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KCSO Merit Council to have special meeting April 4

By Ken Lay

In a meeting that lasted just under 20 minutes, the Knox County Sheriff's Office Merit System Council convened at the Andrew Johnson Building early last week.

The council, which reorganized on Monday, March 21, will have a called meeting April 4 at 9 a.m. as Jim Jennings, the new chairman replacing Gina Oster, made a motion to suspend all hearings pending a case

in Knox County Chancery Court.

Jennings' motion could not be discussed last week because the case was not on the agenda.

In the case, Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler is seeking to have the merit counsel abolished because it isn't like similar bodies in the state.

The merit counsel was seeking dismissal of the case but Chancellor Christopher D. Hagearty denied the motion in a ruling issued

on March 17.

Last week, Jennings made the motion to suspend all hearings and decisions until that case is resolved.

Knox County Deputy Law Director Myers Morton, who was present at last week's meeting, said that members of the KCSO Merit Council should expect to give depositions as the case against the body moves forward.

"You can expect to be giving depositions in this case," Morton told the

council members.

Morton and others noted that Spangler is seeking dissolution of the merit council because the Knox County Commission did not fully adopt the standards of other merit councils in Tennessee.

Jennings said, "It adopted bits and pieces of it."

During the reorganization portion of last week's meeting, Jim Wright Jr. was appointed to the newly established position of co-chairman.

Pay raise for deputies before commission

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Today's Knox County Commission agenda includes a possible pay increase for deputies, a reduction in fines for ambulances arriving late to hospitals, and a final closing date for the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building.

An annual pay raise of 2.5% for sheriff's deputies is before the commission this evening and the proposal saw lots of comments during last week's work session.

Commissioner Kyle Ward questioned the proposed raise asking what would happen if Knox County has a bad year financially. Law Director David Buuck responded that the pay raise could be "canceled down the road." Commissioner Larsen Jay said the pay raise could amount to an additional \$1.2 million needed in the general fund next year.

Commissioner Terry Hill questioned the pay raise lasting "for all eternity."

Sheriff Tom Spangler said that while upper-ranking officers need a pay boost also he's pushing for the 2.5% to go to employees who are captains or below. He said a pay raise is needed to help recruit and keep employees and noted that the City of Knoxville pays its officers more than the county.

"We're still lagging behind," Sheriff Spangler told the commissioners.

Commissioner Courtney Durrett asked about an ongoing salary survey for the employees and Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell responded that the results are "not in yet" but may be received in the next two weeks as a final draft is being prepared.

"We may be getting the cart before the horse," Commissioner John Schoonmaker commented.

Sheriff Spangler said the county would need to raise the pay for officers by 7 to 8% to be competitive with the city.

There were questions about the proposed pay increase for deputies and if that included the annual pay raise to all Knox County employees and if it included bonuses.

Commissioner Randy Smith said any bonus given to officers aside from a 2.5% pay increase is like "Halloween candy that's gone the next week."

The sheriff was asked by Commissioner Larsen Jay to return to the commission with data on salaries, the number of officers, and provide a "baseline" for consideration.

Ward said the pay raise request may need to be postponed until the salary survey and study is available. The pay increase will require two readings and could be pending until that report is returned.

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More police cadet new hires to be funded by city council

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The Knoxville Police Department currently has openings for ten police cadets and that will increase by 12 with the hope of eventually adding new police officers. The city council Tuesday voted to amend the operating and capital budget and, within that ordinance, is adding \$420,000 for the cadet budget.

Police cadets are paid and work with the police department in training, assisting in events, and many cadets go on to the police academy to become officers.

But including the cadet funding within the amended city budget drew some opposition from Councilwoman Amelia Parker. She said the local Boy Scouts Explorer program offers the same type of training without

any city funding. The cadet program began in 1992 and several former cadets have gone on to serve as police officers or retired from the department.

Adding additional cadets would bolster the ranks of the department and help move closer to the full strength of 416 officers.

Explorer scouts occasionally help the city police and fire departments with events but are not authorized officers. Some

Explorers go on to the cadet program or police academy. Parker lamented adding funds to the program to create new cadet positions and was the only council member to vote against the budget amendment. The vote was 7-1-0 with Councilwoman Lauren Rider absent from the meeting due to illness.

The council also voted to hire Matrix Consulting Group for \$124,900 to study and

recommend improvements to the city's development services and to authorize a \$150,000 contract with Cornerstone Government Affairs Inc. to manage governmental relations for the city.

A contract amendment with Vaughn & Milton Consulting Engineers for the Urban Wilderness Gateway Project was passed that now brings the total cost to \$1,057,650 and a contract

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I Admire Dr. Black

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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I have great respect for my fellow Focus columnist, Dr. Harold Black, and admire him for many reasons.

First and foremost, I admire the courage he had to be one of the first African-Americans to attend the University of Georgia, and he recently had a dorm named after him for doing so.

When I was 18, I was very bashful and was intimidated by UT. It seemed so big,

although it was only about half the size it is now, and I was even a little scared because, in those days, many people flunked out.

But it did not take any courage for me to go there, and I really wanted to do so. I think it took courage for Dr. Black to do what he did, and I believe he must have had very good parents to be able to succeed with all the obstacles he had to overcome.

Secondly, it takes courage to be a conservative on most college and university faculties today because they are so overwhelmingly liberal.

When I was at UT, I became the token conservative on the UT Daily Beacon and wrote a weekly column for that paper. But once again, it took no courage for me to do that, and in fact, I enjoyed it.

Thirdly, it takes courage for Dr. Black to be a conservative in the African-American community today.

Unfortunately, most Black voters and most Black elected officials are overwhelmingly liberal Democrats. And look at the way the Black community has treated Justice Clarence Thomas.

To me, though, conservatism means freedom. I believe conservatism has been inaccurately portrayed in the Black community, and I believe that people who have a history of slavery should not now want to become slaves to big government.

I write all this because I had very great respect for Dr. Black long before I read his recent column about term limits.

When I saw the headline, I just assumed he would be for them since, as

he pointed out, almost all polls on term limits show about 80% support for them. But my great respect for him grew even a little more when I read his very thoughtful column.

Obviously, since I served for 30 years in the U.S. House, I do not favor term limits except for the term limits we already have called elections. And there is more turnover in elective office today than probably anytime in history except for the very earliest days of the country's existence. It really surprises people when I tell them that during my 30 years in the House, I served with almost 1500 other members.

House members do not get much publicity unless they become Speaker of the House, get in a major scandal, or work harder to get on tv than they do in working

for their constituents. Thus, probably only political junkies could name more than 50 of those almost 1500 with whom I served. But, if term limits were imposed, people would never have heard of most of the greatest legislators of all time.

Most term limits proposals are for six or eight years, or 12 years at the longest. None of the legislators who have House or Senate office buildings or rooms at the Capitol named after them would have been heard of if their terms in office had been limited. Even Winston Churchill did not become well-known until many years after he first went into Parliament.

In every other profession, term limits would be seen as ridiculous. You wouldn't tell a great surgeon that after six or eight years he had to go do something

else. I was able to do a lot more for my district and solve more problems for my constituents in my later years in congress than in my earlier ones.

Our federal government is already far too bureaucratic and out of control. Term limits would make unelected bureaucrats even more powerful. The only way term limits could possibly work is if they were imposed on everyone in government, judges, the military, and especially bureaucrats. People would think this was ridiculous, and I do, too. Experience is almost always a good thing.

Everyone should think long and hard before they place term limits on elected officials, who are really the only ones in government over who they have effective control.

More police cadets

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agreement with Adams Construction for the Northwest Greenway Connector Project was boosted to now total \$1.2 million.

Sixteen new benches were added to the Sharps Ridge Veterans Park by the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation and Mayor Indya Kincannon thanked the group for the donation

valued at \$40,000. Councilman Charles Thomas applauded the bench donations and noted the park on the ridge overlooking the city is "much changed over the years."

Also approved was a donation of \$32,995 from the Knox County Health Department for outside exercise equipment at Caswell Park. The Fountain City Recreation Commission

was authorized the use and maintenance of Fountain City Ballpark.

Radar and other safety equipment and supplies may be purchased by the city if an application with the state is accepted. The council voted to apply for \$200,000 in a request from the police department.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful was allocated \$40,000 for litter and graffiti abatement, recycling education, volunteer coordination and adopt-a-road programs.

Two Bikes received \$10,000 from the Community Empowerment budget to support its bike school, and provide jobs and job training for underserved youth. Councilman Thomas described Two Bikes as "a really good organization that helps so many people."

Mayor Kincannon reminded everyone of the upcoming Neighborhood Conference set for April 2 and the upcoming completion of the five-year River Walk project.

American Poverty

How poor are the American poor? The 2020 Census says that 34 million Americans live in poverty. The official poverty line for a family of four is \$27,750 or \$6,937 per person. Add \$4,720 for each additional person and subtract \$4,720 for each fewer person. However, last year we spent \$714 billion on anti-poverty programs. That's \$21,000 per poor person or \$84,000 a year for a family of four. We could have just mailed every poor person a check for \$10,000 and saved \$374 billion. That \$374 billion explains why we have no plans to eliminate poverty in the United States. The poor are a commodity and support the poverty industry. Mailing the poor a check would unemploy the thousands of administrators who depend on the poor for their livelihood.



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air conditioned, two thirds have cable or satellite TV, three-fourths own a car, 98 percent own a color TV with two-thirds owning two or more color TVs. Sixty percent own computers. The typical poor American has more living space than the average European. Poor boys at 18 are an inch taller and 10 pounds heavier than the GLs who stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.

This is not to say that we should not address the issues faced by the poor. The problem is that we have programs that do not encourage incentives that lead to a reduction in poverty. We have programs that do just the opposite. Those programs, when first implemented, saw the black nuclear family little different that whites. Now disincentives translate to 70 percent of black babies being born to single mothers. I would subsidize the poor nuclear family, especially those whose kids are not in trouble, who go to school and work hard. Surely we are smart enough to structure anti-poverty programs that encourage people not to be poor.


The poor are ill-served by the politicians that represent them. I have yet to hear positive solutions coming from Maxine Waters, Cori Bush or Ayanna Pressley. Indeed, suggestions made by socialist politicians like Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez would make the poor even poorer and more dependent on the government. Yet the so-called poverty experts who get most of the press time tend to be socialists rather than capitalists. This is likely due to the politics of the media. No positive

solutions ever come from these people on the left.

Those with positive solutions typically come from thinkers and practitioners who are pro-market and are capitalists. They receive less press than those on the left. Perhaps the most famous thinker is Thomas Sowell and perhaps the most prominent practitioner is Bob Woodson. But there are many others that are pro-market and pro-free enterprise. Typically, the media ignores them and runs to Ta-Nehisi Coates, Ibram X. Kendi or even Al Sharpton rather than Shelby Steele, Glenn Loury or John Sibley Butler.

The media trumpets the agenda of the left and choose those who are like-minded to speak for poor minorities. We are therefore left with apologists who blame every ill on racism. One of the best examples of media bias is the 1619 project of the New York Times. Despite its well-documented poor scholarship, flaws and mischaracterizations, it has received favorable coverage and considerably more media attention than the Woodson Center's 1776 Unites (1776Unites.com) which is positive and touts individual responsibility.

Blacks have a higher percentage of their population in poverty than do whites but white poverty is typically ignored by the media. The result is the impression that most blacks are poor when this is not the case. The black poverty rate is around 18 percent while that of whites is 8 percent. Yet I would wager if you took a poll, most would put the black rate much higher and the white rate lower. The media has painted a caricature of blacks that is far from reality. A caricature that is a lie and does a disservice to the blacks in this country.

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Publisher's Positions



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Candidate Residency Requirements will Change with New Legislation

The hot mess that is the race for the 5th Congressional District is only getting messier. As this is written, the Tennessee State Senate and the House of Representatives are poised to reconcile the minor differences in the Wright – Niceley Bill requiring GOP candidates for federal office in the Volunteer State to meet a three-year residency requirement. No less than four candidates have had their Republican credentials challenged; Morgan Ortagus, David Vitalli, Baxter Lee and Robby Starbuck all face challenges to get on the ballot as Republicans.

