two. Envy occurs when you don't have

something someone else has. It is subtle and sinister in nature. It is rejoicing in the misfortune of others. Jealousy refers to having something and living in fear that you will lose it. It is being on the lookout for some new rival to step in and take what you have - be it a relationship, a work position, or belongings. Shakespeare calls it “the green sickness.”

Paul says, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn” (Romans 12:15). The person who is full of envy does just the opposite: they rejoice when someone weeps and weeps when someone rejoices.

Envy isolates you because it makes everyone a potential enemy. Due to this, envy results in a sad life. Notice what envy does: “A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones” (Proverbs 14:30). Rotten to the bones means rotten to the core. It works its way inward, spoiling all innocence and trust. With a life free of envy, you will be healthy and happy.

While there are many examples of jealousy in the Bible, the one we see most often in Scripture begins at home and it seeks to destroy the family. It began with Cain's envy which led to the murder of his brother Abel. Later, we see the

jealousy between Jacob and Esau. Jacob inherited Esau's birthright due to envy. Jacob's jealousy brought him years of wandering and hardship. Jacob played favorites toward his younger son, Joseph. He bought him special gifts including a beautiful coat. His eleven older brothers were envious and ended up throwing Joseph in a pit and selling him off into slavery and leaving the impression to their father, Jacob, that Joseph was torn apart by a wild animal as they dipped his ornate robe into blood. Joseph ended up doing quite well in Egypt after years of being enslaved and imprisoned, but Joseph's

brothers suffered years of guilt for what they had done to their brother. Saul went after David trying to hunt him down due to envy, but Saul ended up destroying his own life, not that of David.

In order to overcome jealousy, identify and call it what it is. It is sin. It is the opposite of loving others. So, admit it, confess it, and start counting your blessings for all God has given you. Finally, fill your heart with love. I Corinthians 13:4 reminds us that love does not envy. Envy and love can't be in the presence of God together, for envy repels love.

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IN RE: TAMARA L. PFEFFER
v. KATY M. PFEFFER
NO. 201306-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, KATY M. PFEFFER, 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 KATY M. PFEFFER, it is ordered that said defendant KATY M. PFEFFER file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Melanie J. Hogg, an Attorney whose address is, 1522 Highland Avenue Knoxville, TN 37916, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. in the Knox County Chancery Court Part II at 400 W. Main Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 1st day of February 2021.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHAWN HALE
IN RE: RICHARD H. BURRIS,
JR. v. SHAWN HALE
NO. 201270-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, SHAWN HALE, 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 HALE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Glen B. Rutherford, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 1668 Knoxville, TN 37901, 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 Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 8th day of February 2021.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JEREMIAH LEWIS MILLER
IN RE: LAURA KAY WISE v.
JEREMIAH LEWIS MILLER
NO. 199495-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, JEREMIAH LEWIS MILLER, 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 JEREMIAH LEWIS MILLER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Michael B. Menefee, an Attorney whose address is, 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 505 Knoxville, TN 37922, 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 Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Michael B. Menefee, an Attorney whose address is, 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 505 Knoxville, TN 37922, 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 Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 8th day of February 2021.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

JAMES TODD SHOPE and MARLENA GRACE SHOPE, Petitioners,
v.
RACHAEL LOUISE COCHRAN, Respondents.

Case No. 3836

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption filed, which is verified, that the Respondent, Rachael Louise Cochran, is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

IT IS ORDERED that said Respondent, Rachael Louise Cochran, file an answer with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson, an Attorney whose address is,

P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or the same will be taken for confessed as to Respondent and judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before the Chancery Court, 901 Main Street, Suite 206, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 18 day February, 2021. ENTERED 18 day of February.

S/ TRAVIS PATTERSON, ESQ

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, III
RE: JEANNA RACQUEL BLANCO v.
PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, II
NO. 200266-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, II 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 PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, II it is ordered that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Meghan A. Bodie, an Attorney whose address is, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 1650, Knoxville, TN 37929, 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 Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 17th day of February 2020.

Clerk and Master

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, II 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 PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, II it is ordered that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Meghan A. Bodie, an Attorney whose address is, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 1650, Knoxville, TN 37929, 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 Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 17th day of February 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson, KNOXVILLE TVA EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, v. JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson, Nos. 29299K and 29300K.

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In these Causes, it appearing from the Civil Warrants filed, which are sworn to, that the defendants, JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson, are Non-Residents 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 JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendants appear before the General Sessions Court of Knox County, Tennessee, held at the Old Knox County Courthouse, 5th General Sessions Courtroom, 3d Floor, 300 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee on March 22, 2021, and make defense to the Civil Warrants filed against them in Case Nos.

29299K and 29300K; otherwise, said Civil Warrants shall be taken for confessed, and the causes proceed with ex parte.

Counsel to the plaintiff is William L. Cooper, III, 2008 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917. This Notice shall be published in the Knoxville Focus for two consecutive weeks. Dated this 16th day of February, 2021. Mr. Charles D. Susano, III, Clerk, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901.

