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2019 Knox County Total Population<sup>1</sup>  
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Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases<sup>2</sup>  
**46,410**

% COVID-19 Cases/ Total Population  
**9.9%**

Total COVID-19 Deaths<sup>2</sup>  
**594**

% COVID-19 Deaths/ Total Population  
**.13%**

SOURCES 1. U.S. Census Bureau 2. Knox County Health Department data from 3/13/2021.

# Vestal neighborhood moving forward



There is a sing-along planned for the Vestal Gateway Park at 6 p.m. on March 16th. It is open to everyone who wants to sing along, recite a poem, or speak. Photo courtesy City of Knoxville.

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South Knoxville is moving forward with many improvements in the Vestal neighborhood. Some of the improvements were discussed last week in a Zoom meeting of the Vestal Community Organization.

Vestal Community Organization President Eric Johnson hosted the meeting which was attended by David Bolt, Britney Shultz, Jill Walton, Allie Sasser,

Carson Dailey, Tina Sparks, Carolyn Cline, Lee Sessions, Regis Borsari, Kara Strouse and Gene Burr.

Knoxville Police Department Officer Jonathan Clabough, a Vestal native, gave a crime report for the area and urged all residents to be aware of vehicle thefts. He urged everyone to lock their cars at night and said the majority of car thefts result when people leave keys in the car or leave a car running while running into a store.

He also answered questions from organization members about trouble houses in the area and said that patrols across the city have been increased.

Johnson reported on the improvements along Goose Creek and at Mary Vestal Park which included removal of invasive vegetation along the greenway, crediting Councilman Tommy Smith and Commissioner Carson Dailey for help with the project.

Carson Dailey told the

group the county school system has received \$50 million and the county will get \$92 million. He said he is curious how the COVID-19 funds will be spent. He also said that he is working to finalize a "litter court" next month to help stop illegal littering and dumping.

Johnson noted that some people getting food at the local food pantry are littering as they walk away from the event and mentioned the South Knox Clean Up

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# Fountain City Auto Clinic is a family tradition

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Looking for the best auto repairs by a local family-owned and operated business?

For all around repairs and maintenance of all makes of vehicles you can't beat Fountain City Auto Clinic at 2823 Woodrow Drive.

Tammie Rouse and her mom, Nelda Scott, are the owners of the Fountain City Auto Clinic which has been a part of the community for over 40 years. Tammie is proud of the business that was founded by her father, Jerry Scott. He began many years ago working at Crass Motors in Fountain City and then for Alvin Frye at Amoco. In 1984 he opened his own repair shop and three

years later moved it to their current location, behind Home Federal Bank just off Broadway.

When her father died unexpectedly in 2016, Tammie joined her mother to take on the challenging role of managing the operations of the auto clinic, all while continuing her successful real estate career with Realty Executives Associates.

"We do all repairs on all types and models, including Euro, Asian and Diesel. We have four technicians, a tire and lube technician, a service writer/manager and a service advisor," she said, adding, "We will pick-up and drop off repairs within five miles from the shop or you can relax in our comfortable waiting room."

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Tammie Rouse (right) and her mom Nelda Scott invite you to Fountain City Auto Clinic for all types of auto repairs. With more than 40 years of reliable service the business is located at 2823 Woodrow Drive just off North Broadway. Photo courtesy of Tammie Rouse.



PHOTO BY BILL HOWARD.

Future doctors getting hands-on training at LMU-Knoxville DCOM

# Stansberry, LMU-Knoxville DCOM SPs help train future doctors

Second in a three-part series

By Bill Howard

If someone were to ask Judie Douglas what her job was, her answer of "SP" might well bring a reaction of "say what?"

In fact, Douglas is one of 20 or so SPs - Standardized Patients - employed part-time by the LMU-Knoxville Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (DCOM) on Cogdill Road in Knoxville. LMU-DCOM's first class of med students started in the fall of 2019.

Simply put, Douglas and her fellow SPs act as patients for medical students to try to diagnose as part of their training. The SP is given a script which describes the medical condition he or she is to present to

the student doctor, and then assumes the role of the patient. Included in the script is specific information the SP is to provide upon being asked, as well as the SP's "base case" - medical and lifestyle information established up front that applies to each SP's performance.

The typical scenario works like this:

SP Coordinator Brittney Stansberry emails the SPs what case they'll portray, the date, and times. Cases run a wide range of ailments - back, knee, or heel pain; nausea and vomiting; headaches; rash; fatigue; and erectile dysfunction, among others - and are often assigned by age and gender.

Shifts typically start at either

8:30 or 12:30, and the SP wears a standard hospital gown. The student-doctor logs in, and then has 14 minutes to ask questions and assess the SP's condition. Some cases call for a physical exam, some don't. Some call for a specific diagnosis, some are just to gather information.

When the student-doctor leaves, he or she fills out a computer form called a SOAP (Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan) note, which documents information and helps in assessment and diagnosis. The SP, meanwhile, fills in a computer rubric form that assesses both the student-doctor's clinical competence and interpersonal skills.

The student-doctor then

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# Huge national debt destroys countries

From a distance



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

I am a big fan of the author Eric Metaxas and especially of his book "Miracles," which I would recommend to anyone.

He wrote a best-selling biography of the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer and a highly-acclaimed biography of Martin Luther.

His newest book, which I have not read but hope to, is entitled "Fish Out of

Water," about how out of place he felt as a working-class kid among the rich at Yale, from which he graduated.

However, I pulled out my copy of Bonhoeffer not for any theology but because of what he wrote about the horrendous inflation that hit Germany in the 1920s: "For Germany, 1923 was disastrous. The German mark, which had begun to slide two years earlier, went into free fall. In 1921 it dropped to 75 marks to the dollar, the next year to 400; and by early 1923 it plunged to 7000. But this was only the beginning of sorrows."

"The resultant economic turmoil would make the bleak conditions of a few months earlier look like the

good old days: by August a dollar was worth one million marks; and by September, August seemed like the good old days. By November 1923 a dollar was worth about four billion German marks."

And Germany at that time was thought to be the best, or at least one of the best, educated countries in the world. That inflation was one of the main things that led to the rise of Hitler.

Sometime in the very early 90s, I went to a presentation in Washington about what Argentina was doing to try to save its social security system, which was very similar to ours.

They had been hit by such terrible inflation in the late 80s that grocery stores

had to raise their prices on average every four hours.

I thought of all this in relation to the "drunken sailor" spending the Congress has been doing over the last couple of years.

Our national debt was around three trillion when I went to Congress in 1989. I thought that was too high. Now, it is a humanly-incomprehensible 28 trillion, having risen a mind-boggling six trillion in the last couple of years.

President Biden's so-called COVID-19 Relief Bill will add \$1.9 trillion that we do not have to this debt, and most of it has nothing to do with coronavirus.

If we were going to spend this much, we could have given about \$5,700 to every man, woman, and

child in this country.

Instead, everyone making under \$75,000 a year will get \$1,400 checks on top of the earlier \$600 payments. All the rest of this money will be spent by government bureaucrats.

Democrats believe that federal bureaucrats can spend your money in better ways than you can.

The worst spending in this latest bill is \$350 billion to bail out the high tax states and cities that have forced so many of their citizens to move to low tax states.

The bulk of that money is going to the pious, holier-than-thou blue state governors and mayors who locked down their states and cities and thus now have the highest rates of

unemployment.

I am blessed to have nine grandchildren, all living in Knox county, ranging in age from five to 17.

I know people love getting these checks from the government, but it is almost sinful how much debt we are piling on to our children and grandchildren.

Simply printing more and more money has never worked yet in any country. If you operate a national government in such a fiscally-irresponsible way, you end up with terrible inflation, terrible deflation, or, worst of all, a combination of both.

For some reason, too many seem to believe this country is immune from financial disaster. I hope they are right.

## KCS employees to receive one-time mid-year incentive

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Board of Education made the school district's employees and Superintendent Bob Thomas very happy Wednesday night.

After a discussion about semantics, the board unanimously approved a one-time mid-year incentive for all KCS employees.

"If you pass this, you'll make me the happiest man at this table," Thomas said in preliminary discussions before the measure passed by a 9-0 vote at the school board's regular session meeting at the Andrew Johnson Building.

The measure was proposed at the board's work session and originally had all teachers to receive \$1,000 in funds allocated by the state earlier this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That money, \$2.5 million, was earmarked for teachers and Thomas sought local funding to pay classified employees a one-time incentive payment of \$500.

But last week, it was determined, based on sales tax revenue, that there were enough funds to pay classified employees a one-time incentive of \$1,000.

"All of our teachers, administrators

and classified employees have worked extremely hard and gone above and beyond to keep our schools open," Thomas said.

The superintendent noted that the incentive was labeled as such so it wouldn't be taxed at a higher rate as a bonus would be.

The one-time incentive will be pro-rated for part-time employees and bus drivers, who work for contracted companies, will not be included in the plan.

Board members did ask when the employees would see the additional money.

"We're going to do it ASAP," Thomas said.

Ron McPherson, KCS Chief Financial Officer said that he hoped that the employees would see the incentive by April.

After the measure passed, board chairperson Susan Horn said that the board greatly appreciated the efforts of KCS employees during the pandemic.

"I'm proud of the board," Horn said. "This is a small token of our appreciation.

## Stephanie Welch formally retires from U.S. Army

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Stephanie Welch served as councilwoman for the 1st District beginning on November 7, 2017 to replace term-limited Nick Pavlis and left that position in 2020 to serve as Mayor Indya Kincannon's Chief Economic & Community Development Officer and Deputy to the Mayor.

She also continued to serve as a major in the

United States Army, postponing taking her position with the city because she was called back to active duty. On Tuesday Colonel Heidi Otis spoke to the virtual meeting of city council to salute Welch on her Army retirement and for her 22 years of service.

Otis said Welch "served and was exceptionally honorable."

"We're going to miss her. You are very blessed to have her," Colonel Otis said.



Major Stephanie Welch

## Vestal neighborhood moving forward

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scheduled for April.

Kara Strouse said she is working with the Boys and Girls Club to replace a fence and is trying to get a vacant lot used by the community at the club to be cleaned up, sold or donated. She said the lot is littered with abandoned syringe needles and broken glass and is overgrown. She suggested the lot and the club playground be monitored by the

organization and neighborhood.

Johnson applauded a Maker's Market held recently at the Sustainable Future Center, saying it was very successful with many people staying to chat with the vendors.

Britney Shultz and David Bolt talked about the market, held the first Saturday of each month, and also mentioned the Sustainable Fabric Market where people

learn to reuse and repurpose fabric.

Johnson reported on a cleanup effort at the Vestal United Methodist Church Cemetery and also announced a sing-along scheduled for the Vestal Gateway Park at 6 p.m. on March 16. He said it is open to everyone who wants to sing along, recite a poem, or speak. He said signs will be put up beforehand to promote the event.

## Webb School of Knoxville to Host March Spartan Showcase

Webb School of Knoxville will host its spring Spartan Showcase, a Pre-K through 12th grade admissions Open House event, on Sunday, March 28, beginning at 2 p.m., on the Webb School campus in West Knoxville.