David Vitalli recently gave an interview that did little to dispel his status as a carpetbagger. Vitalli readily admitted he was not a “longtime resident of Tennessee” but “got here as soon as I

could.” Vitalli dismissed his having described himself as a “JFK Democrat” while in New York as merely an effort to sell some property in the Empire State. Vitalli had stated at some point that he might run for president in 2024.

Ortagus reportedly couldn’t name any interstate running through the 5th Congressional District.

The premise of the House of Representatives, with its membership facing the electorate every two years, is to remain close to the people each congressman represents. The House of Representatives was designed by the framers of the Constitution to be of the people each member represented in Washington. Our own congressman, Tim Burchett, is illustrative of precisely that. Burchett knows every community in Knox County and the differences in those individual communities. The only person in Tennessee’s Second Congressional District whose knowledge of the various towns, cities, counties and hamlets to rival that of Tim Burchett is Jimmy Duncan, Burchett’s predecessor in Congress.

The Wright – Niceley Bill will likely become law within the next two weeks and that’s as it should be because to be well represented in Congress, someone needs to be from the district he or she represents in Washington. The biggest reason the carpetbaggers don’t understand the differences in communities and

attitudes of the people is because they haven’t lived here long enough to learn. That is precisely why those same carpetbaggers have to run nationalized, generic campaigns.

Both Tim Burchett and Jimmy Duncan learned politics from the ground up; both licked stamps and envelopes, knocked on doors, drove other candidates, put signs in yards, raised money for the GOP and generally did any task they were given before ever running for office themselves.

The last thing the people of Knox County or Tennessee need are a flock of seagull candidates to swoop in, land, and run for political office.

Liberal Double Standards Reek of Hypocrisy

The treatment received by Ketanji Brown Jackson by the news media is the polar opposite of that given to Amy Coney Barrett by the mainstream media. Jonathan Turley has an excellent piece appearing in USA Today illustrating what he notes as “the dramatically different” attitude of “the treatment of the Supreme Court nominee and the issues considered relevant to her confirmation.”

Turley points out as soon as then-President Trump nominated Barrett, the mainstream media engaged in “unrelenting attacks on her and her background.” Jonathan Turley points out,

“Nothing was viewed as out of bounds, from her religion to her personal life to fabricated theories of prior assurances on pending cases.” Turley observes Jackson will receive the kind of “confirmation hearing that was denied to Barrett: respectful and civil.” Still, Jonathan Turley says pointedly, “the Jackson nomination should not be treated as inviolate.” No one could be surprised as soon as Ketanji Brown Jackson was nominated for the Supreme Court, leftists in and outside the media served notice that no criticism of the nominee would be allowed or tolerated; questioning Jackson’s record as a jurist would be considered racist.

Jonathan Turley points to the statement made by Congressman Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, that Jackson’s nomination to the Supreme Court is “beyond politics.” Indeed, Clyburn said Jackson’s nomination is less about her personally than it is “about the country, our pursuit of a more perfect union.” Turley readily admits he finds “the expected limitations” posed by the Left in the conversation about Jackson’s nomination both “glaring and troubling.”

Turley reminded readers how savagely Barrett was attacked by the Left and the mainstream media for her religion, calling those assaults “disgraceful”, which they most certainly were.

Jonathan Turley points out Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois opposed the

confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court “because her interpretive approach would work ‘against change and evolution in America that is inevitable and in fact necessary.’” Turley adds by that same standard “every Republican senator could presumably vote against Jackson if they viewed her as supporting liberal interpretative models like the ‘living Constitution.’” As Turley stated in his column, Joe Biden had pledged not to nominate anyone to the Supreme Court who does not hold a liberal view of the Constitution on “unenumerated rights.”

Jonathan Turley’s column clearly illustrates the utter hypocrisy of the Left in this country, who apply different and oftentimes disgraceful standards to those whom they dislike. Ketanji Brown Jackson is no better or worse than Amy Coney Barrett and deserves no special treatment. Jackson does, however, deserve the respect denied Barrett. As Jonathan Turley clearly enunciated in his column, there are certainly justifiable philosophical reasons for senators to oppose Jackson’s confirmation to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Turley’s column is also a reminder of the fact gone are the screech and squawking harridans from the committee rooms of the Kavanaugh hearings. Civility exists when the nominee is a Democrat.

Remember Ukraine When You Pray

The hearts of millions of Americans ache for the people of Ukraine. There has been nothing like the war waged by Vladimir Putin against Ukraine in my lifetime. In fact, the world has seen nothing like it since 1939 when Adolf Hitler invaded Poland and ignited the Second World War. The image of the mother and her two children and their two dogs lying dead amongst the rubble won’t be soon forgotten by those of us who saw it.

The courage of the Ukrainian armed forces is a reminder of the resiliency of those standing up to daunting odds and the terrorism inflicted by a bloody bully armed with nuclear weapons. Thinking Americans are disgusted by a president whose approach to foreign policy has been little more than a disaster in the wake of the shameful retreat from Afghanistan that left one of our own dead. Joe Biden’s foreign policy has been, at best, as frail and faltering as he is; at worst it is weak and disjointed before the host of our enemies.

Russia and China prowl like hungry sharks on the hunt for prey and the people of Ukraine have fought valiantly. It is a stark reminder to thinking Americans why our country should remain strong as well as why we need our military.

All of us should lift up our hearts and offer up our prayers to God on behalf of the people of Ukraine.

Pay raise for deputies before commission

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Knox Housing Report

The increase in new residents in Knox County is outpacing the number of new homes and apartments.

Hancan Sale of the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors reported the cost of homes and rent has increased 20 percent and that is outpacing the nation and cities like Chattanooga and Memphis.

He presented a multi-page report and said that many homes up for sale are unaffordable for many people on medium income and that 17,000 more home units are needed. He said the incoming population boom and the number of “boomers” retiring also affect

the housing market.

Commissioner Smith commented that the county has lost major employers “because we didn’t have the housing.”

Jay said that the permit policies need to “be expedited” and the count is missing middle diversity and single-family homes.

In a related matter, the commissioners approved a \$20.7 million award from the U.S. Treasury Department for Emergency Rental Assistance.

Andrew Johnson Sale Delayed

The closing selling date for BNA Associates to buy the historic Andrew Johnson Building was delayed in a First Reading by the

commissioners. The motion, by Smith and Jay, would give three Knox County offices time to find office space.

Fines Reduced for AMR Response Time

Area hospitals have been understaffed through the pandemic and AMR ambulances are often backed up outside hospital emergency rooms.

Kevin Parton of the Knox County Health Department told the commissioners that hospitals have been “very strained” and the problem has been “beyond our control.” He said the backup has been so bad that patients have been permitted to choose to go to another hospital if space there is available.

LETTER TO THE PUBLISHER

Historical voter turnout for Farragut elections is usually low. It appears that people don’t really know when Farragut elections are held. I find it interesting that there has been no reference to this in the local Farragut paper recently except for a paid advertisement. The election is held Thursday August 4, 2022. There are 3 positions up for election this year. The south ward Alderman seat, the north ward Alderman seat, and Mayor. More information can be found by contacting the Knox county election commission. Historically many of these elections run unopposed. The last four Farragut Aldermen races had no opponents.

Farragut residents who are registered voters interested in running for office can pick up a candidate petition to run at the Lovell Heights office of the Knox County Election Commission. It is in the old Frank Strang Senior center building at 109 Lovell Heights Road. April 7 is the deadline to return the petition with the signatures of at least 25 registered Farragut voters. The phone number for the Election Commission is 865-215-2480. As of Monday March 21st only one candidate has returned a candidate petition to the Election Commission. That candidate is Ron Williams who is seeking re-election as Mayor.

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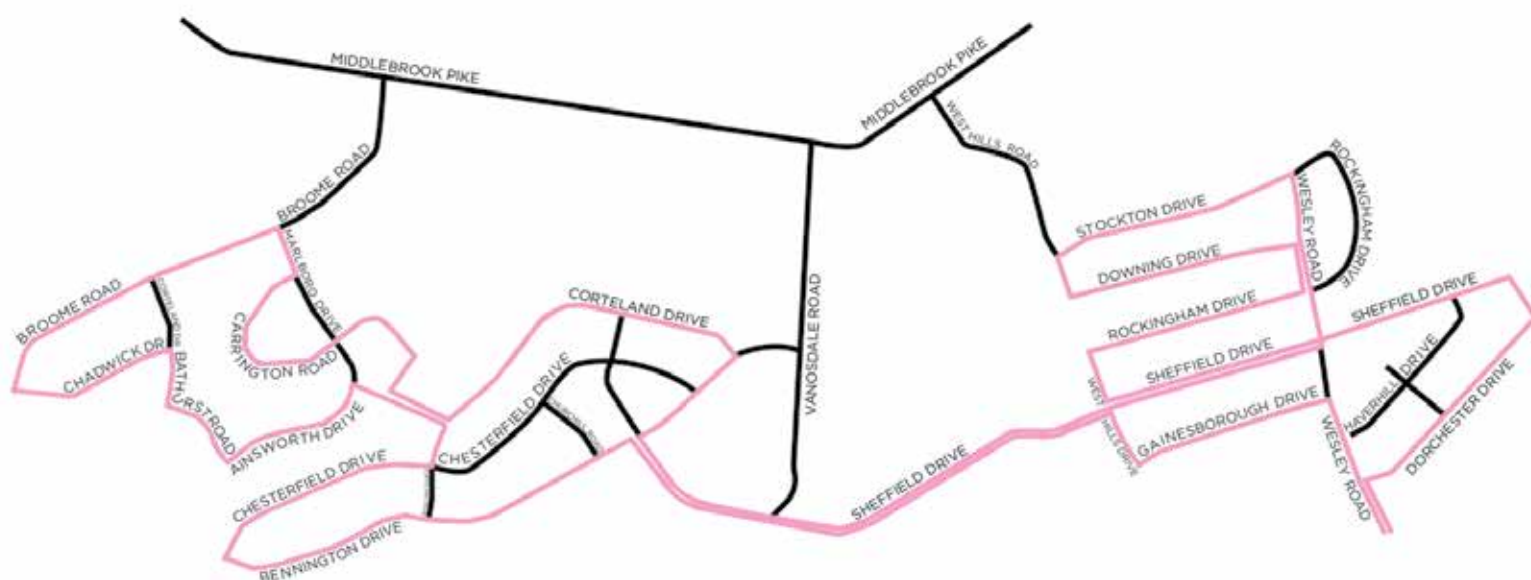
2022 DOGWOOD ARTS

WEST HILLS JOINS THE DOGWOOD TRADITION

Dogwood Arts is excited to announce the addition of the first New Dogwood Trail to be added to the Historic Dogwood Trails & Gardens program in more than 20 years. The beauty of the West Hills neighborhood will be on full display during Knoxville's favorite spring-time celebration - with over 8 miles of blooming landscapes for the public to enjoy adding to more than 85 miles along the 12 other Dogwood Trails - all open April 1-30, 2022.

While the West Hills Dogwood Trail was officially established in 2022, creating a Dogwood Trail requires years of preparation by homeowners and community organizers. Dogwood Arts recognizes the early efforts of the West Hills Garden Club and Beautification Committee, along with the foresight of original homeowners who planted dogwoods, maintained gorgeous yards, and nurtured blooming gardens throughout the 60+

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years of West Hills' history. The West Hills Community Association has worked tirelessly to be recognized as an official Dogwood Trail since 2016 - following rigorous guidelines regarding community involvement and exceeding the expectations of the Dogwood Trails & Gardens Committee to make this dream a reality.

