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# Norwood residents oppose large Merchant Dr. development

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For years developers have been trying to build homes and businesses along Merchant Drive in west Norwood. The residential community was saddened and frustrated to lose a recent Knoxville-Knox County Planning zoning request for apartments and duplexes along

the narrow and very busy street.

Before and after classes at Norwood Elementary parents find traffic backed up there.

Residents are asking for a more detailed traffic study. But traffic isn't the only objection to the 250 units being proposed for their neighborhood. There's also the large hill to the south which would

fall under the local Hillside Protection Act and there's flooding concerns for the subdivision across the busy street.

It has been estimated the development would add up to 2,000 vehicles to the area and the proposed entry into the development has been described as a "choke point."

Although the planning staff recommended a

zoning change to RN-3, which would limit the number of dwellings, the planning body voted to change the sector plan and zone the 20 or so acres that adjoin Merchant Drive to RN-5. RN-3 would have not permitted multi-family apartments and the neighborhood residents support that designation. More than 300 signed a petition to not change the

designation. The matter now goes to city council and the residents are getting prepared to battle there.

Debbie Phillips, a Norwood resident, told The Focus, "I am furious."

"In the Zoom meetings you can't go back for rebuttal," she said, hoping that the future city council meeting is an open public meeting and not digital.

Residents are also concerned about the loss of forest and trees and the safety of elementary and middle school students who walk to school along the already busy street.

The project is at 2400 and 2600 Merchant Drive. Phillips said she plans to invite city council members to the site.

"I want them to come

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# Pi Day 'Pie Day' helps Young-Williams Animal Center

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Did you know that March 14 is "Pi Day?" Some area pizza parlors have specials on their pizza pies on that day and some bakeries and grocery stores sell their small fruit pies for \$3.14. Local businessmen Cameron Brooks of Realty Executives Associates, Gary Strum of Mortgage Investors Group and Evan Seivers of State Farm held their own Pie Day recently to benefit Young-Williams Animal Center. The event saw about 80 local residents show up with their pets and pick up a free apple, Dutch apple or cherry pie in exchange for a donation to the shelter. Close to \$4,000 was raised for Young-Williams and Brooks said people also brought in donation items for the animal shelter.



Above, Melissa Lee and her dog, Ginsburg, exchange a donation to Young-Williams Animal Center for a Pie Day pie. Right, Annie Belle and Lola Bean helped distribute the pies on Sunday, March 14.

Pi Day celebrates the mathematical constant  $\pi$  (3.14). It is celebrated in countries that follow the month/day date format, because the digits in the

date, March 14 or 3/14, are the first three digits of  $\pi$  (3.14). Pi Day was founded by physicist Larry Shaw in 1988.



# Fountain City Forward Nonprofit promotes business, gives back

By Bill Howard

Late in 2019, Charlie Pratt and Blake Foote, financial advisers for Modern Woodmen of America, came up with an idea: why not start a nonprofit that would not only promote business activity in Fountain City, but also give back to the community?

More than a year later, Fountain City Forward has 29 members. On St. Patrick's Day last Wednesday, it held its first service project of this year by sponsoring a blood drive at Fountain City Church. The goal is to do at least four service projects annually.

"We came up with the idea of forming a nonprofit networking group where we build each others' businesses and positively impact the community," said Board President Pratt.

There's great businesses here, there's great people here. We just figured we should all work together to help grow our businesses."

Member businesses pay \$120 per year. The money goes primarily toward operating costs. Any remaining at the end of the year goes back into the community, according to Pratt. "You get the opportunity to network with other members, opportunity to set up at community involvement days and get exposure for your business," he said "But the main thing is referrals to your business from members."

Suzanne McCarter is FCF's Community Involvement Director. "This (blood drive) is our first-quarter service project," said the Account Representative for



PHOTO BY BILL HOWARD

Fountain City Forward board member Suzanne McCarter and board President Charlie Pratt help man the tables at Fountain City Forward's blood drive at Fountain City Church on St. Patrick's Day.

# Commission may revamp Sheriff's Merit System Council

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On the agenda for the March meetings of the Knox County Commission are proposed amendments to the operation of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Merit System Council. If adopted, these amendments would change the three-member council substantially,

require the council to meet publically in audio and video sessions, and limit what the council currently does in the hiring of sheriff's department employees.

There's been a two-year dispute between the merit system council and the KCSO on the duties of each and Commission Chairman Larsen

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# Commission may approve a rehab program at county jail

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Aside from permanently moving some items on their agenda to speed up meetings the Knox County Commission's work session Monday may also see some interesting agenda items, not counting the changes being proposed for the power and duties of the sheriff's merit system council.

Knoxville Leadership Foundation may be approved, in a request from the sheriff, to have office space, referrals and access to inmates at the Roger D. Williams Detention Facility. The Foundation would provide \$68,340 each year for three years for facility utilization and access to inmates.

An additional \$89,300 may be allotted to Cannon & Cannon for additional

design services on the Coward Mill Road Widening Project in a request from the Engineering and Public Works Department.

An agreement with the state for resurfacing of Washington Pike from East Emory to Murphy Road may be approved for \$1.4 million with the county's share only \$28,790.

Commissioner Terry Hill is requesting the county place a marker on the right-of-way at 11417 Hardin Valley Road in memory of Virgil "Hack" Hackworth, a long time barber and community leader.

Three commissioners want to discuss issues: Charles Busler want to discuss school funds, Kyle Ward wants a discussion on litter pollution and Chairman Larsen Jay wants a talk about the Knox County Budget, hearings and schedules.

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# If Donald Trump had been re-elected

From a distance



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There are several things happening now that would not be happening if Donald Trump had been re-elected.

1.) Gas prices would not be jumping up on a weekly (sometimes daily) basis, with wealthy environmentalists wanting them to go even higher so people will drive less.

2.) Illegal immigrants

would not be flooding into the country and there would be no crisis at the border.

3.) Prisoners and illegal immigrants would not be receiving \$1400 checks from the federal government.

4.) Black and brown farmers would not be receiving forgiveness of 120% of their federal loans that they had made no payments on while white farmers are not given this extra money.

5.) We would not be nationalizing federal elections so there could be same-day registration, now way to verify IDs and addresses, and millions more mail-in ballots to make sure Democrats control all our elections.

6.) There would be no statehood for Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico for partisan political purposes so Democrats can get four more US Senators.

7.) Possibly the biggest tax hike in history would not be headed our way and being done in a way so that the harm to middle- and lower-income people is hidden from them.

8.) The very wasteful, inefficient blue state mayors and governors would not be bailed out with \$50 billion so they could continue paying very exorbitant salaries and pensions to their very bloated payrolls.

The first federal income tax was passed in 1913,

and it was only one percent of all income over \$3,000 a year. Very few people made that much then so it effected only 3% of the population and there was little opposition to it.

However, because you can never satisfy governments' appetite for land or money, all sorts of new taxes were added on over the years.

When Tennessee created the state sales tax in the mid-60s it was only 3%. How nice it would be if it was still at that level today. The problem with D.C. and Puerto Rico statehood, besides being done for partisan political reasons, is that it will be very costly and harmful to all the

states we have now. It will further dilute the power of present Senators.

Every state has a combination of urban, suburban, and rural interests. Washington D.C. is just a city and not even one of our largest. It already gets about four times more federal money per capita than any other state so it is not being treated unfairly.

Would we then start seeing other large cities clamoring to become states so they can get additional senators? New York City has never like having to deal with the medium size cities, small towns, and rural areas of upstate New York.

If or when Republicans

come back into power, should they then create new states in Republican areas?

The signs at the entrances to Tennessee for many years said "Welcome to the three States of Tennessee". Our state laws have always recognized what are called the three Grand Divisions.

Would we be better off to have West Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, and East Tennessee as three complete states so we could have six Republican senators and other advantages?

I am not advocating this, but it makes more sense than making D.C. a state.

## Seditious

I admit that for most of my life I could be labelled as seditious. (Sedition is overt conduct, such as speech and organization, that tends toward rebellion against the established order). I was the University of Georgia's first Black male freshman. I wanted a college education and my brother was at Purdue. My father did not believe in borrowing money – except for our house – and could not afford to send me to Purdue. Instead I could have taken one of the scholarships I received. But they were all to Black colleges (except for one small one to Ohio State). But it was the civil rights era and if I could not go to Purdue, I decided to help overthrow the established order of separate but

unequal. So I went to Georgia where I took delight with the white schoolmates who befriended me of flipping off Southern bigotry and helping to kick open the school house door. That seditious streak continued throughout my professional career as I sought to research and write articles that made a difference. I could have carved out a reputation writing theoretical pieces in monetary economics but decided that I was wasting my talents in writing pieces that only other academics could read. When offered the opportunity at the Comptroller of the Currency to do pioneering work in lending discrimination, credit scoring and mortgage pricing, I did so even when my university (I was on leave at the time) told me I would be denied tenure and promotion because "no serious academic journal would publish such research". I told them they were wrong. They fired me. However, I was right and the first five articles all landed in top

journals and resulted in opening a new avenue for academic research and subsequently a spate of anti-discriminatory regulations and legislation. My department head later said that they made a mistake. My next academic appointment was in one of the nation's leading finance departments.

That seditious nature has manifested itself in my work outside of academics. I apply microeconomics and finance to social problems. I can solve any problem but you may not like my solution. But I have always said "prove me wrong and if you do, I will adopt your position." I could think this way and act this way mainly because I was in an academic setting which tolerated and even nurtured diverse opinions. Such is not the case today. Many, if not most, academic institutions have joined the muzzle culture and have become intolerant of opinions not deemed "progressive." Conservatives have been muzzled.

Speakers are now banned from campuses and if they are allowed to speak, then their presence is loudly protested by many on campus. The few conservative professors find themselves assaulted with petitions by fellow faculty and students to shut them up or fire them. Nowadays, I wish that I did not retire in 2011. Rather I would relish being on a college campus today being seditious against the prevailing culture that thinks diversity is in how you look rather than in how you think. There is no difference from the muzzle culture of old telling Blacks to keep quiet and to stay in their place and the muzzle culture of today trying to silence conservative voices. Indeed, today's muzzle culture is as morally and intellectual bankrupt as it was in the Jim Crow days of yore. The irony is that it is being practiced by the same groups that were actively denying the rights of Blacks: the Democrats and the progressives.