This 17th day of February

Charles A. Cerny, Jr., Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EARL KYLE BEELER
DOCKET NUMBER 84092-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EARL KYLE BEELER who died Jan 11, 2021, 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 this first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF EARL KYLE BEELER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN DIANE BEELER WALTON; EXECUTRIX
7821 HOLLYBROOK COURT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY BRANDON
DOCKET NUMBER 83396-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JANUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY BRANDON who died Jun 12, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF BETTY BRANDON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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4829 MAPLE SUNSET WAY, APT. 103
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

CHRIS W BEAVERS
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2125 MIDDLEBROOK PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED E CAMPBELL
DOCKET NUMBER 84102-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MILDRED E CAMPBELL who died Jan 2, 2021, 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 29 day of JANUARY, 2021.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF MILDRED E CAMPBELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF MILDRED E CAMPBELL

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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TED R DEFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 84103-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TED R DEFORD who died Dec 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:

(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 FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF TED R DEFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHIRLEY STAFFORD; EXECUTRIX
951 EDITH LANE
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRED NORRIS HIGGINS
DOCKET NUMBER 84095-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRED NORRIS HIGGINS who died Sep 16, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 10 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF BRENDA LOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN B LOY; EXECUTOR
7611 DYER ROAD
LUTTRELL, TN. 37779

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAMELA ROTH OGDEN
DOCKET NUMBER 84093-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAMELA ROTH OGDEN who died Sep 29, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF PAMELA ROTH OGDEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT OGDEN; EXECUTOR
1509 TONTI LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

GEORGE GILLIAM
ATTORNEY AT LAW
800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 700
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRYAN SCARBROUGH
DOCKET NUMBER 84089-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRYAN SCARBROUGH who died Dec 7, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF BRYAN SCARBROUGH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES S SHARP, JR.; EXECUTOR
625 MARKET STREET, THIRD FLOOR
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

RONALD ATTANASIO
ATTORNEY AT LAW
625 MARKET STREET, THIRD FLOOR
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN MARIE LABUDE

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN MARIE LABUDE who died Dec 20, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 28 day of JANUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN MARIE LABUDE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN R LABUDE; EXECUTOR
9604 W LAURENS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

ROBERT WILKINSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 4415
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENDA LOY
DOCKET NUMBER 84088-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRENDA LOY who died Jan 8, 2021, 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

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY A WRIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 84101-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY A WRIGHT who died Nov 23, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 23 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY A WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLES E WRIGHT; ADMINISTRATOR 9177 COPPER VALLEY ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF COLMAN C WRIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 84128-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of COLMAN C WRIGHT who died Nov 25, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF COLMAN C WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) EDDY R SMITH; CO-EXECUTOR

1224 HALIFAX ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

JEFFREY SCOTT WRIGHT; CO-EXECUTOR

103 MERRY HILL DRIVE CARY, NC 27518

MICHAEL R CROWDER ATTORNEY AT LAW

P.O. BOX 442 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF F LYNN YEARWOOD DOCKET NUMBER 84107-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of F LYNN YEARWOOD who died Jan 10, 2021, 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 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF F LYNN YEARWOOD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BETTY J YEARWOOD; EXECUTRIX

7955 KNOWLEDGE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

K DAVID MYERS ATTORNEY AT LAW

P.O. BOX 13 MAYNARDVILLE, TN. 37807

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

Bid 3031, Walk-In Cooler/Freezer Vine Middle School, due 3/24/21;

Bid 3034, Floor Tile and Related Supplies, due 3/30/21

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on March 19, 2021 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2005 ISU Ascen 4NUDT13S852703839