Originally developed in

the 1950s, West Hills was the city's first major post-World War II subdivision and the first to consist primarily of modern ranch-style houses. In the late 1940's, the demand for new houses spiked, and vacant lots in Knoxville's older, pre-war neighborhoods quickly filled up. To meet the rising housing demand, developer Morgan Schubert purchased the Walker, Kirby, Hickey, and Van

Osdale farms, and established the West Hills subdivision (the name "West Hills" was likely coined by Schubert). Knoxville's 1954 Parade of Homes featured new houses on Stockton Drive in West Hills, attracting many of the neighborhood's earliest residents.

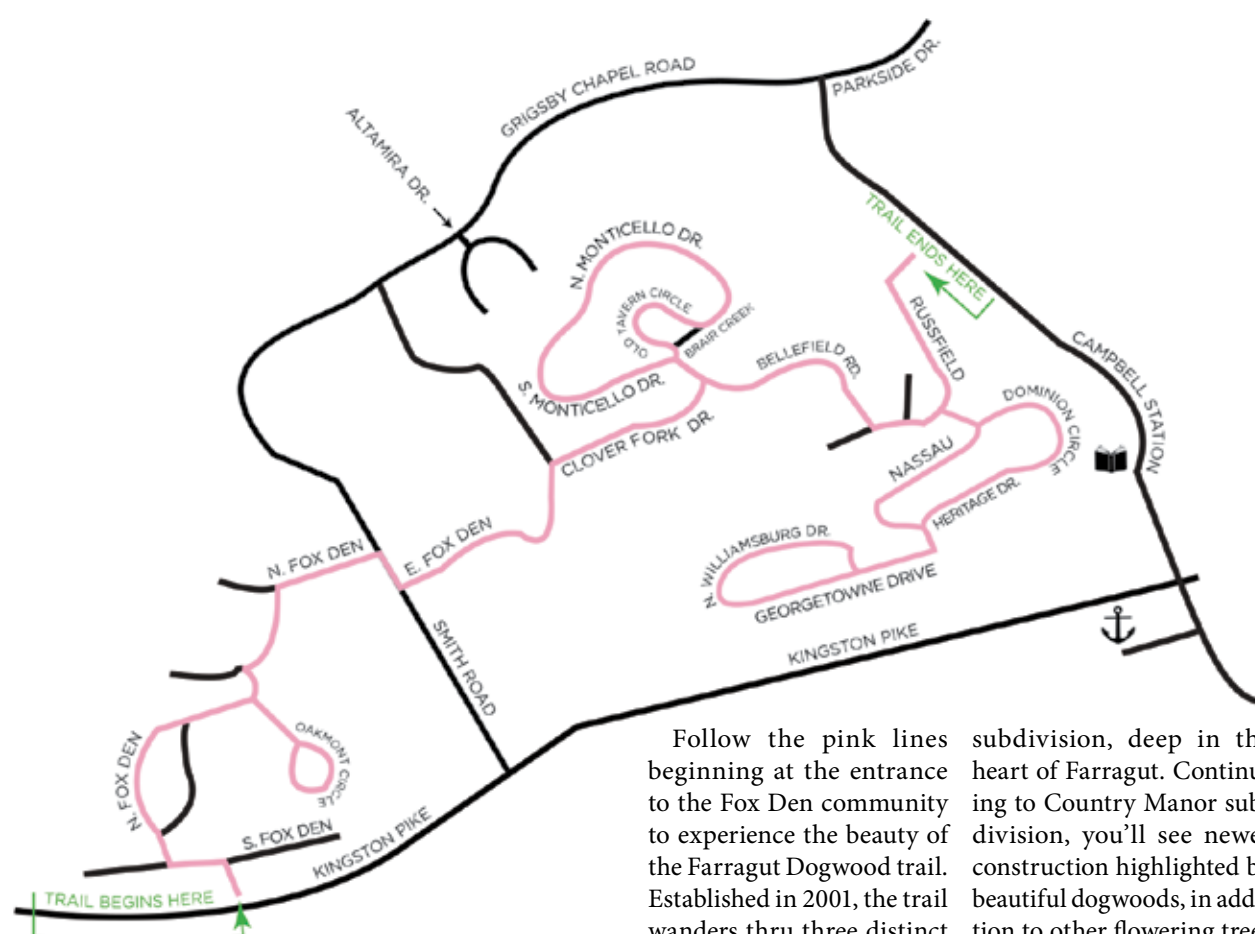
While West Knoxville experienced a boom in commercial development in the 1960s and 1970s,

West Hills managed to retain its residential character. This was due in large part to its neighborhood advocacy group which later became known as the West Hills Community Association (WHCA). In 1972, this group worked with Knoxville's Metropolitan Planning Commission to create the West Hills Plan, which provided a development

model subsequently adopted for all Knoxville neighborhoods. The West Hills Dogwood Trail was established in 2022 and recognizes the efforts of so many of our neighbors along with the foresight of original homeowners, garden club members, and those throughout the 60+ years of West Hills' history.

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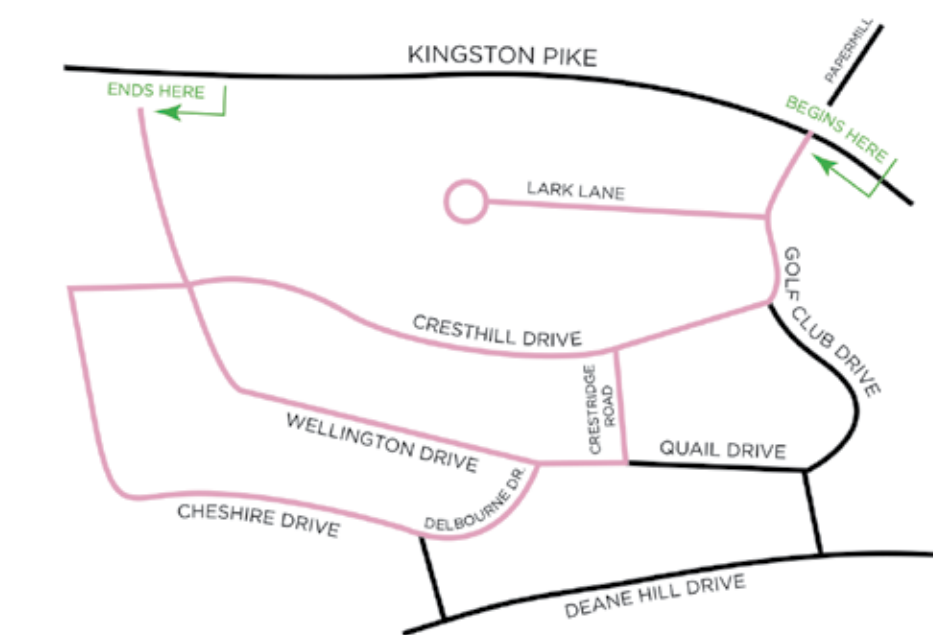
The path begins near Willow Creek Golf Course and the entrance to Fox Den

subdivision, deep in the heart of Farragut. Continuing to Country Manor subdivision, you'll see newer construction highlighted by beautiful dogwoods, in addition to other flowering trees that provide shade and character to the scenery. In the Village Green subdivision, the trail is transformed into an historic experience. Modeled after Colonial Williamsburg, the neighborhood features carefully maintained landscapes surrounding homes with classic American features.

Keep reading The Knoxville Focus and be sure to visit www.dogwoodarts.com for more information on this year's trails and events.

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Seven Hundred Fifty

I'm not as optimistic about the future as I was in the past.
Yogi Berra

I am not a numerologist. However, there's something about numbers as multiples of ten. Example's are a 50th birthday or a 25th anniversary. Of course there are exceptions to this general rule because on my 29th birthday I was whining about getting older and that my next birthday would be the big 30. I remember telling Becky I read that Abby Hoffman said you should not trust anyone over 30. The ever practical Becky then pointed out that I was already in my 30th year. Well, that was comforting. Have you ever wondered why we think in groups of 10? We use the base 10 undoubtedly because we have 10 fingers rather than eight. Perhaps if we had three fingers and an opposable thumb we

might use and count in a base 8 system. Science fiction writers sometimes speculate on other sentient beings in the universe who most likely would be different from us. Perhaps these aliens might have four digits on each hand and count differently. But let's not digress. Fourteen years and 750 essays ago, I began writing for The Knoxville Focus. In the base 10, fourteen does not seem like a milestone, but 750 certainly does. What began as a challenge from a friend to begin spiritual journaling ultimately led to perhaps my secondary career of writing. And about fifteen years ago a liberal friend challenged me to submit an essay to a writing contest in the Knoxville News Sentinel. I won the opportunity to do op-eds in the newspaper during the next year. Needless to say, the liberal editor at the Sentinel was

glad when the year came to a close. But I soon found a home at The Knoxville Focus where my conservative opinions were more appreciated than they were at the Sentinel. Some weeks I struggle for things to write about, but unfortunately, of late, there is a wealth of topics. I am not going to discuss the SCOTUS hearings and the candidate who cannot define a woman, denies knowledge of CRT after lecturing on the topic, cannot offer an opinion on when life begins and gives drastically reduced jail time for child pornographers. Some say diversity demands an appointment of a Black woman to the court. If these are the criteria, isn't that the definition of sexism and racism? I'm afraid that inflation, supply chain issues, the war in Ukraine and rising prices for gas and food will obscure the disturbing Great Reset which is being implemented under the radar. Someone must've told Joe Biden about the global elites and progressives machinations because he recently mentioned the coming "new world order." AOC said that most Americans couldn't define capitalism or socialism. Well, folks, you better be aware of the Great Reset because it is more dangerous to freedom than Putin's war machine.

And I'm not talking about Hillary Clinton's infamous Russian reset button. The Great Reset was coined by Richard Florida in his 2010 book. The thought is that after the Long Depression of the 1870s, the Great Depression of the 1930s and the 2008 economic crash, opportunities for "paradigm-shifting systemic innovation" surfaced. You may not have heard of Klaus Schwab, but you need to know about this dangerous globalist. He is the "founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum." Klaus and his elitist buds fly on their corporate jets to Davos, Switzerland every year to hobnob and determine the new world order. Schwab said the Covid pandemic is an opportunity to institute a great reset of the world order. Remember what Democrat Rahm Emanuel once said: "Never waste a crisis." Schwab promotes his notion of "stakeholder capitalism" as opposed to traditional shareholder capitalism. Stakeholders are members of society, whereas shareholders are people who actually own businesses or have stock in companies. He believes business enterprises must serve society, not just stockholders. In this scheme, societal solidarity is favored over competition and social welfare

is favored over economic growth. In stakeholder capitalism the free enterprise system is to be replaced by corporations in league with government to intervene in the economy and society. This has been labeled as "corporate socialism" and "communist capitalism." The latter is now operative in China. A command and control economy and society, such as exists in communist China, will lead to a loss of individual freedom. In China social credit scores are tallied for good behavior and allegiance to the state. Failure to comply will find you marginalized, fired from your job and shunned. We have seen what the cancel-culture and political correctness can do in our country. And the suppression of free speech by the media and Tech Lords of Twitter, Google and FaceBook are ideological and real. Lastly, we have seen what the lockdowns did to our economy, our children and the very fabric of our culture. Yelp estimates that 60% of small businesses will never reopen. Mom-and-pop businesses have been replaced by the big box stores. We are seeing a dangerous merger of crony capitalists, Tech Lords and government agencies to suppress freedom. Just recently the SEC is moving to control/influence, not

only large publicly traded entities, but also non-publicly traded businesses. The SEC is not empowered to influence small businesses, but through mandates on large publicly traded companies they can force compliance on small companies who do business with those larger entities. An example is forcing compliance with global warming mandates or suppression of non-Orthodox speech or opinion. An example of the latter is the suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop story, which arguably changed the result of the 2020 election. However, my favorite poetess Emily Dickinson once said, "Hope is the thing with feathers - That perches in the soul." It is my hope that the "sleeping giant has been awakened" to the machinations of Big Tech and the corruption of the media and virtually all governmental agencies. Those with open eyes can see that no aspect of the Biden administration and the Democrat's agenda is working. It is my hope that a different kind of great reset is coming which will throw the Dems out of office and thwart the "new world order." God help us if I'm wrong!