## Council to consider an appeal for a large cross on Central Avenue Pike

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Dr. Todd Stinnett is appealing a denial by the Board of Zoning Appeals to place an 18 by 45 foot cross at 4605 Central Avenue Pike. Stinnett wants a variance, saying the cross is a work of art and not an advertisement. The Department of Plans Review and Building Inspections placed the appeal on the city's Tuesday agenda.

Adding social service centers as a special use with a permit is also on the Knoxville City Council's agenda. The inclusion of the centers as day places for the homeless is facing a second and final reading to be included within Regional Commercial, Downtown Edge districts and General Commercial districts.

The council may also approve the leasing of tires for the Knoxville Area Transit for \$159,948 during a three-year contract.

The mayor may be authorized to sign an agreement with Design and Construction Services Inc. for construction of the Waterfront Drive Roadway Improvements Project for \$733,262. The administration is asking the council to approve an agreement with Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center for use of surface parking lots to support public parking in the Cumberland Avenue area.

The council may also agree for the mayor to work with the state for the East Knox Greenway project.



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**Health Director Dr. Martha Buchanan points out the flexibility of the new vaccine location in the former Food City on North Broadway. She and her staff conducted a press conference and a tour of the location Wednesday during the first week of operation there.**

# New vaccine location open

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Knox County Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan met with the local media Wednesday morning at the former Food City on North Broadway. She pointed out that although COVID-19 cases are coming down everyone should still follow the Five Core guidelines including wearing a mask. She said she signed her father up for the vaccine and noted that many people remain on a waiting list but said the new location is speeding up the process.

Dr. Buchanan also said her staff is making minor adjustments there to be more functional and better serve

the public. She said the new leased facility is “flexible” and also said the health department is concerned with an uptick in cases among children and how that might be passed to adults and especially grandmothers and grandfathers.

“We’re asking that if you get a call from the health department, please answer your phone and be here within 30 minutes,” she said.

Dr. Buchanan also said that the health department is only one way people can get the vaccines and commended the various partners, pharmacies and clinics in the effort throughout the community. She said that she hopes that by the end of this summer anyone who wants to

get vaccinated may do so. She also urged people who have received the vaccines to continue wearing a mask when in public, avoid crowds, keep a distance, wash hands and stay home if sick.

The health department’s vaccine clinic is located in the former Food City, at 4612 North Broadway, and is open Monday through Friday on an appointment basis and will be there for six months. Anyone responding to a date and time for a vaccination there will have their temperature taken and asked several questions before being admitted. The process takes about 30 minutes with 15 of that waiting after the shot for any possible reaction.

# Fountain City Forward

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Burns Mailing & Printing, Inc. “Our goal is 100 donations throughout the month of March to show our support for First Responders. (The service projects) are what really make Fountain City Forward unique.”

“Usually organizations are 100% service oriented or 100% business-building,” McCarter went on. “I think what’s enabled us to grow is the ability to do both of those things with one group of folks that you can really build long-lasting personal relationships with.”

“We want to build relationships with one another,” said Pratt. “There’s not



**The MEDIC Mobile Blood Drive bus at Fountain City Church on St. Patrick's Day.**

a better way to do it than serve alongside each other. So we’ll do things like clean up in the park...this blood drive is our first (project) this year. We get to know each other in a business setting and a service setting. That was kind of the brains behind Fountain City Forward. We invited business professionals and

business owners to network with us.”

Realtors and financial services firms are common FCF members, but a variety of industries is included. A business does not have to be located in Fountain City to join.

TVA Employees Credit Union marketing rep Jessica Baker explained how

being a member of FCF can directly pay off.

“Month after month I see tangible results,” she said. “(FCF member) US Bank has passed several loan referrals to me that they weren’t able to help their customers with. And I can help them become members (of the credit union) and do loans for them through the credit union.”

Daniel Willis is the Membership Sales Manager for AirMedCare Network. “It’s a great way to get the information (about your business) out into the community. We were formed in 1977, and yet we’re one of the best-kept secrets in East Tennessee.”

# Commission may revamp Sheriff's Merit System Council

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Jay called a Special Meeting of the two parties in February to air some of the disagreements and, following that meeting, he began to prepare changes to the merit system ordinance. Many of the changes reflect Sheriff Tom Spangler’s views and those obviously doesn’t sit well with current council members who were appointed by previous sheriffs.

“From the work of the special committee, two (2) major elements emerged. First, the committee focused on a series of ‘reforms’ that have ultimately turned into the Ordinance changes you are now considering. Second, there were several recommendations that were part of the discussion, but ultimately were deemed not in the purview and authority of the Knox County Commission. As such, the recommendations were outlined in a separate document and is presented as a Spread of Record report,” Jay wrote to commissioners on March 11.

The structure of the merit system council was set in 1990 and Jay’s ordinance says the restructuring will modernize and update the council’s efficiency and better address the current needs of the sheriff’s office to provide optional recruiting outcomes.

Basically the ordinance changes include increasing the merit system council from three to seven members and eliminate the alternate member. Two current members, Jim Jennings and Jim Wright Jr., would remain until their terms expire. Chair Gina Oster and alternate Laschinski Emerson would continue to serve until their terms expire on April 30. Jennings and Wright could apply to remain under the new requirements.

The remaining five members would be filled by the county commission to include one member from commission, one with a professional law enforcement or corrections experience, one with a legal or human resources experience, and two members with experience in community service.

One major change says, “The sheriff shall provide, as far as practical, for the maximum flexibility in lateral transfer of personnel, particularly in those positions and classes of positions relating to law enforcement.” That has been a responsibility of the merit system council.

Another change says, “It is the sole responsibility of the county sheriff to conduct all aspects of recruitment, advertising, marketing and promotional efforts, including job fairs,

promotional materials and such other recruiting tools as the sheriff’s department deems necessary in order to attract qualified employee applicants and candidates. Interested candidates will then be referred to the merit system council for the application process.”

Another change includes, “The term ‘salary’ does not include property assigned to the employee, including the loss of the provision of an automobile.”

That change reflects directly on a complaint that a job offer in the past to the former Media Director Martha Dooley included a car and a gas card and could make for an interesting debate as the situation is unresolved.

Dooley filed a complaint with the merit system council and, although the council was told by the law director it had no authority in the complaint, the council went ahead to set two hearings for May 4 and 5.

The complaint charges that Sheriff Spangler is attempting to get Dooley to resign or retire and that she was transferred to a lesser position although her salary remained the same. She is claiming the transfer was political and is asking for the KCSO vehicle and gas card be returned to her.

# Venue and restaurant curfews set to 1 a.m.

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As the number of COVID-19 cases continue to decline the Knox County Board of Health is easing up on its local restrictions. At its meeting on Wednesday, the board removed the social gathering restrictions and added catered venues and events to the restaurant and bar category which has a new curfew of 1 a.m. The move came after two event planners asked the virtual meeting to expand the category.

Apparently the board hadn’t meant to exclude events from the original limitations and voted unanimously to add events to the list of businesses regulated.

Terry Turner of All Occasions Party Rentals told the board his business is down 60%, some staff has been laid off, and event business was being lost to surrounding counties which had no restrictions.

Dr. Richard Cunningham, an orthopedic surgeon and restaurant owner, asked the board to rescind all restrictions and mandates and said the community “is rapidly approaching herd immunity.”

“Our citizens know how to take care of themselves,” he said. His plea was unsuccessful and the board left the mask mandates in place without an expiration date and extended the restaurant, bar and event curfew until April 22, one day after the board’s next meeting. Mayor Glenn Jacobs joined the rest of the board in a “Yes” vote and called the change “a good compromise.”

Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan said three of the health emergency benchmarks are in the “Yellow” or caution category including the number of deaths over the past

month, testing capacity and public health capability/vaccination rate. She reported the county gave 21,000 vaccinations over the period but added, “We’re not quite where we want to be yet.”

Dr. James Shamiyeh reported a positive rate of 11.26% and that the board is looking for a rate between 5 and 10% before considering lifting other restrictions.

A state survey of opinion indicates that 58% of the respondents felt that the coronavirus impacts health more than it does businesses and the health departments are the most trusted information sources, with 73% agreeing. Only 30% of the state population said there should be no requirement to get the vaccines.

The Tennessee House and Senate bill pending now in the state senate was also discussed and how, if passed, it affects the board’s duties and powers. Mayor Glenn Jacobs said there’s lots of confusion about the proposed legislation and Deputy Law Director David Sanders said, “This cake is only half baked,” adding that he prefers to wait until it pass before giving an opinion.

The question is whether Dr. Buchanan will be empowered by the state or be under the direction of the county mayor. The proposed bill would give county mayors the power to declare emergencies and place the existing Board of Health as an advisory group.

Dr. Patrick O’Brien agreed with extending the restaurant hours of operation and said, “There’s a lot of concern in the business community that we’re just hanging onto regulations.”

Dr. Buchanan said the changes are a “step by step” approach to the pandemic.

# Norwood residents oppose large Merchant Dr. development

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down and look at this,” she said.

Apparently Hilton Capital Group purchased the property under the name Merchant Tower Tennessee LLC. Formerly the large property was owned by the Girl Scouts of Tanasi Council Inc. Developer Dan Lello is being represented in his effort by Benjamin C. Mullins.

Resident Connie Holland addressed the developer and said, “You build it, you sell it, and you’re out of here.” She said the development proposal is “safety versus profit.”

“The developer indicated at one of our meetings with him and his attorney

that he wasn’t willing to spend the money for plans, engineers, etc. until it was rezoned,” Phillips said.

With the property adjoining Merchant Drive to be developed, the hilly back portion might remain wooded with trees and possibly, along with Legacy Parks, become a local park.

Norwood residents are pledging to oppose the planning recommendation when it goes to city council and Phillips is inviting city council and local school board members to come out to the site and learn of potential problems if the zoning and development is approved.