1999 Toy Camry 2T1CF22P5XC102203

2000 For Musta 1FAFP4049YF24473

2000 Mit Eclip 4A3AC84L8YED73420

2005 Pon G6 1G2ZH528X54174436

2009 Jee Grand 1J8GR48X9G553714

2001 Pon Grand 1G2WP52K51F203843

2005 For Crown 2FAFP71W55X163372

1999 Jee Grand 1J4GW68N2XC761048

2000 Sub Outba 4S3BE686Y7203999

2005 Inf G35 JNKC51E35M22956

2003 Hon Civic 2HGCS257X3H626660

2007 Pon G6 1G2ZF58B574196971

2004 Hyu Sonat KMHWF25S94A944468
2010 Che Malib 1G1ZC5E82AF288987
2016 Nis Altim 1N4AL3AP0GC240740
2008 Inf EX35 JNKAJ09F68M352740
2004 Nis Sentr 3N1CB51D74L837460
1991 For F-150 2TEF14V7MCA73830
2004 Nis Sentr 3N1CB51D84L483111
2004 GMC Envoy 1GKDS13S042426543
2008 For Crown 2FAFP71V48X140273
2007 Lin MKX 2LMDU68C57B16925
2004 Sat VUE 5GZCZ53464S805783
2008 Hon Civic 2HGFC12688H519819
2005 Cad Escal 3GYFK66N65G104628
2002 Maz MPV JM3LW28A220327949
2008 Inf M35 JNKA0Y1F98M651176
2004 For Expl 1FMDU77K24UB42964
2012 For Fusio 3FAHP0HA7CR282863
1998 Old Cutla 1G3N652M1W6326376
2003 For Econo 1FTRE14W23H882139
2008 Che Cobal 1G1AL18F387122034
2011 Che Cruze 1G1PFS9487291756
2006 Nis Sentr 3N1CB51D96L582278
2005 Acu TSX JH4CL96805C028195
2006 Hyu Tibur JMHW65D46U211964
2009 Pon G6 1G2ZG57N594123952
2012 Hon Accor 1HGCP2F39CA076872
2002 Toy Camry 4T1BF32K72U023192
1995 For Expl 1FMDU34X2SUB79163

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on March 19, 2021 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday MARCH 25th, 2021 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

2008 CHEVY 2G1WB58K589216671
1990 BOAT HSTGA05D090
2001 HONDA 1HGEM21571L062111
2003 CHEVY 1G1JF52F37297192
1999 JEEP 1J4FF68S3L652082
2013 CHEVY 2G1WVG5E3D1228757
2008 NISSAN 5N1BA08D08N605983
2003 PONTIAC 1G2HX52K734134418
2005 TOYOTA 2T1KR32E85C426301
2004 DODGE 1B3EL46R54N308138
2005 FORD 1FMYU93165KD27655
2007 DODGE 1D4GP25R37B139134
2015 KIA 5XYKW4478FG578358
1996 TOYOTA JT3HN87R7T0003817
2007 HONDA JH2MF02067K000006
1998 JEEP 1J4FX58S4WC357496
2008 PONTIAC 1G2ZH57N184208640
2000 MERCURY 4M2DU86P4YU12548
2006 SAAB YS3FD45YX61021731
2001 NISSAN 3N1CB51D21L480488
2002 MAZDA 1YVGF22C725280595
2001 MAZDA 1YVGF22C515200127
2006 MAZDA JM1CR29L160118210
2001 SAAB YS3DF78K017000547
2005 CHRYSLER 2C4GP54L45R125480
1979 CHEVY C6L3380156404
2008 CHRYSLER 2C3KA43R38H189410
2007 JEEP 1J8HH48K37C599549
2002 NISSAN 1N4AL11D12C149592
2000 HONDA 1HGCG1651YA032674
1996 NISSAN 4N2DN11W1T0840973
1999 MERCURY 2MEFM75W0XX274088
2004 FORD 1FTNW20P04ED41744
1995 NISSAN 1N6SD11S8SC424138
2002 HONDA 1HGEM22912L091896
2009 MAZDA JM1BK3230912361896
1999 HONDA 1HGCG564XXA016289
1997 FORD 1FMDU34XV25B8729
2003 FORD 1FTNX20L63EB21002

2005 DODGE 1B3AL46X15N544283
2002 CHEVY 1GNEC13Z62R311743
2007 CADILLAC 1GYEE637X70168705
2001 CADILLAC 1G6KD54Y21U171923
2002 FORD 1FTRW08L72KE06854
2004 TOYOTA JTEBU17R440053177
2015 NISSAN 5N1AZ2MH9FN201974
2010 NISSAN 1N4AL2AP5AN455049
2009 MAZDA JM3TB28A490172939
2005 IZUZU 4NUES16M256702507
2011 HYUNDAI 5NPEC44B7BH275603
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2006 HYUNDAI KMHDN46D96U315204
1999 FORD 1FAFP4048XF210424
2005 FORD 1FMPU16565L19231
2009 DODGE 3D4GG57V39T559571
2001 CHRYSLER 3C4FY4BB31T653516
2016 CHEVY 1GNKRGD2G1J00202
2003 NISSAN 3N1CB51D4L825349
2007 KIA KNAME123175091660
1999 HONDA 1HGCG5642XA072002
2017 FORD 1FADP3F28H1226147
2013 CHEVY 2G1WC5E31D1177595
2012 CHEVY 1G1PFS5C6C7335317
2001 AUDI TRUWT28N411022663
2001 CHEVY 1GNDU03E71D146460
2004 CHEVY 2G1WX12K449199603
2004 CHEVY 1G1ZT54824F103900
2002 FORD 1FMZU67E82UD42738
2005 HONDA SHSRD68515U308892
2015 MERCEDES WDDGJ4HB6F375275
1998 NISSAN JN8AR05Y4WW279276
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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PURSUANT TO DEFAULT

Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of the following leased units will be auctioned, sold or otherwise disposed of at www.StorageAuctions.com. Bidding will begin on 3/10/21 and close at 10:00 am on 3/25/21. The sale is to satisfy the owner's lien, at Tillery Self Storage, 115 Tillery Rd, Knoxville, TN. The Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Some units may not be available on the day of sale. Please call 865-687-7308 to confirm the sale.

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