At Webb's Spartan Showcase, both prospective students and their parents can engage with Webb faculty, students and administrators, and experience, firsthand, the opportunities for their child to connect, imagine and grow at Webb School.

The free event will highlight Webb's numerous offerings and programs, and will include tours of the campus and its leading-edge facilities. Visitors can explore Webb's new Middle School Innovation Center that integrates engineering and robotics and promotes greater learning and collaboration; the Upper School Learning Commons, including a unique visualization lab, designed to engage students and teachers and promote higher learning

and advanced research; and renovations to the school's Central Building, providing a more intentional "front door" to the campus that celebrates Webb's history and welcomes visitors in spaces that represent the school's commitment to excellence and community.

"Beyond our beautiful campus and our exceptional academic, athletic and arts programs, the students, parents and teachers at Webb truly are a family," says Michael McBrien, President of Webb School of Knoxville. "Our

Spartan Showcase allows us to share with the greater community the breadth and depth of our programs. It also provides a glimpse into how we are reimagining what an extraordinary educational experience looks like and how we are making a positive difference in the lives and futures of our students."

To register for Webb's Spartan Showcase, go to webbschool.org/spartanshowcase.



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# Publisher's Positions



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Joe Biden in the basement of the White House meet that criteria? I don't think so.

Local Democrats claim in their press release to have gained "14 points county-wide over Republicans." We've heard that before, for instance in the congressional races between Tim Burchett and Rene Hoyos. Last time Hoyos claimed polls showed she and Burchett were in a dead heat. Never happened. Hoyos won 34% of the vote in 2018 and 33% in 2020. Does that sound like a gain to you? It must be that Democrat math at work, probably taught by a member of the teachers' union.

Local Democrats claim Republicans have been leaving the GOP in droves. What evidence is there to support this particular claim? They cite "prominent" Republicans like former election administrator Cliff Rodgers. That's like saying a movie extra in Star Wars is as prominent as Harrison Ford.

Local Democrats flung the accusation Knox County Republicans "continue down the path of misinformation, inflammatory rhetoric, Q-anon conspiracy theories, and pro-Covid policies." Let's call that what it is in plain terms: a lie, an absolute, unmitigated lie. The Democratic Party was once that of the working person; not any longer. Wasn't it Barack Obama who lamented Americans were still too wedded to their "God and guns"? It was a Democrat who placed "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country. You don't see Republicans taking a knee during the playing of the national anthem. These are the paladins of the cancel culture.

You won't find Republicans trying to erase God from the life of our country. These are the same people who stand for banning books by Dr. Seuss when the Democratic Party used to stand forthrightly for free speech. Now they support free speech only

when there is no dissent to their own political dogma. Democrats talk about racism, yet they boast the most openly, brazenly and utterly unrepentant anti-Semites in Congress today.

As to nutty conspiracy theories, these are the very same people who insisted for four years the Russians had stolen the 2016 election from Hillary Clinton and for Donald Trump. Even after an expenditure of \$50 million or more and all sorts of investigations, Robert Mueller and his professional Democrat staff couldn't find or produce a single, solitary shred of evidence.

As to "pro-Covid" policies, that's another bald-faced lie. Remember the "gold standard" of Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York? If ever there was a governor who produced pro-Covid policies, it was Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat who sent Covid-positive patients into nursing homes, killing literally thousands of seniors and then lied about the number of dead. The states with the highest death rates have pretty well been "Blue" states. Democrats and the fake news mainstream media have tried to tear apart the efforts of Republican governors like Ron DeSantis of Florida and Greg Abbott of Texas, yet those states are faring far better than the Democratic bastions of New York and California. And let's just go ahead and point out the "Blue" states are having to be bailed out because they are pretty well bankrupt they've been run so well. Does that sound "competent" to you?

The Democrats, once the party of "Women Must Be Believed" have since fallen largely silent with the accusations against Joe Biden and Andrew Cuomo.

The "competent government" local Democrats say they support is as far from faith and family as the sun is from the frozen planet of Pluto. These are the same people who wish to defund the police, literally empty out the prison populations

into society, and say and do nothing while anarchists burn down cities.

The "better place for all" local Democrats say they support here in Knox County is, in truth, their warped vision of a socialist utopia where you, the taxpayer, keep homeless people in a hotel for roughly \$8 million tax dollars each year. That same paradise promises "peace" officers and social workers instead of policemen and restorative practices instead of real, actual justice for victims of crime. Have you heard any local Democrats cry out for justice for the murdered Black teens in East Knoxville, Janaria Muhammad, Stanley Freeman, Jr. and Justin Taylor? They will holler "Black Lives Matter", they will protest, but they won't do a blessed thing to bring killers to justice. Their brand of "social justice" is a mere shadow of the closure needed by the actual victims of crime.

If local Republicans and Democrats run on what they actually stand for, the "people-centered solutions" Knox County Democrats say they support won't bear the slightest scrutiny because it simply isn't true.

## GOP Convention

Knox County Republicans, if you didn't pick up on that tidbit from the above, gathered together in convention at Crown College. Two candidates vied for the party chairmanship. The candidates were former state Representative Harry Brooks and attorney Daniel Herrera. Both made good, solid speeches to those gathered. Harry Brooks, who is nothing if not an honorable man, was as gracious in defeat as he always was in victory.

Herrera is 28 years old and Hispanic. Congratulations, Daniel and I predict Herrera's counterpart, Matt Shears, a pleasant young man in his own right, will prefer campaigning by press release. I would bet just about any amount of money Shears is going to

stay well away from Daniel Herrera's ability to talk. I would also guess Matt will be pretty scarce on the hustings until his term expires, but I, for one, would love to see the two party chairs debate the merits of the two political parties before a live audience. Doubtless, young Matthew would plead it wouldn't be safe with the COVID-19 and all, but Biden has promised every American will be vaccinated by May, so how about a date of sometime in June, Matt? Save a ringside seat for me.

## Speaking of Democrats. . .

Appointed City Councilman Tommy Smith of South Knoxville kicked off his campaign with an outdoor event last Sunday. If the Republicans gathered at Crown College last week, the Democrats converged on South Knoxville. We all hear the races inside the City of Knoxville are non-partisan and that has served the socialists pretty well over the last few election cycles. That looks to be coming to an end with a concerted effort to field candidates who actually want to do something about the crime and violence that is spreading rapidly throughout Knoxville.

Smith, who was appointed to the council when Stephanie Welch was given a whopping six figure a-year job by Mayor Indya Kincannon, was feted by Democrats galore. Smith, a Democrat, endorsed Rene Hoyos, when she ran against Tim Burchett. Rene came by to return the favor and ex-mayor Madeline "Recode" Rogero showed herself. Smith has assembled a flight of campaign workers whose credentials would satisfy no less than AOC. Nary a Republican was to be found.

You will remember Democrat Amy Midis faced off against socialist Amelia Parker, who by the way, has never come out for enforcing the law to bring to justice the murderers of three Black teenagers in East Knoxville. Neither

has Smith for that matter, although he has made the bold statement that the "gun violence" has to stop. If the murderers aren't arrested and incarcerated, I doubt a time-out in detention is going to make students any safer while going to and from school. In the Midis - Parker race many conservative or Republican voters chose not to vote in that particular race. Amelia Parker posted a narrow win over Midis.

There are going to be at least four well-funded, hardworking candidates to give voters a choice in the city elections who will stand up and fight for families and for victims. Let's hope there is a fifth candidate in South Knoxville.

## A Special Thanks to Tennova

I want to close this editorial on a happy note. I want to give a special thanks to the folks at Tennova North in Powell. My wife, Kim, and I went last Monday for our COVID-19 vaccination and the folks there simply blew us away with their efficiency and professionalism. Add to that an obvious concern for the people they were serving and it really made an great impression on us both. It was superbly well organized from beginning to end and what could have easily been a very stressful occasion was made as simple and as pleasant as possible under the circumstances. The entire experience was one of those rare occasions when everything really was about the people being served.

To the Tennova employees and the score of community volunteers, The Knoxville Focus, my wife Kim and I offer you a sincere and hearty THANK YOU!

# Some commission consent items noteworthy

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Knoxville City Council and Knox County Commission meeting agendas often contain multiple "consent" items that are voted on as a group in one vote without discussion of each individual item. In the city council agendas, those items are usually donations to non-profit organizations or retirements.

However, the county commission usually sees consent items making up the majority of the agenda. Any commissioner can ask that a consent item be removed from the list and discussed. School system requests are always consent items as state law requires them to be approved, with or without discussion.

The commission meets next Monday and there are some notable things that may end up as "consent" items.

One notable school system request is for the approval of more than \$50 million in funding from the Tennessee Department of Education Elementary and Secondary Relief 2.0 Grant. Another school funding request is a \$19.9 million funding contract with Merit Construction Inc. for construction of the Adrian Burnett Elementary School.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs has three appointments that will probably be on the consent list. He's naming Tom Salter and reappointing Nick Jackson to the Regional Solid Waste Board and naming Jim Nichols to replace Mike Crower on Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

A pass-through grant from the federal government from Homeland Security of \$389,778 may be approved for first responders equipment and training in our 16 county areas may also be approved.

The commission's consent agenda may include the \$1,600 donation from the family of Peter and Laura Campbell to place a memorial bench at The Point in Concord Park and an easement request for KUB and KCDC may also get approval for the Austin Homes Redevelopment.

Also on the agenda is acceptance of the donation of real property at 1904 Tennessee Avenue and giving \$150,000 to the Industrial Development Board to support workforce development training.

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# City asks legislators to create a special stadium tax district

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The Knoxville City Council voted to ask members of the Tennessee General Assembly from our area to introduce and seek passage of a bill capturing state and local taxes near the proposed baseball stadium. The legislation, if passed, would create a special tax zone within one-fourth mile of the facility being proposed by businessman Randy Boyd.

Although the resolution passed 8-1 several council members had questions and comments including Councilwoman Amelia Parker

and three citizens who joined the virtual meeting. Three other citizens joined the session to support the request for legislation.

Councilwoman Lynne Fugate moved to pass the idea, presented by Mayor Indya Kincannon, and Councilman Tommy Smith seconded the motion. Kincannon said a meeting on the stadium will be held on March 25 at 6 p.m. that will include public input, but stressed that the special tax zone would not take tax dollars away from school funding.

Parker noted that the proposed tax district would take all the tax revenue in the district to retire

the debt of building the facility. She moved to postpone it for two weeks but the motion failed in a 7-2 vote. Kincannon said that any delay in asking the legislature for the special district might signal the city doesn't want the stadium.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider said there is "a lot of confusion on the taxes" and asked about taxes on tickets for events and ball games. "I'm getting a lot of questions," she said.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Welch told the council the legislation is needed but the financing of the stadium, through the newly created Sports Authority, depends on a

third-party review. The mayor said that the council would not vote to fund the stadium project until that study is completed.

Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie asked what would happen if the state legislation passes but the stadium isn't built. Welch replied that if the project isn't built than the special tax district would not exist.