# How Do I Terminate the Father's Parental Rights?

How do I terminate my child's father's, as some would say "my baby daddy's," rights to see the child? I get asked this question fairly frequently. There may even be a good reason for why this question is asked. The



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father might be in prison, or may have gone years without attempting to see or support the child. However, the answer that I give is one that these people do not really want to hear.

You cannot legally terminate a parent's (the mother or the father) parental rights unless there is someone willing to step in to those parental shoes being vacated. The court will not simply have a child lose a parent or "bastardize" a child without someone there to step into those shoes.

So, when I am asked if a parent's rights can be terminated, I always ask them if they have someone who is willing to adopt their child (usually a step-parent) and step in as the new parent for the parent whose rights are being terminated.

Unfortunately, there is not usually a step-parent there to step in to that role. Therefore, no termination can occur and the conversation ends rights then and there.

However, say there is a step-parent willing to

adopt the child. So yes, you have the potential for terminating the rights of a parent. The easiest way to do this is an agreed upon step-parent adoption. This means that a parent is voluntarily having their

parental rights terminated.

The primary reason that a parent would agree to have their rights terminated is so they do not have to pay child support anymore. They will owe back child support for the period that they were a parent to the child, but they will no longer be required to financially support the child once their parental rights are terminated.

If a parent contests their parental rights being terminated then it has to be shown that they have failed in their parental duties. This is typically done by proving that the parent has not attempted to see the child or financially supported them for a period of 4 months or longer.

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# Easter Always Offers Hope

"You see lots of Easter bunnies and candies in stores but not much



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there was a table with lots of religious books, Bibles, and books with Easter themes. But, most of the shelves were stocked full of Easter baskets waiting to be filled, a variety of stuffed animals, and sweet treats galore. This is so sad.

The season of Lent began several weeks ago on Ash Wednesday. Many churches observe this time in preparation for Easter. This year will mark the second Easter during COVID-19. Last year, our nation was locked down, and churches remained closed on Easter Sunday. Though many churches are now open for in-person services this year, some people are still choosing to worship virtually and watch services on television. We are so fortunate to have the technology available for worship



*Picture of a beautiful Easter lily, courtesy of Bob Martin.*

online. Even Easter Sunrise services may not have as many participants as in previous years. However you choose to celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, be safe, be healthy, and be especially blessed! He Lives!

Words of Faith: "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matthew 28:5-6 (KJV)

## 'Froggy went a Courtin'" virtual program tomorrow



*Cope's Gray Treefrog*

Spring is here and the Tennessee Valley's 15 different species of frogs and toads are active. Love is in the air as the males croon to attract the attention of the females, but each species croaks at a different time and different location. You don't see them because they are camouflaged to blend into their watery places but you can certainly hear them.

Join local naturalist Stephen Lyn Bales via Zoom for this virtual presentation hosted by the UT Arboretum Society on Tuesday,

March 23 at 7:00 p.m. Registration for this free online event is required. The format for this program will be Zoom. To register go to: <https://utarboretumsociety.org/> You will be sent a link in your confirmation for program access. Please contact Michelle Campanis at [mcampani@utk.edu](mailto:mcampani@utk.edu) with any questions or registration issues.

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# A better plan

In the past couple of months, vaccinations for COVID-19 have increased. At this point, a third of the country has received protection that will enable them to safely be around others. Most Americans are



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been excited, but the process of getting vaccinated has been rather difficult.

People have spent hours on computers to find sites that offer the shots. Amy and I traveled to Tazewell to receive our first ones. The days was sunny and warm and perfect for a

drive. Still, I'd rather have gone to the mountains or visited some spot other than the parking lot of a Tazewell pharmacy.

Another downfall of the program is that the first folks to receive shots

have been the elderly. I'm not in that group yet, but I'm not that far away from it. Too many of those folks don't have access to a computer or don't have a clue on how to travel through the difficult instructions for registering for an appointment. In many cases, they

waged war with the process only to discover the time they were trying to reserve had already been taken.

The first weeks of vaccination were a nightmare. Folks received them unless the supply ran out. In other places, tangled lines of traffic spilled from parking lots and onto highways. Some places were as bad as Friday afternoon after-work traffic. Amazingly, most folks were patient about the snarls because they knew what awaited them. Being protected against a pandemic eases the sting of a long line of traffic or even that of the needle injecting the

lifesaving and life-altering vaccine.

The federal government used to be good at this sort of thing. I remember when the polio vaccines came out. My family left church and went to the old Karns High School. Along with hundreds of others, we stood in lines that snaked around the building. Eventually, we arrived at the tables where we were handed a sugar cube laced with the medicine that would protect us from such a horrible disease.

I think that the government should contact a business to handle the next massive vaccination, one that prevents the deaths

of thousands or more lives. The business that I have in mind is Chick-fil-A.

Have you ever visited this fast-food place? Lines of cars circle the building all times of the day. However, that line moves at almost warp speed, and customers place orders and pick them up quickly. Chick-fil-A has figured out how to work a crowd and move them along quickly. If the government will send them the vaccines with a mandate to vaccinate every American within two months, I have no doubt that the task would be accepted and completed.

The program is running much more smoothly

than it did only a couple of months ago. Amy and I will be getting our second shots at a business no more than a couple of miles from the house. When that second needle delivers its dosage, we will breathe collective sighs of relief and will look toward a future where we can once again travel, visit local businesses, and hug our family and friends. Until then and even afterwards, I hope all of us will use our common sense and continue to wear masks. Good luck on completing this most serious and important personal act.

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# Carroll Reece

## Tennessee's 'Mr. Republican'

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### Pages from the Past



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Carroll Reece, thirty years old and a veteran of the First World War, had defeated Congressman Sam R. Sells for the right to carry the Republican Party banner in the general election of 1920. Sells had not taken his defeat lightly and had tried to challenge the election results without success. 1920 proved to be a good year for Republican candidates from the White House to the courthouse. Woodrow Wilson, crippled from a major stroke, remained largely out of sight, and had in fact wanted a third nomination from his party to be the Democratic nominee in the 1920 presidential election. Instead, Democrats nominated Governor James M. Cox of Ohio. The Republicans had also nominated an Ohioan and a dark horse, Senator Warren G. Harding. Stately and with a head of white hair, Warren Harding certainly looked the part of an American president. Republicans in Tennessee had nominated Alf A. Taylor for governor. "Uncle Alf" was making his third race for the governorship, once contesting with his brother Robert Love Taylor in 1886 in the famous "War of Roses." Bob and Alf Taylor had traveled the state together, speaking to the same audiences and oftentimes sharing the same bed at night. Bob had said both he and his brother were roses, he a white one and Alf a red one. The white rose became the symbol of Bob Taylor's supporters, while Alf's wore a red rose.

Alf Taylor had sensed 1910 might be a good year for Republicans in Tennessee and tried to win the GOP nomination for governor, but lost to Ben W. Hooper. Seventy-one years old in 1920, Uncle Alf defeated Jesse Littleton, the mayor of Chattanooga, for the Republican nomination. The Republican tidal wave had also carried Julian Campbell of Lebanon to statewide office, winning a seat on the Railroad and Utilities Commission.

Warren G. Harding carried Tennessee and once again, Uncle Alf's political instincts had not failed him. Taylor beat incumbent A. H. Roberts for governor, while Republicans won five of Tennessee's ten seats in the U. S. House of Representatives. Carroll Reece easily won the Republican First Congressional District, J. Will Taylor was reelected in the equally Republican Second Congressional District. Congressman John A. Moon of Chattanooga was upset in the general election by GOP candidate Joseph E. Brown, whose father Foster had preceded Moon in Congress. Likewise, Cordell Hull lost

inside the highly Democratic Fourth Congressional District to Wynne F. Clouse. Gordon Browning, who had defeated incumbent Thetus W. Sims inside the Democratic primary, lost to Republican Lon A. Scott.

Carroll Reece went to Washington where the GOP had claimed the White House and comprised a majority in both houses of Congress. The Knoxville Journal and Tribune, in reporting Carroll Reece's election to Congress, noted the young candidate's educational accomplishments, pointing out he had earned the "degrees of Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and a Doctor of Philosophy." The Journal and Tribune related Reece came from "pure American stock" and his grandfather, L. L. Maples, had once represented Carter and Johnson counties in the Tennessee General Assembly. The Journal and Tribune also quoted for its readers a citation issued by General John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during the World War, which commended Reece for having "lead his company brilliantly in the attack upon St. Mihiel salient and during the operations of the 26th Division, north of Verdun." Pershing had also praised Reece for having reorganized his command following an especially bloody encounter after suffering "heavy casualties."

When Carroll Reece was elected to office, newly elected members of Congress did not take the oath of office until March 4 following their election the previous November. As Reece waited to assume his seat in the House, he announced he had selected his secretary (the equivalent today of a Chief of Staff). James D. Jenkins of Elizabethton was, according to the Bristol Herald Courier, "prominent in political and business circles" and had "many friends in Bristol" and the surrounding area. Jenkins was also active in the Baptist church. In early January of 1921, Alf Taylor was inaugurated as governor of Tennessee, but Carroll Reece missed the festivities, being confined to his bed with "a severe cold." By early February, the thirty-one year old congressman-elect had recovered sufficiently to address the members of a local post of the American Legion in Kingsport.

Carroll Reece issued a statement announcing his departure from the First Congressional District to Washington, D. C. to attend the inauguration of Warren G. Harding as President of the United States. Reece said he expected to remain in Washington for some



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*Congressman Carroll Reece with Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. McIlwain, circa 1922.*

time, as he would also be sworn in as a Member of Congress and would devote all his time and attention to serving the people of his district.

Reece arrived in Washington, D. C. the evening of February 25, 1921 and got a room at the Wardman Park Inn. With the election of a Republican president, the party faithful were eagerly awaiting Harding to sweep out Democratic officeholders from federal positions and replace them with Republicans. The Bristol Herald Courier reported as Reece left for the Capitol, Paul E. Devine, a prominent and politically active lawyer from Johnson City, was likely to be recommended to serve as the U. S. Attorney for East Tennessee. Divine had served as the secretary to Congressman Walter P. Brownlow, who had been succeeded in office by Reece's predecessor, Sam R. Sells. In Divine's obituary in 1935, the "Major" was given the credit as being the original "discoverer" and political sponsor of Carroll Reece.

