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## Goldman & Cappiello firms announce brokerage joint venture

Two Knoxville-based commercial real estate firms have announced their joint venture on an extensive real estate portfolio. Goldman Partners Realty will now be the front-facing real estate agents for most properties developed or owned by well-known real estate developer, Tony Cappiello and his various investment entities.

More than 50 Cappiello-controlled properties will now be presented by the Goldman Partners Realty

firm for sale, for lease or as build-to-suit. These properties are located throughout Knoxville, Oak Ridge and beyond and include retail, office and raw land properties. Several of the properties are prominent and even historically significant such as the former Naples restaurant, former West End Antiques, and former Arnwine Furniture in Bearden.

According to Tony Cappiello, real estate developer, investor, and principal

broker/owner of Cappiello Real Estate, "I want to focus on my passion of both ground-up construction and the redevelopment of older properties. While I will continue to represent myself on some properties directly, working with Goldman Partners Realty on most of my portfolio will get the properties the attention they require and allow me to concentrate on such projects as the Oak Ridge City Center and Creekwood Park in

Lenoir City." He went on to say, "Steve Goldman and I have worked on many real estate transactions going back to my 2010 acquisition of the former Lord Lindsey in downtown Knoxville. I have always found him and his team to be some of the most competent, professional, and organized commercial real estate agents with whom I have worked. I am confident that they'll do a fine job in finding great tenants and buyers."

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Tony Cappiello (left) and Steve Goldman

## School mask mandate taken to commission

By Mike Steely  
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Three school board members, aided by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, went before the Knox County Commission's work session Tuesday evening demanding an outside attorney be hired to fight the federal judge's mask mandate in county schools.

Two other citizens also spoke to the meeting arguing that "normal has been taken away from our children" and charging that the Knox County Law Department is "inadequate" to argue the case.

Jacobs followed by claiming the federal judge's ruling involves "more than Knox County schools." He said that such a ruling could even apply to all public buildings. He charged the law department "doesn't have the bandwidth" to handle the case.

The county mayor said that other departments have hired outside representation.

The public discussion came after Chairman Richie Beeler introduced a motion to consider the request. Knox County Board of Education Chair Kristi Kristy and members Betsy Henderson and Susan Horn took the podium to request the commission authorize and bankroll a separate attorney. Kristy said that 60,000 students and the school staff are being punished for the sake of four children. Henderson said other places are "opening up, but we still have the mask mandates."

School board member Susan Horn charged that Law Director David Buuck doesn't want to look at new "medical evidence" and added, "There's a sense of urgency in the county."

Buuck responded to the speakers by saying he totally agrees with them and said he's appealed the judge's decision and is waiting on a chance to appear before the 6th District Court. He also answered questions and comments from the commission.

Some of the comments were very critical of Buuck although he responded that he and his department are doing everything the school board has asked. He did note that there was no vote in the board's last meeting on presenting the issue to the commission and said that the three school board members asking for an outside attorney do not represent the entire board of education.

The item wasn't on the agenda until just before the meeting. Several commissioners, including Larsen Jay and Kyle Ward noted that the resolution would need to be reworded before it is presented again at today's regular board meeting. Jay suggested amending the resolution to hiring an outside attorney to advise the law department on the case rather than to represent the school board separately. He also suggested that if an attorney is hired the school board should pay for the representation.

In a unanimous vote the resolution proceeds to the meeting this evening.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Dr. Jon Rysewyk and Dr. Linda Cash address the audience at a public meeting Thursday night at Bearden High School. Rysewyk and Cash are seeking to become Knox County Schools' next superintendent.

## Cash, Rysewyk make final pitches to BOE

By Ken Lay

The search for the next Knox County Schools Superintendent has entered its home stretch. The two candidates to replace the retiring Bob Thomas made their final pitches to the Knox County Board of Education Friday in Downtown Knoxville.

Dr. Jon Rysewyk and Dr. Linda Cash had their final interviews and now all that remains is for the board to vote at a called meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Andrew Johnson Building.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. and will culminate the search process, which began after Thomas, who has been KCS Superintendent since 2017, recently announced his intentions to retire in June. Thomas has spent five decades in public education in East Tennessee.

Cash is the director of schools in Bradley County, a district that serves approximately 10,000 students while Rysewyk is an assistant superintendent at KCS and serves as the district's chief academic officer.

While each finalist has a unique vision for the future of Knox County Schools, both agree that the students must be the primary focus and that they must have a team of solid people to do the job successfully.

They also agree that board and the superintendent must work together and stand united on controversial decisions.

"When we have an issue and we have to make a decision that could

be unpopular, I meet with my team and we discuss it," Cash said. "You can complain in my circle and you can whine in my circle, but when we come to our decision and we leave the circle, we're all on board."

"There should never be a voice from my office that says, 'I don't think they should have done that. I think the voice should be, 'We are so proud that our board had to take a hard stance and we are 100 percent behind them.'"

Rysewyk said that the board and the superintendent must work together even if a disagreement exists.

"You're going to disagree sometimes," he said. "It happens but we have to work together. Our job is to execute the board's will when that happens."

"I want to be the superintendent in Knox County. This is the only place that I want to be."

Both expressed the importance of teamwork in a district the size of KCS, which serves 60,000 students and has 7,000 employees.

"I've been a team builder everywhere I've been," said Rysewyk, who served as assistant principal at Fulton High School and as director of Emerald Academy, Knox County's only charter school. "This is not a one-man job in a district the size of Knox County."

"You have to have a team of people that you trust."

Cash, too, said she couldn't do the job alone.

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## Superintendent candidates address public at Bearden High School

By Ken Lay

The two finalists to replace Bob Thomas as Knox County Schools Superintendent concluded a busy day by making their cases to the public Thursday.

Dr. Linda Cash and Dr. Jon Rysewyk answered questions submitted by the public and asked by WBIR's John Becker Thursday night at Bearden High School.

Cash and Rysewyk each went before the Knox County Board of Education Friday, after having lunch with community leaders and touring schools around the county during the day Thursday.

On Thursday night, the two candidates addressed several issues, but both said that the district's first priority should be its students.

Cash noted that she has three children who all received a public education and were athletes said that the district must invest in its students.

"We have to develop grit," said Cash, who heads a district that has 17 schools and serves approximately 10,000 students. "We have to be a part of that change and

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# The Left Wants To Censor Those Who Disagree

From a distance



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Bob Yarborough, the very popular host of a morning show on WOKI, hit the nail on the head recently when he said what some people were calling misinformation today should more accurately be called disagreement.

Some on the left just cannot stand to have anything they say or believe even be questioned, much less opposed.

Mr. Yarbrough was pointing out many things on which public health experts

had been wrong about COVID and its vaccines.

Rahm Emanuel, the former congressman, mayor of Chicago, and presidential aide, said years ago that liberals should never "let a crisis go to waste" in their efforts to expand the power and control of government.

So those on the left, seeing that the economy was so good that Donald Trump was about to be re-elected, jumped on the virus for all it was worth.

They greatly exaggerated the danger and extent of the virus to give them an excuse to shut down the economy and the schools, to spend trillions of federal dollars, and to buy votes by sending checks to everyone.

When those on the left cannot win arguments on the merits, they frequently resort to scrupulous

personal abuse and slash or childish sarcasm as they have against anyone who has dared to even question the effectiveness (harm) of lockdowns and masks.

Since abuse and sarcasm was not sufficient, they have now resorted to the censorship that has worked so well for them on college campuses.

I have never heard Joe Rogan. But because he has so many millions of listeners and because he put on two experts who spoke with facts about the dangers and harm of the vaccines, there have been demands to censor him.

This was done even though he had a pro-vaccine man on an earlier program.

Judge Andrew Napolitano, in his column on Feb. 10, wrote "Rogan, who is a champion of personal liberty, interviewed two

physicians who agreed against the prevailing attitudes of the government, big pharma and medical elites about vaccines and face masks".

Napolitano added that the "Lefties...who want Rogan silenced prefer that there be no public dialogue on health care because they hate and fear the speech that liberates."

On that same day, Alex Berenson wrote "the White House has begun an extraordinary assault on free speech in America. It is no longer content to merely force social media companies to suppress dissenting views. It appears to be setting the stage to use federal police powers."

He wrote this because of a Department of Homeland security bulletin describing the "terrorist threat" from those who spread "misleading narratives" or

"undermine public trust in government in institutions."

Berensen, who is a former New York Times reporter, has written many fact-based columns on the virus and the vaccines, none of which have been proven wrong.

Keith Preston wrote in Chronicles Magazine last year that "all the tech and media executives who are censoring and de-platforming voices on the right (are) closely tied to the central state and its agencies of surveillance and control, and increasingly wedded to the cultural and political goals of the left."

Columnist George Will has said there is less free speech on college campuses today than in any place else and that our university seemed to "celebrate diversity and everything but thought."

Professors Richard

Trautmüller of the University of Mannheim and Matthias Reeves of the University of Leeds wrote a lengthy study entitled "Is Free Speech in Danger on University Campuses?"

They found that it was and wrote "left-leaning students are less likely to tolerate controversial viewpoints."

It has long seemed to me that those who are the loudest in proclaiming their tolerance are the least tolerant of all.

Professor Jonathan Turley of George Washington University wrote "society is denying speech rights in the name of tolerance, enforcing mutual respect through categorical censorship." He added that of allowing the true free speech protected by the First Amendment, "we take refuge instead in an awkward and forced silence."

## Exempt Military Pay from Taxes

Although we have no national interest in Ukraine, ground troops are being sent to NATO countries in Eastern Europe to counter the buildup by the Russians on the Ukraine border. I have not seen a compelling reason for involving America in what is strictly a European affair but in this article, I want to

address one of my pet peeves. For a number of years, I have sent to my representative (but not Tim Burchett) and my senators (not Marsha Blackburn) the idea that active-duty military should be tax exempt from all taxes, federal, state and local. Nationally, the exemption would apply to federal income taxes. Locally, it would apply to all sales taxes. The reply from the politicians always was that due to the federal deficit, such a proposal would fail due to the budgetary implications. I don't care. The budgetary impact on a trillion dollar budget would be trivial. The tax exemption should be



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part of our gratitude for their service. There is a precedent. Foreign service personnel in the United States do not pay any taxes at all. The Diplomatic Tax Exemption Program provides sales and use, occupancy, food, airline, gas, and utility tax exemptions to eligible foreign officials on assignment in the United States.

When I was living in DC, foreign personnel would produce a card that exempted them from sales tax at the time of purchase. Why don't we do the same with active duty personnel? Currently those serving in a combat zone can be exempt from Federal income tax. I want to extend that to all active duty personnel regardless of where they are stationed. Also combat pay should be increased.

I am not a tax accountant but at the federal level, all military would have no automatic deductions for income taxes taken from their paychecks. At the state and local levels, the exception could come as a rebate or even a card

to be scanned at point of sale. Although it runs contrary to current tax code, I recommend instituting the simplest and least costly way for military personnel to take advantage of the changes.

Currently only two states exempt active duty military from paying all state income taxes while fifteen others allow a portion of military pay to be exempt from state taxes - usually combat pay. Thirty three states exempt military retirement pay from state income taxes. I wish that this were extended to all states. Since Tennessee does not have an income tax, it exempts military payment of motor vehicle registration taxes. I would like this extended to a rebate on sales taxes. If any state did not want to exempt military pay, then there should be a 100% write off on federal income tax filings by military personnel of any taxes paid.

I think it is time to show our military and their families our appreciation for their sacrifices, their patriotism and their service. A tax exemption at the Federal, state and local levels would be a start.

## Magnolia Avenue project may get a tax break from city

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Knoxville City Council's Tuesday night meeting may see approval of an amendment to the Magnolia Avenue Warehouse District Redevelopment project to give businesses there a tax break.

A similar agenda item will be discussed at the next Knox County Commission meeting. The resolution would amend the boundaries of the area and authorize tax increment financing there to help develop the neglected portion of the city.

Lakeshore Park will get a second and final reading for distribution of beer by licensed vendors holding server permits. Beer Board Chairwoman Janet Testerman is sponsoring the ordinance.

Also on second reading is closing the "slivers" along Willow Avenue and East Jackson Avenue

in preparation for the new multi-use stadium. The council and public have been assured that once those small portions on the edge of the streets are closed, traffic will continue to use the routes.

The council may also vote to increase a contract for the I-275 Business Park Improvement Project, upping the agreement with CDM Smith Inc. to just over \$1 million.

Gun violence is the subject of another resolution sponsored by Councilwomen Gwen McKenzie and Amelia Parker. They are asking the state legislators who represent the city to work toward recognizing gun violence as a public health issue.

Another resolution, sponsored by the Office of Community Safety, seeks \$25,000 in an agreement with SEED to

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# Publisher’s Positions



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## Former Sheriff’s Narcotics Chief Faces Federal Indictment

Another one of former Knox County Sheriff Jimmy “J. J.” Jones’ model employees seems to be in a spot of trouble. Actually it could be big trouble. David Henderson, supervisor of the Knox County Sheriff’s Narcotics Unit during much of Jones’ administration, has been indicted in the U. S. District Court. The indictment, which has just been unsealed, alleges other unnamed people joined Henderson in a conspiracy involving seized drug money. The indictment accuses Henderson of having used those seized drug monies as well as a “drug expense card” for personal purchases. According to the unsealed indictment, the scheme allegedly occurred from 2011 through 2018 while David Henderson headed the narcotics unit in the sheriff’s department. WBIR-TV states the indictment alleges Henderson ordered subordinates to purchase items amounting to thousands of dollars “ranging from electronics to herbicide to Yeti coolers to lounge chairs with the money,” all for the benefit of Henderson and his family and friends. According to the indictment, David Henderson “directed several of his subordinate KCSO officers to construct a duck blind on property owned by a former employee of Knox County for the personal

benefit of the former Knox County sheriff.”