'Mayor' Timmerman to be honored



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Jon Timmerman, known as "The Mayor of South High," will be honored by friends and former associates this afternoon. Timmerman spent almost 20 years as an EMT and firefighter. He is exceptionally well known in South

Knoxville and was given the title of Mayor because of his contributions to the community. He is the winner of this quarter's "This Is Your Life" selection at South High Senior Living. Fellow residents, family and friends will be honoring Timmerman today at 2:30 p.m. The facility is located at 953 East Moody in South Knoxville within the former South High School building.

Advisory health group 'cautiously optimistic' about COVID numbers

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The Advisory Board of Health met Tuesday in the small assembly room of the City-County Building to report on the COVID-19 pandemic and deemed the current situation as "cautiously optimistic." The board, reduced to an advisory capacity only last year by the Knox County Commission and by the emergency order lifted by the Tennessee Governor, meets quarterly to review the number of cases, vaccinations, and the capacity of area hospitals. With Dr. Marcy J. Sousa chairing the meeting, two new members were introduced. Dr. John Duncan, a pharmacist, joins the board and Dr. Warren Sayre is serving as interim health director. Dr. Martha Buchanan attended the

meeting for the final time as she leaves as health director. Dwight Van de Vate, Knox County's Chief Operating Officer, sat in for Mayor Glenn Jacobs and said the national search for a new Health Officer for the Knox County Health Department is progressing with a recruiting firm. He said the Advisory Board would be informed of potential candidates. Asked if the search was not only for a Health officer but also for a Health Director, Van de Vate said that the second position may be selected from the current employees using the department's HR department. He said the county leadership is "comfortable with the administration side." **Continue on page 2**

Fountain City Exxon sent to beer board hearing for violations

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The late Alvin Frye would not be pleased. For more than 25 years Frye owned and operated Fountain City Exxon and provided full service, repairs and courteous service. His retirement was celebrated at the station and he passed away in 2017. His Exxon station was famous nationwide for its "No Lottery, No Beer, No Hot

Dogs" signs and policies. The neighborhood service station changed hands in 2017 and during a recent Knoxville City Beer Board meeting two sales of beer to minors in a 24-month period came up but no one from the station appeared at the hearing. Police investigation supervisor Sgt. John Coward told the hearing that the station has paid a penalty and, after some difficulty, sent in a plan to correct the problem. The

station management was notified by mail and with hand-delivered notice of the hearing date and time yet no one appeared. Several council members spoke on the situation with Charles Thomas moving to postpone the issue for a month but the motion failed 5-3. Lauren Rider was out sick and could not provide input on the service station within her district. Sgt. Coward and City Attorney Rob Frost both reported they

received no phone calls from the station or explanation as to why they did not appear. Coward hinted that it could be a "language problem" or that the management did not thoroughly read their notification. Seema Singh said that people not showing up following notifications is serious. Amelia Parker said the matter should be referred to the Beer Hearing Officer. **Continue on page 4**



The late Fountain City icon Alvin Frye proudly posted "No Lottery, No Beer, No Hot Dogs" signs during the many years he operated the neighborhood service station. File photo by Mike Steely.

KAT seeks public response to two concepts for a new transit future

What should the future of public transit look like in Knoxville and what are our biggest community priorities for transit? KAT wants the citizens of Knoxville to help decide by responding to two concepts of what a new bus network could look like. Both concepts show how the KAT bus network could be run differently within its existing budget. These two concepts are not proposals, but rather a means to determine community priorities.

The two concepts and the public response to them is part of the first phase of the KAT Reimagined planning process. This is a year-long planning study led by KAT in partnership with Knoxville Regional TPO and many community partners to analyze the current KAT bus network and recommend changes to the system.

From now until April 22, KAT invites the public to learn more about these two concepts by reading more at the project website: www.katreimagined.com,

participating in public meetings, and taking the public survey (available at the project website). KAT will be engaging the public in multiple ways in April to get responses from riders and the general public.

KAT will host in person public meetings on April 7 and April 9 in addition to a virtual public meeting on April 12 to explain these concepts and answer questions. Details for participating in these public meetings is available at our project website, www.katreimagined.com.

KAT's consultant team and staff will also be meeting bus riders and the public at various events to ask about these concepts with a paper version of this survey. For up-to-date information on when and where staff will be, visit www.katreimagined.com.

Feedback from the public survey and meetings will guide decisions by the Knoxville Transportation Authority Board to decide how KAT should balance important but competing priorities.

A Snow Surprise



Picture of the March 2022 snow in East Tennessee, by Ralphine Major.

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As if the month of March does not have enough distractions with the unpredictable basketball tournaments, this year Mother Nature decided to add to the drama.

After spring-like temperatures teased us for a few days, a huge snow surprise came! Some of the forecasts indicated our region could possibly see one to two inches of the white flakes. But the snowfall turned out to be around six inches! In the middle of the windy month, a substantial snow blanketed yellow Easter flowers and shoots of green grass just beginning

to break through the soil. Focus readers may recall another time in the middle of March when we saw lots of snow. The blizzard of 1993 paralyzed our area for days. Schools and businesses were closed, and many were unable to leave their homes for several days. Fortunately, this year's snow did not linger and disappeared almost as quickly as it came. The snow was here just long enough to bring a bit of beauty--stillness--and winter to a hectic March!

Words of faith: "The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion." Psalm 134:3 (KJV).

A Different Kind of Gambling

I don't gamble. The reason has been told before, but in case anyone might have forgotten why, here is the brief story. As a 16-year-old, I worked at the city maintenance department with other teens. We cut weeds, hauled



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that statement and discovered that it isn't exactly true. A few years ago, I did fall into gambling once again. This time, however, I bet my money on something on which I hoped to make a profit through business. My downfall was commodities.

I don't even remember where I'd ever heard about commodities, but I imagine it was someplace on this God-forsaken computer and the Internet. I fell hard for the idea of investing in and trading commodities. Some "snake-oil salesman" advertised his wares and

how they helped individuals conquer markets. Bitten by the bug, I bought several of his books and other materials.

For weeks, I practiced his methods. I'd choose a commodity and chart its progress on a daily basis. Even though I didn't have a cent invested yet, I checked the market several times a day to see how the chosen item was doing. When it was climbing, I was elated; when it took a downturn, I was depressed. Mind you, I didn't even have a dime invested at this time, but the rollercoaster of emotions still flipped and flopped my stomach.

I'd inherited some money when my mother passed. I decided to take a portion of

it to purchase commodities and track my way to financial well-being for my family. The first problem came just trying to choose a commodity. I wanted oil or pork belly or precious metals. Yes, I wanted to trade on the big items, but the problem was that I didn't have enough money to invest in them. Minimums were well beyond my meager funds. In the end, what I found that I could afford was Canola oil. Yep, I owned stock in the stuff that folks used in cooking. The entry was cheap, and the rewards were small.

Each day, I checked the exchange to see how my investment was faring. Just like the rule that says what goes up must come down,

my Canola oil rode the rollercoaster. The key to this material that I bought and read told me that at some point the drop ends and the recovery will be about half of what it was before. My heart rose and sank as I drew those lines that on occasion reached toward the sky but usually took a turn to hell.

Before long, the price for this "precious oil" took a dive, and I was on the wrong side of the trend. I was almost out of money and decided to pull out the small amount of money that was left. It was all a gamble, and just like when I was sixteen, I'd learned the hard way that gambling comes in many forms and that the reason it is so successful

in casinos is that plenty of losers are just waiting to donate their money to the temples of chance.

After that, I stopped risking what little money I had on my own. Amy and I invested money in mutual funds that were managed by Ralph Alexander until he retired and then with Pam Schwartz. Yes, we've hit some rough patches where some of our earnings disappeared in the blink of an eye, but for the most part, our investments have been solid enough that we can have money to supplement our pensions.

Folks, don't gamble. Few players win big; the rest of us feed the gambling beast and fortunes of those who own the casinos.

Advisory health group 'cautiously optimistic'

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Corinne Tandy with the health department gave the current COVID-19 statistics and said the county had more than 100,000 cases during the pandemic and has had 1,333 deaths. She cited three surges of the illness over the past two years. She said the

number of local deaths upped as the state reports its results.

Tandy reported that 63% of the county population has had at least one vaccination and that 59% have had two shots. She also said the number of cases is "now way down" from December through March.

Dr. James Shamiyeh, Chief Operating Officer of the UT Health System, said that hospital staff is suffering a "level of fatigue" and the easing of cases gives them a chance to recover.

"We need to learn from history," Shamiyeh told the meeting and said that

some people will not get vaccinated.

The health department reported it will now try to focus on high-risk groups.

The advisory group also discussed the difference between a booster and an "additional dose" and it was mentioned that the two terms not only confuse the public but doctors as well.

Shamiyeh reported that only 19 Covid cases are currently being treated at the UT Medical Hospital, down from 180 in February. He went on to recommend keeping track of projections, encouraging booster

doses and said a new additional booster shot is on the horizon.

"The next two months look very positive," Shamiyeh said and reminded the group that a surge of the virus also affects other patients.

The Advisory Board of Health meets again on June 15th in the main assembly room of the City-County Building.

Dr. Buchanan, in her parting words to the committee, noted her service as head of the Health Department occurred during "politically and public health challenging times."

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Pages from the Past



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Tennessee is the only state in the country where the Supreme Court selects the attorney general. In many states, the state attorney general is elected by the voters; some are appointed by the governor and some are elected by legislatures. Tennessee's state attorney general is elected by the justices of the state Supreme Court for an eight-year term. The current incumbent, Herbert H. Slatery, III, is the only Republican ever to serve as Tennessee's state attorney general. General Slatery was sworn in on October 1, 2014, and may accept another term this year.

I will be quite surprised if more than a couple of my readers, save for General Slatery, perhaps, will recall Roy H. Beeler. Roy Beeler is Tennessee's longest serving state attorney general. Beeler had been an assistant state attorney general before being elevated to the attorney generalship where he remained for twenty-two years. Beeler had been named an assistant in the Attorney General's office in 1927; Beeler became Tennessee's Attorney General in 1932. Quiet and self-effacing, Roy Beeler was recognized as a legal scholar and throughout much of his career was sought out as a speaker. Beeler was also frequently consulted about constitutional questions, not only on the state level but also nationally. Roy Hood Beeler even looked the part of an attorney; tall and angular, the General carried himself well and had a full head of gray hair.

A native of Grainger County, Roy Beeler ran for superintendent of schools in 1907. Although a Democrat in a GOP county, Beeler lost the election by a single vote. Roy Beeler later recalled, "That was what prompted me to go to law school and probably was the best thing that ever happened to me."

Born in Powder Springs, less than 30 miles from Knoxville, Roy Beeler went to Carson – Newman College and was captain of the Maryville College football team, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. Beeler attended the University of Chicago where he earned his law degree. Roy Beeler then settled in Knoxville where he practiced law from 1911 until 1927 when he was approached to serve as an assistant to then-state Attorney General L. D. Smith. The sixty-six-year-old Smith died at his home on November 7, 1932, from a "general breakdown."

Smith's actual name was Leonidas d'Entrecasteaux; according to Smith's obituaries at the time, the future attorney general's father had been reading about

a French pirate of that name and appropriated it for his son. Friends called General Smith "Casto", a contraction of the elaborate d'Entrecasteaux.

Leslie T. Hart was the veteran political reporter for the Nashville Banner who recalled Beeler as "a very forceful individual in a rather quiet and ever dignified manner." According to Hart, General Beeler was consulted by the Capitol Hill press corps almost daily. An avid reader, General Beeler devoured newspapers and Leslie Hart asserted he "was perhaps one of the best-informed men on Capitol Hill." Nor did Attorney General Roy Beeler confine his reading to dusty legal briefs and documents; the General read just about everything he could get his hands on, including light fiction. Hart noted one big reason Beeler was such an authority on Tennessee law was because the General "made" so much of it during the past thirty years. Hundreds of members of the Tennessee General Assembly had asked Beeler to write and prepare their bills for introduction over a period of decades. The same held true for governors of Tennessee since the late Austin Peay in 1927. Aides to the governor would come to Beeler's office with an outline of the chief executive's legislative goals, all of which had to be turned into bills for consideration by the General Assembly. General Beeler and his staff would prepare the bills and send them along to the legislature. "He had a natural ability to understand and put into legal phraseology the thoughts and ideas of those who called upon him to write their bills," Hart wrote.