The congressman-elect did not choose Divine, but instead recommended his campaign manager, George C. Taylor, to serve as U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee to replace W. T. Kennerly of Knoxville. J. Will Taylor, congressman from Tennessee's Second District, had first been elected to office in 1918, making him the senior Republican in the Volunteer State delegation. Taylor presented the requested committee assignments of his four freshmen colleagues for consideration. Carroll Reece had stated his preference to serve on the banking and currency or pensions committee. Reece was urged by his colleagues to volunteer to serve on the Committee on Pensions, as it was of vital importance to many veterans. At the time, there was no Social Security nor were there any pensions for having served in the military. All pensions were granted through special acts approved by Congress. Being a veteran, Reece was nudged by his Tennessee colleagues to serve on the Committee on Pensions to better assist deserving veterans. Reece's predecessor in Congress, Sam R.

Sells, had been boomed for appointment as Commissioner of Pensions, in the Harding administration. The former congressman never applied to serve as Commissioner of Pensions, but he was likely disappointed when President Harding nominated a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic from the Civil War. Sells had been Chairman of the Committee on Pensions in the House and was himself a veteran of the Spanish - American War. Even before committee assignments were doled out to freshmen legislators and while many of his colleagues had returned home to Tennessee, Carroll Reece remained in Washington, attending to requests from veterans in his district for assistance with the War Risk Insurance Bureau.

Before returning to Tennessee following his taking the oath of office, Congressman Carroll Reece gave an interview stating his opposition to the repeal of the primary election law in Tennessee, which was being considered by the state legislature. "I am opposed to such a movement," Congressman Reece said, "and I hope that it will be killed." Reece recalled prior to primary elections, Tennessee had selected candidates through conventions, which had increased bitter factionalism in both political parties, inspired corruption, and all too often ignored the popular will of the people. Reece reminded newsmen the primary election law had been pushed by "the best elements in the state" and the congressman said he believed primary elections had produced nominees of both parties in an orderly fashion and had been "satisfactory to the majority of the people." Reece said, "Now that the women have been given the franchise" to vote it was especially important to keep the primary election law as there was no other mechanism for women to participate "in the affairs of her party." Congressman Carroll Reece said eliminating the primary law would "throttle the voice of the people."

Reece utilized his time in Washington, D. C. to getting his congressional office up and running, as well as to become acquainted with department and agency


heads with whom he would interact. Upon returning home to the First Congressional District, Reece listened to opinions from friends, neighbors and supporters on patronage recommendations for jobs in the Harding administration. With five Republican congressmen, four of them freshmen legislators, and a GOP governor, it is hardly surprising they began fighting amongst themselves over positions and appointments. Reece was promoting the candidacy of R. L. Burnette of Nashville, who aspired to be the Collector of Internal Revenue for Tennessee, while Wynne F. Clouse was moving heaven and earth to assist the candidacy of Oscar Allgood, who had managed his successful congressional campaign. Congressman Clouse said the wishes of J. Will Taylor and Carroll Reece should not be given more weight than those of the three freshman legislators who had won Democratic districts the previous November. Clouse said the support for Republicans in Democratic districts had provided much of the margin for President Harding's own victory in Tennessee. Claudius Huston, a Chattanooga industrialist, who at one time or another, headed the Transcontinental Oil Company, the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, the Chattanooga Manufacturing Association, and the Tennessee River Navigation Company, had raised significant funds for Republicans in Tennessee. Huston was a manufacturer of furniture, saw mill machinery and had considerable interests in textile manufacturing and steel ware. Huston had been backed by many Tennesseans to serve as Secretary of Commerce in President Harding's Cabinet, a post that went to Herbert Hoover instead. Huston was appointed Assistant Secretary of Commerce, which pleased Harding's supporters in the Volunteer State.

In early April, it was announced Carroll Reece had been assigned to the House Committee on Roads. The first bill introduced by Congressman Reece was to turn over custody of tens of thousands of "four-wheel trailers, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles"

held by the War Department over to the various states. Reece, who had intimate knowledge of the equipment used during the World War, proposed to release the machinery to the Department of Agriculture who would then, in turn, release it to the individual states. A long list of vehicles and equipment had been provided Congressman Reece by the head of the War Materials Division of the War Department, many of which could be used for road work. Many auto and equipment manufacturers opposed the Reece Bill because they feared it would impair sales.

Carroll Reece got some publicity when his office was looted. Without the aid of the usual burglar's tools, thieves evidently broke into Congressman Reece's office and stole \$50,000 in cash. As the first member of the famed Rainbow Division to make it to Congress, Carroll Reece had been deeply interested in the Forty-Second Division's carnival and exposition to be held at the Union Station plaza. The "cash" had been printed to very closely resemble actual legal tender. Unfortunately for the thieves, the other side of the bills were an advertisement for the carnival.

Congressman Reece also won the approval of his fellow veterans for recommending those who had served in the war for appointments. Reece recommended the appointment of Everett Greer as postmaster of Newport, which won plaudits from the local American Legion. Carroll Reece was off to a good start as the congressman from Tennessee's First District.

  
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## Fire and Technical Rescue elects officers

By Mike Steely  
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The effort continues to coordinate fire and rescue operations in our county as the Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee met earlier this month at the E-911 Headquarters. Brad Anders, director of E-911, has been serving as chairman since the committee was formed in March of 2020.

The purpose of the meeting was to reorganize and elect officers. Dwight van de Vate was chosen as chairman, Jerry Harnish as vice chairman, and Brad Anders as secretary. Van de Vate is Knox County Chief Operating Officer and Harnish is Fire Chief with Rural Metro.

The duties of the committee include recommending funding for the various fire and rescue groups, sharing information between the members and serving as an advisory group to the county mayor and county commission on fire and rescue issues. During the meeting the members heard from the Knox County Law Department on parliamentary procedures and the state open meeting law.

In the future the committee will meet at 5:30 in the small assembly room of the City-County Building. The bylaws creating the committee calls for meeting at least once a quarter each year.

Other members include Commissioner Carson Dailey, Knox County Rescue Chief Russ Frazier, Knox County Community Development Director Jenny Holden, Emergency Response Coordinator Larry Hutsell, Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Director Colin Ickes, Seymour Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Linsenbigher, and Karns Fire Department Chief Daron Long.

# LMU DCOM-Knoxville recalibrates, fights on despite virus

Third in a three-part series

By Bill Howard

The first class of medical students at the LMU Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (DCOM) in Knoxville was in the fall in 2019. Some 125 students were in that inaugural group attempting to earn the DO (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) degree.

Part of their training includes working with Standardized Patients. SPs act as patients, presenting the future doctor with a particular medical problem that he or she attempts to diagnose. After the encounter, the SP typically meets with the student doctor to give feedback, mostly about how things went interpersonally.

All was going along quite well until March of last year. But like schools, businesses, offices, and operations of all kinds, DCOM-Knoxville was forced to shut down because of Covid-19. For some five months the complex stood empty. SPs found other jobs or managed the best they could.

When operations resumed in August, the landscape had necessarily changed drastically. No longer could encounters be held in person, but had to occur online. In the downtime, LMU's IT department kicked into overdrive to reconfigure and program the computer system to



One of the 26 exam rooms at LMU DCOM-Knoxville. Tech reconfiguring allows encounters both in-person and virtually.

enable students and SPs to conduct the encounters virtually.

Before, the only computer use was the SP filling out a rubric after the encounter, which assessed both the student doctor's clinical and interpersonal skills. Now the student and SP would interact face-to-face via computer screen. After the encounter, the SP fills out the rubric as usual, while the student-doctor fills out a SOAP note, a summary of the encounter. The feedback session then occurs online.

The new system worked reasonably well, but was hardly without its challenges. First, SPs had to learn a computer algorithm that was required to enable the encounter to happen. Unsurprisingly, computer glitches sometimes occurred that would

prevent the encounter, and therefore hold up all student doctors that were online at the time. Flexibility, already key to performing the job, became even more required.

"Although the online encounters were a bit less interpersonal and harder to assess, it allowed the program to start back in the fall," said SP Michelle Baird. "We SPs and student doctors both had to adjust to the new format, learn new ways to interact, and put up with the sometimes erratic behavior of technology."

Some face-to-face encounters resumed in late 2020 but most remained online. As the virus numbers have gradually improved, the in-person proportion of encounters has steadily increased.

One of the new online challenges – cases that require a physical exam – can at times be downright comical. A physical exam commonly includes a check of heart and lungs, and any of several other systems or functions.

Spine stability is usually assessed, and the processes of palpation (feeling around to check for organ health) and auscultation (listening for sounds inside the body) are also common. The future physician might also check reflexes, eyes/ears/nose/throat, various pulses, and edema (skin swelling), among other things.

An in-person encounter obviously allows the student-doctor to perform the exam directly on the SP. When done online, some student doctors enlist the help of a friend, roommate,

or family member to act as the patient. Though an online physical exam makes it harder for the SP to assess, it's a reasonable substitute for the real thing.

Others, however, don't have a live person to perform the exam on. When that's the case, they usually use an alien-looking, inflatable figure provided by LMU. One SP reported that one time a student-doctor used what looked like a rag doll as the "patient." "It was hard for me not to laugh," said the SP, who didn't want to be named.

When tech problems occur, an IT crew on hand can almost always fix the issue within minutes. Said SP Brad Crenshaw (not his real name): "The tech crew is great. Whenever something goes awry, they're right on it. They really take care of us."

"It's important to keep training our future doctors," said SP Judie Douglas. "The virus has been a challenge but we've adapted and moved on."

Nurse Educator Evelyn Cross said that dealing with the virus even had its upside. "With the virus I've certainly become a lot more comfortable with technology, and I feel like I'm a zoom queen," she said. "It's makes connecting a little more difficult, but overall I think they've handled it with grace and skill."

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### THE HARPE BROTHERS

Knoxville has had its share of outlaws including the notorious Harpe Brothers.