This is not the first time that close associates of former Sheriff “JJ” Jones have run into trouble. Former Knox County Commissioners Ivan Harmon and Scott “Scooby” Moore were fired by current Sheriff Tom Spangler following a scathing report issued by the Tennessee State Comptroller’s office that pointed out several glaring deficiencies in the program they managed, which is putting it politely. Jones, who is challenging Spangler for the GOP nomination for sheriff in the May Republican primary, was quoted by the Knoxville News Sentinel as describing Moore and Harmon as “model public employees.”

Gina Oster, who is running for the Knox County Commission, has insisted upon remaining on the Knox County Sheriff Office’s Merit System Council, which is scheduled to hear the appeals of both Moore and Harmon, who are appealing their firing from the sheriff’s department. Interestingly, David Henderson’s merit council file has nary a mention of any federal investigation of Henderson in it. Readers will recall Henderson suddenly retired from the sheriff’s department after the FBI investigation into his conduct was beginning.

Oster and her colleague on the merit council, Jim Jennings, have been close political allies of “JJ” Jones for years.

## Do Bylaws Mean Anything?

The first person to congratulate Elaine Davis for picking up a petition to run against state Representative Eddie Mannis tells a tale and illustrates an important point.

Davis is the vice chair of the Knox County Republican Party and, as this is written, I still don’t think she has resigned her office as required by the state

party bylaws. Indeed, Davis appeared at a recent meeting of the West Knox Republican Club where she identified herself as the party vice chair while soliciting signatures for her petition. I believe it is a clear violation of the state party bylaws for Elaine Davis to remain in office as vice chair of the Knox County Republican Party while a candidate against an incumbent GOP officeholder.

And the first person to offer Davis congratulations for picking up a petition was Knox County Republican Party Chair Daniel Herrera. It’s yet another example of the continuous violation of the state party bylaws by the locals and interference in primaries. The party leadership is supposed to be strictly neutral.

## Recalls Successful

Nobody can dispute San Francisco is one of the most liberal and permissive cities in the United States, yet even voters there have signaled they have had enough of woke politics. Voters in San Francisco just recalled three Democrat members of their local school board, including board chair Gabriela Lopez and board vice chair Faauuga Moliga as well as Alison Collins. Nor was the vote close; as this is written it appears the three were swept out of office by better than 70% of the vote.

Even ultra-liberal Mayor London Breed thought too many school board members were more interested in progressive politics than the welfare of the children attending schools in San Francisco.

The recall effort was sponsored by that bane of school boards in every Leftist community: parents.

Siva Raj, a local parent who was a recall activist, summed it up, by saying, “The city of San Francisco has risen up and said this is not acceptable to put our kids last. Talk is not going to educate our children, it’s action. It’s not about

symbolic action, it’s not about changing the name on a school, it’s about helping kids inside the school building read and learn math.” Exactly.

## School Board Members Ask County Commissioners To Violate County Charter

Siva Raj could do some good here in Knox County. Kristi Kristy, chair of the Knox County Board of Education, and her colleagues Betsy Henderson and Susan Horn are busy riding a see-saw in their effort to push the county commission into allowing the board to hire an outside attorney at a county commission workshop last Tuesday. These board of education members’ actions follow a series of events, which the dynamic trio apparently chose to ignore.

The board of education voted 5-2-2 to support a motion made by Mike McMillan to give Knox County Law Director David Buuck more time in sorting out the suit brought by a group of parents to enforce a masking policy. Federal Judge Ronnie Greer told the board to adopt a plan to protect roughly four students most vulnerable to the virus. The judge’s decision was akin to Suzie having a peanut allergy and Tommy is banned from bringing a peanut butter sandwich for lunch from home because she might somehow get hold of it.

Henderson offered up a plan, which failed. Betsy never tweaked her plan, nor did she ever ask her colleagues what she could do to alter it to get five votes, a majority of the nine member board. Neither did Betsy Henderson ever bother to visit with Law Director David Buuck about her concerns or ask for help in crafting a plan the board would accept.

At the same board meeting where a majority of their colleagues supported the motion made by Mike McMillan, Kristy sent around a letter asking the commission to allow the board to hire outside counsel. It already had the signatures of Kristi Kristy and Betsy Henderson. Nary another member of the board of education signed the letter and why would they? The board had just voted to give Buuck a vote of confidence. Yet Kristy, Henderson and Horn were the stars of a kabuki political theatre before the county commission’s workshop last week.

The theatre was for the benefit of those parents angry about their children having to wear masks. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs has bravely posted on his social media that he stands with the parents and the commission seems quite willing to follow the mayor down the path of performance art.

Jacobs is, by profession, an entertainer, and he and the commissioners are all acting out their part of a well plotted drama, which is accomplishing exactly nothing. Kristy, Henderson and Horn evidently don’t like the idea of instructing the law director’s office about the lawsuit in public and the commission would be simply gambling with the taxpayers’ money. There is absolutely no guarantee of success and the likelihood of a suit being resolved before the end of the school year in May is about the same as Halley’s Comet descending into someone’s backyard tomorrow night. Nor did Kristy and Henderson even have the right to ask the commission to intervene once the board had acted.

Does it resolve anything for the parents who are frustrated and angry? Does it accomplish anything? Does it fix the problem? Does it do anything aside from spending more tax money? Nope.

Aside from spending money, it wouldn’t accomplish a single thing except create a constitutional (charter) crisis. The Knox County Charter specifically states that the Knox County Law Director has complete and sole authority of all legal affairs of Knox County. I would suggest that Kristi Kristy, Betsy Henderson and Susan Horn actually read the Knox County Charter. This could very well prevent a serious and expensive litigious conflict between the law department and any Knox County government entity that might violate the county charter.

## Ethics Complaints and Sunshine Law Violations?

Now comes the news several ethics complaints have been filed by citizens against Kristi Kristy, Betsy Henderson and Susan Horn. The board of education has an ethics committee composed of Mike McMillan, Jennifer Owen and Evetty Satterfield. The board’s ethics committee will have to meet, elect a chair, and decide the procedures it will follow during its hearings on the complaints filed against Henderson, Horn and Kristy.

The timing couldn’t be worse as the filing deadline closed on last Thursday and Henderson picked up another opponent. Kristy has an opponent inside the Republican primary, Phil King, and a Democrat challenger in the general election. Horn is not up for re-election this cycle.

What Kristy, Henderson and Horn likely saw as potential political triumph, silly as that sounds, has degenerated into yet another distracting political brawl. It has fired up the Left as much as it has excited the Right and has obscured the goal shared by just about every Republican officeholder in the county of allowing school children to get back to why they are in school anyway - to learn.

# OP-ED



**OP-ED from David Buuck Knox County Law Director**

For the past two years the COVID-19 pandemic has stretched and challenged our community at every level. Nowhere is this more evident than the issues surrounding the forced masking of our children as ordered by a federal judge. The Federal Court has ruled that all 60,000 Knox County students must wear a mask, purportedly to protect four individual students. Your Law Director was given two

days to prepare for a hearing on the matter, leaving us unable to take depositions and retain expert testimony. Despite highly charged public opinion, our office remains committed to overturning what we see as both a federal overreach of the Americans with Disabilities Act and a fundamental reduction in the quality of education we are able to offer our more than 60,000 students. Our office shares the frustration

of parents, and our eight attorneys have spent countless hours, reviewed every ADA/Education case, and filed hundreds of pages of motions and briefs in Judge Greer’s court and the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

There is a layperson’s misunderstanding that all that needs to be done is to file another motion and Judge Greer will change his mind. However, very rarely in the

law are we afforded the luxury of infinite chances to make our legal arguments. We must judge the best time to make the winning argument in order to maximize our chances for success. That will be when the federal, state, and local health entities revise masking protocols and factual data supports our legal argument. As Woodrow Wilson once said, “One cool judgment is worth a thousand hasty counsels.”

I know this is difficult for lay persons to understand, but it is a very real truth.

On February 9, the BOE passed a motion authorizing and directing the Law Director to continue the representation in the lawsuit. Under the Charter, these are the obligations and duties of our office. We are highly trained and experienced and we will continue to zealously advocate for the students of Knox County.

# Cash, Rysewyk make final pitches to BOE

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“If you try to micromanage people and you try to do it all alone, you will fail.”

Both candidates said that the district’s next superintendent must put students and teachers first. Teacher morale has been a topic of discussion, especially with the county, state and nation still in the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The candidates’ definitions of morale differ.

“We have to celebrate our wins, no matter how small they may seem,” Cash said. “We need to celebrate our principals. Sometimes, you just have to tell people when they do a good job.

“I have a heart for children and I have a heart for our teachers and our administrators.”

Rysewyk defines morale as having meaning and being purposeful.

“To me, morale is not about feeling good all the time. It’s about being meaningful and being purposeful,” he said. “If a person feels like they have purpose and are meaningful, then they will feel good about what they do.”

Both Rysewyk and Cash expressed the need for community involvement and business partnerships in public education.

Rysewyk said that he hopes

to maintain partnerships with local colleges and businesses that have already been established by the district and Cash spoke of her district’s community and business partnerships.

Both also said that they recognize the need to expand CTE options in Knox County Schools.

Rysewyk said that if selected, he’ll be ready to work from his first day on the job.

“I feel like I have the experience in Knoxville and Knox County and I’ll be ready to hit the ground running,” he said.

Cash said that if she should be tapped to be the next superintendent, she will have an open-door policy for parents, teachers

and administrators and that she’ll be present at many school events.

“I will always meet with board members, teachers, administrators and parents,” she said. “You may have to make an appointment to make sure I’m there, but I have board members and administrators that text me to see if I’m available, and they stop by.

“I will never not return a phone call. If a person is angry, I might wait 24 to 48 hours to give them time to settle. You also need to go to school events so the students know that you care, and they’ll be willing to approach you.”

# Goldman & Cappiello

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Steve Goldman, principal broker/owner of Goldman Partners Realty added, “I’ve always been impressed by Tony’s creativity and commitment to setting very high standards. He has the proven ability to envision the potential of a property. He also is a very sophisticated investor, developer and landlord who knows how to address a wide range of issues and options. Tony travels widely to meet with national retailers to encourage them to come to East Tennessee. We’re proud to be selected as the ‘broker’s broker.’”







# Tennessee Goes Republican... Again!

## The 1956 Presidential Election in Tennessee

### Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Dwight D. Eisenhower had carried Tennessee in the 1952 election, albeit only barely, with the final totals being 446,147 for "Ike" and 443,710 for Democratic nominee Adlai Stevenson. It was a difference of 2,437 votes. The 1956 presidential election saw a rematch between Eisenhower and Stevenson. Tennessee was considered to be something less of a battleground state as Stevenson had allowed the Democratic National Convention to select his running mate without any interference from him. A host of prospective vice presidents had jumped at the chance, including Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas.

The Volunteer State found itself with an abundance of political talent with no less than three vice presidential hopefuls: Governor Frank Clement and Senators Estes Kefauver and Albert Gore. Clement had been the keynote speaker and as an orator of considerable ability and note, great things were expected from the governor. Clement, a wonderful speaker on the hustings, did not come across nearly so well on the relatively new medium of television. Governor Clement's speech was not a success. That left Senators Kefauver and Gore who fought for the honor as a young colleague from Massachusetts began to rise in the vote totals: John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Amon Evans was publisher of the Nashville Tennessean, the voice of liberal Democratic politics in the state, since the death of his father, Silliman, the previous year. The younger Evans, believing Gore's continued candidacy might make it possible for Kennedy to overtake Kefauver, sought out Tennessee's junior United States senator and reportedly demanded that he withdraw and throw his support to his colleague. Evans reportedly told Gore he would oppose the senator in the future if he did not withdraw. For whatever reason, Gore saw the handwriting on the wall and the break caused a stampede for Estes Kefauver who finally won the vice presidential nomination. Few Tennessee Democrats believed the Volunteer State would abandon its native son in the general election and confidently believed the Stevenson - Kefauver ticket would carry the Volunteer State in the general election.

Yet the Republicans had hardly given up the ghost as in past elections. Most believed the personal popularity of President Eisenhower gave the GOP an even chance to win Tennessee. As had been the case for the better part

of two decades, the Tennessee Republican Party was dominated by Carroll Reece, a congressman from the First District, and his supporters. Reece had been the Southern manager for Ohio U. S. senator Robert Taft during the 1952 Republican National Convention. Having served as chairman of the Republican National Committee, Reece had a plethora of contacts across the country and likely knew more Republicans in Tennessee on a first name basis than any other single individual. Yet Eisenhower had carried Tennessee by winning more than merely the usual Republican vote in the Volunteer State. The 1952 election saw the first real movement of white middle-class suburban voters begin to move toward the Republican Party in Tennessee. Some of those who had joined the Republican Party in the state because of "Ike" did not relish the domination of Congressman Reece. A struggle between Reece and West Tennessee Tennesseans who had cut their political teeth as members of Citizens for Eisenhower sought to take over federal patronage in the area. In 1953, a committee of three Reece supporters and three members chosen by the Citizens for Eisenhower group was proposed to select those who would fill federal jobs and appointments in West Tennessee. As might be imagined, that proposal was one which Carroll Reece did not much care for and the wily congressman gave his opponents a lesson in practical politics. Daniel Taber of New York was the chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee and was opposed to President Eisenhower's proposal to extend the excise tax. Taber proposed to hold the president's bill in his committee without acting upon it. The Eisenhower administration was one vote short on the Rules Committee to discharge the bill from the Ways and Means Committee to the House floor. Eisenhower called Carroll Reece, who was a member of the Rules Committee and asked the Tennessean to change his vote. Reece did and the members of the Citizens for Eisenhower organization were stunned to find the President had restored full control of federal patronage in Tennessee to the congressman from the First District.