During his time as an assistant state attorney general, Roy Beeler spent his first four years as counsel to the Railroad and Public Utilities Commission whose members were elected by the people of Tennessee. Beeler had also been Solicitor General for the State of Tennessee until his appointment by the Supreme Court to succeed the late L. D. Smith as attorney general in November of 1932. Beeler was elected to his first eight-year term in 1934 and was continually reelected, serving until his death while in office.

Roy Beeler's connection to Knoxville was cemented by his marriage to the former Miss Beulah Hines, a Knoxville native. The couple had a daughter, Mrs. Arthur B. Stephens, who lived in Nashville. General Beeler oftentimes returned to Knoxville, usually for state business, but sometimes merely to visit with friends and relatives who lived in the



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Tennessee Attorney General Roy H. Beeler.

area. While practicing law in Knoxville, Roy Beeler partnered with two former schoolmates, A. E. Mitchell, who later served as a judge of the Chancery Court and Karl Steinmetz.

Nor did Roy Beeler shy away from controversy. Beeler's opinion about holding a limited constitution convention could not be held under the authority of Tennessee's own Constitution was not universally popular. Once the Tennessee General Assembly had authorized a state constitutional convention, the matter was heard by the state Supreme Court, which reversed General Beeler's opinion. Another opinion issued by General Beeler which was controversial at the time was his saying the State of Tennessee had no right to acquire the Memorial Apartments Hotel in Nashville over a fifteen-year period. Beeler said in his opinion Governor Gordon Browning could not commit the State of Tennessee to any expenditure or appropriation beyond that of the biennial appropriations made by the General Assembly. A Chancery Court upheld Beeler's opinion shortly before the General's death. The Memorial Apartments Hotel deal made by Gordon Browning had become a hot issue in the 1952 Democratic primary between the governor and challenger Frank Clement. The young Clement intimately there had been some chicanery involved in the purchase, a charge which naturally stung Governor Browning sorely. It was one of the reasons Frank Clement upset Browning in the primary election. Browning had run again in 1954 mainly to seek vindication from the people of Tennessee but lost badly.

"A visit with 'The General' in his office in the State Supreme Court Building was an experience in itself,"

Les Hart remembered. "A first visitor never forgets it." The General was certainly not one of those who highly prized a neat office or tidy desk. Roy Beeler's own desk was piled high with sundry legal papers and briefs, correspondence and evidently only the General himself could sort through the mess and produce whatever document was needed at the moment. Even his personal secretary, Miss Mildred Rice, was awed by the formidable array of papers and books spread across the General's desk which was oftentimes two feet high. The General's office also featured floor-to-ceiling bookcases, which were filled to bursting. Admirers marveled that only General Roy Beeler understood his singular way of "filing" his papers and books. Friends recalled that Beeler could always find any document or piece of random paper no matter how long it had remained on his desk. Reporters referred to Beeler's messy desk as "Beeler's new filing system."

Personally, Roy Beeler was prized for being able to tell great stories. "He could entertain for hours by reminiscing of interesting and frequently humorous experiences in the courtrooms of" Tennessee. Beeler especially liked to tell stories of his time practicing law in East Tennessee. Having been around for so long, Roy Beeler had an extraordinarily large acquaintanceship and knew virtually every lawyer in the Volunteer State. Aside from reading, Roy Beeler's chief hobby was hunting and he was vigorous enough to still "cover many miles in a morning's hunt" according to friends. General Beeler was also "rated as a keen judge of bird dogs."

General Roy Beeler had been feted at a banquet held at the exclusive

Coleman Club in June of 1954 and was presented with a "silver testimonial tray" which had been engraved with the names of the twenty-one assistants who had served under him during his twenty-two years as Attorney General of the State of Tennessee.

On September 4, 1954, Beeler stumbled and fell while disembarking from an elevator in the State Supreme Court Building, suffering a broken hip. Confined to Baptist Hospital in Nashville for two weeks and although he was allowed no visitors, the seventy-two-year-old attorney general was thought to be on the road to recovery when he died on September 24, 1954. In fact, General Beeler had been up in his hospital room the day before his death. It was after he had returned to bed when "he collapsed and died."

According to the General's doctor, Beeler had died of "pulmonary embolism or blood clot."

Following Roy Beeler's death, Governor Frank Clement made a moving statement about his late friend. "Attorney General Roy Beeler was truly a great man," the governor said.

"No person outside of his own family can possibly feel his loss any more keenly than I felt it. He was more than an attorney general of the State to me," Clement said. "He was a close advisor on matters of state; his friendship was deep and abiding; his help far exceeded merely that of legal counselor." Governor Clement remembered General Beeler as hard-working, devoted to his office and the welfare of the people of Tennessee. The governor said Beeler's service "should inspire all public servants to an even higher standard of conduct." "In his passing the people of Tennessee have lost a wonderful man and

a great public servant; I have lost a close personal friend," Clement said sadly.

Leslie T. Hart paid his own tribute to his late friend. "Roy Beeler gave his life to his State he loved so dearly, and in his passing you can only say, it's a shame there aren't more Roy Beelers in governmental affairs."

The president of the Attorneys General Association, Eugene Cook of Georgia, interrupted a vacation in Florida to attend Roy Beeler's funeral. "Mr. Roy Beeler has long been considered the No. 1 attorney general in the United States," Cook told reporters. "His stature and standing with his associates in our group may be noted from the fact that for ten consecutive years he appeared on every panel as a speaker. In all of those appearances, he never failed to express his love for East Tennessee." "I know of no lawyer who was held in higher esteem or was more highly respected than Mr. Beeler by members of the Bar," General Cook added. Roy Beeler had served as the president of the National Association of State Attorneys General from 1951 to 1952.

Roy Beeler had been reelected by the state Supreme Court for yet another term in 1950, which would not expire until 1958. Beeler clearly had the confidence of the majority of the Tennessee State Supreme Court. Chief Justice A. B. Neil said Beeler's passing was "sudden and shocking."

"The State of Tennessee never had a more honorable or more useful public servant," Chief Justice Neil said in a statement following Roy Beeler's passing, "especially in the office of attorney general which he filled with such signal ability. The court will be deeply distressed to learn of his sudden death."

Edward J. Kuhn of Memphis, president of the Tennessee Bar Association, said, "General Beeler was the favorite of the lawyers of Tennessee. He was revered as a gentleman, and highly respected for his knowledge of the law."

No person serving the public could ask for more from friends in being remembered. And while the skeptics amongst us may shrug off the kind words spoken by those who knew someone who has departed this life, we should all be mindful, sometimes those words are actually true.

Roy Beeler was brought back to Knoxville and sleeps in Greenwood Cemetery to this day.

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State, federal races drawing more candidates

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February 7 was the official date for candidates running for state and federal offices to begin to pick up petitions to run and April 7 is the filing deadline. The primary election for those federal and state offices is set for August 4 and the general election is November 8.

The growing list of candidates has a surprising number of incumbent Republicans being challenged in that primary. There's also new candidates in the primary. Party candidates without an opponent move on to the General Election as do Independent candidates. The winners of party primaries move on to the general election as well.

The newly created House District 90 so far only has one candidate: Democrat Gloria Johnson, who was mandated out of her former district through Republican legislation. She's moving a few blocks into the new district and has picked up a ballot listing her current address. As long as she occupies the new address on election day, she qualifies to run.

Not all candidates may appear on the primary ballot depending on who withdraws on or before April 14th.

The Democrats only have two people going head to head in the race to run against incumbent Congressman Tim Burchett. Mark Harmon may face Marcus A. Lowery in the primary.

Republican incumbents facing opposition from within their own party in the primary include state Senator Richard Briggs who may face Kent A. Morrell. Incumbent state Representative Eddie Mannis is opposed by fellow party member Elaine Davis.

State Representative Dave Wright also has a fellow Republican, Mary Ann Rochat, in the primary. Three Republicans have petitions for State Executive District 6. They are Kyle Ward, Brian Hornback and Randy Pace. Three GOP candidates are also seeking State Executive for District 7: Rob Gray, Kent Morrell



Three Republican state legislators from Knoxville are currently being challenged within their own party primary. (Pictured from top) State Representatives Dave Wright and Eddie Mannis have primary opponents as does state Senator Dr. Richard Briggs. April 7 is the filing deadline for candidates for federal and state offices for the August 4 primary election.

and Wayne Sellars.

August 4 is also the date for the Town of Farragut municipal election. Thus far, incumbent Mayor Ron Williams is challenged by Sean Murphy, who also picked up a petition for Alderman Ward 2 against Marty Layman. For the seat of Alderman Ward 1, Scott Meyer has picked up a petition to run against Steven Cameron.

More than 50 offices are on the state and federal ballot so far. Voters can follow the local and the state and federal petition filings at <https://knoxcounty.org/election/>. The current list of candidates may change as some drop out and others pick up and file petitions.

State champs from Powell honored



The Powell High School football team was honored last week by the Knox County Commission for winning the TSSAA State Championship. Coach Matt Lowe and Athletic Director Chad Smith joined their district's commissioner, Charles Busler, school board representative, Patti Bounds, County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and the other commissioners for the ceremony. The first-ever state championship for the school was noted. Coach Lowe is not only the coach but a former Powell football player.

Late agenda items discussed by Commission Rules Committee

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Resolutions, ordinances and discussion items are normally posted online and publically available a week prior to Knox County Commission work sessions and regular meetings. That gives the public and the commissioners time to study the various items. The agenda usually also includes the background and a copy of the proposed item in detail.

But now and then the commission is presented an agenda item the day or morning before their meeting. The chairman may or may not ask it be added to the agenda.

Those "late" items are becoming a problem as they present little to no time for public comment or review of an item.

That issue was discussed in detail at the meeting last week of the Knox County Commission's Rules Committee. Commissioner Charles Busler, chairman of the committee, suggested the law director's office review resolutions prior to discussion when possible.

Law Director David Buuck mentioned a recent motion presented by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs just prior to a commission meeting adding, "That's the first time I saw it." The mayor's resolution



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Commissioners John Schoonmaker and Larsen Jay have a lively discussion on the procedures of naming a replacement for elected officials who leave office.

concerned masks in classrooms and wasn't on the printed agenda.

Hearing a "late" resolution is up to the commission chair and Commissioner John Schoonmaker said that in previous years last-minute proposals were not always introduced at the meeting when a former chairman denied them. He said the language of any resolution should be approved by the law department for form, not subject.

Commissioner Dr. Dasha Lundy commented that the "chair sets the culture" of a meeting and that is often frustrating but she said, "We adapt to that."

Commissioner Terry Hill said she is worried about restricting things if the rules were changed.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker also brought up the recent naming of a replacement for a retiring sessions judge. He suggested a "cut off" date for applications, possibly one week before interviews.

He said that currently, commissioners don't have time to "sit down" and interview applicants before last-minute interviews and a selection of the new officeholder. The Rules Committee is considering a seven calendar day deadline prior to public interviews.

The committee also discussed reports submitted by commissioners who attend out-of-area conferences and the consent agenda items which pass with one vote.

She noted that the agenda, proposed by the chair, is approved by the commission.

Busler said, of the late-arriving resolutions, "We let it slide by."

Fountain City Exxon sent to beer board hearing for violations

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Frost said that the hearing officer could even revoke their license in the worse case. He said the cost of a hearing, about \$350, plus a fine could be levied.

Lynne Fugate suggested asking the hearing officer

to look kindly at the applicant and not revoke their license.