In early pioneer days, the two brothers began their bloody murders and robberies in Knoxville and then expanded their horrible adventure through our state and Kentucky. The Harpe family moved from North Carolina in 1797 and settled on Beaver Creek. Wiley (Little Harpe) married a Knoxville-area woman and the family was pretty peaceful until the brothers beginning stealing and butchering their victims. One victim was gutted, filled with stones, and dumped into the Holston River. As the brothers moved away they continued their killing spree until Micajah (Big Harpe) killed the wife and child of Moses Stegall, a former Knoxville resident. Stegall caught up with Harpe and killed him, putting his head in a tree near Highland Lick, Kentucky.

Little Harpe continued his outlaw spree with fellow frontier outlaw Sam Mason. Harpe was eventually caught and hanged, his head displayed along the Natchez Trace as a warning to other outlaws.

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# Opportunistic Hawks rout Bearden 12-3 in early district tilt

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy was opportunistic on the baseball diamond last week and the Hawks cashed in on enough chances to notch a crucial early-season District 4-AAA victory over Bearden on a damp and overcast day at Phil Garner Ballpark.

The Hawks took advantage of some miscues by the Bulldogs and claimed a 12-3 win.

HVA (2-0 overall, 2-0 in District 4-AAA) opened the scoring in the top of the opening frame without the benefit of a hit.

Jaylen Jones walked and scored the first run of the game on a passed ball. The first frame set the tone for the contest as the Hawks took advantage of wild pitches and an error.

"We had a game plan. We knew both teams would make mistakes and because of the (weather) conditions," Hardin Valley coach Tyler Roach said. "We were able to take advantage of their mistakes."

"This is a big win for us because that's a good team. They have a really good team."

The Hawks added to their advantage in the second frame as Ethan Davidson-Browder and Logan Ozias roped back-to-back doubles to open the frame. Davidson-Browder came home when Ozias reached. An RBI single by Austin Bold-

ing plated Ozias to make the score 3-0.

The Bulldogs (1-1, 1-1) scored in the second when Ty Serritt came up with an RBI single.

The Hawks blew things open with five runs in the fourth. In that frame, HVA

had six hits, including an RBI double by Jones and a two-run single Ty Denton. Davidson-Browder also drove in a run with a hit and Archer-Wong Shasteen came home when a HVA baserunner beat a rundown play.

Bearden coach John Rice said that the Hawks took advantage of his squad's mistakes and he also tipped his hat to Hardin Valley pitcher Brycen Denton, who struck out 10 while hurling a complete game. "We made some mistakes and they hit our mistakes," Rice said. "You're playing baseball and it's a mean game and you have to have a strong constitution and accept the fact that you're going to fail. All you can do when you make a mistake is learn from it. At the end of the day, the story was their pitcher. He threw well and seemed to get stronger as the game went on."

Denton fanned six Bulldogs over the final three innings and also had a big day at the plate as he went 3-for-5 and clubbed a three run homer in the top of the seventh. He also doubled and scored twice.

Roach also commended Denton's effort on the mound.

"He really got his legs under him and he threw the ball well, especially late," Roach said. "When he gets his legs under him, he's going to be tough to handle."

Bearden scored its final two runs of the game when Griffen Oros hit a two-run home run in the fourth.

After Oros homered, Denton retired the last 10 Bulldogs he faced and struck out the side in the fifth.



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Gibbs sophomore Emma Keck belts the softball in the Lady Eagles' 35-0 win over Pigeon Forge.

## Gibbs softball starts with easy district win

By Steve Williams

Opening Day 2021 was a runaway for perennial softball power Gibbs High.

The Lady Eagles rolled past visiting Pigeon Forge 35-0 in a District 3-AA game that was mercifully stopped after 2½ innings of play.

As for the bright spots, Carol Mitchell, beginning her 28th season as head coach, said that was hard to tell.

"We didn't get to do too much defensively and that's what we're concerned with," she pointed out. "(Offensively) the score really didn't show anything because our pop ups to the outfield should have been outs."

But being back on the field after the pandemic had reduced the 2020 season to just four games and with rain in the forecast, Mitchell was happy the game was played.

"We did (get it in)," she said. "That's why we moved the game time up to 4."

It's going to be interesting to see how Gibbs does this season, particularly considering its 24-player roster has four seniors, two juniors, five sophomores and 13 freshmen.

"Some of the freshmen were out there today in the starting lineup," said Mitchell.

"The seniors aren't really seniors, because they didn't get to play that much last year. They are trying to make up for lost time. Juniors are the same way; they're still kind of sophomores because we didn't get (much) in last year. We're trying to make up for that time that they didn't get on the field."

And that's true everywhere.

Some of the youngest Lady Eagles did make some noise in the lopsided

affair.

Abbie Buckner, Gibbs' sophomore starting pitcher, struck out the first two batters she faced and got the third out on a grounder to shortstop.

Gibbs came in to bat and scored 13 runs on 12 hits. Extra base hits in the frame included a triple by senior Shelby Blake and a double each by sophomore Jordann Reagan, freshman Bridgette Scully and senior Madison Watts, the team's catcher.

In the second inning defensively, Gibbs junior third baseman Gracie Palmer alertly made a stabbing catch.

The Lady Eagles' offense racked up 21 hits in the bottom half of the frame. Ninth grader Scully got another big hit, driving a two-run homer over the left-center field fence to make it 28-0. It was the only home run in the blowout.

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## Berean Christian School to make debut in tennis

By Steve Williams

Interest in the sport of tennis appears to be growing this season on the local high school scene.

For starters, Berean Christian School has its very first tennis teams, reports Athletic Director Eric Palmer.

Olivia Blaylock is the new coach at BCS.

"She is a former tennis player from Johnson University and is the kindergarten teacher at Berean," said Palmer.

Berean Christian's boys and girls teams are scheduled to make their debut and host Concord Christian School Tuesday afternoon (March 23) at 4 at Tyson Park.

According to Robin Baxter of Concord Christian, "For high school spring sports, the only new coach we have this year is for tennis. His name is Jim Webster and he is coaching both the boys and girls teams."

"We did not have a team last year, but interest is high this year with nine boys and seven girls, mostly freshmen."

Elsewhere, Eric Hall is the new tennis coach at Bearden and South-Doyle has a new tennis coach in Elaine Davis.

Spring sports officially got underway March 15 and there have been coaching changes in other sports, too.

Jeff McMillan has returned as the boys' track and field coach at Fulton.

"Jeff has coached track here in the past and has a great background and knowledge of track and field," said AD Jody Wright. "We're excited to have him back with our track program."

Hunter Miniard is the new boys' and girls' head track and field coach at Seymour. "He was on the track team at the University of Memphis," said Athletic Director

Gary Householder.

Bart Kareken became the new head track coach at Christian Academy of Knoxville last spring, but the 2020 season was halted by the pandemic before it got started, said AD Ried Estus.

At Tennessee School for the Deaf, Athletic Director Rene Skelton said: "This spring we will have track with a limited number of students."

Jordan Cooper remains TSD's head coach and Sam Carter returns as the assistant boys' coach. Skelton said she will be adding a new assistant girls' coach.

There are two new boys' soccer head coaches - Dustin Dudley at Carter and Darin Mercer at First Baptist Academy.

Kenny Boles is still regarded as the new softball coach at South-Doyle, considering last season barely got off the ground due to the pandemic.

Austin-East again will not have a baseball team this season, said AD Alvin Armstead.

**POWELL'S 2-0 START:** The Lady Panthers' softball team opened the season last week with a 16-0 win at Central and a 7-5 victory at Hardin Valley.

**RIVALS TO CLASH:** Webb School's baseball team is scheduled to begin its season at home Wednesday (March 24) at 6 p.m. against rival Knoxville Catholic.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Concord Christian's golf team, which has five players, defeated Webb recently, Robin Baxter reported. She added that the school's "first ever middle school track team with 18 members" would be competing in a Knox County middle school league this season.

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Three events in the mid-1960s helped define the era in Knoxville basketball history and the immediate future of the University of Tennessee basketball program.

The protagonists in one specific drama were Bill Justus and Jimmy England, who were playing for Bob Fry at Fulton High School and Carroll Smith at Holston High School, respectively.

They joined players such as Jay Cole and Bill Young at South, Tommy Everette at Gibbs, Ron Widby at Fulton, and Kent Hollenbeck at Bearden, among others, to dominate and define the games. The gyms were small, the crowds were packed in and close to the floor, and rivalries were intense.

The memory banks hark to a night in early 1965, as a home-standing Holston quintet, led by England, then a sophomore, squared off against a Fulton five featuring senior Bill Justus.

Tennessee head coach Ray Mears showed up to

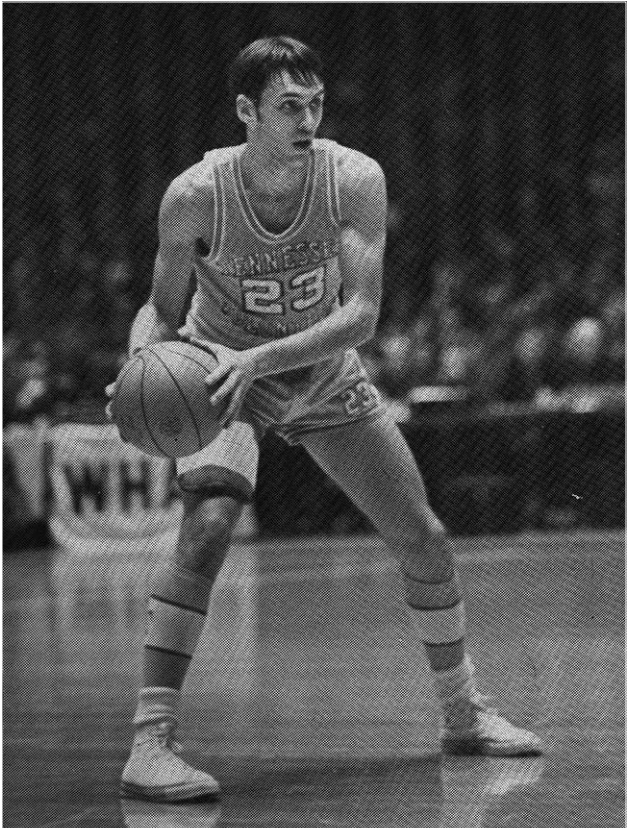


By Tom Mattingly

watch the contest, mainly looking at Justus, but obviously filing away England's name for future reference. There wasn't a seat to be had. However, when Mears entered wearing his trademark orange blazer, the waters parted, and his entourage found seats in the Holston student section. Mears knew how to

make an entrance.