Almost four years to the day Richard Nixon had come to Nashville to campaign in 1952, he returned in 1956. There was one big difference; now Nixon was Vice President of the United States. He would be greeted at the Nashville airport by 3,000 well-wishers, who ignored sleep

and had been gathering at the airport terminal since well before 10:00 p.m. By the time the plane carrying the vice president and Mrs. Nixon taxied down the runway to a specially protected area, the terminal building was "bursting at the seams" according to a Nashville Banner report.

James Stahlman, publisher of the Banner, joined Congressmen Carroll Reece and Howard Baker, and Guy Smith, editor of the Knoxville Journal and campaign manager for the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket, to be on hand to greet Vice President and Mrs. Nixon. A motorcade took the Nixons to the Hermitage Hotel where they spent the night. The next morning, Jim Stahlman hosted a breakfast for Richard and Pat Nixon and the newsmen traveling with the vice presidential party covering the campaign. The publisher warned the Republicans could not win on a campaign of "sweetness and light." Instead, Stahlman recommended the GOP campaign be waged with "sledgehammer blows" while stressing the fact Eisenhower had brought "peace, progress and prosperity" to the country. "President Eisenhower's popularity is greater today than it was in 1952 or at any other time," Congressman Carroll Reece agreed.

Publisher Jim Stahlman made the introduction of Vice President Richard Nixon in the auditorium of the War Memorial Building which was filled to capacity and overflowing. An appreciative Nixon said Stahlman's introduction was "the most rip-snortin' and best introduction I ever had." The vice president said he had traveled to 32 foreign countries and one observation he had come away with was President Eisenhower was "the most revered and respected man in the world."

"Don't settle for second best when you already have the best in Dwight D. Eisenhower!" Nixon cried. As Nixon closed his speech, he alluded to the prosperity theme and brought gales of laughter from the crowd when he said, "America doesn't want warmed over Truman hash when they can get Eisenhower beef and potatoes."

Nixon paid special tribute

to the scores of youngsters waving campaign signs and said, "If this tremendous support is an indication of the feeling in Tennessee, President Eisenhower will carry the state again in November just as he did in 1952." Richard Nixon summarized the choice of the voters as he saw it; they could "go forward with Eisenhower or back to the policies of the Truman regime."

Tennessee Democrats rallied around their own ticket. Former United States Senator Kenneth D. McKellar had not been a warm admirer of Estes Kefauver when they had served together; quite the contrary. Yet McKellar was a Democrat and he contributed \$200 to the Stevenson-Kefauver campaign. In today's dollars, that would have the buying power of more than \$2,000. The eighty-seven-year-old former senator had been named as a delegate at-large to the Democratic National Convention in 1956 and although a plane was put at the crusty political warrior's disposal, McKellar's physician thought it better for him to remain in his hotel apartment. Very reluctantly, McKellar followed the advice of his doctor. McKellar had been one of the first to congratulate Governor Frank Clement on being named keynote speaker for the Democratic National Convention. "It sure is good news for both the governor and for Tennessee generally," McKellar said. "It's a fine compliment for the governor to be selected and I am sure he'll do a great job."

According to the Nashville Tennessean, Knoxville became "the political capital of the South" when Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver arrived. Democrats from 11 states dutifully filled "special buses" to join a 100-car motorcade to McGhee Tyson Airport to welcome the Democratic Party's standard bearers. As Democrats arrived in Knoxville, they were escorted to the Andrew Johnson Hotel by uniformed state troopers. Herbert S. "Hub" Walters of Morristown and Democratic Party state chairman, thought it was "a historic occasion for Tennessee." Walters pledged both he and Governor Frank Clement intended

to return Tennessee to the Democratic column in November. Agriculture Commissioner and future Governor Buford Ellington said, "Neither Stevenson nor Kefauver should have a moment's concern about the South's vote this fall." Ellington said when the election was over, Democrats intended to "spell out to the nation that the South is solidly Democratic once again."

Willard Yarborough, a reporter for the Knoxville News-Sentinel and sometime member of the Knox County Quarterly Court (the forerunner of the county commission), covered the "unity session" hosted by the Democratic nominees. Yarborough noted in his article "some great Southerner" had once insisted during the dark days of Reconstruction "the South will rise again!" Although Stevenson was from Illinois, Yarborough pointed to Estes Kefauver as a "candidate from our own down-South Tennessee" as the two ticket mates conferred with Democratic leaders from ten states in Knoxville.

"Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver would have risen to sing 'Dixie' had someone struck up the band," Yarborough wrote. Although from the Land of Lincoln, Willard Yarborough polished his prose and noted the former governor "looked the part of Jeff Davis" and better still apparently, "talked like one." The meeting was held in Confederate Hall. Kefauver assured those assembled if Adlai Stevenson were elected president, he would guarantee the "South returns to its place in the sun." Stevenson, admired for his wit by his supporters, was even telling southern jokes. "Dick Russell of Georgia (U. S. senator) told me about a Georgia scarecrow," Stevenson told his fellow Democrats. "This one was so good it not only scared all the crows away, but the crows returned all the corn they had stolen the year before."

Alabama's governor "Big Jim" Folsom was present and the Democrats gathered together insisted he get up and speak. Likely they didn't have to ask more than once. Folsom grabbed the microphone and thundered, "Down in 'Bama when the wolf packs

get after our sheep we get our guns... and aim for the leader of the pack."

Adlai Stevenson had warm words of praise for Governor Frank Clement, who played host to the visitors and led the pep rally for Democrats. Senator Albert Gore, doubtless recovered from his cussing by Amon Evans, was there. Gore, according to Governor Clement, was "one of the jewels" of the Democratic Party. Senator Gore told the audience he expected to give all his time from September until the November election to working on behalf of the party's ticket.

It was mighty hot that August as Senator Kefauver discovered while in Anderson County. The senator was wearing no undershirt and kept removing his suit jacket to cool off a bit. By the time Kefauver returned to the Andrew Johnson Hotel his shirt was soaking wet with perspiration and it was too late to shop for another dress shirt size 17 and a half with a 35-inch sleeve. The homespun Kefauver, whom no less than Lyndon Johnson once dubbed "the greatest campaigner of them all," simply took off his shirt and placed it on the air conditioning unit inside his hotel room to dry it off. Once dry, the senator donned the shirt once again and campaigned throughout the evening.

The Knoxville meeting left Democrats, especially those in Tennessee, feeling mighty good. Governor Clement grinned and predicted a victory for his party by a "pretty big" margin. Yet the Republicans felt they had yet another opportunity to win in the Volunteer State, Democratic optimism notwithstanding.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

(Left to right) Senator Estes Kefauver, Governor Frank Clement and Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson, 1956.

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Whaley, a Republican for school board District 4; Heather Hensley, Republican for school board District 6; and Cameron Ward, a Republican for school board District 7.

More than a dozen candidates filed during the final week. Those included Democrat Jackson M.

Steve Triplett for District 7 and Annabel Henley, a Democrat, for District 9.

The May 3 Primary will select a Republican and a Democrat to face each other in the August general elections. All the independent candidates will not appear on the primary ballot but will be in the general election.

Current candidates have until February 24 to withdraw.

**All Independent Candidates will appear on 8-4-22 ballot. Withdrawal Deadline is noon 2-24-22**

coverings.

"It should be the parents' options," Cash said. "We've spent too much time talking about whether to mask or mask."

Rysewyk said that he agreed with the board of education's decision to lift the mask mandate in August before the district found itself embroiled in a federal lawsuit where Judge Ronnie J. Greer reinstated the mask mandate.

Both candidates addressed the importance of keeping good teachers in education.

Rysewyk said that KCS has made strides in that area under Thomas.


"Although work has been done, there is still work to do to keep teachers who want to be here," he said.

Cash said that school districts must value their educators and address their concerns.

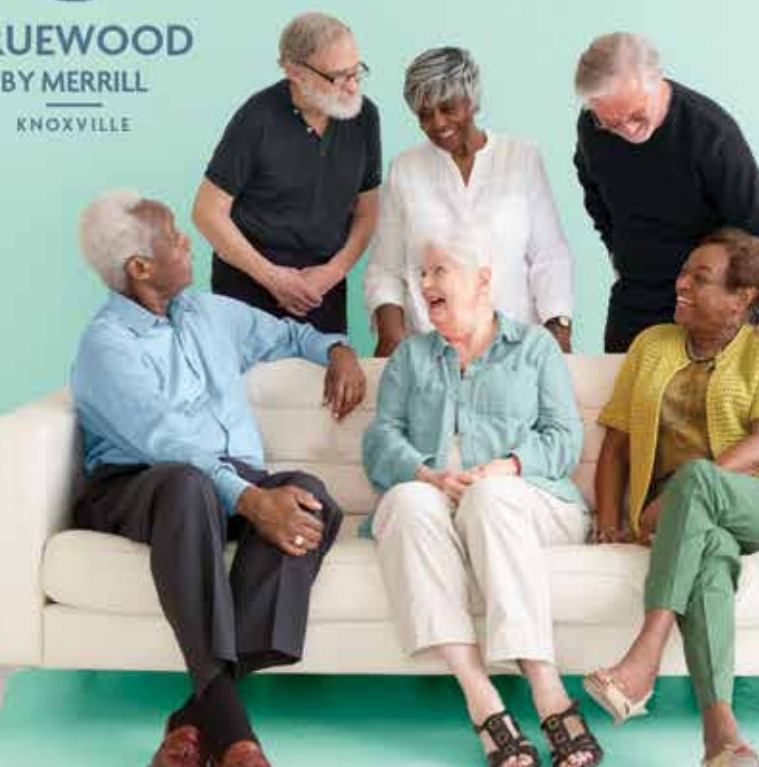
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## Knox County girls to defend state wrestling titles

**By Steve Williams**

Knox County will have two defending state champions in this week's TSSAA state wrestling championships, which begin Thursday at the Williamson County Expo Center in Franklin.

Carter High's Jailynn Tindall captured her state title last season in the girls' 140-pound weight class and Ella Murphey of Hardin Valley took first place in the 190-pound division.

Tindall is a senior this year and Murphey a sophomore.

Tindall's record this season is 30-1, while Murphey is 11-0. Both captured region championships Friday at Alcoa High.

This week's individual wrestling championships also will include the boys' Division I Class A and AA tournaments.

**SHELTON IS SOUTH-DOYLE'S NEW FOOTBALL COACH**

Paul Shelton has been announced as South-Doyle High's new head football coach, replacing

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## Elston Turner will have street named in his honor

**By Steve Williams**

The City of Knoxville is honoring basketball great Elston Turner today (Feb. 21) with a street bearing his name.

Elston Turner Drive, a fitting name for a player who often drove inside to score as well as swishing in points from the outside, will be celebrated in the new Austin Homes area in East Knoxville with a ceremony beginning at 4:30 this afternoon.

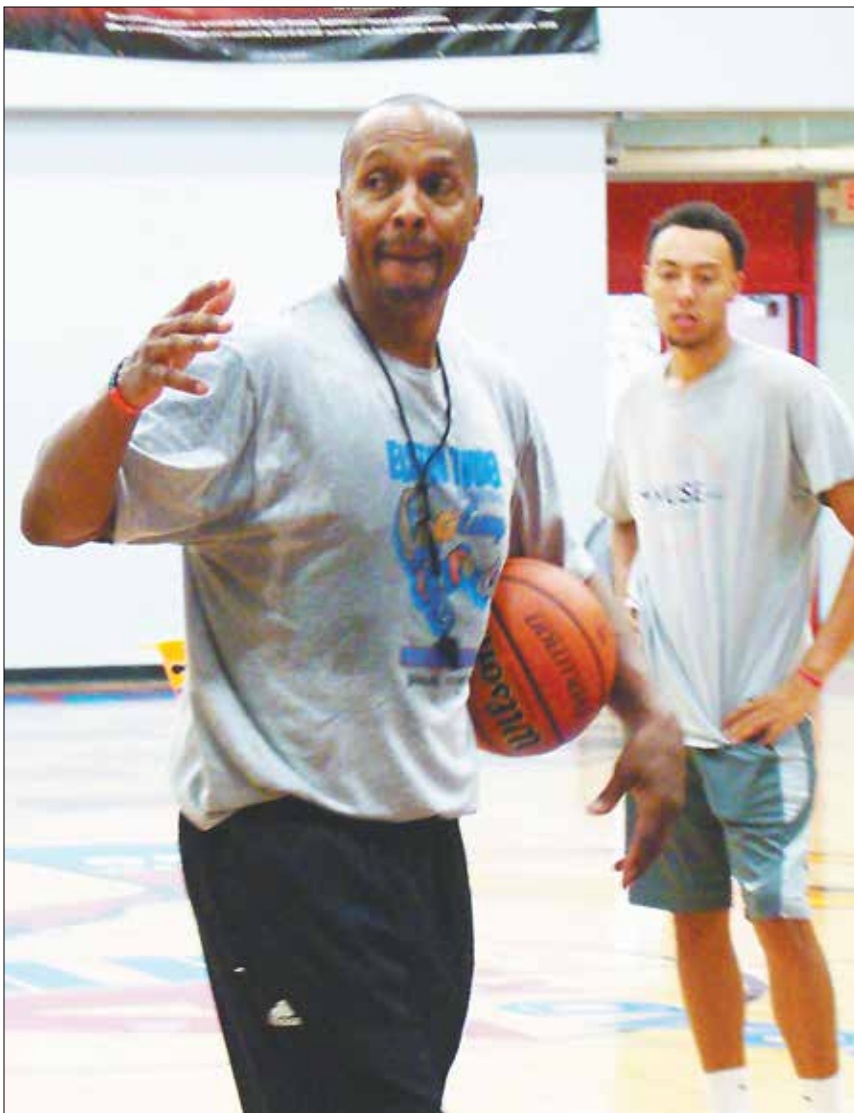
The street to be renamed is Burge Avenue and is located between South Bell Street and Harriet Tubman Street.

Gwen McKenzie, who represents the 6th District of the City Council, applied for the street's new name to honor Turner.