The council agreed 6-2 with Gwen McKenzie who said, "Rules are here for a reason" and asked that the case not set a precedent for future absentee violators.

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Gibbs tames Tigers again – this time at UT

By Steve Williams

Gibbs High’s baseball program picked up where it left off at the end of the 2021 season as the Eagles notched a 2-1 win over rival Pigeon Forge this year.

At the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro last May, Gibbs defeated the Tigers 14-8 for the TSSAA Class AA state championship.

What made this 2022 opening day game a little special too is it was played at UT’s Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

The Eagles “did it again” by defeating pitcher Dylan Loy (a UT commit) and other D1 commits, said Gibbs Coach Geff Davis. “It was a good win with five sophomores in our starting lineup.”

Dylan Ford, a junior, pitched five strong innings for the Eagles and junior Braden Graves picked up the save plus had the game-winning RBI.

Gibbs is led by All-State players Reilly Byers and Graves this season, said Coach Davis. Byers is a



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

Gibbs High’s baseball team soaks up the sunshine and a 2-1 win over rival Pigeon Forge at UT’s Lindsey Nelson Stadium on March 14.

junior southpaw pitcher and outfielder.

“Yes, there will be growing pains this year (with several young players on the team),” said Davis. “But with a mix of seniors and juniors, the Eagles

hope to be flying high again by mid-April.”

Gibbs and Pigeon Forge, coached by Mike Guinn, have been playing each other regularly over the past 15 years, with the upper hand going “back

and forth,” said Davis. “It’s been a fun rivalry.”

With the new classification this year – Gibbs in Class 3A and Pigeon Forge in Class 2A – and the teams not in the same district, Davis said it feels like

the game has lost a little of its significance.

“It was a fierce rivalry for several years,” he said.

The two teams are not scheduled to play again this season.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Halls softball: Aspen Calloway delivers a pitch in the Lady Devils’ win over Powell last week. Calloway threw a complete game and had seven strikeouts in Halls’ 5-2 victory over the Lady Panthers.

Lady Devils topple Powell in Emory Road showdown

By Ken Lay

The Powell-Halls softball rivalry may not quite pack the same punch as it once did. The teams are no longer district foes. But that doesn’t mean that isn’t important after re-alignment landed the teams in different classifications.

“It’s the Battle of Emory Road,” said Lady Devils’ head coach Bryan Gordon. “It’s still special. It means something for both teams and it’s big for all these kids. That’s a great team over there. They’re solid and they’re well coached.”

Halls claimed the latest installment of this rivalry with a 5-2 victory over the Lady Panthers on Monday, March 21 at Halls High School.

The Lady Devils got a solid performance from one of their top players. Despite the fact that she’d been battling the flu, Halls ace Aspen Calloway posted a solid performance in the circle.

She surrendered two runs, seven hits and one walk while recording seven strikeouts in a complete game victory.

Gordon said that

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Bulldogs outlast West High in rivalry soccer match

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School boys soccer coach Ryan Radcliffe entered the 2022 season with several questions.

Maybe, a few were answered Thursday night when the Bulldogs shut out rival West High, 2-0, at Bill Wilson Field.

“We have a lot of new faces and we’re still trying to find our identity,” Radcliffe said after watching his side improve to 2-0-1 out of the gate. “It’s early and for us, it’s still probably like the preseason.

“We’ve had injuries. Then we had some boys out there tonight who hadn’t played with us and they joined us after spring break. We played a couple of games in Atlanta over the weekend against a couple of teams in Georgia. Now since we’ve really started our season and we’ll be playing more consistently, we’ll start to figure some things out.”

Although Bearden and the Rebels (3-1) are no longer district rivals as both were moved by the TSAA recently, the game still carries plenty of weight for the players and coaches.

West is now in District 3-3A and the Bulldogs reside in District 4-3A after both had spent the last several campaigns in District 2.

“You hope to see your guys play hard, play tough and compete and you know West is always going to do that,” Radcliffe said. “It’s early and it’s probably a bit of bad scheduling a rivalry game like this, this early in the season.”

Throughout the early stages of the match, the two rivals slugged through a defensive battle and the Bulldogs finally broke the



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Bearden’s Cole Hutchison battles for possession with West High’s Andrew Baker Thursday night at Bill Wilson Field. The Bulldogs blanked the Rebels 2-0.

scoreless deadlock when senior Max Ewing lofted a shot past West goalkeeper Jake Spirko in the 15th minute. The marker was assisted by Logan Hunt.

“It was a great ball,” said Ewing, a relative newcomer to Bearden’s team after missing

the entire 2021 season due to a preseason knee injury. “I came across the field, got the ball and spun my man; saw the back post open and finished.”

The Rebels missed a scoring chance on a set play a short time earlier when Bearden junior netminder Marcus Bishop stopped Aiden Wilson on a free kick from 25 yards out.

The Bulldogs extended their advantage to 2-0 late when Jack Raulston tallied in the 78th minute.

That marker was one of several scoring chances Bearden generated after halftime.

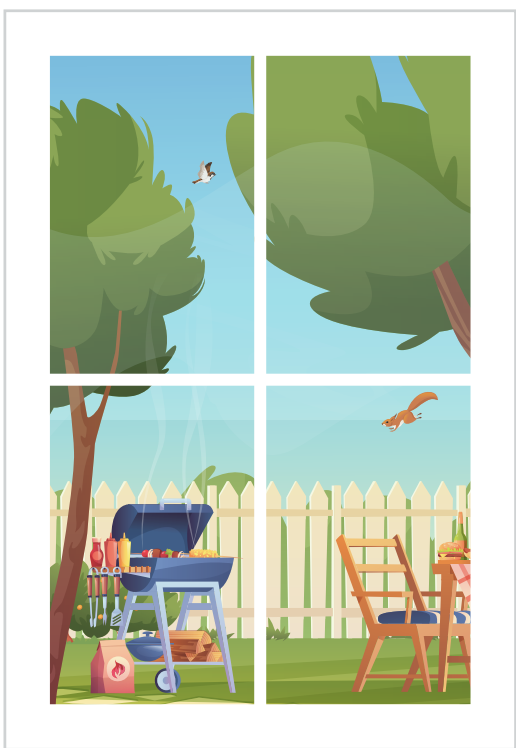
“I was happy with the chances that we created late,” Radcliffe said. “I thought we were playing better soccer, I won’t say good soccer at this point, and we were competing.”

Rebels coach Alex Walls was disappointed after yet another loss to the Bulldogs. The Rebels went 0-3 against Bearden last year and never beat the Bulldogs when the sides were rivals in District 2-3A.

“We’ve just got to toughen up a little bit and play our game,” Walls said. “I think they took us out of our game possession-wise and we weren’t able to knock the ball around like we’re used to.

“We really didn’t create many opportunities for ourselves. Hats off to them. They’re a good team. It was a fun game early on, so hopefully we can learn from our mistakes and see them again (in the Region 2-3A Tournament).”

Bearden outshot the Rebels 16-6. The Bulldogs had six shots land on target while West managed just three shots on frame.



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Prichard is enjoying his start in Bearden baseball

By Steve Williams

Bearden High's baseball team has gotten off to a 7-2 start in its first season with Dave Prichard as head coach.

In Week 1 of the season, which began March 14, Prichard's Bulldogs lost at highly regarded Science Hill in their season opener but bounced back with five straight wins, including victories over Karns, Christ School (N.C.) and Lebanon in "Playing for a Cure" at Seymour in the fight against cancer.

Bearden also logged wins at Sevier County and Daniel Boone the first week.

Last Monday, the Bulldogs dropped a 4-1 decision at Maryville, another top team in the area, before edging Jefferson County 5-4 at home and winning at Seymour 15-0 in the DeMarini Classic.

"I am very excited to be at Bearden High School with the opportunity to carry on its tradition of excellence," said Coach Prichard Friday night.

Prichard is in his 20th year coaching high school baseball and this is his 19th as a head coach. For the past 15 years, he was head coach at Cumberland County High in Crossville.

"The opportunity to move to Knoxville and Bearden was an opportunity



PHOTO BY CHARLES MAYS (CHARLES MAYS MEDIA)

Conner Bryson delivers a pitch for Powell in its District 3-4A win over Karns at Danny Maples Field last week. Good pitching has been a key factor in the Panthers getting off to an 8-0 start.

my family couldn't pass up as it was beneficial for my wife's job as well and offered great academics for my three sons," said Coach Prichard.

"We have gotten off to a great start this season and I attribute that to the quality of young men that we have on our roster. They have displayed great work ethic and buy in to what we are trying to establish and it is exciting to watch. Offensively, we have played extremely well and our pitching has performed beyond our expectations.

"The guys are all in for each other and thrive off each other's success," added Prichard. "It's going to be a fun group that has great depth. As a coaching staff we are simply loving them and giving them room to succeed and fail while learning along the way."

After two weeks, Powell leads the way among local teams with an 8-0 overall record through March 25 games. CAK is 7-1-1 and West 8-2, followed by Carter at 7-2 and Farragut at 5-3. The King's Academy and South-Doyle are each 4-3 and Karns is 4-4.

Powell took part in "Playing for a Cure" in its first four games and the Panther hurlers combined to allow only seven runs in the four games.

Several local teams headed South in spring break week, including CAK which went 2-1-1 at the Gulf Shores Classic.

West had a successful trip to the Sunshine State, going 3-1.

Farragut went 2-2 at the Fort Lauderdale Classic and last Tuesday Catholic hosted the Admirals in a game that put a dozen or so Division 1 prospects on the field. Farragut won that showdown 8-3.

Other teams that took part in Playing for a Cure to eliminate cancer included Halls, Karns, South-Doyle and TKA.

Bobcats prevail over Oneida to open soccer season

By Ken Lay

Despite a slow start, the Central High School boys soccer team opened its 2022 season on a winning note Tuesday night.

It took the Bobcats a little time to get their offense in high gear against a pesky Oneida team that came to Knoxville with some things to prove.

The Indians were formidable early, but in the end, Central had too much firepower and claimed a 7-1 victory at Dan Y. Boring Stadium in Fountain City.

"Hats off to Oneida. They're a great team and we love playing them," Bobcats' coach Chris Quinn said. "We'll continue to play them as long as I'm here."

As for a sluggish beginning to the season-opening match, Quinn took the majority of the blame.

"For the first 20, 25, or even 30 minutes of the game, we had trouble getting in to what we run, what we do," he said. "Most of that was on me. I was just as much at fault as anybody."

"We were coming off spring break and it took us a while to run what we run and do what we do. Credit to Oneida, but when we run what we run, and run it right, it's pretty soccer."

The Bobcats (1-0) broke the scoreless tie with the Indians (0-1) when Taylor Aaron beat Oneida goalkeeper Gavin Keaton and found the back of the net with a penalty kick.

Central would extend its advantage to 2-0 just before halftime when Omar Bartolome tallied in the 38th minute.

The Bobcats, who outshot the Indians, 17-3, in the match, had 14 shots after halftime.

After the break, Aaron completed his hat trick with markers in the 68th and 76th minute respectively.

Central extended its advantage to 3-0 early in the second half when Silas Geasland scored in the 45th minute.

From there, the floodgates opened for the Bobcats as Luis Miguel made it 4-0 with his marker in the 52nd minute before Aaron made it 5-0 with his second goal of the match in the 68th minute.

Oneida scored its lone goal of the game when Mason Keating tallied in the 70th minute, to make it 5-1.

Aaron polished off his hat trick to make the score 6-1 and Geasland closed the score with his second tally of the match a short time later.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Isaiah McGaha, Mark Adams Jr. and Brady Cash signed to continue their football careers Wednesday. Pictured with them is Central High head coach Nick Craney.

Three Central football players finalize college plans

By Ken Lay

Three Central High senior football players will continue their respective athletic careers and academic pursuits in college.

Isaiah McGaha, Brady Cash and Mark Adams Jr. all finalized their college plans by signing their National Letters of Intent on Wednesday afternoon as teammates, coaches, family members and classmates were in attendance at a ceremony at the school's indoor hitting complex.