Justus ended up at Tennessee in 1965-66. England was Tennessee's "Mr. Basketball" in 1966-67. Both were two-time All-SEC selections. They played together in the 1968-69 season for the Vols. Both are in the Knoxville and the Tennessee Sports Halls of Fame.



Jimmy England had a couple of memorable high school hoops battles with Bill Justus, then became his teammate at the University of Tennessee.

Justus was part of the school's "100 Years of Volunteers All-Time Team" and is in the Tennessee Athletic Hall of Fame. England somehow missed the cut on both selections, with inquiring minds wondering how he could have been passed over.

There was also a significant national moment (with a U. T. connection) on February 14, 1966. Rick Mount, the pride of Lebanon, Ind., became the first high school athlete representing a team sport to appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Frank DeFord authored a six-page story, with a brief mention that the University of Tennessee was one of eight schools Mount was considering visiting. He ended up at nearby Purdue.

More than one author has indicated Mount was a "pure jump shooter," indicating everyone else was competing for second place. Consider that the prep Class of 1966 included Mount, but also Dan Issel, Calvin Murphy, Bob Lanier, and Pete Maravich, known best in years to come as "Pistol Pete."

In 1967, there was a never-to-be-forgotten week in mid-March. Holston

stormed through the state tournament to the finals against Alcoa at the brand new Stokely Athletics Center on campus, defeating Chattanooga Howard, Trenton, and Johnson City along the way.

Jim Bailes, now a retired United Methodist minister, assembled a special edition of the Holston student newspaper chronicling each game. Sadly, he doesn't have them today, but, if anyone does, hire security. They're valuable.

Making the state finals was good. Having to play Alcoa wasn't. The Tornadoes had ended the 1966 Holston season with a win at the Armory-Fieldhouse in the Region 2 semifinals. Alcoa had also defeated the Warriors a week earlier in the finals of the 1967 Region 2 tourney, also at Stokely Center.

Before a packed house, the teams battled into three overtimes. Late in the third overtime, with the game tied, Warrior John Pittenger made a steal off Alcoa's David Marsh, and England made the basket and canned a free throw to give the Warriors a 45-42 lead.

With 22 seconds left, Davis made a field goal,

and all that had to happen was to get the ball in England's hands or find another way to kill the remaining seconds.

The dream was apparently coming true. Happiness was headed eastward toward Chilhowee Drive in East Knoxville. It didn't make it, veering instead toward Blount County.

Alcoa stole the ball and called time out with nine seconds left. David Davis, a marvelous two-sport player during his prep tenure, then canned a 12-footer off the right baseline that fell through the basket at the buzzer.

Alcoa had won. Announcers and journalists searched frantically for the right words to describe the scene.

Looking back, these prep stars from the mid-1960s are now in their early 70s. The newsprint from these times on and off the basketball court is fading and is best viewed on microfilm. There's also videotape of the state championship game that is still hard to watch, at least from the Holston side.

These are memorable moments, not dimmed in the least by the passage of time.

# How Long Will Tennessee Football be Out in the Cold?

By Mark Nagi

Fun fact about me. I love running on the beach. Something about hearing the waves, seeing the waves, and dodging the waves while plodding along under nine minutes per mile does something for the soul. I can't really explain it, but it is therapeutic. I've felt that way ever since the first time I ran along the Atlantic Ocean.

So last week when I took my daughters to North Myrtle Beach for a few days over spring break, I couldn't wait to run along the beach for the first time in about five months.

There was one problem... it was really cold.

Typically, my beach runs have

been in the summer or the early Fall when the temperatures were still rather warm. I'd wake up right before sunrise, take in the scenery and avoid heatstroke. But this time around temps were in the 40s, with overcast skies and high winds.

In other words, it was freezing.

The place we were staying at gave us terrific views of the Atlantic. The skies were gray as far as the eye could see, and with Europe thousands of miles away, you couldn't see any land.

I promise there is a point to this long introduction.

I could feel it and I could see it and I could hear it. I was out in the cold.

Just like Tennessee football.

When you are out in the cold like

this, it seems like you'll never see the sun and feel the warmth again. Tennessee football has been out in the cold since 2007, with few moments when you felt like the good weather was on the way. You had the win on Halloween 2009 over South Carolina. There was the 2013 upset of 11th ranked South Carolina, and the memorable 2016 victories over Florida and Georgia.

But those moments have been few and far between.

Tennessee booted Fulmer in 2008 and since then it has been a revolving door of coaches, athletic directors, university presidents, and chancellors. With that kind of turnover, perhaps it shouldn't come as a surprise that the football program hasn't been on steady

footing.

Lane Kiffin bolted after 14 months and left Tennessee on probation. Derek Dooley was well over his head and the results proved it. Butch Jones recruited well but couldn't handle in-game responsibilities. Jeremy Pruitt, like Kiffin, will likely leave Tennessee on probation but didn't depart on his own accord.

I've been asked if Tennessee will ever get back to being what Tennessee was in the 1990s. My answer is always that of course Tennessee will one day be a powerhouse in college football, but that "one day" can be a long time.

When you are out in the cold, like Tennessee is, it feels like things will always be that way. Alabama went a decade without much measurable

success. Then they got lucky. Alabama wanted to hire West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez, but he turned them down at the last minute. That forced them to try to hire Nick Saban, who had previously turned them down.

Saban finally said yes, and the rest is history.

My point is that nothing lasts forever. Tennessee won't always be mediocre. With the hiring of well-respected AD Danny White, it feels like things are moving in the right direction.

Only time will tell if that is actually the case.

For now, all Tennessee fans can do is grab a sweater... because the chilly conditions will be here for a while.

## Gibbs softball

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Later in the inning, freshman Addison Merritt drilled a single up the middle off losing pitcher Maddie Clabo for Gibbs' 35th run.

Freshman Ruthie Hall came in to pitch the third inning for the Lady Eagles. Pigeon Forge managed to put a runner on first base, thanks to catcher's interference.

After the third out was recorded, the Lady Tigers' coach asked if the game could be stopped.

Gibbs ended up with 33 hits in 40 at-bats.

Coach Mitchell expects Union County to be "pretty tough and Carter possibly" in District 3-AA this season. Other teams in the district are Northview Academy and Gatlinburg-Pittman.

Mitchell, as always, has filled her schedule with strong non-district opponents, including 2019 Class AAA state champion Jefferson County.

Gibbs' annual tournament at Caswell Park April 9-10 will have 19 teams and include 2019 Division II-AA state champion on Baylor and runner-up GPS out of Chattanooga.

## Top soccer teams to be showcased at Bearden Invitational

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Hendersonville and Gallatin have two of the top programs in the Nashville Area and both the Commandos and the Green Wave are regulars at the Bearden Invitational.

Chattanooga McCallie is also in the field this season and they'll challenge Chattanooga Baylor, Chattanooga Christian and Knoxville Catholic for the Division II-AA East Title.

The host Bulldogs haven't lost a District 2-AAA match since joining the league several years ago. They'll be joined by West High, a district rival, in the field. Bearden and coach Ryan Radcliffe are the defending Class AAA State Champions since last season was canceled due to the pandemic.

The Central Bobcats return to the tournament for the fifth consecutive year and Central coach Chris Quinn relishes the chance to play at Bearden against the state's competition.

"This is the best tournament around and we're going to Bearden for the fifth straight year," Central coach Chris Quinn said.

"Ryan does a great job with it and some of the best teams are always there."

Science Hill, another soccer powerhouse program, is there as well as Oak Ridge, a top squad

from District 3-AAA, is also in the field as well as Webb School of Knoxville, which will look to contend for the Division II-A State Championship.

### 2021 BEARDEN INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday, March 25			
McCallie vs. Farragut	Turf	6:00 p.m.	
Maryville vs. Knox Central	Grass	6:00 p.m.	
Science Hill vs. Oak Ridge	Turf	8:00 p.m.	
Hendersonville vs. Hardin Valley	Grass	8:00 p.m.	
Friday, March 26			
Greeneville vs. Maryville	Turf	4:30 p.m.	
Farragut vs. Science Hill	Grass	4:30 p.m.	
Gallatin vs. Knox West	Turf	6:30 p.m.	
Hardin Valley vs. McCallie	Grass	6:30 p.m.	
Knox Central vs. Oak Ridge	Turf	8:30 p.m.	
Bearden vs. Hendersonville	Grass	8:30 p.m.	
Saturday, March 27			
Knox West vs. Greeneville	Turf	12:30 p.m.	
Webb vs. Hendersonville	Grass	12:30 p.m.	
Farragut vs. Gallatin	Grass	2:30 p.m.	
Science Hill vs. Hardin Valley	Turf	2:30 p.m.	
McCallie vs. Maryville	Grass	4:30 p.m.	
Bearden vs. Knox Central	Grass	6:30 p.m.	
Sunday, March 28			
Knox West vs. Webb	Grass	11:00 am	
Oak Ridge vs. Greeneville	Grass	1:00 p.m.	
Team listed first will be the Home team and wear dark jerseys.			

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# Cheers! Huskey and Sheddan earn All-State honors



By Steve Williams

Two Central High School cheerleaders – Taylor Huskey and Elaine Sheddan – were recently named to the 20-member Tennessee Cheer Coaches Association's 2021 All-State team.

They have been cheerleaders for four years on Coach Jackie Raley's CHS squad.

Both Taylor and Elaine are UCA All-Americans and were recipients of the Class of 75 Cindi Hamilton Leadership Award this school year.

In addition, Sheddan earned the CHS Cheer Team's Highest GPA Award of 4.54 and is Salutatorian.

"Both girls have a very strong work ethic and have been a joy to coach the past four years," said Coach Raley. "Both young ladies will be attending UTK in the fall and I'm excited to see what the future holds for both."

Raley added that she's not sure if either plans on trying out for the cheer squad at Tennessee or not, but "they've talked about it."

## Hardin Valley wins state Indoor track title

Hardin Valley Academy won the Tennessee State Indoor High School Track and Field Championships in February at Birmingham, Ala.