Elston led the Austin-East Roadrunners to Knoxville's first state basketball championship in the TSSAA's classification era in 1977. That A-E team, guided by Hall of Fame Coach Clifford Ross, defeated Memphis Hamilton 72-59 in the finals at MTSU's Murphy Center.

Elston was the captain of the team, which posted a 34-2 record, and named the MVP of the state tournament.

Turner went on to have an outstanding college career at Ole Miss (1977-1981), often giving Tennessee fits when the



Elston Turner works at his summer youth basketball camp at Austin-East High in 2016.

Rebels and Vols played each other in the SEC.

He was a second round draft pick of the Dallas Mavericks in 1981 (43rd pick overall) and played as a shooting guard / small forward with three different NBA teams over eight seasons. He later played in the CBA and professionally in Europe for five more seasons.

In 1996, Turner returned to the NBA as an assistant coach and, except for one season, has held an assistant position for six different teams, including this season with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

As a way to give back to his hometown and alma

PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

## Move to Samford paying off big for Ques Glover

All he needed was a chance.

Former Bearden High basketball standout Ques Glover has been an exciting addition to the Southern Conference at Samford University this season after transferring from Florida.

He became a Bulldog again too and is playing the point guard position much like he did in leading Bearden to its first TSSAA state championship in 2019.

He's so lightning quick and entertaining, you should check out his highlights on Twitter.

Florida Coach Mike White may wish he still had him.

Current Gator point guard Tyree Appleby, a 6-1 senior, was averaging 10.1 points, 2.2 rebounds, 3.8 assists and making 35.3 percent of his field goal attempts as of Feb. 14.

Glover's numbers were much better and the 6-foot, 180-pound sophomore has two more seasons remaining. He was averaging 18.6 points (fourth best in the

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## Warriors use stingy defense to advance in region tournament

**By Ken Lay**

Christian Academy of Knoxville's boys basketball team had to grind out an opening-round victory in the Division II-A East Region Tournament Tuesday night.

"This was just another game where we had to grind it out and we've had so many games, so many close games, where we had to grind it out this year," CAK coach J.D. Johnson said after his Warriors toppled Silverdale Baptist Academy, 50-39, at CAK. "This was just another one of those games."

The Warriors darted out to a quick start as its defense stifled the Seahawks. CAK opened an 8-0 lead out of the gate and led, 15-8, after the first quarter and Silverdale had one player, Brett Wright, score its first 12 points.

"We played pretty good defense," Johnson said after his team eliminated the Seahawks and ended their season. "We had a spurt in the second quarter where we let up a little bit and I wasn't happy about that."

"But overall, I thought we played good defense. Silverdale has some talented players and (Wright) is one of them. He's definitely going to be a Division I (college) player."

The Warriors regained control of the contest before halftime and held a 32-22 advantage at the break.

The Seahawks were down but they didn't go away. Silverdale opened the third quarter with a 12-2 run and pulled to within 34-32 when Wright was fouled on a 3-point jump shot and made

three free throws midway through the third frame.

The foul shots represented Wright's final points of the game as the Warriors closed out the stanza on a 10-0 run. CAK held a 44-34 lead heading into the final frame.

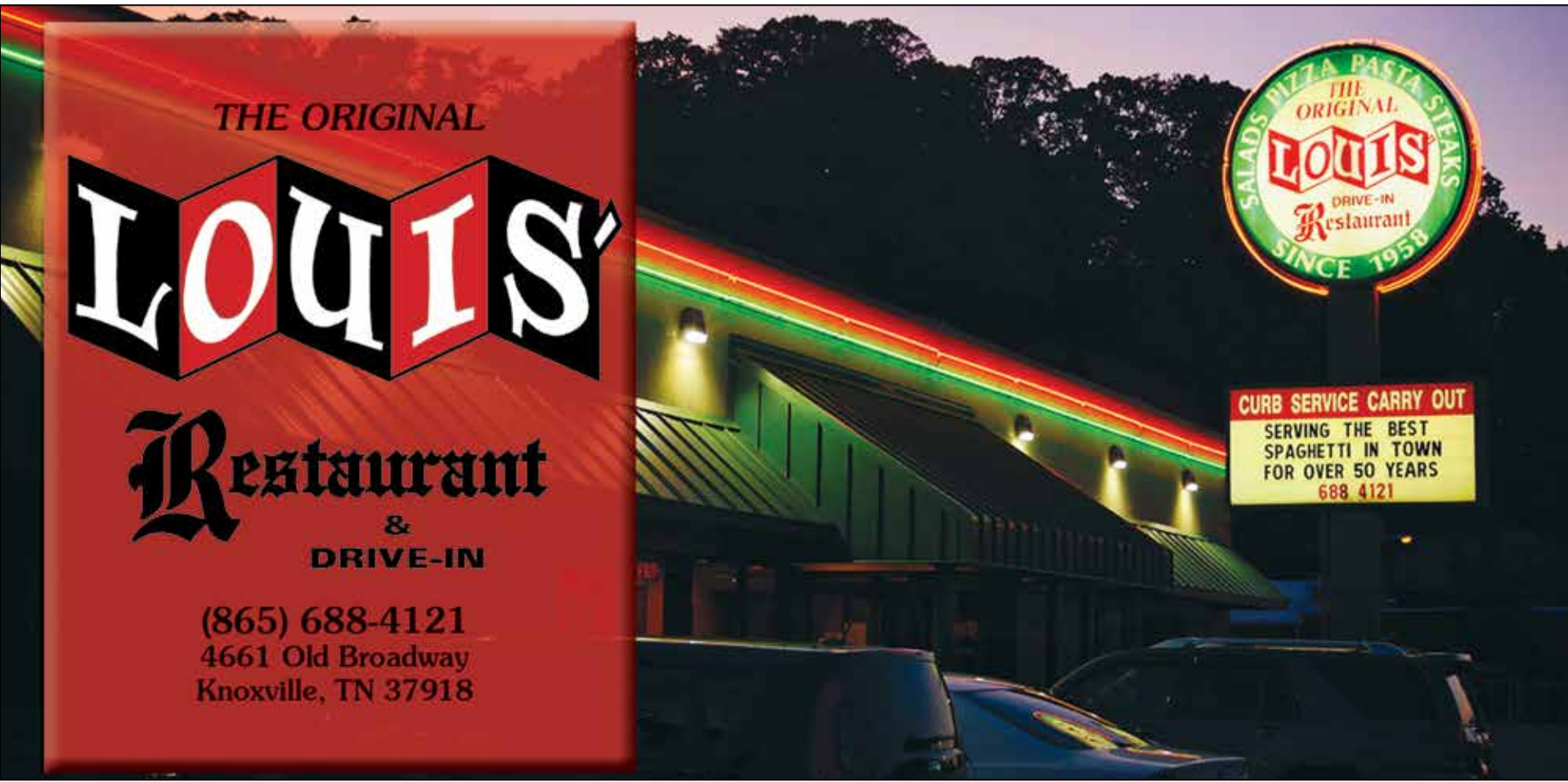
The Warriors never led by less than nine points over the final eight minutes of the contest.

CAK had a balanced, if not potent, offensive

attack as Denzel Jackson had 13 points and Chi McNeil-Harrison added 13 points. Matthew Murray finished with nine points and Nathan Benton scored five.

Wright had a game-high 15 points for the Seahawks.

Tournament play resumed Friday with the semifinals at Silverdale. Results were not available at press time.





# West wins a 3 for 1 district deal

By Steve Williams

Elimination games have not been as plentiful on the expanded high school district tournament scene this year as in the past.

But the few that were played offered big rewards.

West's boys basketball team found that out last week in the District 3-4A tourney at Campbell County. The Rebels' 66-57 win over Powell assured them of three more games, beginning with a semifinal contest against top seed Oak Ridge Saturday night.

Depending on how that game turned out, West will play Tuesday in the district's consolation or championship game and will be guaranteed of at least one game in the upcoming Region 2-4A tournament.

Where else can you get a 3 for 1 deal like that?

The Rebels earned it with some long-range accuracy in the first half against Powell and a new and improved 2-3 zone defense that Coach Aubin Goporo highly complimented after the victory.

West also had the most to gain from the district's two elimination games. The No. 5 seed Rebels had lost both regular season games to the No. 4 seed Panthers and came in with a 7-11 record.

They shot the ball like they were much better than their record. In fact, in one eight-minute segment of the first half, the West team looked like it had just attended and graduated from a Stephen Curry 3-point Shooting School.

Five Rebels combined to make seven treys in that stretch and after the last one gave them an 11-point lead (35-24) midway through the second period, they didn't make anymore. But their defense didn't go away.

Powell did make a run at the start of the second half, cutting a 10-point halftime deficit quickly to three, but West got it back up to 10 when point guard Gabriel Pastrana intercepted a

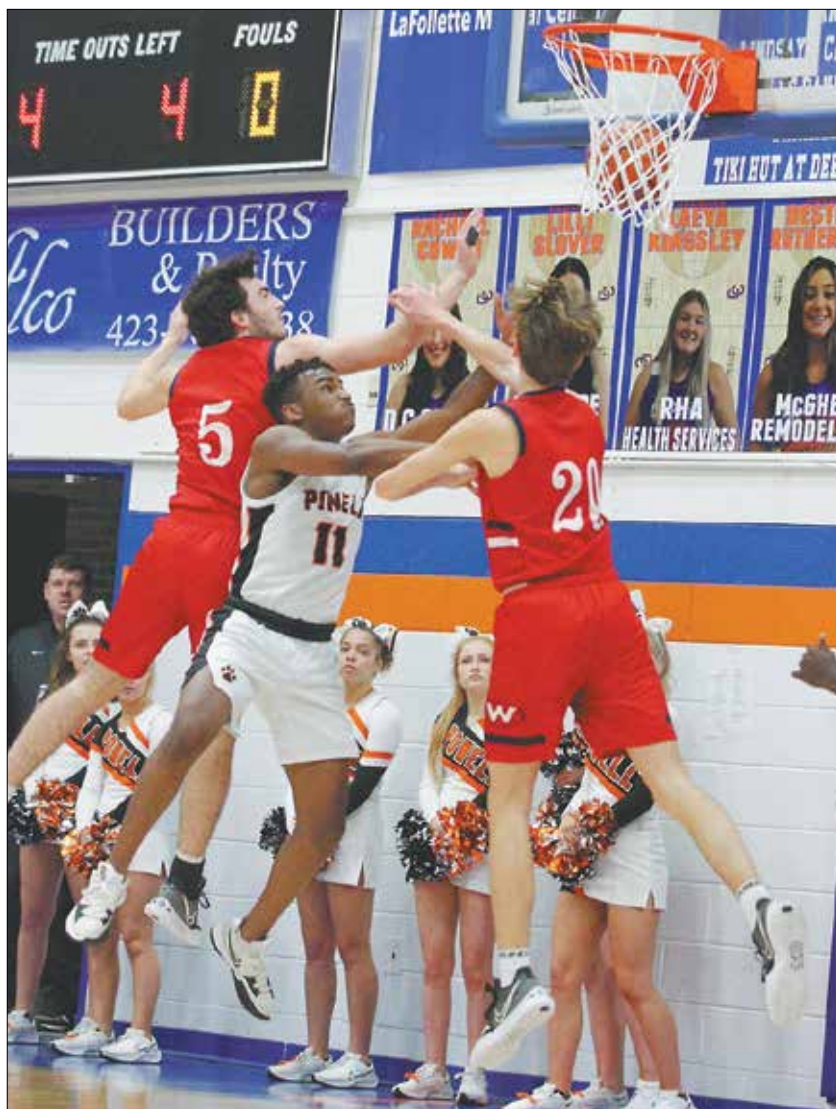


PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

*Powell's Dearius Kinnebrew goes up between West's Noah Johnson (5) and Dane Britton (20) as the ball comes down through the net in the District 3-4A quarterfinal game Thursday night at Campbell County High School. West won, 66-57.*

pass and drove down court to score.

The Panthers' comeback hopes were pretty much deflated when their leading scorer, Ayden Greene, went down with a knee injury with 5:30 left in the game. He did not return.

The Rebels ended the game with Will Biven twice swishing both ends of a 1 and 1 and then dunking the ball on a runaway for the proverbial exclamation point.

Pastrana finished with 23 points and was respectfully complimented

by Powell Coach Gary Barnes after the game. Biven added 19 and Noah Johnson 10.

As for that impressive 3-point barrage, Johnson and Biven made two of them and Pastrana, Ja'currius Wrenn and Dave Britton one each.

Greene led the Panthers with 18 points. Austin Heard and Bryce Jardret contributed 14 each and Eli Wall nine.

Powell, which had some big wins over Halls and Clinton late in the regular season, finished 12-16.

# Karns shakes off young and scrappy Bobcats

By Steve Williams

It wasn't easy, but No. 3 seed Karns pulled out a 71-64 win over No. 6 seed Central in their elimination game in the District 3-4A tournament Thursday night at Campbell County.

"No sir, it's survive and advance and (Coach) Andy (Hill) does a great job with those guys," said Karns veteran Coach Lee Henson after the battle. "They're 100 percent better. And you can tell; they got after it. It was a challenge, but in our district, it's going to be a challenge every night you play."

The Beavers (21-8) had lost by eight points at Central in the two teams' previous meeting.

"They had a good game plan tonight offensively and defensively, and in the first half we were trying to figure out what was going on," said Henson.

Coach Hill pointed out after the game he had put in some things that his team hadn't done this season. "We changed some things offensively and defensively, which is a lot to ask from a young group of kids."

Karns led 21-14 after the first stop, but the Bobcats trailed by only 38-36 at halftime and 50-49 at the end of the third period.

Henson said "our defensive pressure" ultimately was the key to the win.

The Beavers scored 11 straight points to start the fourth period and led 61-49 midway through the final quarter.

"We had a hard time keeping them off the offensive glass," said Hill. "We got some timely stops, but we couldn't finish the stop. Credit their guys. They kept attacking the glass and that was the difference down the stretch in the fourth quarter."