Councilman Tommy Smith asked what would happen if the stadium project's debt was paid off and Welch said the tax district's sales tax would revert back to the current status.

"There is so much

misinformation. I don't want to decrease school money," Councilwoman Seema Singh said. Welch replied that existing tax revenue in the special district would continue to go to the city and schools and only taxes on new businesses in the district would apply to the stadium debt.

Councilman Charles Thomas said while he is concerned about "siphoning off money from existing programs" he said the proposal will "only increase revenue and drive business development."

In the final vote only Parker voted "No" and the motion passed 8-1.

## Spinning world

That Thursday night was a rough one. I got out of bed about 2:00 a.m. to do what we older guys have to do. Immediately, the room spun, and I pin-balled down the hall to the bathroom. Once back in bed, I lay on



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cure for me was throwing up until the dry heaves took over. My prayers to God for relief with the added promise to never do such a stupid thing again were thrown in for good measure. My last bout with

such a ridiculous activity came during the summer of my senior year in high school. To this day, I don't understand the fun in getting drunk.

I finished off a prescription of Anti-Vert but still felt lousy. My doctor, the greatest one ever to practice, Dr. Cathy Mathes, told me that I should perform an exercise a couple of times a day until I was better. It is called the Epley Maneuver. A person first turns his head at a 45-degree angle. Then, he quickly lies back on the bed while maintaining the same head angle. After 30 seconds, the person turns his head 90-degrees the opposite way. In another 30 seconds he moves 90-degrees on his side. After 30 seconds, he then sits up.

The drop to the bed begins the spinning, so having someone to track with the time is important. Amy was my helper. I performed the maneuver one time, and upon sitting up, I was better. The crystals in my inner ear reset, and life was again good.

I hope and pray that this vertigo never returns. However, if it should come for a visit, I now know one thing that might reverse the terrible effects. If you are ever waylaid by this problem, give the Epley Maneuver a try. The rest of you folks who love dizziness can go ahead and drink up. Remember to toast those of us who are living in our spinning worlds.

I cleaned a bank in the backyard of my mother's friend. I was "laid up" for about three days; relief came from the doctor in the form of a suppository, a first for me.

Dizziness is not something I've ever enjoyed. As a child, I would play with others during the summer. We'd roll down hills or turn in circles until our worlds spun. I discovered that such activities weren't for me. Only one ride on the tilt awhirl at the fair was enough to forever keep me off the ride.

As a teenager, I was somewhat of a slow learner and several times over indulged in drinking alcohol. Every episode ended the same way. I would lie down and feel the spinning begin. Closing my eyes did nothing. Friends told me placing one foot on the floor while lying on the bed would stop the dizziness. Wrong! The

Click! The cluster of yellow flowers were safely stored in my camera. It seemed like only yesterday I



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was tramping through the beautiful Christmas Eve snowfall to capture images of the winter wonderland before it disappeared. The colorful daffodils shown here against some leftover

leaves of fall are among the first blooms of spring.

Our lives are still measured by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a year since our world changed to a new normal of masks, social distancing, Zoom events, and stay-at-home guidelines. 2021 has brought with it a slow return to normalcy and even a new normal. Vaccines are becoming available. March Madness has



Picture of daffodils in spring, by Ralphine Major

returned after all tournaments were canceled at the start of the pandemic in 2020. Some businesses are reopening; some restaurants have reopened their dining rooms; some churches now offer in-person services; and some schools are open for in-person classes as well. Many festivals and events, however, are still

offering virtual participation or postponement until 2022.

Spring brings with it new life, new hope. After a year of COVID and lockdowns, that optimism is needed now more than ever. Words of Faith from Psalm 9:1 (KJV): "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works."

## Do I Need a Lawyer for the Property Damage Portion of My Personal Injury Case?

When someone is involved in a car wreck, there are two distinct and separate parts of their case. The personal injury side of their case encompasses bodily injuries, missed work, and pain and suffering. The other side is the property portion of the claim. This is the portion of the claim related to recovering for damage to your vehicle.



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The personal injury part of a case and the property part of a case are separate and distinct. The personal injury part of a case can take months, if not years, to resolve, while the property damage portion of a case is usually resolved in a matter of days, or maybe a few weeks at the most.

The insurance adjusters for the at fault driver's insurance company are different for the personal injury side and the property damage side.

What I typically tell people is that they should not have an attorney get involved in the property damage portion of their case, its just not worth it. You will need every dollar they offer you for your damaged or totaled vehicle to make repairs or buy a replacement vehicle, and you want none of that money going into your lawyer's pocket instead.

Plus, I have found that lawyer's are typically worthless in helping people get more money for their damaged vehicles. Why is that? Well, the insurance companies have these

computer systems in place for how they calculate what they will offer people for their vehicles based on all of these variables. In the few property damage portion cases where I have seen the value contested, I have seen people add a few hundred dollars to the offer for their vehicle, in one rare case, I saw \$1,000.00 added to the property damage offer, but that was an aberration.

Usually you are stuck simply taking what the insurance company will offer you for your vehicle. And in case you did not know this already, the insurance company NEVER offers to pay you what you believe your vehicle is worth.

Also, if you can prove the value of property inside the vehicle you lost as part of the accident, then you may be compensated for those items. However, usually you need receipts

to prove the value of items lost, which no one ever has.

So, when people contact me right after they are in an accident, I tell them they should resolve the property part of their claim themselves, and then I will work with them on the personal injury part of their case. And I tell them, do not worry, you are not giving up your personal injury claim by accepting money from the insurance company for your vehicle, they are two separate and distinct claims.

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## Fountain City Auto Clinic is a family tradition

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What makes Fountain City Auto Clinic special?

"What makes us different from other shops is that we truly care about our community and we value our employees. We want the best for them as much as we do ourselves," Tammie told The Focus. Tammie honors the community by sponsoring several local schools.

More than 6,000 repair coupons were recently mailed out to the community, according to Tammie, and the business maintains

a Facebook page and website at [www.fountaincityautoclinic.com](http://www.fountaincityautoclinic.com). They also advertise in The Knoxville Focus and deliver coupons to local schools.

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# Mr. Jim Cummings

## Pages from the Past



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“Live so that when you die, even the undertaker will be sorry.” Sign that hung in the business office of Jim Cummings.

James H. Cummings is likely a name unfamiliar to most readers, but during his time he was a power and a man to be reckoned with. When he died in 1979, “Mr. Jim” Cummings had served longer in Tennessee’s state legislature than any other man in our state’s history. Living in the tiny hamlet of Woodbury, Tennessee, Cummings influenced events and pushed rural interests while serving in the legislature. Jim Cummings was powerful enough in Nashville to vex Edward Hull Crump, master of the Shelby County machine and was a strong supporter of Tennessee’s influential U. S. Senator Kenneth McKellar, while also allied with McKellar’s political nemesis Gordon Browning. Always colorful, “Mr. Jim” joined with two other long-serving rural legislators, I. D. Beasley of Carthage and W. D. “Pete” Haynes of Winchester, Tennessee. The three constituted a powerful bloc inside the legislature, promoting rural interests and were widely known as the “Unholy Trinity” by those who had the misfortune to tangle with them, either singularly or collectively.

James H. Cummings was born November 8, 1890 and like many young men of the time, Cummings taught school, earning \$35 a month and recalled, “I remember carrying water and wood to the school house. I decided then that there had to be a better way.”

The better way for Cummings was becoming Circuit Court Clerk in 1912.

While serving as Clerk, Cummings also became the publisher for the Cannon Courier. Cummings left office in 1920 and accepted a job in the State Comptroller’s office in Nashville while attending the YMCA law school at night. Admitted to the bar in 1922, Jim Cummings went to Cumberland University in 1923 where he received his diploma. A real estate boom in Florida lured Cummings to the Sunshine State where he went to work for a developer in 1925. The boom went bust in 1927 and “Mr. Jim” came home to Woodbury where he opened a law office and began five decades of practice as a country lawyer. “I learned a lot down there,” Cummings said of his time in Florida. “One of the things I learned was I couldn’t get along without Hesta.”

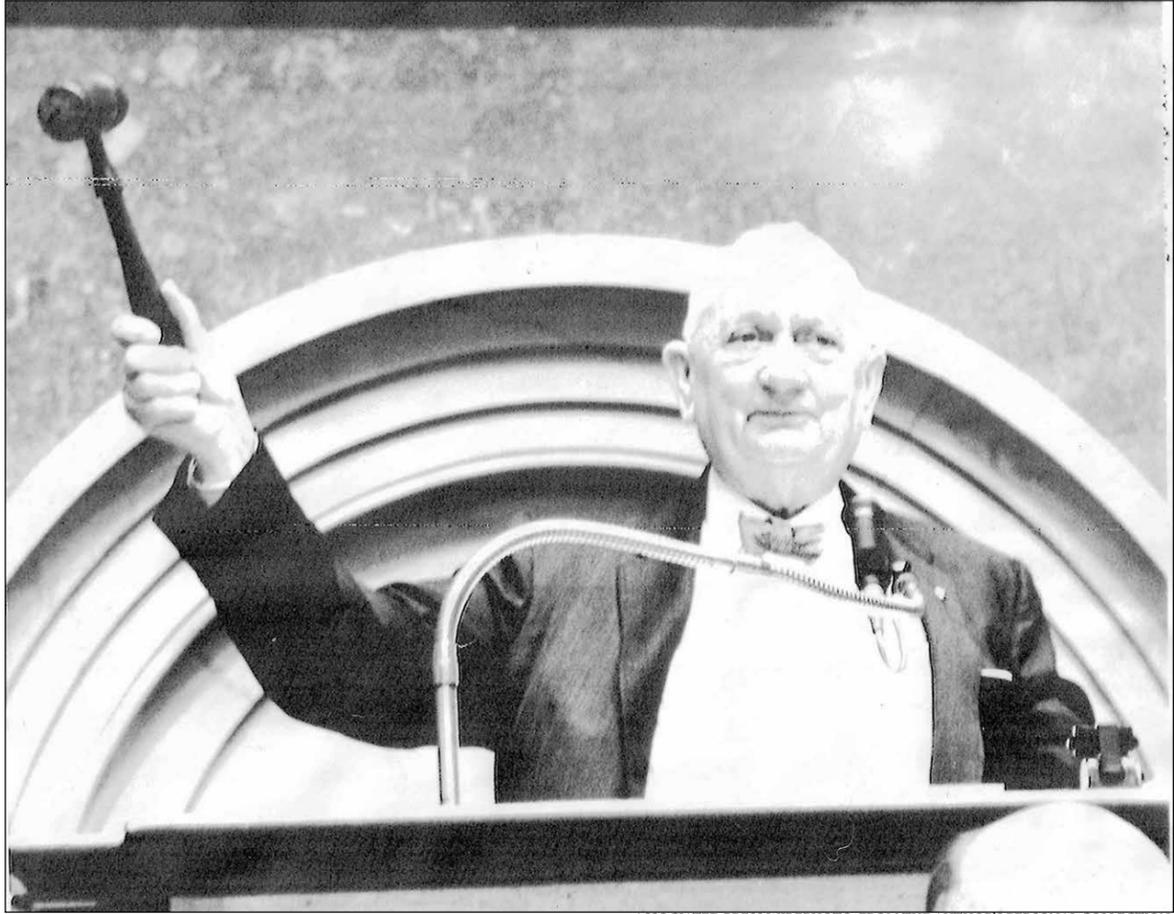
Cummings was referring to Hesta McBroom, a local girl whom he married. “Miss Hesta” ran a small insurance business out of

the Cummings law office.