The meet was held out of state because no Tennessee venue would host the event because of COVID-19 concerns.

HVA racked up 89 points and Farragut finished second with 39. Neither team competed in the relay events at Knox County Schools' wishes.

Hardin Valley's Austin Rome was state champion in the 400-meter dash (50.05) and Gavin English won the triple jump (42-9).

Mason Collins led Farragut by placing second in the high jump and fourth in the long jump.

## TISCA meet to be held in April

The Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches



**TAYLOR HUSKEY**  
Central High  
TCCA All-State  
Cheerleader

Association's 2021 state meet will be held April 24-25 this year due to the pandemic.

The meet, which has been held in February in the past, will take place at three different sites across the state plus at Tupelo Aquatic Center in Mississippi, which is located 115 miles from Memphis via I-22.

The in-state sites are Ensworth High School in Nashville, Baylor School in Chattanooga and the King'sport Aquatic Center.

Diving will take place April 17 at Ensworth.

## BlueCross Bowl moving to Chattanooga

Chattanooga has been selected as the site for the BlueCross Bowl football championships for 2021 and 2022, the TSSAA announced last week.

The selections were made by the association's Board of Control.

Cookeville, which had been the site of the games for several years, and Chattanooga submitted bids to host the three-day event. The games will be played at Finley Stadium.

A big change for member schools for the summer was passed, as modifications to the COVID-19 protocols were approved that will allow schools to participate in team camps and 7-on-7 football, as long as they follow the TSSAA calendar and the COVID-19 protocols that are in place.

## Sohm attends Gibbs softball opener

Former Gibbs High softball standout Leah Sohm, who now is in her senior season at Carson-Newman University, was among spectators at the Lady Eagles' season opener last week.

Sohm was a three-time All-Stater at Gibbs



**ELAINE SHEDDAN**  
Central High  
TCCA All-State  
Cheerleader

and helped lead the Lady Eagles to the 2017 TSSAA Class AAA state championship.

Leah has started at shortstop all four years at C-N and also is the team's leadoff batter this year, after batting out of the No. 9 hole for three seasons.

She was Carson-Newman's Defensive Player of the Year in 2018 and 2019 and helped the Eagles capture the South Atlantic Conference title in 2018.

Sohn is getting her Master's degree in teaching and plans to get into coaching after her college days.

## Irwin's records include 20 double-doubles

Carter senior post Emily

Irwin not only set a school record for rebounds in a game (19) this past season, she also finished with 20 career double-doubles, which is a school record.

## Preps of the Past ...

Fifty-one years ago on March 12, 1970 – Powell defeated Lexington 66-40 in the TSSAA Boys' State tournament, which was held at Stokely Athletics Center on the UT campus in Knoxville.

The star of the game for the Panthers was Mike Ogan, who went on to become an assistant coach and head coach of the PHS boys' basketball program for many years.

Against Lexington, Ogan scored 19 points and collected 11 rebounds.

Powell lost in the semifinals to Memphis Melrose 60-47 in a game that attracted an estimated 10,000 fans. In that contest, Ogan again led his team with 20 points and 11 boards.

In the consolation game for third place, Ogan tallied 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as Powell lost to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett 63-54.

# Bobcats open soccer season in Seymour tonight

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supplies down there and that was (the fans') admission," Quinn said.

Central and the Eagles will open the season tonight in Seymour at 6 p.m. and the Bobcats will be hungry to open the season after more than a full calendar year away from the field.

Quinn has some pretty lofty goals for his side this season, but he said that neither he nor his Bobcats will look to far ahead.

"We're going to take things one day at a time and one game at a time," he said. "We're going to play each game like it's going to be our last, because last year showed all of us that it very well could be."

"We're not going to predict how many wins we might get. I think our biggest objective or expectation is building the chemistry of this team both on and off the field. High school soccer is a unique environment. High school soccer is something that you don't get back."

The Bobcats have a talented and experienced nucleus back and most of the team's upper classmen have played together

since they were at Gresham Middle School.

"One of our strengths will be speed," Quinn said. "And our kids all know each other because most of them had played together at least since they were in middle school at Gresham, and a lot of them have probably played together since they were in the AYSO ranks."

Top returning players for the Bobcats include: Gabe Katz (senior, midfielder); Kyle Keeler (senior, midfielder/defender); Connor Ambler (senior, forward); Nic Hayes (senior, defender); Andrew Ramirez (senior, forward); In Men-denhall (senior, goalkeeper); Andrew Kercher (junior, defender/midfielder); Omar Bartolome (junior, defender) and Isaac Katz (sophomore, midfielder).

After playing Seymour, the Bobcats will make their fifth consecutive trip to the Bearden Invitational.

Central is slated to play Maryville Thursday at 6 p.m. The Bobcats will take on Oak Ridge Friday at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Central will tangle with tournament host and defending Class AAA State Champion Bearden on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

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# Miller and Ravens hold off Bearden, 50-47

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two foul shots, Elijah buried a trey, Treadwell made two free throws after a key offensive rebound and Pruitt made one of two at the line to pull the Bulldogs within one (48-47) with 37.3 seconds on the clock. Miller was fouled with 11.1 seconds remaining and hit a foul shot before and after a Bearden timeout.

Down by three, the strategy was to set up a 3-point shot for Elijah, Izaiah or Treadwell, said Coach Parrott.

The ball and the fate of the season ended up in Izaiah's hands.

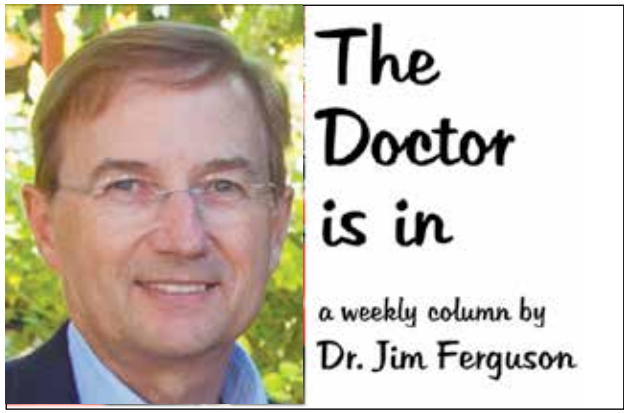
"I just hate we had to come back," said Parrott.

"We didn't make some really smart decisions fouling jump shooters. We fouled No. 24 (Miller) a couple of times in the act of shooting out on the floor. They were struggling to score and it gave them the opportunity to score that we didn't need to give them."

"He (Miller) hit nine free throws himself. That's the same number of free throws our whole team made."

"We put him in a position where he could get some free looks at it and you don't want to do that with a player like him. That kind of got us in that deficit that we had to dig out of and just almost did."





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## Euphemisms

“A society that puts equality ahead of freedom will end up with neither equality nor freedom. The use of force to achieve equality will destroy freedom and the force introduced for good purposes will end up in the hands of people who will use it to promote their own interests.”

Milton Friedman

Change is inevitable, said the Greek philosopher Heraclitus (circa 500 BC). However, we are in the midst of revolutionary change. Conservatives are not against change, but prefer it to be measured and reasoned, especially in regard to big issues.

Sometimes, in the midst of a maelstrom, it’s hard to see the winds of even radical transformation. But make no mistake, the radicals are now in charge and they are using the power of Washington, D.C., to finish Obama’s self-proclaimed “radical transformation” of

the United States.

Even if you perceive what is right, the drumbeat of what is wrong tends to wear you down. And after a while the chorus of wrong may convince you that their way is actually enlightened, inevitable, hip or progressive and you should go along to get along. There’s even a neologism for this ploy. It’s called gaslighting.

In Homer’s epic poem, “The Odyssey,” the reader is introduced to the Sirens, a group of malevolent women who sing so “sweetly” that sailors are enticed to steer their ships to doom. A wonderful modern adaptation of “The Odyssey” and a depiction of Sirens is found in the Coen Brothers’ movie, “Oh Brother Where Art Thou.” If you haven’t seen it, you should. It’s a lot easier than reading Homer’s Odyssey!

It’s tough to resist the Siren’s Song of pop culture, dishonest media, and the euphemisms of Democrats, progressives and

socialists. But, you must. And to resist, you must understand the enemies of freedom.

Webster defines a euphemism as the substitution of offensive or unpleasant term with a more agreeable term. A euphemism is “spin.” I’ve told this story before, but it bears repeating because it is a perfect example of a euphemism.

By the early 1920s progressives were losing elections because their policies, for example the national income tax and prohibition, were very unpopular. Then in 1924 a progressive named John Dewey (not of Dewey decimal fame) recommended that progressives change their name to “modern liberals,” harkening to the classical liberalism of the Enlightenment and The Founders.

Modern liberals like Obama and Hillary Clinton have little in common with classical liberalism. (I’m not sure what iPOTUS is.) Over time, the “modern” descriptor of liberalism was dropped. These days liberals like Obama and Clinton actually identify themselves as progressives.

The title progressive is a euphemism because who would not want to move forward in an enlightened manner as this name suggests? But then, who wants the progressive policies of an ever-expanding

government, redistribution of wealth, non-originalist interpretation of the Constitution, a federally mandated living wage and single-payer universal healthcare controlled by Washington bureaucrats? (Someone should tell AOC types that Medicare is not free.)

These days, one of the most deceitful euphemisms is social justice. We live in a society, and who doesn’t want justice? Justice connotes fairness, and in our Constitutional Republic we supposedly are guaranteed equal justice under law. Some might argue that Hillary Clinton and John Q. Public operate under different systems of justice.

Ancients believed that a civilization could be built on what we recognize as the cardinal virtues of courage, common sense, justice and moderation. Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 wrote about faith, hope and love. We call these the theological virtues which I believe steer the cardinal virtues like the rudder on a ship.

Maybe it’s the linkage of the two terms in social-justice (SJ) that produces the euphemism. The social-justice movement operates on diversity, inclusion and equity. Diversity recognizes that there are differences in the human family. This is obvious and common sense. The problem occurs because SJ uses diversity

to divide and emphasizes groups rather than individuals. Karl Marx also promoted group conflict between owners (capitalists) and workers (proletariat). SJ now promotes conflict based on race, sex, etc. and merges these in the “struggle” for power through intersectionality.