The Bobcats didn't quit and got within four points (68-64) in the final minute.

De'Sean Bishop was a physical force inside for Karns and scored a game-high 20 points. Jaylen Roberts added 18 and JJ Faulkner 16. Walker Lockhart chipped in nine points and Raley Henson eight.

Central (6-23) got 18 points from JD Harris, 13 from Nick Ellis and 11 from Blake McCarty. Andrew Hill and Chris Boseman contributed nine points apiece.

"We got a young group," said Hill. "They'll be back and they're going to go to work. The story is not written for this team yet. I was extremely proud of how hard they played and really how they bought into the preparation of coming up here and playing."

# Move to Samford paying off big for Ques Glover

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SoCon), 2.7 rebounds, 4.2 assists (second best in SoCon) and had a FG shooting percentage of 47.6 percent. Despite a recent dip at the FT line, he was still sinking 82.4 percent of his free throws.

After earning MVP honors in Bearden's state tourney run, which included an 83-68 title win over Memphis East, Glover suddenly became a recruiting target of Florida's. A member of its coaching staff came to Knoxville two weeks later to watch him work out and Glover committed to sign with the Gators.

In hindsight, Florida had invested little time in recruiting Ques, which could explain why he got

limited playing time in his two seasons in Gainesville. As a freshman, he averaged 4.4 points over 12.4 minutes per game and then dropped to 2.5 points over 8.5 minutes as a sophomore.

Incidentally, one of his best games at Florida came in his second year when he scored 10 points (4 for 7 FGs) in 15 minutes of action as the Gators beat the visiting Tennessee Vols 75-49.

Family members back in Knoxville say Ques and Coach White didn't see eye to eye on his playing time and that was the main reason he left Florida.

He landed in Birmingham, which is a much closer distance to his hometown, and his new head coach,

Bucky McMillan, plays an exciting offensive brand of ball that really suits Glover's game.

"I really like the bond I have with my teammates and the chemistry that I'm developing with the coaches and everyone around the program," Glover told The Focus recently.

"Some of my goals here at Samford are to help the team win the conference and make it to the NCAA tournament and to continue to grow as a player each day."

Ques and Samford got off to quite a start. Playing in the Emerald Coast Classic in November, Glover was named to the all-tournament team as the Bulldogs won all three of the games in their bracket, including

a 78-77 victory at Oregon State, which made it to the NCAA Elite Eight last year.

In that tournament, Ques averaged 21.6 points, 7.6 assists and made 29 of 29 free throws.

Glover's outstanding play continued. He was named the Lou Henson National Player of the Week after scoring 21 points, collecting five rebounds and shooting 50 percent from the field in a 75-73 win at Ole Miss on Dec. 21.

In other highlights, Glover scored 20 points in Samford's 80-72 victory over conference frontrunner Chattanooga and a season-high 30 points in a 107-93 loss at The Citadel.

More recently, Samford played at East Tennessee State on Feb. 12 and Ques played a key role in a 77-73 win. He hit a clutch pull-up jumper and raced for a layup in the closing seconds, finishing with a team-high 23 points.

In another clutch performance on Feb. 16, Ques hit a fade away jumper with one second left in OT to give Samford a 100-99 home win over VMI. He totaled 26 points and 10 assists as the Bulldogs improved to 17-9 overall and 7-7 in the conference.

Glover, who is an honor student and majoring in Sports Administration, will be back in East Tennessee this Saturday (Feb. 26) when Samford plays at Chattanooga at 4 p.m.

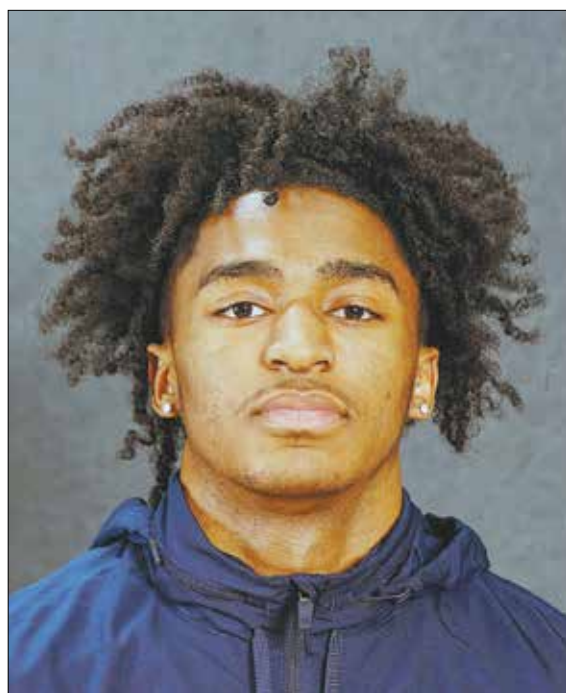
That game will give Ques' friends from Knoxville another short trip to see him play. And as he's already proven this season, he definitely can be fun to watch.

He just needed a chance.



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*Samford point guard Ques Glover, a Bearden High product, uses his quickness often to beat the defense and get to the rim.*



*Ques Glover, who led Bearden to its first state basketball title in 2019, has received national recognition at Samford this season after transferring from Florida.*



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# The Wizard of Orange

Ray Mears not only made orange a household color in Knoxville, but wherever else Vol fans might have gathered. Orange became a respectable color to wear to the games. He coined the phrase “Big Orange Country,” despite assertions to the contrary. Tennessee basketball became a “must-see” event.

There is no greater tribute to Ray Mears than the sea of orange in the stands at Vol sporting events today. It all started ever so humbly, as businessmen started wearing orange neckties to the games.

Mears was on the Tennessee sideline in an orange blazer from 1962-77, pulling up the Vol basketball program by its bootstraps into a position of national prominence.

Mears roared into town in the spring of 1962, a few months short of his 36th birthday off a national championship at Wittenberg (Ohio) College, with gimmicks by the bushel and a burning desire to succeed.

U.T. president Dr. Andrew D. Holt, who wore an orange blazer to Vol home games himself, had challenged everybody involved in the athletics program to do better. It was a time for the Tennessee athletic program to reach for the stars.

The Vol athletic program was not nearly in the shape it is in today. There was a 4-19 record in hoops. There had been no football bowl game since 1957, a 10-10 record in the 1961 and 1962 seasons.

Mears, Doug Dickey, Chuck Rohe, and numerous others were



Ray Mears, assistant coach A.W. Davis, and the victorious Vols celebrate the March 1966 win over No. 1-ranked Kentucky in the final game at the Armory-Fieldhouse.

brought on board, and they did nothing but win. It was a marvelous time to be a Vol fan. The Vol program began to develop a swagger.

Head football coach Bowden Wyatt, acting athletic director after Gen. Robert R. Neyland's death March 28, 1962, tapped Mears to lead the Vol hoops program. He received a more than gentle push from assistant football coach Jim McDonald, an Ohio native.

When Mears arrived, the Vols were playing in the rarely filled 7,500-seat Armory Fieldhouse. Four years later, the Vols opened

the 12,700-seat William B. Stokes Center, an expanded version of the Fieldhouse.

The accomplishments of the Mears program over the years ultimately helped lead to the reality of Thompson-Boling Arena.

There were 13 wins in 1963, 16 in 1964, 20 in 1965, 18 in 1966, and the Mears express was off and running.

The Vols won the SEC the first year Stokely was open (1967), twice more in the years ahead. Vol hoops were catching everybody's attention. A statewide radio network became a reality.

When Mears first arrived in

town, he almost turned around and went home, according to journalist Marvin West.

It was a hot spring day in 1962, when someone suggested it might be good for the players to be playing a pick-up game on the old concrete courts near Shields-Watkins Field on Mears' arrival.

The game started at 3 p.m. and was still going strong at 4 p.m., with no Mears. Finally, when all was nearly lost, Mears arrived.

“We were wilted and dragging, one short jump shot from dead,” said A.W. Davis, Mears' first great player and 1965 All-American selection. “Coach Mears

nodded. He did not appear to be particularly impressed.”

Vanderbilt and Kentucky were the two biggest names in the SEC in the 1960s and Mears took each of them on with a vengeance.

The Vols swept Kentucky in his first season, Vanderbilt in the second, and game nights in Knoxville and other venues as well were starting to get fun.

Mears had his own brand of “Memorial Magic.” In his coaching career against Vanderbilt, Mears' teams were 20-10, 9-6 in Memorial Gym, to go with an 11-4 mark in Knoxville.

“Ray Mears was not a good coach,” said former UK coach Joe B. Hall. “He was a great coach. From such competition, great, and contentious, rivalries grow.”

Vol fans today don't know what they missed by not seeing a Ray Mears-coached University of Tennessee team play at the Armory-Fieldhouse, Stokely Athletics Center, or at any other venue.

Fans arrived early for all the home game hoopla, from a pre-game routine in which the players warmed up to the strains of “Sweet Georgia Brown,” to the pep band marching around the arena as it made its entrance. A large American flag was unfurled from the ceiling. The Vols were introduced with the house lights dimmed, a spotlight focused on a large Big Orange “T.”

Ray Mears, the man in the orange blazer all those years, got the job done, just as McDonald had prophesied.

Mears was some kind of promoter, some kind of coach, some kind of man.

He was the right man at the right time for the University of Tennessee.



PHOTO BY JESSICA TINDALL.

Hardin Valley sophomore Ella Murphey (left) and Carter High senior Jailyynn Tindall (right) won region championships Friday and will be defending their state wrestling titles this week at the TSSAA state championships in Franklin. Senior Scout Holguin (front), who transferred to Carter this school year from Northern California, also won a region title and will be competing for a state title in the 120-pound division. Holguin's record this season is 21-1.

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longtime coach Clark Duncan, who announced his retirement plans in January.

Shelton is coming from UC-Davis in California, where he was special teams coordinator and tight ends coach. But he has strong ties to East Tennessee, having most recently served as Bearden's offensive coordinator and quarterback coach in 2001-18.

Shelton started his football coaching career in Unicoi County High in Erwin, where Duncan was a standout high school player.

### CO-ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Fulton High School has named Rob Black as Co-Athletic Director.

Black stepped down as Fulton's head football coach on Feb. 9 after leading the Falcons to 103 victories and three state championships.

Rob will be joining Jody Wright in the Athletic Director position at the school.

In addition to his 31 years as a football coach, Black has coached track, basketball and served as head baseball coach at Fulton.

### GCA GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH LOGGED 500TH WIN

Tim, Grace Christian

Academy's new girls basketball coach this season, logged his 500th career win in a victory over Knoxville Christian in January.

“The good Lord has blessed me,” he said. “I've had some really good teams. It's been a little harder this year to get there, but I'm blessed to have that many wins.”

His win total includes high school and middle school victories and he estimated he had coached around 750 games.

“I started out in middle school and won a state championship at Homestead in Cumberland County,” he said.

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## Tennessee/Kentucky rivalry is something special

By Mark Nagi

A couple of weeks ago in this column I wrote about the Tennessee/Florida rivalry, and how it continues to burn very hot.

The nice thing about sports is that there isn't just one rival. In men's basketball, it doesn't get more intense than Tennessee and Kentucky.

Maybe it's the distance. Knoxville and Lexington are separated by approximately 170 miles. It's a quick three-hour trek down I-75.

Maybe it's the familiarity. These teams have played 234 times, with the Wildcats holding a 157-77 advantage.

Or maybe it's just that the Vols and Wildcats simply don't like each other.

With all that in mind, last week I ventured to Thompson-Boling Arena for the latest edition of this rock fight. A capacity crowd had their tickets scanned and were loud and rowdy from the jump.

Kentucky head coach John Calipari has been Public Enemy Number One since his days running the show at Memphis, and not much has changed since then. He received some of the loudest boos of the night when he walked onto the floor for the first time. Some of the loudest cheers occurred when Calipari received an early technical foul.

Nearly seven minutes into the game, a fracas occurred at the Kentucky bench. Tennessee's John Fulkerson fell out of the bounds and when Santiago Vescovi went over the help him up, the Kentucky strength coach stepped in his way. Vols guard Zakai Zeigler gave the strength coach a small shove and it was on.

Not that the game needed a spark, but it had one.

When the dustup happened, UK was ahead 17-15. Tennessee would score 17 of the next 18 points and led 32-18.

Tennessee led by 14 points at the half. Kentucky cut the lead to 8 points a couple of times in the second half but could get no closer.

The crowd was into the game throughout the night. The most popular chant from the student section? “Just like football... Clap. Clap. Clap clap clap.”

Back in January, Tennessee was manhandled by Kentucky, 107-79. This time around, revenge was sweet with a 76-63 victory in front of their adoring fans.

“This game was personal,” said Tennessee guard Kennedy Chandler. “We came out in Lexington, and we didn't play our best. I felt like this second time, we played like the team we are. We were capable of being a better team than we were when we played up there. I feel like they took us for granted. We came out and we didn't let up. What Coach Barnes and I were saying the whole time was, ‘Just don't let up and keep it going. Never give up’. We just kept pushing. They made their runs, and they didn't give up. They made their runs, but we had to finish out strong.”

“This building, I'm partial, but I think it's the best,” said Tennessee head coach Rick Barnes, who is now 9-7 against Calipari and Kentucky. “I mean, everybody talks about the blue bloods, I mean the orange bloods are right there. Our fans, I mean tonight it was special, but there's a lot of games this year where our fans have just been spectacular. Our players feed off of it, there's no question about that, absolutely they love it, they appreciate the support.”

It's possible that these teams will play again this season, maybe at the SEC tournament in Tampa next month.

That would be all sorts of fun, wouldn't it?