Jim Cummings went to Nashville in 1929 having been elected to serve as the state senator from a small cluster of counties surrounding his own Cannon County. For the next forty years, Jim Cummings would be a fixture in the legislature with the exception of four years when he served as Tennessee’s Secretary of State and two years when he opted not to run, as he was managing Gordon Browning’s unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign in 1938.

“I always figured Nashville and Memphis, with their big delegations would take care of the urban areas in the legislature,” Jim Cummings once recalled. “Well, I lived on a little dirt road, and I figured I could do something for the rural counties.” Cummings, along with his allies I. D. Beasley and “Pete” Haynes frequently frustrated the aims of the urban interests led by E. H. Crump and Hilary Howse, Nashville’s mayor. Crump was particularly appalled that legislators like Jim Cummings (as well as governors like Austin Peay) collected money from the urban counties and spent it in the rural counties. Although Jim Cummings admired Senator McKellar, his admiration did not extend to Mr. Crump. Cummings oftentimes referred to his native Middle Tennessee as “free Tennessee.” The triumvirate of Cummings, Beasley and Haynes, according to the Nashville Tennessean, “operated together like a well-oiled, if miniscule political machine.” As each of them accumulated experience, each gained contacts and an exhaustive knowledge of parliamentary procedure, allowing the “Unholy Trinity”, united or occasionally one of them alone, “on occasion to outmaneuver the entire 132-member legislature, and the governor and the Crump political machine to boot.”

Cummings once sent Governor Prentice Cooper and Crump into a spiral in 1941 when he suddenly demanded all bills in committee be brought to the floor for disposal. Nor were any of the three, especially I. D. Beasley, above playing pranks on anyone and everyone. Governor Buford Ellington remembered, when any of the three legislators paid him a visit “the first thing I’d do was hide my personal memo pads. If I didn’t, they stole them and used them for their own purposes.” Ellington was referring to a longstanding habit where one of the three would forge a note from the governor, almost always when there was a close vote pending on the floor, which urgently



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James H. “Mr. Jim” Cummings was unanimously elected Speaker of the TN House of Representatives in 1967. Mr. Jim reconvenes the House in 1968.

requested a legislator on the other side come to the governor’s office or for a special conference in a Capitol hideaway. By the time the puzzled legislator finally figured out the governor had not summoned him, the vote had been taken and recorded.

Ellington realized the strength of the three rural legislators. “If those three decided to kill you on a particular bill, they could kill you,” Ellington recalled. “It’s as simple as that. They could scan a bill in a few minutes and tell anyone exactly what was in it. They were experts on parliamentary procedure, and could tie up a session in giant knots of red tape if they were against a bill being considered.” Cummings served as Ellington’s floor leader in 1959.

The 5’3” and 230 pound I. D. Beasley died in 1955 and if anything, he was even more colorful than “Mr. Jim” Cummings. Beasley was remembered as “the Mockingbird of Capitol Hill” for his uncanny ability to mimic anyone, man or woman. Supposedly, Beasley was such an excellent mimic, a man’s wife could not tell the difference.

When Beasley took the oath of office that same year, it marked his thirteenth term in either the state senate or house, a record later broken by Jim Cummings. Beasley had impersonated the voice of Frank “Roxy” Rice, Crump’s generalissimo in charge of legislative affairs to dupe a fellow legislator from Chattanooga. Pretending to be Rice, Beasley proceeded to tell D. M. Coleman Crump had changed his mind and was supporting Pete Haynes to be Speaker of the House. Crump had gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas to revive himself, while Roxy Rice went to Pasadena, California to watch the Rose Bowl game. It did not take either the Memphis Boss or Frank Rice long to figure what had gone awry. Pete Haynes became speaker by Beasley’s deception, much to Crump’s dismay and displeasure.

D. Beasley also caught a blind legislator on the steps of the Capitol and

impersonated Governor Austin Peay and asked the poor fellow to change his vote, which he did.

Nor was Jim Cummings safe from his friend I. D. Beasley. Sharing a hotel room while the legislature was in session, Jim Cummings had gone to bed and was asleep when Beasley convinced an obliging drug store clerk to fill his mouth liberally with toothpaste and foam at the mouth. Beasley switched on the lights and began screaming bloody murder. Cummings came awake staring into the face of the frothing clerk and leaped out of bed, grabbing a chair and shrieking, “Kill him! Kill him!” No one was safe from Beasley pranks and district attorney Baxter Key remembered, “One day a stranger came to town looking for me and I.D. told him I was deaf --- that I could hear only if he shouted at the top of his lungs. That was 30 years ago and I can hear it yet.”

Jim Cummings explained the alliance years after I.D. Beasley had died and Pete Haynes had retired. “We were three country lawyers connected by our interest in rural Tennessee. We tried to work together for the common good.” Cummings’ philosophy was simple. “I believe in collecting the taxes where the money is --- in the cities --- and spending it where it’s needed --- in the country,” Cummings said before adding, “Now that’s not as unreasonable as it sounds.”

Friend or foe, Jim Cummings managed to keep more or less cordial relations with every governor, save for Prentice Cooper. Once, in a fit of pique, Governor Cooper denounced a statement of Cummings as “the howl of a disappointed, hungry politician.” Cummings could hold his own and snapped back the governor was merely playing the “role of a hit dog” and was speaking “for his masters”, meaning E. H. Crump.

When Gordon Browning made his triumphant return to Nashville after a decade out of office, Jim Cummings was elected Secretary of

State. Although Browning attempted to win a third two-year term in 1952, Cummings was running for the legislature once again. Cummings promptly became Governor Frank Clement’s floor leader. When Cummings announced he wanted to become Speaker of the House in 1967, all the other candidates promptly withdrew. At home, no one ever bothered to run against Jim Cummings, such was his personal popularity.

The last years of Jim Cummings’ service in the Tennessee House of Representatives were devoted to fending off legislative reappointment, a battle he eventually lost. As long as the battle was confined to the state legislature, Jim Cummings was able to keep reappointment at bay. It took a federal court to best Jim Cummings. After 1963, Cannon County would not have its own representative in the legislature and Cummings realized with the addition of the more populousutherford County to his district, his days were likely numbered. Yet, Jim Cummings endured for another decade. Cummings remained adamant in his disdain for apportioning representatives on the basis of population. “We must not allow numerical concentrations of people to be the sole gauge of the number of representatives alive. It’s not healthy,” Cummings complained.

He remained a spokesman for rural interests, confessing, “I guess I’ll always see things from this side of the bank.” Cummings did not see that rural problems were that much different from those plaguing the cities. “I mean, they have problems in the cities with ghettos, but we have them of sorts, too. There are houses around here where a dog could jump through the cracks.”

Never having lost an election and past eighty, Jim Cummings announced in 1972 he would not be a candidate for reelection to the Tennessee House of Representatives. James Lanier, a fellow legislator, said, “He was probably the

most shrewd and astute politician I’ve ever known” yet said Cummings had a gentleness about him. Still, despite his increasing years, Jim Cummings remained a chain smoker, frequently lighting one cigarette from another. Nor did “Mr. Jim” lose his fondness for libations. Cummings enjoyed an overflowing liquor cabinet on the floor of the House chamber until an inquiring reporter finally exposed its existence. Lanier marveled that Cummings stamina, noting the veteran legislator “could go with the youngest man up there all night long and sit through committee meetings all the next day.”

Following retirement, a wing of the War Memorial Building was named for Cummings and the legislature met in special session in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to name a dormitory in his honor.

Serving with eight governors, “Mr. Jim” began to wear out from old age. Ill, Cummings went to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville for surgery and continued to fade. He died a week before his eighty-ninth birthday.

For forty years “Mr. Jim” Cummings had worked for the interests of rural people all across the State of Tennessee and was a devoted friend to education especially. The lives of the people his service encompassed and touched are impossible to measure, but they and their descendants still walk amongst us. When “Mr. Jim” died, even the undertaker was sorry.



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# Newly-formed health and economic committee still seeking identity

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Committee on Health and Economic Well-Being had its second meeting last week and the body is still working to establish an identity.

In the inaugural meeting, committee members, who include psychologists, medical professionals, business leaders and Knox County Commissioner Dr. Dasha Lundy, asked for clarity of their roles and the committee's purpose.

County Commissioner Kyle Ward, who sponsored the legislation that created the committee, wrote a letter that committee chairman Joshua Williams read.

And the letter appears to provide more questions than answers, according to committee member and economist David Moon.

"I believe, at our last meeting that I was the one who suggested that we go back to the county commission and ask what we were supposed to be doing," Moon said. "And when I look at the vastness of the issues contained in the letter, I wonder if I regret bringing that up."

"A letter like this just opens the box to just about anything. It never dawned on me that I would be asked to help with veteran homelessness via this committee."

Williams agreed. "We have a blank slate and this gentleman (Ward) has given us a huge agenda, one

worthy of a think tank, and I appreciate his effort," Williams said. "But I wonder if this was his thought process when he started this."

"We've been given a blank slate to do what caring people do and sometimes, that's actually a harder task than being told what to do."

Committee members are also struggling with the county's sunshine laws and what constitute a meeting of the body, which was formed to make recommendations to Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and the Knox County Commission.

"We have no guideposts for how to proceed," Williams said. "I don't know if we can correspond with each other or how to correspond with each other."

At its first meeting in February, the committee made a recommendation that K-12 teachers be represented by a teacher and also a teacher who deals with children with special needs but the commission has not voted on whether or not to expand the 11-member committee.

It was recommended again on Wednesday because Williams noted that the commission needed to be reminded of the recommendation.

The Knox County Committee on Health and Economic Well-Being will meet via Zoom on April 14 at 3 p.m.

# Stansberry, LMU-Knoxville DCOM SPs help train future doctors

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returns to the exam room for a five-minute feedback session, the focus being the interpersonal aspect of the encounter. Student-doctors are commonly complimented because they made the SP feel comfortable and genuinely cared about. Suggestions for improvement might include developing better questioning skills or being more attentive and empathetic.

The job provides income, of course, but SPs often enjoy being a part of helping to train future doctors. Some also say the theatrical part of the job is just fun.

"I have really enjoyed functioning as an SP and feel that it's a benefit both to the students and to those of us who do this work," said Pattie Thiele. "It's fun. I acted all the way through school."

"It's just interesting to watch the students go from hardly knowing what to do to mastering most of the skills needed," SP Michelle Baird said.