McGaha, a defensive end, will head to Johnson City where he will play for East Tennessee State University and former legendary Maryville High School coach George Quarles.

Cash, who plays on the offensive line, will continue his career at the University of Virginia-Wise and

Adams Jr., who played defensive end for the Bobcats, will move on to play for Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky.

All three players expressed gratitude to their families at the ceremony.

"I'm excited to see what will come," McGaha said. "I want to thank all my coaches and my family."

Cash noted that his family was instrumental in his development.

"First, I want to thank God," he said. "I want to thank my family and all my coaches who helped me get here."

Adams Jr. expressed his thanks to the Central High School coaching staff, including head coach Nick Craney and former Central head man Bryson Rosser, who guided the

Bobcats to back-to-back state championships in 2018-19.

"I want to thank my coaches, my mentors and my family," Adams Jr. said. "I also want to thank coach Rosser."

Craney said he was extremely proud of his players who are heading off to college.

"It takes a lot of hard work to get to this (signing) table," he said. "These guys have done the work that they needed to do to get here."

"They've worked hard on the field. They've done the work in the classroom and they've been in the community. I'm proud of them and I'm happy for them and I'm excited for them as they move on. They'll be successful in college and beyond."

Lady Devils topple Powell in Emory Road showdown

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Calloway's performance was huge for the Lady Devils.

"She did a great job. She did what she had to do and she had a great game even though she was under the weather," Gordon said. "She's had the flu and today was her first day back."

Things, however, didn't start well for Calloway as she gave up a solo home run to Powell leadoff hitter Reagan Radocesky.

After that, Calloway retired the next eight Lady Panthers she faced and struck out the side in the third inning despite yielding consecutive two-out singles to Radocesky and Macy Belyea.

Powell's 1-0 advantage held until the bottom of the third when the Lady Devils came up with three runs as Kayleigh Dalton had an RBI double and Gracie Gregory and pinch hitter Hayden Kersey delivered scoring singles in the frame to give Halls a 3-1 lead.

The Lady Panthers pulled to within, 3-2, in the top of the fourth when Macy Belyea hit a solo home run.

Halls responded with two runs in its half of the inning as Dalton, the Lady Devils' first baseman, and Cam Roberts drove in runs with singles.

Dalton went 3-for-4 with a double, two runs and two RBIs to lead the Halls attack.

It'll be 'Fandemonium' at Smokies Stadium Saturday



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By Steve Williams

Get that arm in shape this week and come on out for some baseball and more this coming Saturday at Smokies Stadium.

The Tennessee Smokies will host a 'Fandemonium' Fan Fest April 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. The event is free and the first 500 fans through the gates will receive a free voucher to the Smokies Opening Day game on April 8.

Fan Fest will be loaded with free prizes and experiences, including a visit from the Easter bunny from 2 to 3 for family photos and interaction.

Fans also will have access to the field to play

catch and participate in on-field games with the Smokies Rally Crew, so don't forget ... bring your glove and baseball!

There will be guided tours around Smokies Stadium too, including the team locker room and much more.

If you just want to relax and hear some Smokies' history and "tales," longtime PA announcer George Yardley will provide that for you starting at 3:15 at the Batters Box Restaurant, which is located down the third base line. George said the history will be "99 percent true," but as for the tales, he added: "You'll have to figure that out on your own."

The Smokies, a Double-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, will play their home opener against the Chattanooga Lookouts on Friday, April 8.

For more information about "Fandemonium" and the Smokies, visit smokies-baseball.com.

Farragut softball gets back to 'normal'

Farragut High's softball team played in a three-day tournament in Johnson City at the end of the first week of the season and Coach Nick Green reported things were satus quo again.

"We did get to return to normal activities: staying together in same hotel, eating team dinner at restaurant, team bowling outing, along with playing softball and going 6-1 on the weekend," reported Coach Green.

The Lady Admirals, by the way, are looking ahead to another potential banner season, after winning the Class AAA state

championship in 2021. Of course, this season there are four classifications and Farragut is in Class 4A.

Fulton and Karns have new girls basketball coaches

After having Division II head coaching positions at Knoxville Catholic and First Baptist Academy, Freeman Pinkney is now the girls head basketball coach at Fulton.

He succeeds Tyler Howell, who guided the Lady Falcons to the Class 4A sectional round this season.

"Tyler resigned shortly after the season ended," said Fulton Athletic Director Jody Wright Thursday. "He wanted to spend time with his family. He has young kids. We appreciate all of his hard work and efforts

with our girls basketball teams. They had a great season this year.

"We are excited about the hiring of Freeman Pinkney. Coach Pinkney brings not only a proven track record as a winner, but is a great teacher of the game. We are glad to welcome him to the Fulton Family."

At Karns High, Lauren Trent has filled the opening of the girls' head coaching position. Kylie Heyward was the interim head coach at Karns this past season.

Trent is a teacher at Karns Middle School and has been an assistant coach at Oak Ridge High School since 2015, said Karns AD Chad Turner.

Trent met with the Karns High team for the first time Monday, said Turner.

Homer Hound, mascot of the Tennessee Smokies baseball team, will be on hand to greet you and cheer you on at the Fandemonium Fan Fest Saturday at Smokies Stadium.

The greatest game ever played in Stokely?

There was a time in college basketball even the biggest games weren't on television. That stands in stark contrast to today, when nearly every game is on somebody's network, oftentimes at all hours of the day or night.



By Tom Mattingly

That was not the case, however, in the mid-1970s. The greatest game ever played at the old Armory-Fieldhouse and Stokely Athletics Center on campus was not seen on live television. The game was only seen in Knoxville on the 11:30 p.m. WTVK, Channel 26, delayed telecast. Stokely is gone, the victim of the wrecker's ball, but the memories linger, thanks to the magic of film,

later videotape. It was Tennessee versus Kentucky, Feb. 15, 1975. John Ward and Cawood Ledford broadcast the game from high above the arena floor. Those among the 12,718 fans at the game somehow survived to tell the tale at church the next morning or the following Monday at the office. Had there been Twitter, there would have been Tweets all over the Volunteer State and the Commonwealth, and well beyond. The message boards would have been jammed. The Vols, coached by Ray Mears, were coming off three consecutive SEC losses but summoned a Herculean effort to win 103-98 over Joe B. Hall's No. 4-ranked Kentucky squad. The game started at fever pitch and never diminished until the final horn sounded. Tennessee trailed only once at 2-0, led 56-44 at the half, and beat back repeated Kentucky rallies to prevail, the first time the Vols had reached the century mark against the Wildcats. This all happened in the

days before ESPN came on the scene, before the Internet, before the daily barrage of "talk radio," before the emergence of all the other technological marvels we take for granted. Had the game been played and televised today, it would have been instantaneously billed an "ESPN Classic," to be rebroadcast at all hours, day or night. In this season, Kentucky would reach the Final Four, only to lose in John Wooden's last game as head coach at UCLA. The whole setup was reminiscent of 1966, when the Wildcats came to Knoxville No. 1, lost the season finale to the Vols 69-62, and then lost to Texas Western in the finals. The Vols shot 56.8% from the floor, Kentucky 54%. A look at the names from the box score will indicate the game's competitive nature. For Tennessee, sophomore Ernie Grunfeld had 29 points and five rebounds and canned four pressure-packed free throws down the stretch, 11 of 12 overall, to help the Vols hold the lead. Grunfeld was a load for anybody when he came off the wing or the high post, ball in hand. Bernard King, a freshman

who averaged a league-leading 26.4 points per game, had 24 points and 20 rebounds. Mike Jackson, another sophomore, had 24 points. Doug Ashworth had 12 points and nine rebounds, a performance that surprised nearly everybody. Rodney Woods, a Kentuckian playing the point at Tennessee, had 14 points and 10 assists. Austin Clark played briefly, but no one else left the Vol bench. There were heroes in blue and white. Senior Kevin Grevey had 24 points, with freshman Jack "Goose" Givens, the hero of the Big Blue's national championship run three years later, adding 20 points and seven rebounds. Senior guards Jimmy Dan Conner and Mike Flynn had 10 each, with nine assists between them. Freshman Rick Robey muscled in 18 points. The Vols were all over the Wildcats in the first half, knocking in shots from all across the north end of Stokely Center, the end where former U. T. president Andy Holt sat, resplendent in an orange blazer. Tennessee led by 10 early in the second stanza,

but Givens led a charge that closed the margin to 74-70 and the chase was on. It was intense, the game in the balance possession by possession. Jackson and King had eight points each down the stretch run to hold off Givens, Grevey, Robey, and the others. The Vols out-rebounded Kentucky 42-34 and shot 23 free throws to Kentucky's four. The Vol victory started a five-game win streak for the Vols against the Wildcats. It wasn't easy doing so, but the Vols made it happen, winning their final two contests at Memorial Coliseum and their first at a new venue known as Rupp Arena. The passage of time has not dimmed the memories of a "golden era" of Vol hoops, of "Bernie and Ernie," Jackson, Woods, Ashworth, and a coach named Ray Mears. The passage of time is inexorable. Hall and Mears are deceased, but when the games are replayed in the mind's eye, these magic moments live with us forever.



Ray Mears brought excitement courtside at Stokely Athletics Center during his tenure as Vol head basketball coach.

UT better off with Barnes than without him

"It hurt guys, I'm still hurting ... "We've got the guys, we just don't have the coach." – Z.R., radio caller on 3-and-Out Show last Monday morning after No. 3 seed Tennessee was eliminated from the NCAA basketball tournament by No. 11 seed Michigan.



By Steve Williams

It's been awhile since I've written on UT athletics, but I've been paying attention. There were mixed emotions in Volville last week after Tennessee was upset by the Wolverines 76-68 in the Round of 32. It didn't surprise me that it happened. Despite a 27-8 record, No. 5 national ranking and winning its first SEC tournament since 1979, I had seen enough of the Vols this season to not be surprised by an off-game showing against Michigan. Tennessee had been looking good, but I just didn't think this team could win four in a row to make the Final Four much less six straight to win the title. Despite the first negative comment I heard on Monday, the fan base seemed to be split on the topic the remainder of the week. Many fans didn't blame Rick Barnes for the loss. He didn't fire the 3-point blanks, some said.

On Thursday, UT Athletic Director Danny White extended Barnes' contract through the 2026-27 season. That was the right thing to do. In my opinion, there are many more reasons to keep Barnes than give up on him. Sure, Texas didn't rehire him after he failed to make it to the Sweet Sixteen again in 2015. Sure, in seven seasons at Tennessee, only one of his teams has made it to that round. Many fans call him just a good regular season coach and that's fair. But he continues to recruit well and usually makes it to the Big Dance. With his past success at Texas – including a Final Four showing in 2003 – and an overall record that includes over 750 wins, many consider him to be a Hall of Fame caliber coach. Part of that reason is because he's a Christian, a good man and plays by the rules. He is respected across the country. Tennessee is fortunate to have him. And Barnes implied last week he was fortunate to be coaching at a great place like Tennessee. My hope is that in his remaining time here, he will guide the Vols to the Final Four and a national championship and leave here on his way to Springfield, Mass., home of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, joining great Lady Vols Coach Pat Summitt, who was inducted in 2000.