# A rarity: Karns' JJ and Carter's McNew total 76 points

*Editor's note: I sincerely apologize for my error in last week's RARITY feature misprint. Please enjoy the updated story about a memorable game for these two student athletes.*

By Steve Williams

It's rare when one player nears 40 points in a high school boys basketball game, much less two. But there was a spectacular battle within a battle as Karns went against Carter Feb. 8 at Jim Williams Gymnasium in Strawberry Plains. When the individual scoring was tallied after the Beavers' 82-74 come-from-behind victory, Karns' JJ Faulkner and Carter's Dalton McNew each had posted a career high 38 points. The junior co-stars were in the spotlight in different

ways. Faulkner, a quick 5-10 guard, had nine points at halftime as Karns trailed 45-35 but poured in 29 of his team's 47 points after intermission. "JJ is the engine that goes for us," said Karns Coach Lee Henson. "The other guys feed off of him when he gets going." JJ hit four 3-pointers and made 8 of 10 free throws. Most of his points simply came when he beat the defense and drove into the lane for layups. For the Hornets, McNew, 6-2 and strong, scored the first three points of the game on a steal, layup and one. He also made the last shot of the contest with a dunk. In between, Dalton scored with an assortment of shots and moves. Besides his 13 of 16 free

throw shooting and lone 3-pointer, he scored off an alley-oop pass to open the second half, made an old-fashion 3-pointer with a spinning 6-footer in the lane and put in a left-handed layup. Carter Coach Tyler Cate agreed that McNew is a blue-collar type player. "He just puts his head down and goes. He's not too flashy, he's yes sir, no sir. In practice and in games, he's always asking me what he can do better. I enjoy coaching him." The win lifted Karns to 18-8 overall. The Beavers also got 14 points from De'Sean Bishop and 10 from Raley Henson, who had a hot hand early and made three straight treys for his team's first nine points. Bubba Faulkner chipped in eight and Walker Lockhart six.

Gage Hutchinson and Zane Brown came off the bench to score 11 each for Carter, which slipped to 12-10. Kaleb Harper contributed eight. The Hornets led 19-18 at the end of the first period. They outscored Karns 9-2 to close out the first half for their 10-point advantage. The Beavers took much better care of the ball after intermission and moved ahead 56-54 at the third stop. An 8-0 run, including two layups by JJ, extended their lead to 10 with three minutes to go. Carter got no closer than six the rest of the way. "In the second half we played a lot better," said Coach Henson. "Of course, JJ sort of took over. Defensively, we shut down (McNew) some in the second half. Raley Henson



76ers! JJ Faulkner of Karns (left) and Carter's Dalton McNew had themselves a shootout last week that would have made the Philadelphia 76ers take notice.

did a good job on him, taking on that challenge as Dalton is a really good ball player." Cate felt the difference in the game was his team's second half execution and shot selection. But he also commended JJ. "He is a great player. He took over in the second half and

did his thing. He's hard to guard." Karns finished in third place in District 3-4A in the regular season. Carter was the District 3-3A regular season champion and Cate, who is in his first season as a head coach, has no seniors on this year's team.

# Area players earn All-District 4-4A honors

By Ken Lay

Several area basketball players were recognized for their regular-season accomplishments recently as they received All-District 4-4A honors by the league's coaches. Farragut High School's boys basketball team won the regular-season district title and its coach Jon Higgins was named Coach of

the Year by his peers. The Admirals' Dillon Atwell, a senior guard was the league's Most Valuable Player. His selection as MVP earned him a spot on the all-district team. He was joined on the squad by teammates Ryan Neal, Dallas Carbaugh, Isaiah Smith and Elisha Brabson. Bearden was runner-up

as it finished in a first-place tie with Farragut with the Admirals winning the tie-breaker. The Bulldogs had four all-district selections in Elijah Bredwood, Darian Bailey, who joined Bearden's team after transferring from Central, Walker Kyle and Hayden Moseley. Hardin Valley Academy, which finished third in

the league standings, had three all-district selections in Jaelyn Pannell, Hudson Stokes and Nick Liakonis. Carter Mayfield (Farragut), Jake Poole (Bearden) and Jack Smith all received honorable mentions. The Bearden Lady Bulldogs won another regular-season district title and their junior center, Avery Treadwell, was named Most

Valuable Player. Bearden coach Justin Underwood was named Coach of the Year. Treadwell earned a spot on the all district team along with teammates Jennifer Sullivan, Emily Gonzalez, Bailey Burgess and Maddie Brillhart. Farragut finished second and was represented on the all-district team by Avery

"Ace" Strickland, Keeleigh Rogers and Ashlyn Sheridan. Hardin Valley had a pair of all-district selection including Kyndra West and Gracie Waite. Hannah Claire Stephens (Bearden), McCall Willis (Farragut) and Avery Laugherty (HVA) were all named honorable mentions.

## Local volleyball players named to TSWA All-State teams

By Ken Lay

Eight area high school volleyball players received All-State honors from the Tennessee Sports Writers Association recently. In Division II-AA, Catholic High School had four players named to the TSWA's All-State team. The Lady Irish, which won the state championship, had Bellamy Parker, Blair Cherry, Grianne McGrath and Devyn Dunn. Parker, a sophomore outside hitter, was a six-rotation standout for Catholic. Cherry, another outside hitter and a junior for the Lady Irish, transferred to Catholic from Cookeville High School and immediately made an impact as the Lady Irish won their second state title in school history. McGrath, a senior

middle blocker, has been a leader for the Lady Irish throughout her high school career. Dunn, a junior setter, was the state tournament's Most Valuable Player. In Division II-A, Concord Christian School reached the state championship match and the Lady Lions had two players recognized by the TSWA. Outside hitter Annabelle Sulish and libero Anna Birling were named to the team. Grace Christian Academy outside hitter Ali Morris was also named to the squad. In Class AAA: Hardin Valley Academy reached the state tournament and the Lady Hawks were represented on the All-State Team by senior libero Kami Livingston.

## Local golfers, runners honored by TSWA

By Ken Lay

A pair of area high school golfers was recently honored for their accomplishments for the 2021 season as they were named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association's all-state teams. West High School senior Carson Kammann was named to the Division I Class AA (Large Schools) team. Christian Academy of Knoxville's Kaleb Wilson, a senior, made the Division II-A Team. Kammann won the District 3-AA Tournament last season as he fired a 67 at Sevierville County Club. He qualified for the Class AA State Tournament by posting a runner-up finish at the regionals, where he carded a 71. He also finished the two-day state tournament second with a two-round score of 136. Wilson led the Warriors to another state

team championship. His individual accomplishments included a regional championship and tied for first at state before losing his bid to defend his title in a playoff. The TSWA also honored four area cross country athletes, including two boys and two girls. In Class AAA: Hardin Valley Academy senior Kaden Keller. Keller won the Region 2-AAA meet and came in second at the Knoxville Interscholastic League Championships. He posted a third-place finish at the State Meet where he crossed the finish line in 15 minutes, 33.34 seconds. Catholic freshman Keegan Smith won the Division II-AA Boys State Championship with a time of 15:29. He finished 24 seconds ahead of the field. Two Webb School of Knoxville eighth graders were named to the Division

II Girls all-state team by the TSWA. Lady Spartans and sisters Jazzlyn and Calysta Garmer made the team. Jazzlyn finished third at the State Championships

and came in fourth at the KIL Meet. Calysta finished fourth in the Division II-AA State Championships and claimed and fifth in the KIL.

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After coaching at Cumberland County High a couple of years, he started the basketball program at the new Stone Memorial High School and advanced to the state tournament two years. After being sidelined for health reasons a couple of years, he was at Lenoir City Hgh for seven years and retired. "When this job came open, I still wanted to coach," he said. "I'm teaching here and I love being at Grace Christian."

**JONES ANNOUNCES FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF AT BEARDEN**  
New Bearden High football head coach Josh Jones announced his coaching staff Friday. It includes: Offensive Coordinator / QBs Clark McMillan, Co-Defensive Coordinator Patrick Abernathy, Co-Defensive Coordinator / Safeties Kevin Lane, Special Teams Coordinator / Corners Zach Scott, Quarterbacks: Darian Stone, Running

Backs / Player Development: Penny Smith, Offensive Line: Jerry Ray, Offense Line: Eric Schwartz, Tight Ends: Ron Rupard, Wide Receivers: Josh Smith, Linebackers: Jay Whinery, Offense Assistant: Dylan Morgan, Defense Assistant: Wayne Glover, Director Football Operations: Josh Lovett.

**PROVIDENCE ACADEMY TO JOIN DIVISION II DISTRICT 1-A**  
The TSSAA Board of Control approved Providence Academy's request for TSSAA membership beginning with the 2022-2023 school year at its Feb. 7 meeting. Providence Academy is in Johnson City and its estimated enrollment next year is 180 students in grades 9-12. The school will be placed in Division II, Class A East, District 1 in basketball, baseball, girls volleyball, tennis, track and field, girls soccer, soccer, cross country and golf. Providence Academy will be joining several Knox County Division II-A schools which are already in District 1-A.

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a weekly column by  
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### Presidential Truths

We made the best of times in the worst of times. Kathryn Limbaugh

There is a famous scene in the movie “A Few Good Men” where actor Jack Nicholson, portraying a marine colonel, shouts, “You can’t handle the truth!” in defense of his murderous actions. Apparently, entrenched bureaucrats in the deep state, elite government agents and the corrupt media consider We The People similarly. Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin once derisively called duped Russians “useful idiots.” Apparently, the ruling class has disdain for their subjects in all countries.

All week I kept waiting for my story/essay to find me. It finally did, but only late in the week. By the time you read this column it will be Monday and Presidents’

Day, but on this Thursday before, I write in tribute to the commander-in-chief of democracy, Rush Limbaugh, who died 2-17-2021.

Rush changed the landscape by opposing progressives/leftists and squishy RINOs (Republicans in name only) like Mitt Romney. Since more than 90% of the media are Democrat/ progressives, Rush provided a conservative counterbalance to the liberal media groupthink. Remember, there can be no debate if there is only one perspective. We are fortunate to have The Knoxville Focus as a counterweight to the local fish wrapper and its corporate masters.

The editor of the Limbaugh Letter recently distilled Rush’s principles for opposing the Democrat progressive left: know your

enemy, don’t be afraid to reject a false premise, stay on the offensive and don’t give up. You can deliver a powerful counterweight to leftists and big government tyranny. For the sake of our children and grandchildren we must oppose what is happening in, for example, Canada, where Justin Trudeau evoked “emergency powers” against peaceful protesters. Some opposed to vaccine mandates are being arrested and their bank accounts are being frozen and taken by the government. Even those who financially supported the Canadian truckers are being doxed and threatened.

When I was younger we celebrated the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington separately. Now, we have Presidents’ Day to honor all those who have served We The People. As a kid I remember some who said that they would like to become president. I never felt that way and don’t understand why someone would want to be president. As an internist I always ask myself why. I see what and I often understand how something happened, but why is a more fundamental question. I wonder why Jill Biden pushed Ol’ Joe to be president?

One might wonder why Trump ran for president. Trump was a successful businessman and had more money than he could spend in a lifetime. He was healthy, loved to play golf and was not a politician. Apparently, he enjoys being on stage, so why not just stay with TV shows like the Apprentice, etc.? He could then remain a New Yorker and still be loved by Democrats who enjoyed schmoozing with Trump. However, in 2015 when he came down the escalator of Trump Tower, the long knives and liars came out to malign and destroy him. So why would “45” run for President? I have thought about this a lot, and the best explanation is Trump’s own. He loves America and wants to see it prosper, as opposed to leftists who want to transform America into history’s latest example of failed socialism.

And it turns out Trump was right about a whole lot of things that Democrats and their media propagandists called lies. According to Special Counsel John Durham, Hillary Clinton and the DNC were spying on the Trump campaign and his presidency. The infamous Steele Dossier which alleged that Trump colluded with the Russians was a lie. Even the dottering Robert

Mueller and his legion of lawyers said so. Democrats and Clinton used the infamous and salacious Steele Dossier to lie to the FISA Court and obtain warrants to spy on Americans, including Trump. Covid did come from the Wuhan lab in CHINA. Illegal immigration IS a disaster due to Biden’s open border resulting in human and drug trafficking. iPOTUS took us from energy independence under Trump to begging Saudi Arabia to pump more oil amid rising gas prices.

Dictators like Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping, the Ayatollahs and Litt’l Kim respect strength. It is apparent they have no respect for Ol’ Joe and as a result Ukraine and Taiwan are at risk and Iran will soon have enough fissionable uranium for an atomic weapon. Who could respect iPOTUS after his bug out in Afghanistan and arming the Taliban?

We are now in the third year of the Covid crisis which continues to be stoked by Democrat fear mongering. We were once asked to shelter in place for two weeks, but this has morphed into a power struggle. Mr. Biden, keeping masks on our children causes harm and they are at a very low risk of serious infection with Covid. Mr. Biden, you preach that

a woman should be in control of her body. Why should you have the authority to demand someone be injected with an experimental vaccine, especially if they have natural immunity? The answer is that Democrats are so blinded by their hatred of President Trump they will oppose anything he is for.

An economist opined recently that only nuclear war is more destructive than inflation to our country and the world. I hope the economist is wrong because inflation is skyrocketing and is going to get much worse due to our poor monetary policy.

A segue is a smooth transition from one topic to another. I marvel that women are seemingly able to change subjects without a segue, while men struggle.

I once read a story where the author asked why is God seemingly so elusive? He painted a visual image of God always disappearing around the corner in the block ahead. Perhaps the reason that Jesus came to live among us is to give God a face instead of always seeing the back of the President of the Universe’s head. (How’s that for a segue?!)

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### The WordPlayers Presents: ‘The Refugee King’

“The Refugee King,” a new play by Ethan Norman, will be performed on March 31, April 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m., and April 3 at 2:30 p.m. at the Old City Performing Arts Center, 111 State St., Knoxville. Tickets are \$18-\$22 on the weekend and March 31 is Pay What You Wish Admission. Tickets are available at [oldcitypac.com](http://oldcitypac.com) and at the door. For more information, please see [wordplayers.org](http://wordplayers.org) or call 865-539-2490.