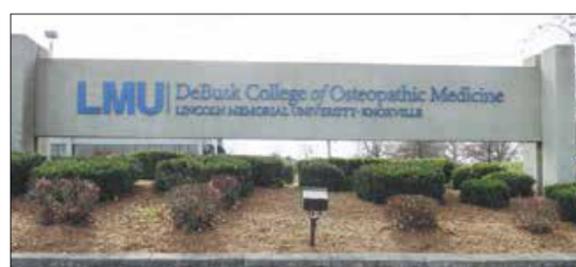
Said SP Randy Thompson: "I enjoy being part of the students' education. The cool thing is when you have students in feedback say 'oh wow, I hadn't thought of that,' or 'that makes sense, no one ever told me that.'"

Scheduling cases around each SP's personal schedule is no mean feat for Stansberry. Many SPs have other jobs besides DCOM, given that hours can be heavy one week, very light the next. It's not uncommon



Above: SP Coordinator Brittney Stansberry in her office at LMU-Knoxville DCOM.

Left: LMU-DCOM sign at the Knoxville campus entrance



for a shift to suddenly be shortened or even canceled. A number of weeks during the year have no work at all. Flexibility is key.

When Covid-19 struck a year ago, the program shut down for some five months. Months of technological retooling allowed operations to resume online in August. Unsurprisingly, this presented a whole new array of challenges, computer glitches being among them. Stansberry rolls with the punches.

Hired by LMU in early 2019, the 33-year-old Stansberry transitioned from being a surgical tech for Tennova North Medical

Center in Knoxville to running the DCOM-Knoxville SP operation.

"I like how the job combines education and my medical background," she said. "I feel like we have a very diverse pool (among the SPs). There are all kinds in this organization and it's great for the students. They're gonna see all kinds in the real (medical) world."

"In this position, you have to be organized, you have to be a planner," Stansberry went on. "You make a plan and then something out of your control changes that plan. But I can take those skills I learned in the OR and ER, and you just have

to react. That's helped in this role."

By all accounts, Stansberry is highly esteemed by her SP crew.

"Brittney is the perfect person for the job," said SP Laura Middlebrooks. "She handles the stress. She knows how to roll with it and does a really good job there."

Said Douglas: "I think Brittney is very dedicated to her job and works tirelessly to accommodate everyone's schedule. I think I speak for everyone when I say we appreciate her hard work."

Next week: training doctors while fighting a virus

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

## NOTABLES FROM KNOXVILLE

### DAVID KEITH

David Lemuel Keith is an actor and director from Knoxville.

The award-winning actor is well known for his appearance in "An Officer and a Gentleman," "Lords of Discipline," "Firestarter," "Mayor League II," "Men of Honor" and many other Hollywood films.

The talented actor is President of Keith Creative Consultants, Senior Campaign Strategist for Protect: The National Association to Protect Children, Diamondback Entertainment, and a UT graduate in Theater Arts.

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## BEARDEN WINS TSSAA DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS!



Bearden's dance team in action in the school's gymnasium, where its performances in the TSSAA state competition were filmed this year.



### Bulldogs overcome slow start to clinch state tournament ticket

By Ken Lay

Despite facing an early deficit, the Bearden High School boys basketball team didn't hit the panic button in a state sectional game.

The Bulldogs held their composure and notched a 63-38 victory over Jefferson County on Monday, March 8 at Bearden High School.

"We've been there before," Bulldogs' coach Jeremy Parrott said after his team clinched its fifth trip to the Class AAA State Tournament in six seasons. "We just did what we do."

"We played defense. This team is going to be the best defensive team in the history of Bearden High School."

"We're giving up about 43 points per game and our guys take pride in that and I'm extremely proud of them for that."

The Bulldogs (30-3) had some early struggles on the offensive end as the Patriots (18-17) jumped out to a 7-0 lead. But Bearden responded by engineering a 13-5 run and had a slim one-point advantage by the end of the first quarter.

Jefferson County, which got hot in the postseason and won the District 2-AAA Tournament with a victory over South-Doyle. The Patriots were the Region 1-AAA runners-up and they hung with the Bulldogs, which opened a 31-21 advantage by halftime.

Bearden really blew things open in the third quarter as it surrendered just three points in the third frame. The Bulldogs held a 47-24 lead heading into the fourth stanza.

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## Without an audience, but with dawggone determination

By Steve Williams

The coaching staff set the tone and the senior class took it from there.

And as usual, even in an unusual year, Bearden High School took top honors in two categories in the 2020-21 TSSAA Dance Championships. This year Bearden won state titles in Large Varsity Jazz and Large Varsity Pom.

Trina Melton of the TSSAA announced the results of the Cheer and Dance State Championships in a free live stream on YouTube Tuesday, March 9.

The Awards Show also included the announcement of the TCCA All-State team and Tennessee's Cheerleader of the Year.

"This year has been different as we all know, but as a team we have tried to be as normal as possible," said Bearden dance team Head Coach Hannah Keathley the following day.

"We have not let ourselves give up when faced with difficult circumstances and have chosen to make the best out of this year no matter what it looks like. Our senior class is made up of eight strong, hard working athletes and

they have been a driving force this year."

Due to COVID-19, this year's TSSAA Cheer and Dance events were conducted in a virtual format.

"Competing virtually was a new and different challenge for us," said Keathley.

"Our athletes love to be able to perform in front of an audience and that was one of the things that were taken away. We are thankful for the support that our school gave us in letting us film in our home gym, but it made it extra challenging to recreate the energy of a live performance with

no audience. This team surpassed all expectations and was able to create two really strong performances despite these challenges."

The TSSAA Championships recognize middle and high school cheer and dance teams in 35 categories of competition and are normally held in December of each school year.

TSSAA worked with the Universal Cheerleaders Association for several months to identify a suitable venue for holding the championships in person, but ultimately

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## Powell softball has the players, but field issues again

By Steve Williams

Powell High's softball program is continuing to produce college players.

The four seniors on Coach Jeff Inman's current squad have already signed - shortstop Cayden Baker with Texas A&M, pitcher Delaina Bryant with Belmont, pitcher Alaina Watson with East Tennessee State and second baseman / infielder Hayden Dye with Carson-Newman.

The Lady Panthers' junior catcher, Mackenzie Chittum, also has committed to sign with Maryville College. It's not the first time

Powell has had a year when four of its players signed college scholarships, said Inman.

Four signed off of Powell's 2018 Class AAA state championship team.

"We've had a pretty good run," said Inman. "Over the last four or five years, everyone has had the opportunity to go play college ball."

That's the good news. Unfortunately, Powell's softball field again is undergoing repair work.

"It wasn't Mother Nature this time," said Inman, referring to damage caused

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Powell High senior shortstop Cayden Baker awaits a ground ball to come her way during some infield practice last week. Baker has signed with Texas A&M.

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2020 Home in a great location in the Powell area. This home has 3 bedrooms with 2.5 baths and a 4th bedroom or Bonus. Two-car garage. Selection floorplan: exquisite kitchen offers an extra-wide breakfast bar and a dining area large enough to seat 10 or more. Comfy living room w/ceiling fan, wood-burning fireplace & lg closet. Upstairs: a jumbo-sized Master suite. Linen closet in both master & hall bath. 12x12 patio to enjoy quiet country living. Five minutes to I-75, close to shopping, great schools, churches, major hospital and golf. Norris Lake and fishing just 20 minutes away. S/D amenities include pool, pavilion & playground. Also sidewalks for strolling & streetlights. MLS #1145077 \$275,000



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Fulton's Tommy Sweat goes up for a shot at Kingston in the Region 2-AA championship game. Sweat was one of two seniors on the Falcons' young team this season that advanced to the State Sectional round before losing to Greeneville.

## Young Falcons eliminated by Greeneville gunners

By Steve Williams

A young Fulton boys basketball team hung with host Greeneville's veteran group for only about half of the opening period in its TSSAA Class AA State Sectional game March 8. The Falcons led 2-0 and 7-5 in the early going before senior point guard and captain Connor DeBusk put in a rebound that gave the Greene Devils a 9-7 advantage and a lead they would stretch to 21 points by halftime.

After scoring 26 points in each of the first two periods, Greeneville rolled to a 92-67 victory and earned its seventh trip to the state tournament, which starts Wednesday at Murphy Center on the MTSU campus in Murfreesboro. The Greene Devils will play Bolivar Central (22-6) Wednesday at 7 p.m. (CDT).

Greeneville will go in with a 28-6 record and winner of 24 of its last 25 games, with its last loss coming at the hands of Knoxville Catholic.

Fulton, a rebuilding state power, finished 20-10. It was the first time in school history that the Falcons had suffered back-to-back sectional losses. Greeneville also ended Fulton's season 97-84 at the same place last year before COVID-19 cancelled the Greene Devils' trip to the state a few days later.

"Greeneville shot the ball extremely well (in this year's meeting)," said veteran Fulton Coach Jody Wright. "We defended them fairly well; they just made a lot of tough shots. They do not have many weaknesses. They are

long, quick and athletic. We had a few spurts of breakdowns and in games like that, you cannot have breakdowns."

Senior guard Jakobi Gillespie swished in 26 points to pace Greeneville. Junior shooting guard Reid Satterfield, who scored 42 against Fulton last season, tallied 20 this time. Terry Grove, a 6-5 junior power forward, added 15.

Fulton got another balanced scoring attack as senior Tommy Sweat scored 14, freshman Denaj Kimber and sophomore Marcellus Jackson 12 each, and freshman Tyler Lee 10.

"I am pleased that we got this season in," said Coach Wright. "I am thankful for the TSSAA and Superintendent Bob Thomas for doing all they could do to ensure that we got to play basketball this season. It was a season that was different from anything I have ever experienced."

"Playing so many young guys (three freshmen and a sophomore in starting five) was a new experience as well," added Wright. "We started two freshmen in 2016 (a 32-2 team that won the state championship) but we combined those guys with a veteran team."

Fulton had only two seniors this season in Sweat and Tirell Nixon.

"Both provided us with exceptional leadership and play this year," said Wright. "Tommy and Tirell are special guys. Really good players, wonderful teammates and high character young men. We will miss them tremendously."

## Cold shooting sends Bearden girls to quick exit at state

By Steve Williams

State title hopeful Bearden, struggling to put the ball in the basket and finishing with its lowest point total of the season, failed to advance beyond the quarterfinals of the TSSAA Class AAA state tournament.

Ranked No. 2 in the state coming into the post-season, the once-beaten Lady Bulldogs fell to Hardin County 48-39 Thursday at Murphy Center in Murfreesboro.

Bearden connected on 13 of 58

field goal attempts (22.4 percent), including 5 of 23 3-pointers, and made 8 of 16 free throws.

The Lady Tigers (21-2) of Savannah in southwest Tennessee shot a little better in each area, including 6 of 16 treys (37.5 percent), in their first appearance at the state since 1997.

The Lady Bulldogs' previous lowest scoring output came in their 47-45 loss at Alcoa on Jan. 5.

Bearden (30-2) led 8-7 after the first eight minutes, trailed 17-16 at

halftime and fell further behind in the third period (29-23) when it made only 2 of 16 field goal attempts and was zero for five from 3-point range.