Tennessee reels in 5-star QB recruit

By Mark Nagi

So far in the relatively short tenure of Josh Heupel as Tennessee's football coach, the Vols have been good, but not great on the recruiting trail. Tennessee's Class of 2022 was ranked 17th in the nation and 8th in the SEC. Those numbers will need to improve if the Vols are going to compete for a conference title. Their most recent verbal commitment gives UT a chance to do just that. Nicholas Iamaleava, a 5-star quarterback from California, has pledged to join the Vols in the Class of 2023. He's the first 5-star quarterback to commit to Tennessee since James Banks in the Class of 2022. "Me and my Dad talked about it when we got home from our last visit," Iamaleava told VolQuest. "We always had a good feel for Tennessee and everything the coaching staff had to offer. The second visit really did it. That was my Mom's first time seeing

Tennessee. That's what we were waiting for, getting my Mom up there to see what it was like. She loved it... just Knoxville and whole thing—the family vibes, the people there... you don't get people like that everywhere. We are big on family." "He's a game-changer," said 247Sports national recruiting analyst Cooper Petagna. "I think what's so fascinating about him is that he's so early in the stages of his development, not only physically, but also in regards to being in the structure of a program and knowing where he needs to improve, that I think the sky's the limit for him. He's certainly a foundational piece." Iamaleava is the 3rd ranked prospect in the nation according to 247Sports. Prior to his pledge, Tennessee had the 18th best group for the Class of 2023. Now, they are ranked 10th nationally. And if Iamaleava has his way, they'll continue to climb. A player of Iamleava's

caliber could do for Tennessee what Peyton Manning did in the mid-1990s. So many top prospects wanted to play with Manning that the Vols recruiting fortunes jumped up a few notches in the years that followed. The Vols didn't win a national championship with Manning, but the players that joined him in Knoxville got UT over the hump in 1998. That of course was one season after Manning had departed for the NFL. Iamaleava is trying to influence other top prospects that Knoxville should be their future home as well. "(5-star wide receiver) Carnell Tate and (4-star wide receiver) Kyler Kasper," Iamaleava told VolQuest. "I built core relationships with those two and Tennessee is in their top schools. We will see what kind of pull I have." "Landing Nico makes it cool to be a Vol again," said 247Sports director of recruiting Steve Wiltfong.

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TO: CHARLES RAY PRYOR
IN RE: KELLEY DAWN ROBACK
VS CHARLES RAY PRYOR
NO. 203737-3
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Charles Ray Pryor 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 Charles Ray Pryor, it is ordered that said defendant Charles Ray Pryor file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mario L. Azevedo II an, Attorneys whose address is 859 Ebenezer 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 111, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 2th day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: EDWARD E. SCOTT
IN RE: SARAH E. WHITTEN
VS EDWARD E. SCOTT

NO. 202971-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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IN RE: MARTHA EZEYOBO NWANGWA
VS IKE OGBONNA NWANGWA
NO. 203625-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Ike Ogbonna Nwangwa 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 Ike Ogbonna Nwangwa, it is ordered that said defendant Ike Ogbonna Nwangwa file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kasey Ankrom Wasson an, Attorneys whose address is 8 Emory Place, 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 Pridemore 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 March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ZAYID R. PATTERSON JR.
IN RE: MUNNAH J. MONBOE VS
ZAYID R. PATTERSON JR.
NO. 204289-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Zayid R. Patterson Jr. 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 Zayid R. Patterson Jr., it is ordered that said defendant Zayid R. Patterson Jr. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W. Clark an, Attorneys whose address is 2415 Magnolia Avenue, 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 111, 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 March, 2022

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VS EAST TENNESSEE MOTOR COMPANY NO. 203556-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant East Tennessee Motor Company and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property 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 East Tennessee Motor Company and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property, it is ordered that said defendant East Tennessee Motor Company and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kara L. Stevens an, Attorneys whose address is 4800 Old Kingston Pike, Suite 120, 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 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 17th day of March 2022

Howard G. Hogan
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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: KALIA NICELY
IN RE: KALIA NICELY VS. CODY NICELY
NO. 3704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Answer filed, which is verified, that the Plaintiff, KALIA NICELY, is a non-resident of Sevier County, Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon KALIA NICELY.

IT IS ORDERED that said Plaintiff file a response with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Kasey Ankrom Wasson, an Attorney whose address is, 8 Emory Place Knoxville, Tennessee 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Judge John McAfee at the Union County Circuit Court, 901 Main St., Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 14 day of March, 2022.

Barbara J. Williams
CLERK

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CATHLEEN MAGNOLIA RALEY
Whereabouts Unknown
Last Known Address:
Unknown
Case No. 22-CV-20
Willie Clarence Wood, Plaintiff,
Vs.
Cathleen Magnolia Raley, Defendant.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
It appears from the pleadings filed in this cause that Cathleen Magnolia Raley whereabouts are unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-203 and 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered March 3, 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 the Chancery Court of Jefferson County Tennessee at Dandridge, and make defense to the complaint filed against HER in said court by William Clarence Wood, Plaintiff(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 Plaintiff's Attorney, Joshua W. Leach, 8 Emory Pl, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917. It is further ordered that this Notice be published in The Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This March 9, 2022.
Telford E. Forgety, Jr.
CHANCELLOR
By: Nancy C. Humbar
CLERK AND MASTER

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

JOETTA COLBERT-Vs-ALBERT COLBERT
Docket# 1533865
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 ALBERT COLBERT 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 ALBERT COLBERT.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JOETTA COLBERT, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with WHITNEY PINKNEY, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 764 POWELL, TENNESSEE 37849, 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 14TH day of MARCH, 2022.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DAVID L. HICKS
IN RE: MONTROSE COURT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION VS. DAVID L. HICKS
NO. 201420-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant David L. Hicks 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 David L. Hicks, it is order ed that said defendant David L. Hicks file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens an, Attorneys whose address is 550 Main Street Suite 400 , 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 Clarence Pridemore 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 18th day of March 2022

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ALMA JOSEPHINE NEAL, Petitioner,
And
MARSHALL TRAVIS NEAL, Petitioner,
v.
HANNAH CARROLL, Respondent/Mother, And
WILLIAM STANTON, Respondent/Father
Case No. 21-9-224
IN THE MATTER OF:
Jerakius Maliki Carroll d.o.b. (01/17/2021)
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
This matter came to be heard by this Honorable Court on this the 6th day of May, 2022. Upon Counsel's MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION this Honorable Court finds as follows:

1. That the current whereabouts of the Respondent, William Stanton, are unknown.

2. That the Petitioner, Alma Neal, has made diligent efforts to locate the Respondent, William Stanton.
3. That pursuant to T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204 that proper service on the Respondent, William Stanton, will be satisfied through Service by Publication.
4. That The Knoxville Focus is a regularly published and distributed newspaper in Knoxville, Tennessee, which is the most proximate location of the Respondent, William Stanton's, last known location.

5. That The Knoxville Focus, IS the proper media forums for Service by Publication.

6. That Service by Publication through The Knoxville Focus, for four (4) consecutive weeks, satisfies all of the Service requirements set forth by T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Respondent, William Stanton, shall be served with proper notice by Publication through The Knoxville Focus.

2. That notice shall run one (1) time per week for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, ending no later than six (6) days prior to the Hearing as set forth in this Order, thereby satisfying the Service requirements set forth by T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.

3. That if Respondent, William Stanton, does not file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Sevier County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Mikaela M. Smith, whose address is 8 Emory Place, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice that a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor, Telford E. Forgety, at the Sevier County Chancery Court, located at 125 Court Avenue, Suite 108W, Sevierville, Tennessee 37862, that action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondent, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Alma Neal and Marshall Neal.

4. That Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Alma Neal and Marshall Neal, will result in the termination of the Respondent, William Stanton's, parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, JERAKIUS MALIKI CARROLL, in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and for Adoption.
This February 22, 2022.

Telford E. Forgety, Jr.
CHANCELLOR
By: Carolyn P. McMahan
CLERK AND MASTER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD RAY ANDERS
AKA DON RAY ANDERS
DOCKET NUMBER 85892-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DONALD RAY ANDERS AKA DON RAY ANDERS who died Feb 22, 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.

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF DONALD RAY ANDERS
AKA DON RAY ANDERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRAD ANDERS; ADMINISTRATOR
3428 KACKWORTH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

JIMMY CARTER ATTORNEY AT LAW
800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 1200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE BARNES
DOCKET NUMBER 85901-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID WAYNE BARNES who died Jan 21, 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.

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE BARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMANTHA LYNN RODGERS; EXECUTRIX
457 CLIFF TOP ROAD
BLAINE, TN. 37709
MARK TILLERY ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 12257
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE P CHANDLER, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 85788-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE P CHANDLER, SR. who died Jan 4, 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 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.

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

described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of MARCH, 2022

ESTATE OF GEORGE P CHANDLER, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GEORGE P CHANDLER, JR.; EXECUTOR
2053 CANTERBURY ROAD
KINGSPOORT, TN. 37664

JONATHAN SEVIER CAVE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
104 N COLLEGE STREET
GREENEVILLE, TN. 37743

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERALD LYNN COLE, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 85684-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GERALD LYNN COLE, SR. 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.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy 9f this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

ESTATE OF GERALD LYNN COLE, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANGELA M CURRAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
5469 YOUNGSTOWN-KINGSVILLE ROAD
CORTLAND, OH 44410

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NICOLA DEBARI
DOCKET NUMBER 85701-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of NICOLA DEBARI who died Nov 25, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF NICOLA DEBARI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DARLENE DEBARI; ADMINISTRATRIX
220 TIMBERCREEK WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

HEATHER N MCCOY ATTORNEY AT LAW
528 GRACE AVENUE
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES A HAIRE
DOCKET NUMBER 85890-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES A HAIRE who died Dec18, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF CHARLES A HAIRE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BEN R HAIRE, II; EXECUTOR
164 PAINTER ROAD PELZER, SC 29669

SCOTT HAHN ATTORNEY AT LAW
5344 N BROADWAY, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY MARIE HARRISON
DOCKET NUMBER 85745-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BILLY MARIE HARRISON who died Sep 24, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

ESTATE OF BILLY MARIE HARRISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ROCKY SHOPE; ADMINISTRATOR
5300 SALISBURY AVENUE
BARTONVILLE, IL 61607

KELSEY R REILLY ATTORNEY AT LAW
216 PHOENIX CT, SUITE D
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY LOIS HENDRIX
DOCKET NUMBER 85898-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY LOIS HENDRIX who died Dec 31, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY LOIS HENDRIX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRANK L HENDRIX, JR.; EXECUTOR
1503 W 48TH STREET
CHATTANOOGA, TN. 37409

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH LARRY KORP
DOCKET NUMBER 85819-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH LARRY KORP who died Dec 26, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

ESTATE OF KENNETH LARRY KORP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDE LYNN HAYDUK KORP; EXECUTRIX
10924 DINEEN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

JERRE B MOSLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW
537 MARKET STREET
CHATTANOOGA, TN. 37402

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GREGG ALAN MARTIN
DOCKET NUMBER 85897-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GREGG ALAN MARTIN who died Jan 24, 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.

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

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

This the 14 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF GREGG ALAN MARTIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HILLARY DANIELLE MARTIN;
ADMINISTRATRIX
1924 MAHOGANY WOOD TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

JULIE D EISENHOWER ATTORNEY AT LAW
217 S PETERS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALMA LEE MASSENGILL
DOCKET NUMBER 84620-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALMA LEE MASSENGILL who died Apr 16, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 14 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF ALMA LEE MASSENGILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA K ANDERSON; ADMINISTRATRIX
731 DRY POND ROAD
COMMERCE, GA. 30530

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUELLA K MCNUTT
DOCKET NUMBER 85886-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LUELLA K MCNUTT who died Dec22, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF LUELLA K MCNUTT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GEORGE RUSSELL MCNUTT, III; EXECUTOR
9820 TALLAHASSEE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

KEVIN DEAN ATTORNEY AT LAW
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY C MERWIN AKA MARY JOANN CARNEY MERWIN
DOCKET NUMBER 85899-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY C MERWIN AKA MARY JOANN CARNEY MERWIN who died Dec 30, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARY C MERWIN AKA MARY JOANN CARNEY MERWIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROSEMARY H MERWIN; CO-EXECUTRIX
6006 GROVE PARK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

RACHEL MURPHY; CO-EXECUTRIX
P.O. BOX 237
CRAB ORCHARD, TN. 37723

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TILDEN LEROY MILLER
DOCKET NUMBER 85891-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TILDEN LEROY MILLER who died Jan 31, 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

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¹ Please do not attend in-person if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LASLEY; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
232 WEST 11TH STREET