Few would argue that excluding people because of race, gender, etc. is just. But people have differing gifts. What if an educationally qualified person is excluded from Harvard because he’s white and the equity system demands more people of color? Becky and I are people of faith, but if we were Catholics, she could not be the Pope. Nor should I demand I be allowed to join the Lady Vols basketball team or start in the next NCAA tournament game.

You must understand that equality (under law) and equity are different. The former connotes fairness (guaranteed under law). The latter demands a predetermined, often biased outcome. I reject the notion that America is inherently racist or that I am a racist because I’m white. People who see color as defining a person or a group are the racists. Don’t be duped by the euphemisms of SJ. The movement is all about gaining power through victimization and class warfare

rather than reason and justice. You must be alert to their euphemisms. One of my readers wisely advises his proteges to “think for yourself or be really careful who thinks for you.”

To a social justice warrior, any majority is the oppressor and any minority is the oppressed. Since I’m white, I am an oppressor. As a person without color, I wonder if I would be oppressed in Africa? Do you see the illogic of the SJ movement as constituted? I’m sure you’ve noticed that SJ warriors now use the term climate change rather than global warming. They also preferentially use the term white nationalism more than white supremacy. I am white and I believe in national borders, so by the perverse SJ logic I’m a white-nationalist.

At this stage of my life, I’m blessed and no longer conflicted about what is “right.” I know where I came from, my purpose and where I’m going.

It’s spring and I have a regular golf date with my grandson. I have enough time, resources, good friends and a wonderful wife and partner. What a shame that SJ euphemisms make me hesitant to refer to Becky as my life-partner without an explanation!

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# New Flagship Kerns apartments are impressive

By Mike Steely  
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“Impressive” might be the best work for the new Flagship Kerns apartments.

On the hillside behind the historic Kerns Bakery on Chapman Highway the five-story complex’s north face looks out over the former bakery and over the Tennessee River into downtown Knoxville, Neyland Stadium and the University of Tennessee.

One and two-bedroom apartment housing for students and young professionals are available with a three-month or annual lease. Prices start at about \$900 per month and each apartment comes furnished with everything but cable and mattresses. All apartments are fully furnished with walk-in closets, a chef-inspired kitchen, a 55-inch Smart TV, and private bedrooms. Each

unit has stainless steel appliances, a dishwasher, a smart thermostat, a washer and dryer and internet access.

The Flagship apartments have that commanding view from the fourth and fifth floors and those apartments will be in high demand. The resort-style community also has a 24-hour shared clubhouse with exercise equipment, a pool, a bark park, lots of open space for visiting, computer terminals and study areas. The two-bedroom units are available to one renter who may want to sub-let the second bedroom at no additional cost to the renter.

Designed for professionals, students, and faculty that want to share amenity space, the apartments may also appeal to companies looking for short-term lodging for clients or staff or even to senior citizens looking to downsize from home mortgages and upkeep.

An Open House Party on Tuesday included a tour of one of the two-bedroom apartments and a view from the fifth floor. Deputy Mayor Stephanie Welch and city administrators showed up for the event billed as a “Media Tour.”

The Flagship Kerns apartments are within walking distance of downtown and, with the bus and trolley system running up and down East Blount Avenue and the Henley Street Bridge, many apartment dwellers may choose to leave their cars at home and take the city’s transit system instead.

The developer, Mallory & Evans, had representatives available for chats and tours of the apartment complex and the event was catered. The apartments are phase one of three in plans for the former Kerns Bakery mixed-use site with restaurants, retail stores, offices and a hotel still to come.



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*The resort-style swimming pool would be a draw for anyone along with the 24-hour clubhouse. The apartments are pet friendly with on-site maintenance, a bark park and direct access for downtown walking.*

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# Why Did the Cross Happen?

As we get one week closer to celebrating Easter, I wanted to take a few weeks to focus on what took place during the weekend of that first Easter.

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

Some people wonder why and how the death of Jesus happened? Well, there were numerous powers at work. The first power that comes to mind is Rome. They controlled much of the world and the Jews

were under their authority. From Rome's perspective, Jesus died because he was a threat to Caesar. The next power that comes to mind is the crowd in Jerusalem. They wanted a Messiah who would lead a rebellion and overthrow Rome. To them, Barabbas was more of a messiah figure than Jesus, for he had actually led a riot against Rome. Thus, the crowds asked for his release instead of passive Jesus.

Another power at play was Pontius Pilate. Pilate had a tough job of keeping the peace in Jerusalem. He had to watch out for the Zealot freedom fighters. He had to be aware of the nationalist Pharisees,

as well as the isolationists Essenes. These groups often turned on each other, but they were all united in their hatred from Rome. Pilate used brutality as a means to keep each of these groups under his firm grip. Another power at play was the Sanhedrin made up of the chief priests and Pharisees. They were jealous of the following Jesus had and they were concerned about Rome coming in and destroying their temple (John 11:47-48). This is exactly what happened in 70 AD, when Rome finally got fed up with all the revolts and wannabee messiahs. They laid waste to the city and the temple, which has never

been rebuilt close to two thousand years later.

Jesus was never a military threat to Rome or to the chief priests. He was a different kind of threat. Jesus claimed the kingdom of God was already present on earth. The problem is that that kingdom didn't come by way of the temple or in the sacrificial system. It was in Jesus himself. Jesus was the temple of God and he called people to come to him, to partake of him, to eat his flesh and drink his blood. People could find life and experience life in him. They didn't even need the temple anymore. In fact, Jesus predicted its destruction. Jesus was saying God's

presence was now available through him. This was crazy talk and the Sanhedrin could not allow this to go on.

To get Rome to crucify Jesus, they had to come up with two charges. They ended up charging Jesus with blasphemy, so the crowds would turn against him, and then with treason so Pilate would kill him. The Sanhedrin had a difficult task, but Jesus helped them out by claiming he was the Messiah (Mark 14:62). Jesus pronounced his own death sentence because he knew what needed to be done – the giving of his life for all. What put Jesus on the cross? Sin and darkness

were found in every human player involved, but Jesus knew that through love, the cross would not just be a symbol of death and sin, but one of love. Jesus knew what needed to be done to bring about redemption – his death. It was his choice, not Pilate's, not Herod's, not Caesar's, not the Sanhedrin (John 10:15.18). Jesus was in complete control while the other players thought they were in charge. The cross now serves as a universal symbol marking graves, jewelry, and the top of church buildings more than any other design. This symbol of threat became one of hope. Give thanks!

## LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF JANE MARIE LAWSON DOCKET NUMBER 84191-1

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

ESTATE OF JANE MARIE LAWSON

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ESTATE OF MONNETTE  
CHAMBERS MOURON

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ESTATE OF JULIAN KIANA-NICOLE OSBORNE

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF PATRICIA FINE PATRICK DOCKET NUMBER 84117-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of MARCH 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA FINE PATRICK who died Jan 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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ESTATE OF PATRICIA FINE PATRICK

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#### ESTATE OF JAMES H PECK DOCKET NUMBER 84233-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES H PECK who died Feb 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:

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ESTATE OF JAMES H PECK

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF BEVERLY S ROTH DOCKET NUMBER 84169-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY S ROTH who died Oct 31, 2020; were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF BEVERLY S ROTH

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF THELMA JANE SHARP DOCKET NUMBER 84250-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MARCH 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THELMA JANE SHARP who died Jan 7, 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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ESTATE OF THELMA JANE SHARP

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF ANN M SHERRITZE DOCKET NUMBER 84230-1

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

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ESTATE OF ANN M SHERRITZE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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BOBBY BALDWIN; CO-EXECUTOR  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF ARMINDA SMELCER DOCKET NUMBER 84225-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ARMINDA SMELCER who died Jan 3, 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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ESTATE OF ARMINDA SMELCER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF RICHARD RONALD TAYLOR DOCKET NUMBER 84067-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MARCH 2021, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of RICHARD RONALD TAYLOR who died Sep 20, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF RICHARD RONALD TAYLOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF DORIS L TREECE DOCKET NUMBER 83323-3

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ESTATE OF DORIS L TREECE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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NANCY LANE; CO-EXECUTOR  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF PHYLLIS LEONARD TURNER DOCKET NUMBER 84171-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS LEONARD TURNER who died Jan 17, 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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ESTATE OF PHYLLIS LEONARD TURNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JANIS L TURNER; CO-EXECUTOR 1107 BELVIDERE DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN. 37204

TODD T RECHENBACH; CO-EXECUTOR 10525 ARNOLD LANE MASCOT, TN. 37806

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF DIANE K WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 84254-1

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 16 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF DIANE K WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MATTHEW D WILLIAMS; EXECUTOR  
305 ESCOTT AVE. KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### ESTATE OF CAROLINE H WOODRING DOCKET NUMBER 84239-1

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

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

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

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

ESTATE OF CAROLINE H WOODRING

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## MISC. NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

Bid 3022, Construction of Cherahala Boulevard Extension Phase 1, due 4/15/21;

Bid 3033, Milk and Milk Products for Schools, due 4/19/21;

RFP 3035, Trail Maintenance Program, due 4/14/21;

Bid 3038, Bread for Knox County Schools, due 4/21/21;

RFP 3042, Mobile Solutions, due 4/16/21

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

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

THE OWNERSAND/OR LIEN HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE HERBY NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PAY ALL CHARGES AND RECLAIM SAID VEHICLES BEING HELD AT THE STORAGE LOT

RICK'S AUTOMOTIVE. FAILURE TO RECLAIM THESE VEHICLES WILL BE DEEMED A WAIVEROF ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF SAID VEHICLE AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON MARCH 24 AT 9AM AT 5601 NORTH BROADWAY ST 08 HONDA 1HGCP3681A026556.

98 DODGE 1B7HC13Z5WJ139960.  
05 NISSAN 1N4AL11D05C237151.  
98 NISSAN JN1CA21D2WTS13770.  
06 SUZUKI JS1GN7D4A62120208.  
03 FORD 1FMPU16LX3LA23942.  
08 NISSAN 1N48L24EX8C162140.  
06 MERCURY 1MEFM