You know the story. A long time ago, Jesus lived, died, and rose again. We tell it and re-tell it, and for good reason. But to what end? How does it really affect our daily life two thousand years later? “The Refugee King” is a fresh, vibrant play with music wherein a couple finds themselves in a story – unfolding at a kitchen table like yours – where they must choose to be like Jesus or like everyone else.

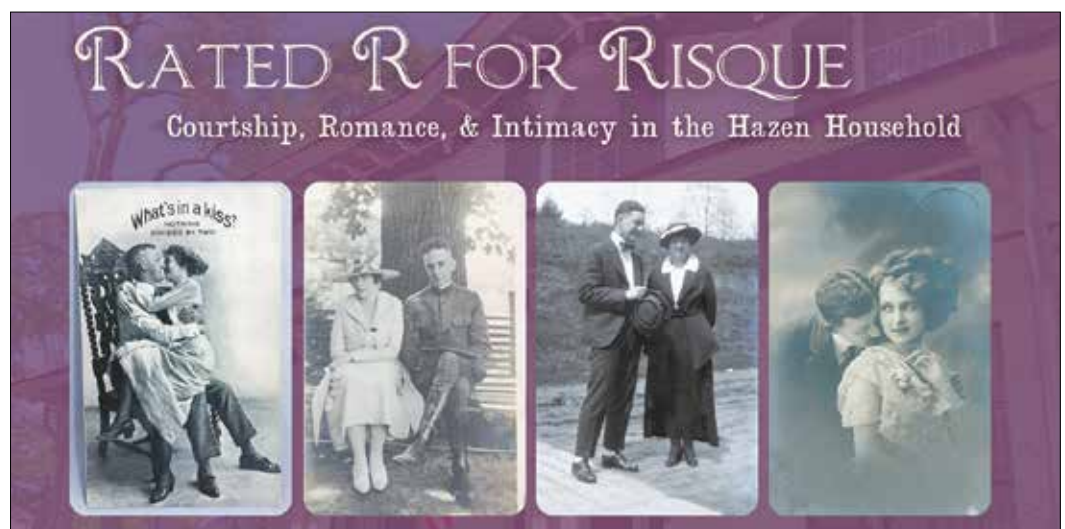
The WordPlayers is a 501(c)3 theatre company. “The Refugee King” is sponsored by Warren and Kathy Payne, Leslie A Hull and Accentuate Communication. Upcoming programming includes “Hello, Dolly!” at the Bijou Theatre. For more information, see [wordplayers.org](http://wordplayers.org).

### Courtship, Romance and Intimacy in the Hazen Household

Join Mabry-Hazen House for a titillating new tour series, *Rated R for Risqué: Courtship, Romance, and Intimacy in the Hazen Household* on Thursday - Saturday, March 10-12, 2022.

Preserving the stories of three generations of women and their experiences in and out of love, Mabry-Hazen House will explore romantic conventions, behaviors, etiquettes, beliefs and taboos at the turn of the 20th century. Learn how each generation thought about romance and how it changed over the generations, so we can share what it tells us about our past and present experiences in finding and maintaining relationships. With much of the original furniture and decor owned by the family on display, visitors will see exactly where romantic interactions and exchanges occurred.

Beyond the original artifacts,



the story of Evelyn Hazen, her ill-fated fifteen-year engagement to Ralph Scharringhaus, and the subsequent breach of promise and seduction lawsuit gives an intimate glimpse into the thoughts and actions of a couple falling in and out of love in the 1920s. With these provocative resources, *Rated R for Risqué* will flirt with a history of romance and love in the

Hazen Household.

Tours on Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11 occur from 5 p.m.–9 p.m. with tours starting at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. Tours on Saturday, March 12 will occur from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. with tours starting at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person and required. Each tour time

is limited to fifteen visitors per tour. Visitors must be 18 or older and/or 16 or older with a guardian older than 21 years. This program will discuss topics such as sexual trauma and harassment and could be triggering for those sensitive to such issues.

To purchase tickets, please visit [www.mabryhazen.com/events/ratedrisque](http://www.mabryhazen.com/events/ratedrisque).

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Under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Trustee and in execution of that certain Deed of Trust made by Jason D. Brown and wife, Tiffany Smith, dated September 18, 2017, recorded at Instrument No. 201710260026261 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, default having been made in the payment of indebtedness of Jason D. Brown and wife, Tiffany Smith, thereby secured, the undersigned Trustee, at the request of the holder of said Note, will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash subject to the conditions herein stated, at public auction, subject to prior liens, judgments, and all unpaid taxes, as same may lawfully affect said property subsequent to foreclosure, at the front door of the City-County Building, 400 Main Street, being the northermost entrance from Main Street, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, on the 17th day of March, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the following described parcel of land and improvements situated thereon:

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214.7 feet to an iron pin in the northwesterly line of Emory Road; thence along said line, South 41 degrees 47 minutes West, 339 feet to the place of Beginning, according to the survey of James Boyd Moore, Surveyor, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated May 12, 1970.

THERE IS EXCEPTED FROM THE CONVEYANCE A SELLOFF TO JOSEPH B. STAPLETON CONTAINING 3.6 ACRES BY DEED RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 201109060012544 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Current Owner: Marian L. Ray a/k/a Marian Myers Ray  
Tax Map ID# 029-04403  
Property Address: 4809 East Emory Road, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Other Interested Parties: Home Federal Bank of Tennessee

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes, any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal, any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of records or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

Terms of Sale will be public auction for cash. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payment at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified bank check made payable to or endorsed to Stephen H. Byrd, Attorney at Law. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time of the foreclosure deed is delivered.

The property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trust. The sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders that purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

This office may be a debt collector. This may be an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE:  
Stephen H. Byrd, Attorney at Law

Publish 02/21/22, 02/28/22, 03/07/22  
Sale Date: 03/10/22

## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: NICHOLAS JAMES BREEDEN  
IN RE: MEGAN ELIZABETH BREEDEN  
VS NICHOLAS JAMES BREEDEN  
NO. 203629-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Nicholas James Breedon a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Nicholas James Breedon, it is ordered that said defendant Nicholas James Breedon file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jeddiah C. McKeehan an, Attorneys whose address is 1111 Northshore Drive Ste P-295, Knoxville, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 18th day of January, 2022.

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

CRYSTAL MOULDEN -Vs- LEMICHAEL DEWAYNE MOULDEN  
Docket # 150059

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CRYSTAL MOULDEN is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon LEMICHAEL DEWAYNE MOULDEN.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by CRYSTAL MOULDEN, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with HOLLY FULLER, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 607 WEST SUMMITT HILL DR SW KNOXVILLE, TN 37902., within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 20TH day of JANUARY, 2022.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Michelle Henry  
Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MICHAEL LEWIS NORTH  
IN RE: VICTORIA RAQUEL NORTH  
VS MICHAEL LEWIS NORTH  
NO. 203851-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Michael Lewis North a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Michael Lewis North, it is ordered that said defendant Michael Lewis North file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with David A. Lufkin an, Attorneys whose address is 5329 Brown Gap Road, Knoxville, TN 37918 within thirty (30) days

of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of January, 2022

Howard G Hogan  
Clerk and Master

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE  
CHANCERY DIVISION

AT CLINTON, TENNESSEE  
Kevin Garner  
Whereabouts Unknown  
Last Known Address: Unknown  
Case No. 22CH3755  
Ashley Gates, Petitioner  
Vs. Kevin Garner, Respondent

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appears from the pleadings filed in this cause that Kevin Garner whereabouts are unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered January 19, 2022, service of process will be made by publication.

HE IS THEREFORE, HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON OR BEFORE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION before the Clerk and Master of Chancery Court, located at 100 N. Main Street, Suite 308, Clinton, Tennessee 37716 and make defense to the complaint filed against HIM in said court by Ashley Gates, Petitioner(s), or otherwise said complaint will be taken for confessed, and a Judgment by Default entered. Respondent is required to file responsive pleadings with the court and Petitioner's Attorney, H. Daniel Forrester, III, 224 N. Main Street, Clinton, Tennessee 37716. It is further ordered that this Notice be published in The Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This January 24, 2022.

Harold P. Cousins Jr.  
Clerk and Master  
By: Blake Williams  
Deputy Clerk

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WISE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF NORTON  
CASE NO.-CA22-1

TIMOTHY THOMAS HALL and  
CHARLOTTE ANNE HALL, PLAINTIFFS  
v.  
JEFFERY D. WILBURN and CYNTHIA D. BRANHAM, DEFENDANTS

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit is an adoption of the child Raven Rose Wilburn. The Defendants are the parents of Raven Rose Wilburn. The Defendants have not seen the child for a period more than six months and it would in the child's best interest for the adoption to be granted and for her name to be changed to Raven Rose Hall. And it appearing by affidavit, filed according to law, that the current whereabouts of Jeffery D. Wilburn and Cynthia D. Branham, is unknown, however their last known address is 2825 Mymatts Road Knoxville, Tennessee.

It is therefore ORDERED that the said Jeffery D. Wilburn and Cynthia D. Branham appear before this court on or before the 14th day of April 2022 at 10:00 A.M. and do what is necessary to protect their interest.

And it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County and the City of Knoxville, Tennessee; that a copy of this order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this court is held; and that a copy of this order be mailed to the defendant at the address shown by the aforesaid affidavit.

Jack Kennedy  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
1/8/2022

I ask for this:  
J. Marty Adkins VSB: 28862  
Counsel for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 626  
Norton, VA 24273  
Phone: 276-679-0696  
Fax: 276-679-4267  
jmalwesq@gmail.com

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOYCE ELEANOR HOUSEHOLDER, STEVEN CHITTUM, RICKY CHITTUM, ANNETTE MILLS, CHRISTOPHER CHITTUM AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MAGDALENE GENTRY

IN RE: DAYID W. MITCHELL VS JOYCE ELEANOR HOUSEHOLDER, STEVEN CHITTUM, RICKY CHITTUM, ANNETTE MILLS, CHRISTOPHER CHITTUM AND ALL UNKNOW HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MAGDALENE GENTRY

NO. 203953-3  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants Joyce Eleanor Householder, Steven Chittum, Ricky Chittum, Annette Mills, Christopher Chittum and all unknown heirs and creditors of the Estate of Mary Magdalene Gentry a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Joyce Eleanor Householder, Steven Chittum, Ricky Chittum, Annette Mills, Christopher Chittum and all unknown heirs and creditors of the Estate of Mary Magdalene Gentry, it is ordered that said defendant Joyce Eleanor Householder, Steven Chittum, Ricky Chittum, Annette Mills, Christopher Chittum and all unknown heirs and creditors of the Estate of Mary Magdalene Gentry file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Gail F. Wortley an, Attorneys whose address is 3715 Powers Street, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 31st day of January, 2022

Howard Hogan  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOSHUA WAYNE CLEVELAND  
IN RE: KRISTA DANIELLE CLEVELAND

VS JOSHUA WAYNE CLEVELAND  
NO. 204027-2  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Joshua Wayne Cleveland a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Joshua Wayne Cleveland, it is ordered that said defendant Joshua Wayne Cleveland file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Gail F. Wortley an, Attorneys whose address is 3715 Powers Street, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pidmore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 8th day of February, 2022

Howard G Hogan  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: EDWARD H. FLYNN AND WOOD SONG HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
IN RE: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC  
VS EDWARD H. FLYNN AND WOOD SONG HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
NO. 203165-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants Edward H. Flynn and Wood Song Homeowners Association, Inc. a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Edward H. Flynn and Wood Song Homeowners Association, Inc., it is ordered that said defendants Edward H. Flynn and Wood Song Homeowners Association, Inc. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with H. Keith Morrison an, Attorneys whose address is One East Center Street, Suite 310 Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 7th day of February 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

KIMBERLY DAWN SEXTON and  
MATTHEW STEPHEN HICKLE v.  
DOMINIQUE THERESA DONALD  
IN RE: The Adoption of MDD by  
KIMBERLY DAWN SEXTON  
Docket# 2-199-20

IN THE SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE of hearing on April 19, 2022, at 10:00 AM

In this cause, it appearing that the respondent DOMINIQUE THERESA DONALD is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that notice of hearing of the Motion for Default Judgment and to Set Hearing cannot be served upon respondent DOMINIQUE THERESA DONALD.

The full text of the Motion for Default Judgment and to Set Hearing is available through the Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with NATALIE P. LeVASSEUR, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is 5420 SMOXY TRAIL, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37909, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

Call the Judicial Assistant at (865) 215-2393 for information and instructions.

This the 2nd day of February, 2022.

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: EDWARD SIMS  
IN RE: EUGENIA SIMS VS EDWARD SIMS  
NO. 204000-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Edward Sims a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Edward Sims, it is ordered that said defendant Edward Sims file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Gail F. Wortley an, Attorneys whose address is 3715 Powers Street, Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pidmore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 7th day of February 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
Case No. 3954  
CHRISTA MARIE ALFORD, Plaintiff,  
and  
WALTER HENRY WRIGHT, Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, Walter Henry Wright, is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.



# FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

## The miraculous survival of Robert McGee

**By Jadon Gibson**

Robert McGee was a son of immigrants who migrated west, joining a wagon train destined for Leavenworth, Kansas in 1864. Both of his parents died along the way making Robert an orphan but others in the group looked over the young lad who was about fifteen years of age. After reaching Leavenworth McGee was left to fend for himself. Men were needed to protect travelers and goods along the Santa Fe Trail. Robert applied for a position but was turned down because of his lack of maturity. Some youngsters joined the army but McGee was turned down there as well.

Robert knew he needed a job and his persistence was rewarded when he landed a job as a teamster with a freight company taking supplies to Fort Union in New Mexico. The wagon train was in charge of wagon-master J.L. Riggs which left Fort Leavenworth in July 1864, bound for Fort Union. The wagon train had a US army escort because the Indians were extremely hostile at the time. There were several minor skirmishes along the way but in each instance the army escort was able to ward them off without loss of life or property.