"I think we struggled to find a rhythm throughout the game," said Bearden Coach Justin Underwood in regard to the difference in the contest. "We seemed a step slow both offensively and defensively."

Reese Harville (14 points), Kimme Callahan (13) and Haley Hallett (11)

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PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Play ball! Powell High baseball players work on some base running drills as Head Coach Josh Warner (right) observes during a practice session last week. The TSSAA's first official contest date of the spring sports' season is today (March 15) and the Panthers are scheduled to host Karns.

## Powell softball has the players, but field issues again

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by past flooding of Beaver Creek, which runs behind the school's baseball and softball fields.

After COVID-19 shut down softball last season, Inman started the process of converting his outfield grass from fescue to all bermudagrass. After many hours of work and a lot of money on seed and fertilizer, the bermudagrass was thriving going into the fall season.

In mid-October, however, Inman was informed of the project revisions the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District had to make in its nearby installation of new sewer lines, which included digging through his outfield.

The construction work cut into 25 to 30 feet of the outfield from the left field foul pole to right-center field. It also caused a majority of the outfield fence to have to be



Jeff Inman, Powell High's softball head coach, hits balls in the infield last week at Lady Panthers Field, where the outfield has to be repaired before the team can have its first home game on March 31.

replaced and a new light pole to be installed in left field.

The part of the sewer line project that was going through the softball field originally was to be completed at the end of November but ended up being completed in January, said Inman.

Repair work on Powell's field didn't start until Feb. 8. "HPUD made sure the

fence was up and some sod was put down just so we could start practice on Feb. 15," added Coach Inman.

Most of the Lady Panthers' games in the first-half of the season had to be rescheduled on the road. Their home opener is now slated for March 31 against Heritage.

"It was a little disappointing (being) other than natural occurrences (this time),"

said Inman.

"The outfield is too rough and dangerous to run on. Within the next two weeks, a crew from American Sports Fields will come in and tear it out, grate it, level it and roll back in the bermuda."

The new infield surface at Lady Panthers Softball Park looks good and can be used for practice.

**OPENING DAY:** Today (March 15) is the first official contest date for spring sports – baseball, softball, boys' soccer, tennis and track and field.

It is expected to be a soggy first week, with rain showers in the forecast each day.

Powell's softball team, scheduled to play at Central today, is slated to compete in the East Tennessee Classic at Johnson City later this week (March 18-20).

## Bulldogs overcome slow start to clinch state tournament ticket

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"We came out in the third quarter and we made a statement defensively when we gave up three points," Parrott said.

Offensively, the Bulldogs boasted a balanced attack as four players posted double figures in the scoring column.

"Our guys do share the ball," Parrott said.

Elijah Bredwood, the Region 2-AAA Tournament's Most Valuable Player, led Bearden with 14 points. Hayden Treadwell scored 11 points (all before halftime). A.J. Pruitt and Walker Kyle finished with 10 points each. Kyle scored all of his points in the second half.

Now Bearden will get the chance to defend its 2019 Class AAA State Championship since COVID-19 forced the cancellation of last year's state tournament.

The team that won the 2019 championship had Ques Glover (now playing for the Gators at Florida), Drew Pember (now playing for Tennessee) and Trent

Stephney now at UNC-Asheville.

Of the players on Bearden's current roster, none played in the state championship victory over Memphis East, but now, they'll get their shot on the grand stage.

"Before the game, I asked them how many of them played in Murfreesboro last time," Parrott said. "Nobody's hand went up."

"I told them that they were tag-alongs last time. But now, they'll get their turn. This team has its own identity and they're a blue collar team. (The 2019 team) had players on it that are playing in all levels of college basketball. We don't have any superstars on this team. They're just a bunch of blue collar guys."

Bearden will begin defense of its 2019 state championship when it plays Cane Ridge Thursday at Middle Tennessee State University at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Bearden's Elijah Bredwood takes the ball to the hoop in the Bulldogs' 63-38 victory over Jefferson County in last week's state sectional game. Bredwood scored 14 points to lead Bearden back to the State Tournament in Murfreesboro.



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# What the fuss is all about

There are times in a lifetime of watching and commenting about sports and assessing its impact on otherwise sane and sensible people that the time comes to sit down and rationally consider what the fuss is all about.

One dominant recollection from across the years was the team's Friday afternoon walk-through at an opposing stadium. On those days, everything was quiet at the stadium, but the storm was building as kickoff approached the next day.

If you paid attention, however, the echoes of Saturday afternoons and evenings past could be carefully discerned. There was enough history in the air to satisfy the most hardened observer.

If you happened to be standing on Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala., there would always be a visit to the west side, north end, 331-yard line, to the spot where Albert Dorsey picked off a Ken Stabler pass, one of three he grabbed in the fourth quarter, to seal the deal in the 1967 game, Tennessee 24, Alabama 13.

You could also go to

the east side, south end, 34-yard line, and see Alan Cockrell checking off and sending Johnnie Jones around left end on a play known as "49 Option," 66 yards for the game winning score. The memory is fresh of Jones emerging from the press box shadows, into the bright sunshine at the northeast corner where the Tennessee fans were sitting.

At Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala. you could go to the near corner at the north end and see where Jason Allen, an Alabamian playing for Tennessee, knocked down a final toss that finally ended a 5-over-time game. There was also the first play of the 1995 game, when Peyton Manning connected with Joey Kent for an 80-yard score that set the tone for a 41-14 victory, first since 1985.

If you were at LSU; you could go to the south end and see where Steve Delong and pals made the stop in the 1964 game that ended 3-3. That was also the end zone where LSU ran two pass plays in four seconds to defeat Ole Miss 17-16 in 1972. Billy Cannon started his famous Halloween night punt return from that end, 89 yards up the east side, to vanquish Ole Miss 7-3 in 1959.

If the game were at Notre Dame, it was fascinating to be in the players'

entrance where Miami and Notre Dame slugged it out before the famous "Catholics versus Convicts" game. There was also a TV camera in the visitors' dressing room that also proved disconcerting.

The memories still linger from the 1991 game, the contest in which the Vols rallied from 31-7 down to win 35-34. No Tennessee fan, wherever they were, could forget that frantic moment when Jeremy Lincoln blocked the final Notre Dame field goal attempt.

Then there was the 2001 game when the Vols won 28-18. With the game on the line, Casey Clausen led the way, scoring the clinching touchdown in front of the imposing shadow of "Touchdown Jesus."

If the game were being played at Florida Field, you could stand on either 1-yard line and visualize a 99-yard touchdown drive, one that happened quickly from south to north in 1977, the famed Kelsey Finch touchdown run. The other was a more workmanlike drive in 1971, north to south, capped by a TD pass from Phil Pierce to Stan Trott.

You could also go to the northeast corner, where officials adjudged a Florida punt going out of bounds inside the Tennessee 1, with Bill Battle earning one of the shortest unsportsmanlike



The scoreboard told the tale after the 1991 Notre Dame game in South Bend, Ind. Photo courtesy of Glenn Thackston, Vol Radio Network.

conduct penalties in the history of the Vol program for protesting the spot.

If you were at Jordan-Hare Stadium Auburn, Ala., you could go to the south 33-yard line and recall a 67-yard TD run by Jamal Lewis in 1998 that was a thing of beauty, happening shortly before he injured a knee and was lost for the season. Victories at Auburn

are hard to come by, and this one was special.

You could also go to the north 1-yard line, the spot at which Vol defenders stopped Auburn after a turnover had put the Vols in serious jeopardy. Auburn had four tries at the end zone, but all the Tigers earned was grass stain. Raynoch Thompson led the defensive charge in a memorable

moment of that national championship season.

Mention any game and a flood of remembrances of the good times following players wearing orange and white comes quickly. That's the beauty of it all, that the memory banks really don't have to work overtime. That's the power of history, the power of watching and listening intently.

## Tennessee's Defensive Coaches Take Center Stage

By Mark Nagi

The Tennessee Volunteers defense took some major steps back in 2020. That, of course, is in line with the rest of the team, and really the entire program.

New head coach Josh Heupel believes that he has assembled a defensive staff that will be able to correct many of the Vols recent failures.

"I'm excited about this group of men and who they are, and how they're going to impact our players in a positive way off the field," Heupel said at a March 8th press conference. "A group of high-energy men that have a ton of experience."

Heupel most important hire, arguably on the entire staff, is Tim Banks as defensive coordinator. Mike Ekeler will handle outside linebackers and special teams, with Brian Jean-Mary in charge of linebackers overall. Rodney Garner and Willie Martinez are back for another tour at Tennessee, with Garner handling the defensive line and Martinez coaching the secondary.

"It's good to be back on Rocky Top," said Garner, who was a big part of Tennessee's recruiting success during the glory days. "It's exciting for me and my family. It's something that we've talked about. It's sort of like life is coming full circle, being able to come back here. Obviously, we were here in the late 90s and have the opportunity to be able to get Tennessee back to the elite status that we feel like it belongs at. We're trying to play a role and be able to contribute

to that."

Banks is looking forward to the start of spring practice in a couple of weeks. But he already has a grasp on the hand that he's been dealt.

"Anytime you are trying to build something, you got to know what parts you have," said Banks, who had been the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Penn State the past five seasons. "We are evaluating everything these guys obviously did last season. We've been fortunate enough to be able to get around these guys to see them work a little bit in the weight room and some different movement activities on the field. So, at that point, we are just evaluating and trying to figure out what they do, how they move and obviously will center the package around it."

Tennessee had a well-respected defensive coordinator on staff with Kevin Steele's hiring back in January. But Heupel decided to make a clean break.

"Kevin (Steele) is a great coach (who's) been inside of this league for a long time and obviously has some ties to Tennessee as well," said Heupel. "I wish him nothing but the best as he moves on in his coaching career in the future. I ultimately felt like this was the right collection of talent here to lead our players and help lead this football program."

Don't shed a tear for Steele, who will receive \$900,000 from Tennessee for what amounts to two months of work. And



Front row left to right: Kate Priest (Farragut), Karson Brock (Knox Christian), Leah Freeman (Anderson Co.) and Jaci Drinnon (Morristown East). Back row: Coach Eric Boden, Piper Suddeth (Oak Ridge), Ali Morris (Grace Christian), Ellie Ackermann (Farragut), Grainne McGrath (Catholic) and Adeline Granath (West). Not pictured: Catherine Hackett (Roane Co.), Ashley Sloane (Hardin Valley).

## Local volleyball club ranked #13 in the nation

### Knoxville bests Gainesville for national sports ranking

One of Knoxville's best kept sports secrets, Knoxville's premier volleyball club, Club Unite, just attained national notoriety by beating the Gainesville Juniors to take gold in the perennial Capitol Hill Classic. The sterling season so far includes third, second and, now, first place wins in three regional tournaments and a #13 ranking nationally in the AES Power Rankings. The 17-year-old elite team is composed of high school girls from the East Tennessee area.

You may be familiar with travel baseball and AAU basketball, but club volleyball is just as big in Knoxville. Drawing its all-star lineup from local volleyball powerhouses like

Farragut, Catholic and Anderson County high schools, Club Unite also boasts players that travel to practice from as far away as Maryville, Kingston and Morristown. The chemistry of these always smiling girls is lauded by coach and former UT volunteer assistant Eric Boden. "This team could be very special. There's no drama here, just family. These girls are a joy to coach."