As they arrived at Cow Creek near Great Bend near dusk on July 18 the members of the wagon train had a false sense of security. Fort Larned was drawing near and the army escort was in the lead.

Too much so, however! The unexpected happened! Chief Little Turtle and his band of about 150 Brule Sioux Indians caught members of the wagon train totally off-guard and attacked. Those who were not annihilated were tortured. There were only two survivors. Robert McGee was one of them. Although he was tortured Robert would later say he never lost consciousness.

"I knew I was going to die but I was also aware that if there was a chance at all to survive it would be in playing dead," he said. "I was wounded and dragged before the chief (Little Turtle). The arrows actually pinned me to the ground. Each time I knew my life would go blank and I'd be dead... but somehow that never happened. I never lost consciousness.

"Then came the worst. The chief scalped me. I will say nothing more of that. I vaguely recall the other Sioux Indians beat me and poked me full of more holes with their knives and spears before riding away. I was supposed to be dead but I was alive."

The Indians destroyed everything in the wagons, tearing the linen goods to shreds and flour was strewn throughout the area. They burned everything they couldn't take and drove off with more than 100 mules that were captured.

The commanding officer at Fort Larned learned that day that the Brule Sioux were on the war path. The army scout went out with a handful of soldiers and struck the trail of Chief Little Turtle's group late in the afternoon. They followed it to the scene of the massacre on Cow Creek, arriving too late, two hours after the savages had fled. Dead men were lying about in the short buffalo grass, stained and matted by their flowing blood.

They were shocked at the widespread carnage and surprised upon finding the two boys who had miraculously survived. They were badly maimed ...barely alive.

Robert McGee was one of them. Surprisingly he was still alive even though he had been scalped, shot, stabbed and beaten like all the others. They took him to Fort Larned hoping he would live long enough to be treated by the post surgeon.

"McGee, a boy of about sixteen years, had been pierced by ten arrows, shot, scalped and tomahawked in a most brutal manner," Hulbert H. Clark M.D., acting post surgeon, stated in submitting his report as Proc-tor of the Committee on Military Affairs. His report #1228 was published by the U. S. Senate. "It was several days before McGee could whisper and be understood. He was handled by raising him in the sheet due to his many wounds, 14 in number, about the chest, arms and abdomen which prevented us from grasping him in the normal manner.

"The skill of physicians and careful nursing led him to partially regain his health though he suffers greatly from contusions of the skull and almost the complete removal of the scalp. He was very weak when he left the hospital and fully 2/3's of his skull had not healed, covered by a delicate coat of granulation which bled upon the slightest friction. A wound to the left elbow and groin was still open."

This may be difficult for some to read. It is difficult for me to write about but don't fret because Robert McGee survived and lived a nearly normal life. There is a great picture of him which was taken in 1890, 26 years after his terrible injuries. He appears robust, intelligent and kempt. He probably lived several more years after that.

Glory to God! Kudos to those doctors and nurses who assisted him while at the edge of Heaven's door.

*Jadon Gibson is a freelance writer from Harrogate, TN. Jadon's stories are both historic and nostalgic in nature. If you like his stories tell others as they will like them too. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.*



Robert McGee, scalped by Sioux Chief Little Turtle in 1864.

## LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVELYN LUCILLE FLANIGAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 85622-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EVELYN LUCILLE FLANIGAN who died Nov 8, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF EVELYN LUCILLE FLANIGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GEORGE H FLANIGAN, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR  
709 DEADERICK ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DULLA IRENE LAY HAMILTON  
DOCKET NUMBER 85724-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DULLA IRENE LAY HAMILTON who died Nov 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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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF DULLA IRENE LAY HAMILTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRENDA H HARPER; CO-EXECUTOR  
6618 GRACE NICELY LANE  
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

DANA D HAMILTON; CO-EXECUTOR  
4519 MALONEVILLE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONALD H HOUSER  
DOCKET NUMBER 85386-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD H HOUSER who died Apr 21, 2021, were issued the undersigned by, the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF RONALD H HOUSER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHNNY H HOUSER; EXECUTOR  
1323 KIMBERLIN HEIGHTS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

M SUE WHITE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE D  
SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN DOLAN HOWELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 85703-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN DOLAN HOWELL who died Jan 7, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF HELEN DOLAN HOWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM K WEST, III; EXECUTOR  
825 ROBIN HOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

DAVID LUHN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
310 N FOREST PARK BLD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONALD HOIT HUGHES  
DOCKET NUMBER 85726-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RONALD HOIT HUGHES who died Nov 29, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF RONALD HOIT HUGHES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANDREW HUGHES; ADMINISTRATOR  
507 RANGLES ROAD  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN M JONES  
DOCKET NUMBER 85727-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN M JONES who died Nov 11, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF HELEN M JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WALTER LYNN HARRIS; EXECUTOR  
7725 E OGG ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARILYN K KENNEDY  
DOCKET NUMBER 85653-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARILYN K KENNEDY who died Nov 22, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARILYN K KENNEDY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KAY BRADFORD; EXECUTRIX  
333 CRESTVIEW ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH EDWARD KIDWELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 85711-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RALPH EDWARD KIDWELL who died Jan 28, 2022, 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 name Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF RALPH EDWARD KIDWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KAREN SUE KIDWELL; EXECUTRIX  
7004 ROLLS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

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

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF G MARJORY KIRTLAND  
AKA GRETA MARJORY KIRTLAND  
DOCKET NUMBER 85702-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of G MARJORY KIRTLAND AKA GRETA MARJORY KIRTLAND who died Dec 16, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF G MARJORY KIRTLAND  
AKA GRETA MARJORY KIRTLAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BARBARA KIRTLAND FOLSOM; EXECUTRIX  
708 BATTLE FRONT TRAIL  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

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

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIA MAE LANG  
DOCKET NUMBER 85707-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIA MAE LANG who died Dec 10, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF WILLIA MAE LANG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVEN KIRKLAND; ADMINISTRATOR  
2325 TORREY PINES DRIVE  
MARYVILLE, TN. 37801

MARK TILLERY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 12257 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN ZACHARY LARESE  
DOCKET NUMBER 85697-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN ZACHARY LARESE who died Nov 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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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF JOHN ZACHARY LARESE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARYANN LARESE; ADMINISTRATRIX  
600 TROWBRIDGE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM LAWHON, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 85444-3

Notice is hereby, given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN WILLIAM LAWHON, JR. who died Aug 7, 12021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM LAWHON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUSAN MURPHY; EXECUTRIX  
5113 MAGIC LANTERN DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

MARGARET HELD ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1522 HIGHAND AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37916



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knoxfocus.com](mailto:legals@knoxfocus.com)  
or calling  
(865) 686-9970.**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM SCOTT HOOD; EXECUTOR  
3410 WINDMEAD LANE



STATE OF THOMAS LEWIS TURNER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELIA B TURNER; ADMINISTRATRIX  
5913 HOLSTON HILLS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE WILSON DOCKET NUMBER 85593-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT EUGENE WILSON who died Nov 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KELLI NICELY; ADMINISTRATRIX  
4950 BEVERLY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF IRIS W WILSON DOCKET NUMBER 85751-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IRIS W WILSON who died Aug 19, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF IRIS W WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELMER KINCAID, JR.; EXECUTOR  
P.O. BOX 9  
THORNHILL, TN. 37881

SCOTT A HODGE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
610 E 1ST NORTH STREET  
MORRISTOWN, TN. 37814

## LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

Bid 3203, Passenger Vans, due 3/23/22,  
Bid 3204, Fourteen (14) Passenger Vans, due 3/24/22,  
Bid 3209, Body Worn Cameras, due 3/16/22  
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)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

1. ROLL CALL:  
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:  
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
4. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:  
5. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:

5a. Shell Food Mart 1, 238 Andrew Johnson Hwy., District 8, Mr. Pravin Patel, owner.  
1st offense - September 28, 2021, 2nd offense - October 26, 2021, 3rd offense January 24, 2022.  
Beer Permit issued on December 15, 2015.

5b. Marathon - AJ Hwy, 1203 Andrew Johnson Hwy., District 8, Ms. Reena Cheema, owner.  
1st offense - January 24, 2022.  
Beer Permit issued November 1, 2017.

5c. Weigel's, 7505 Clinton Hwy., District 6, William B. Weigel and William K. Weigel, owners.  
1st offense- January 24, 2022  
Beer Permit issued May 15, 2018.

5d. Mid Way IGA, 7345 Tazewell Pike, District 8, Mr. Dale Longmire, owner.  
1st offense- January 24, 2022.  
Beer Permit issued January 27, 1997.

6. APPLICATIONS:

6a. Lot 19 Beer Market LLC .....  
Choto Beer Market & Bistro  
1615 Choto Rd.  
Knoxville, TN 37922 On and Off Premises (District 5)

6b. Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC.....  
Texas Roadhouse  
7559 Conner Rd.  
Powell, TN 37849 On Premises (District 7)

6c. Camps Chicken LLC.....  
Camps Chicken & Grill  
7201 Chapman Hwy.  
Knoxville, TN 37920 On and Off Premises (District 9)

7. Spread of Record Casey's letter changing the store numbers on the following Beer Permits as follows:

Casey's #4204 at 2801 E. Governor John Sevier Hwy  
Casey's #4209 at 6804 Clinton Hwy  
Goodstop #4214 at 8541 Middlebrook Pike

8. ADJOURNMENT:

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System Council for Employees of KCSO- Employee Grievance Hearing

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 and Wednesday, March 2, 2022 9:00 a.m.  
Main Assembly Room, City/County Building, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, TN

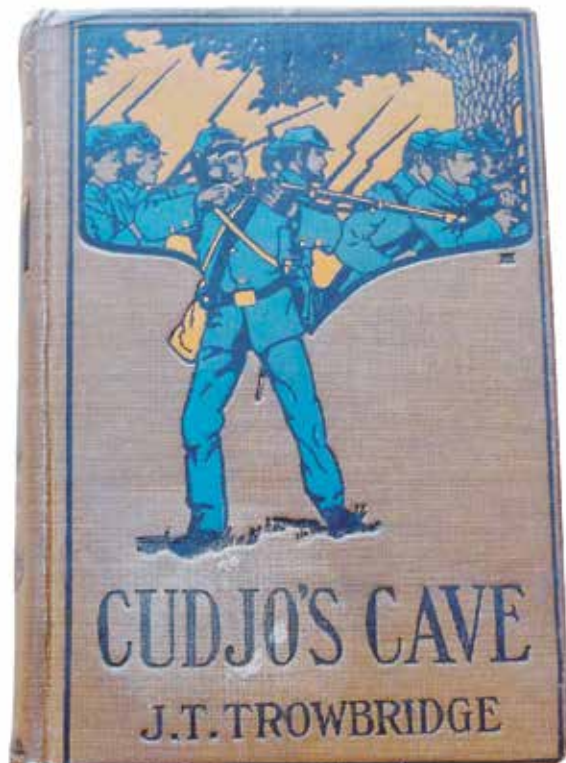
# The Real Cudjo's Cave

By Christy Martin

"Cudjo's Cave" is a book, a significant part of the Underground Railroad and a piece of history locally. In celebration of Black History Month, it is important to take a look at all three and how they intersect with some little known or talked about history of East Tennessee.

"Cudjo's Cave," the book, is an important story. It was published in 1863 by John Thomas Trowbridge who was prolific writer of the time period and "Cudjo's Cave" was a popular book. There are several stories within the story. The main character is a Quaker teacher who is an abolitionist in Tennessee and is tortured by Confederate radicals who are rampaging around the community looking for anyone loyal to the cause of the Union. The Quaker man's saviors are the proprietors of a cave that offers shelter, food, and medical help to several in the story. These saviors are black men. One a former slave, scared from horrific whippings, another well-educated and formerly the friend of his white master, was forced to escape when his promised freedom was denied. The book is written in the dialect and colloquialisms of the day; and the story, while fiction is based on some truths.

After the publication of the book, several caves that had been used in the Underground Railroad in Tennessee were referred to as Cudjo's Cave. One in particular is located at the Cumberland Gap and is part of the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. Seasonally it is open for



"Cudjo's Cave" by J.T. Trowbridge is available on [Gutenberg.org](http://Gutenberg.org) and other outlets, including Amazon, as a free download.

tours. It is not however the original Cudjo's Cave. The original Cudjo's Cave upon which Trowbridge based his book is part of our East Tennessee history.

There is no real Cudjo's Cave but the one that gave the author the idea for the book and the place and people upon whom several characters in the book are created is located in Friendsville, Tennessee. The Quakers had settled in Friendsville, Tennessee in 1790. They were opposed to slavery and raised money in their meetings to help escaped slaves and those sympathetic to the cause. Quaker Friend William J. Hackney used the cave near his home to aid in the Underground Railroad system. It was well hidden and was, at the time across

from the Friends church.

Hackney is said to have assisted more than 2,000 people on their trek north and was offered a reward for his work by Union General Ambrose Burnside. He turned the reward down but in the process his efforts were noted by author John Townsend Trowbridge who based "Cudjo's Cave" on Hackney's work. Currently the Friendsville cave is on private property and the exact whereabouts of the cave are not made public. There were caves in both the Friendsville and Unitia communities that were reported to be used to assist in the Underground Railroad. One of the caves is said to now be covered by Louisville Lake. (Knox Focus columnist Mike Steely has reported on both the city of Friendsville and the link between the book and the cave in previous editions.)

While we can't visit the

local cave there is a good substitute for that. For those who would like to read the book, it is available on [Gutenberg.org](http://Gutenberg.org) and other outlets, including Amazon, as a free download. If you enjoy reading the history of this area, the book tells a story in the words of the time, of a nation and community divided, and the goodness of many of the people of East Tennessee.

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