Led by Grace Christian Academy hitter Ali Morris and two All-State athletes in Leah Freeman of Anderson County and Grainne McGrath of Knox Catholic, the Club Unite 17s get to prove their worth and vie for a bid to the national tournament, the Nike Mid-East Qualifier, set in Louisville this weekend.

"We should have won every tournament we've played in so far, but more

important to me is that we get exposure on the national scene and these girls get to play against not just the best regionally, but the

best nationally and maybe we can be number one and these girls can attract the colleges they deserve," Boden said.

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# BEARDEN WINS TSSAA DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

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decided to hold the event virtually using UCA's online competition system.

A UCA / UDA trained judging panel scored the routines just as they would have at an in-person event.

Bearden's dance team members are Ali Berg, Natalie Adkins, Anna Snyder, Kathryn Newman, Abbie Drum, Emma Manalac, Sydney Hawkins, Chloe McCord, Ella Klenck, Olivia Roddy, Leah Cho, Julie Horn, Ruby Fisher, Ella (Tiny) Williams, Jordan James, Abigail Abrams, Kenzie Bankes, Journie Kishmarton, Avery Duncanson and Maddie Taylor.

Keathley's staff includes Assistant Coach Kathryn Brasfield and BHS Dance Team Sponsor Rebecca Nutter.

Bearden has now won 13 state championships since its first in 2009. This also made the eighth year in a row for the school to win a Jazz title.

Now it's on to the Nationals!

"We plan to compete virtually in the UDA National Dance Team Championships in April," said Keathley.

Farragut repeated as the Jazz and Pom state champions in the middle school competition.

Other local teams that registered for this year's state competition included Seymour High's dance team, The King's Academy's cheer squad and West Valley Middle's dance team.

**TCCA AWARDS:** Four from Knox County were named to the Tennessee Cheer Coaches Association's All-State squad - Taylor Huskey, Central; Elaine Sheddan, Central; Mallory Deeson, Farragut; and Bethani Morris, Farragut.

The Tennessee Cheerleader of the Year is Ella Harrison of Morristown East High School.



Bearden High School's dance team took first place in Large Varsity Jazz and Large Varsity Pom in this year's TSSAA Championships, which were conducted in a virtual format due to COVID-19. Front Row (left to right): Emma Manalac, Chloe McCord, Katherine Newman, Abbie Drum, Ali Berg, Anna Snyder, Natalie Adkins and Sydney Hawkins. Second Row: Ella (Tiny) Williams, Ella Klenck, Leah Cho, Olivia Roddy, Julie Horn and Ruby Fisher. Third Row: Abigail Abrams, Maddie Taylor, Avery Duncanson, Jordan James, Journie Kishmarton and Kenzie Bankes.

## Catholic girls won some respect this season

By Steve Williams

The Knoxville Catholic Lady Irish returned home with a silver basketball and a silver lining.

After the 2020-21 season that saw the Green and Gold finish state runner-up in Division II-AA, there's a strong possibility the Catholic girls' program will get respect in the future just as the boys' program does now.

The Lady Irish (14-16) upset Father Ryan 50-38 in the TSSAA state semifinals Friday, March 5 at Tennessee Tech before falling to Memphis Hutchison 41-34 in the state finals the next day.

"The championship game somewhat mirrored our whole season, as we got off to a very rough start with shots not falling and getting beat up on the backboards," said first-year Catholic Head Coach Travis Mains.

"We found ourselves down 26-11 at the half. But our girls regrouped and outplayed the

much taller Hutchison team. We had cut the lead to 39-34 with 30 seconds left and got a steal with possession to cut in deeper, but that day it was not to be as we just missed too many shots."

Maybe not that day, but tomorrow indeed looks bright for the Lady Irish, who hung up a 15-17 worksheet and turned the corner.

"We look forward to next year, but we will miss our lone senior Jeila Greenlee," said Coach Mains. "She provided leadership and scoring as our second leading scorer and our top shooter from the 3-point line."

In the title game, Hutchison (22-2) was led by Kaia Barnett's 14 points and 11 rebounds. The Sting jumped out to a 17-5 command and 26-11 halftime cushion.

Catholic, which didn't roll over, got 11 points and six boards from Greenlee. Freshman standout Sydney Mains, the coach's daughter, didn't have her best

shooting game, but totaled nine points, four rebounds, five steals and three blocked shots.

Mains and Greenlee were named to the all-tournament team.

"It was an unexpected finish but really shouldn't be because we got better each and every week," pointed out Coach Mains.

"Our big break came in a road conference game at Baylor. If we win, we would be conference champions for the first time in school history and get a home state quarterfinal game. We pulled away late and overcame a late injury in that one and found a way to win that game on the road.

"We took care of business at home versus Pope John Paul and another historic win sent us to Tennessee Tech and the Final Four."

They returned with the silver basketball and a silver lining and perhaps golden dreams as well.

## Cold shooting sends Bearden girls to quick exit at state

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led Hardin County. Skyler Gill pulled down 15 rebounds and blocked six shots.

Junior wing Jennifer Sullivan led Bearden with 11 points and three steals but also had a team-high four turnovers. Emily Gonzalez, a junior guard, contributed nine points, four steals and three assists. Sophomore Avery Treadwell grabbed 15 boards and scored eight points.

Junior wing Maddie Brillhart managed only six points

and senior point guard Zneyah McLaughlin five.

Two free throws by Treadwell gave Bearden its last lead in the game at 22-21 in the third quarter.

A 3-point basket off the glass by Callahan with one second left in the third period and a "NBA 3" by Harville to start the final quarter combined to extend Hardin County's advantage to 32-23.

A 3-point shot by Brillhart with 1:31 remaining pulled the Lady Bulldogs within five points (41-36), but they could get no closer.

"This group was a very talented and unselfish team," said Coach Underwood. "They did everything that was asked of them playing through a pandemic. We couldn't be prouder of how they persevered and represented Bearden High School."

**MARYVILLE WINS:** The Lady Rebels of Blount County, which Bearden defeated four out of four times this season, advanced to Friday night's semifinals with a 57-39 win over Page.



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## Tennessee's Defensive Coaches Take Center Stage

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Stadium has been and could be again. remember, Steele was already getting over \$4 million in buyout cash from Auburn after his firing on The Plains.

This staff is tasked with achieving what no Tennessee staff has accomplished in 13 years (and counting), and that's to get the Vols back to Atlanta. With only a couple of exceptions, UT hasn't been very competitive in the SEC.

Ekeler knows what Neyland

again.

"I just remember walking in there and first of all, you walk in that stadium and it's absolutely beautiful," he said. "I mean it's incredible. It's all symmetrical and it's probably one of the most breathtaking structures you've been in. And then, you toss in 103,000 people and they start singing Rocky Top and it's an electric environment."

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### Fools

Fools don't change, don't take correction, don't take responsibility, and don't adjust to truth. Instead they skew the facts and rewrite history to justify their behavior.

Henry Cloud

The insanity worsens every day. Surrealism is an art movement perhaps best exemplified by Salvador Dali's painting of melting clocks. As I look out through the "windows on the world" I see a surrealistic landscape where reason, science and common sense have been cast to the wind of perverse politics, the cancel-culture and leftist racism, socialism and anti-Americanism.

The Apostle Paul, on his second missionary journey - circa 50 AD, found himself in Athens, Greece. Ever the proselytizer, Paul used the opportunity to present his belief in Jesus Christ in synagogues, in the Agora and at the Areopagus.

I've had the good fortune to visit Athens twice,

the last time a decade ago. For many years I've been fascinated by the ancient Greek culture, the birthplace of democracy. The word democracy derives from demos, meaning the people, and kratia, meaning rule. I have climbed the Acropolis, walked through the ancient marketplace (Agora) below the Acropolis and stood at the Areopagus where Paul debated epicurean and stoic philosophers. The word Areopagus derives from the Greek god, Ares and rock, and it is a big rock. It is smaller than Ayers Rock in Australia, but nonetheless substantial.

On the Areopagus stood the altar To An Unknown God, which Paul mentions in Acts 17:23. A council of "experts" met at the Areopagus to make sure spiritual and philosophical standards were kept, especially those which might challenge Greek orthodoxy. Recall that 500 years earlier, Socrates was convicted of treason by such elites, for

not venerating Athen's gods and corrupting the minds of the youth. They executed Socrates. President Trump is fortunate that he was not convicted of treason for disagreeing with leftist orthodoxy and executed by Pelosi and her band of miscreants. Likewise, Paul's Christian message was not orthodox and not well received by the "elitist" of ancient Athens.

Paul was no fool and no shoddy philosopher. Paul was known to challenge elites, sarcastically scolding experts in Corinth asking, "How long must we put up with fools?" Apparently, a long time because the Teacher in Ecclesiastes (circa 1000 BC) lamented, "Fools are put in many high places" (Ecclesiastes 10:6).

Paul was highly educated, articulate, spoke four languages and was passionate for The Lord. In one of the great defenses of the Christian ethos, Paul begins by quoting Epimenides, one of the Athenian elite's own, in Acts 17:28: "For in him (God) we live and move and have our being." Irrefutable logic for anyone existing within Creation and not a fool.

Though not my favorite genre, I'm reading biographies this year. The Founders recommended biographies and I'm no fool so I will partake of their wise advice. I just finished reading David McCullough's beautiful book on John Adams.

You may remember the odious Stamp Acts of the mid 1760s, enacting taxes on the American colonies without their representation in the British Parliament. (Colonials considered themselves British citizens.) The taxes were to pay for the expensive French and Indian War.

Riots resulted throughout the colonies and the "foolish" Acts were soon rescinded. Adams saw the Stamp Acts as providential because they gelled a revolutionary spirit which would become the American Revolution ten years later. iPOTUS and Pelosi should study history.

I continue to wonder when people will admit they've been foolish. Recently, I read an essay describing Christian evangelicals who were so disturbed by President Trump's alleged peccadillos that they voted for pro-abortion Biden. Are you disturbed by the latest stimulus where the Federal Reserve just "prints" \$1.9 trillion? You realize we don't have this money, nor the \$4 trillion approved last year or the \$800 billion Obama pushed through in 2009. Only a fool would think a keystroke at the Fed could magically produce dollars. Actually, it will just create more debt for our children and grandchildren, and devalue the dollar in your pocket. Did you know they haven't even spent a trillion

dollars left over from last year's stimulus? And 85% of Obama's "infrastructure" stimulus in 2009 just went to unions (public-sector teachers, etc.) who donate money to Democrats. We don't need more spending in Washington. We need to open up the schools and America businesses.

Perhaps with the exception of a few octogenarian yellow-dog Democrats, there are fewer and fewer true-blue liberal Democrats. These days most who once labeled themselves as Democrats are actually socialists, leftists and progressives. The latest spending boondoggle is labeled as the most progressive legislation in history, as if that's an accolade.

Progressives believe in ever larger government, redistribution of wealth (like \$1400 going to felons in prison with iPOTUS' stimulus), universal healthcare, a 'living wage' and that man is perfectible by feeding and educating the masses. The scheme proposed by Jean Jacque Rousseau three hundred years ago hasn't worked, and can't work with our schools shut down.

What fool could argue that an open border with sex and drug trafficking and a humanitarian crisis is good for America or victims? One Texas town recently found that 25% of illegals tested positive for Covid. What fool denies what he/she sees

and believes Biden has the capacity to manage this country? iPOTUS is a figurehead and just signs what is put in front of him.

What fool would still listen to the World Health Organization which is controlled by China? And what fool believes windmills and solar can provide enough energy? Apparently, iPOTUS' handlers want America again dependent on Middle Eastern oil. Are there fools who want to go back to the energy policy during Jimmy Carter's disastrous presidency? The iPOTUS climate czar, John Kerry, says the climate catastrophe is coming in nine years and America can't prevent the apocalypse. The vacuous AOC said much the same thing. Who believes biologic men should compete against biologic women? Should these gender-identifying "women" share public bathrooms or showers with our daughters and granddaughters? iPOTUS seems to think so from his executive order. Who believes Tennesseans should financially bail out poorly run New York, Illinois and California governments? I guess fools would raise their hands in the affirmative.

I'm sorry for this polemical diatribe, but this revolutionary is mad as hell.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com)

# Forgotten Forts in our region

Our region has seen a multitude of military forts built here and there, from early settlement through the Civil War. Some have been restored, like Fort Southwest Point in Kingston and Fort Loudoun near Vonore, but some have been all but forgotten.

Within an easy drive from Knoxville you can see the locations of some of the old forts. Visiting those sites and learning the history can be an educational for you and your family.

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

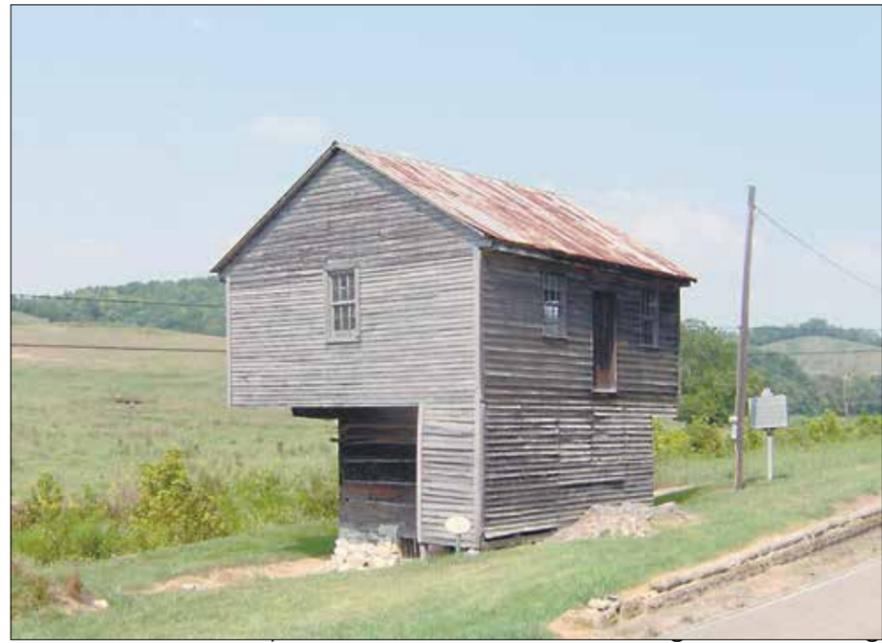
Down in Benton, just off Highway 411, is the **Fort Myer Blockhouse** which was used during the forced removal of the Cherokee from our area. This fort was originally situated in Old Fort, Tn., near the Georgia state line in 1814 and was moved to Benton in modern times.

**Hiwassee Garrison**, between Decatur and Dalton, Tn., was an important site across the river from Hiwassee Island, a major Cherokee town.

Founded and built by Colonel Jonathan Meigs, the fort was abandoned after a few years. The only remains of that fort is a large cemetery nearby where Meigs and other early Tennesseans are buried. The cemetery is located east of Highway 60 in Rhea County, east on Sunset Drive and then to Garrison Road.

The fort site, on the banks of Chickamauga Lake, is now an archeological site and not available for visits.

**Swaggerty Blockhouse**, beside U. S. Highway 321 near Parrottsville and east of Newport, is a two-story fortification built over a natural spring. Some claim **Continue on page 4**



Swaggerty's Blockhouse is located in Parrottsville, just east of Newport, and was built and fortified over a spring to protect a water supply during attack.

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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**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, IIIN  
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 III, 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

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK.  
IN RE: CHARLES RICHARD NICHOLS  
v. SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK  
NO. 201892-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK 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 SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK it is ordered that said defendant SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan Wortley, an Attorney whose address is: 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 26th day of February 2021

Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**DUSTIN HAMILTON -Vs- HANNA COLVIN**  
Docket # 150950

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

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

This the 3rd day of MARCH, 2021.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Michelle Henry  
Deputy Clerk

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEWELL ILENE (McCALLA) BRIDGES**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84189-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEWELL ILENE (McCALLA) BRIDGES who died Jan 20, 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 first publication as described in (1)A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 3 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF JEWELL ILENE (McCALLA) BRIDGES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KATHY SNYDER; EXECUTRIX 6919 GHIRADELLI RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

GAIL WORTLEY ATTORNEY  
3715 POWERS ST.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RAYMOND K COOPER**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84184-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAYMOND K COOPER who died Dec 27, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF RAYMOND K COOPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DENNIS COOPER; EXECUTOR 1677 OLD PINEY RD. MARYVILLE, TN 37803

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PHYLLIS DIANE OVERTON COPELAND**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84077-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS DIANE OVERTON COPELAND who died Dec 21, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS DIANE OVERTON COPELAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PAUL J COPELAND; ADMINISTRATOR 3435 MAPLE GROVE WAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALBERT EDENTON**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84166-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of ALBERT EDENTON who died Dec 5, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF ALBERT EDENTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S) THOMAS M DENTON; ADMINISTRATOR CTA 700 HUNTING FOX LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

RICHARD MATLOCK ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JIMMIE A FAULKNER**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84176-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JIMMIE A FAULKNER who died Jan 5, 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 1 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF JIMMIE A FAULKNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LINDA SMITH; CO-EXECUTRIX 2524 BLACKBERRY RIDGE BLVD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

JEAN FOSTER; CO-EXECUTRIX 721 CHAMBERS WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MILDRED SMITH GRIFFIN**  
DOCKET NUMBER 82945-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MILDRED SMITH GRIFFIN who died Feb 27, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF MILDRED SMITH GRIFFIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GARY E GRIFFIN, SR.; EXECUTOR 5312 FAWNWOOD DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

HAL WATTS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 85 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EMILY ARLINE WINCHESTER GUYTON**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84178-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EMILY ARLINE WINCHESTER GUYTON who died Jan 30, 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 1 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF EMILY ARLINE WINCHESTER GUYTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HOLTON BRUCE GUYTON; CO-EXECUTOR 1909 HERON COVE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

KELLY GUYTON FRERE; CO-EXECUTOR 1001 E BROADWAY STREET LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

MATTHEW GUYTON ATTORNEY AT LAW 101 E BROADWAY STREET LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHIELDS RALPH HOLDER**  
DOCKET NUMBER 83008-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIELDS RALPH HOLDER who died Apr 1, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF SHIELDS RALPH HOLDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HENRY ALLEN MCKEE; EXECUTOR 2701 PIEDMONT STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ADAH JOSLIN**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84182-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ADAH JOSLIN who died Feb 6, 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 2 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF ADAH JOSLIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BENJAMIN A JOSLIN; EXECUTOR 2716 BROOKWOOD RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ALVA KINARD**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84175-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA ALVA KINARD who died Jan 20, 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 1 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ALVA KINARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JASON ARNOLD; ADMINISTRATOR 2831 JAPONICA WAY, APT 1123 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF THOMAS F LAWSON**  
DOCKET NUMBER 83468-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS F LAWSON who died Jul 10, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

ESTATE OF THOMAS F LAWSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JENNIFER LOSCH; EXECUTRIX 5313 HICKORY HOLLOW RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY ANN LYFORD**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84188-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ANN LYFORD who died Feb 16, 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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 3 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN LYFORD

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF FLORA A MILLSAPS**  
DOCKET NUMBER 84159-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FLORA A MILLSAPS who died Jan 1, 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



# Forgotten Forts in our region

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Fort Dickerson Park and High Grounds Park or Fort Higley. Fort Stanley was atop the ridge just to the east of Chapman Highway across from Fort Dickerson but that site has not been marked or reconstructed.

**Fort Sanders**, in the midst of that neighborhood, has long been built over but was probably the most noted Civil War site in Knoxville.

Knox County has many

old fort sites including some settler's homes that were fortified, including Campbell's Station in Farragut, Cavitt's Station, Fort Adair in Fountain City, Fort Byington on College Hill, Fort Stanley, Fort Dickerson and many smaller forts built around battery sites.

In recent history retired archeologist Dr. Charles Faulkner discovered a small Civil War fortification in Knoxville along the Third Creek Greenway.

## EMPLOYMENT

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Have you ever found yourself making excuses why you don't pray very much? I have, busy, not good at it, or out of your comfort zone? If you struggle with prayer, you are not alone. Even the disciples of Jesus struggled with this as they ask Jesus to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1-4). Of all the things the disciples could have asked Jesus to teach them, they asked Him to teach them how to pray. Why would they ask this? Because they must have seen the correlation between Jesus' prayer life and the miracles and teaching that he was doing.

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

Notice how prayer was at the heart of the early church: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). The word "devoted" could be translated "addicted." Usually when we hear of an addiction, we think of bad things. But there are good addictions. We find four of them here: teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread/communion, and prayer. Are you addicted to prayer? Is this something you just have to

do? A posture of prayer often found in Scripture is kneeling. You find people praying on bended knees in both the Old and New Testament. Here is one such passage in the New Testament involving the apostle Paul: "When he said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him...All the disciples and their wives and children accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray" (Acts 20:36-37; 21:5).

Why did the early church

pray on their knees? It was out of dependence and desperation. God was the only person they could go to. One year during the Rose Bowl parade, one of the parade floats broke down and the parade came to a halt. After a couple of minutes, a guy came out from under the float who was driving it and announced with a sheepish grin that it had run out of gas. Too bad the float was the Standard Oil Company. This reminds me that we have access to a vast reservoir of power through prayer, but we often fail to tap into it.

When you kneel in prayer, it is a sign of humility because you are defenseless and vulnerable. You can't do anything offensively from your knees. When you kneel, say before a king, it is a sign of adoring the person you are in front of. We do this when we kneel before God. We address the worthiness of God in worship. Kneeling is not better than other prayer postures, but it does express what is going on in the heart. If you get down on your knees, you need to make sure your heart is kneeling as well. "Come, let

us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care" (Psalm 95:6).

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