

NBC poll has bad news for Biden

From a distance



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The most recent NBC poll has very bad news for Joe Biden. And, as the parent of leftwing MSNBC, NBC's polls are usually more favorable to the Democrats than most other polls.

The NBC News report was headlined "Biden's job approval falls to lowest level of his presidency amid war and inflations fears."

The lead paragraph read: "Amid Europe's largest land war since World War II, 7 in

10 Americans expressed low confidence in President Joe Biden's ability to deal with Russia's invasion of Ukraine in a new NBC poll, and 8 in 10 voiced worries that the war will increase gas prices and possibly involve nuclear weapons."

The March 27 report by NBC reporter Mark Murray added: "And during the Nation's largest inflation spike in 40 years, overwhelming majorities said they believe the country is headed in the wrong direction and disapproved the president's handling of the economy."

I certainly hope the report is wrong in saying gas prices may be headed even higher. At over \$4.00 a gallon here and even higher in many other states, gas is already too high.

When President Trump

left office, this nation was energy independent and the national average of gas prices was a little over \$2.00 and slightly less in East Tennessee.

I know that millions had an irrational hatred for Trump, but he and his team had actually lowered gas prices, had inflation under control, and was slowing the flood of illegal immigrants coming across our southern border.

And Vladimir Putin had not even threatened to invade Ukraine because he knew Trump was not going to expand NATO to Russia's borders.

I took almost all my electives at UT in history and could have gotten a degree in that subject if I had been in the college of liberal arts. Most of my reading today is in history and current

events.

I wrote in my Focus column last August 29th that "I have never seen, heard or read about a president who has done as much damage to this country in as short a time as Joe Biden has."

I can write that more emphatically today. He campaigned as a likeable moderate. He has governed as a radical leftist and at times has even been hateful at it, such as comparing his opponents to the rabid segregationist Bull Connor and at least implying that those who had refused the covid vaccine should be denied medical treatment.

The same day the Drudge Report carried the story about the NBC poll, it also had a story about Manhattan losing almost seven percent of its population

from April 2020 to July 2021, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The combined metropolitan area of New York, Newark, and Jersey City lost almost 385,000 in that period.

Nancy Pelosi's San Francisco ran a very close second to Manhattan in population loss, being one and two in the loser category among all the nation's cities.

If our nation's college and university professors were fair and honest, they would tell their students how people are fleeing blue, Democrat-run cities and states, but instead they seem to be brainwashing them toward socialism.

A few days ago, it was reported that 50% of the home sales in Knox County over that last 12 months

have been to people from out-of-state. That is true, too, of the counties that touch on Knox County.

My mother moved here from Iowa many years ago after she finished college. It was probably very unusual then. However, over the last 50 years or so, the Knoxville area has been one of the most popular areas to move to in the whole country.

I am glad we let people move in, or I wouldn't be here myself. However, I have heard many, many people say over the last few years that they hope these newcomers are not Democrats who will vote to bring the high taxes, crime, and social problems like the blue, liberal-run cities and states from which they fled.

They hope liberals will not "Californialize" Tennessee.

The Dangerous Green Movement

Those on the progressive left who dominate this administration and the rest of us can utter the same words and mean completely different things. Consider "energy independence." When America became a net exporter of



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oil during the Trump years, many said we were energy independent. Trump warned Germany that it was strategically vulnerable by being dependent upon Russian gas and Chinese coal. However, the Germans contended they were short-run dependent and moving toward long-run energy independence by the increasing utilization of "renewables" such as wind and solar. Of course, the current Russian invasion of Ukraine reminded us of the old saying that in the long-run we are all dead.

Here in America, the executive actions taken by

Biden caused energy production to fall by a million barrels of oil a day, leading to the importation of Russian oil to make up the difference. The progressives said that this was temporary because Biden was moving the

country to long-run energy independence. While most of us think of energy independence as producing enough energy from all sources – fossil, nuclear and renewables – to not be dependent upon foreigners, progressives define it differently. For them energy independence means using only renewables and not gas and oil. Thus, the left welcomes the large runup in gas prices. For them, making gas and oil more expensive means that the market will start to substitute renewables. Thus, Biden is resisting increasing domestic energy and instead he, the

vice president, the secretaries of energy and transportation are urging Americans to buy electric vehicles. Of course, this is sheer lunacy. First, the increase in energy prices impoverishes Americans and is particularly devastating to the poor – who are the constituents of the left. Electric vehicles are more costly than what we now drive and out of reach of the poor. They are useful mainly for commuting due to their limited range. The left must think that we all have garages with charging stations. Most urban drivers will find access to charging stations difficult. At best, it will take a couple of hours to even fast charge a vehicle. Moreover, chargers outside the home are expensive. Studies show that the use of fast chargers is almost as expensive as buying gasoline.

The widespread use of electric vehicles makes America more energy-dependent upon foreigners, not less. The components of lithium batteries are lithium,

cobalt, nickel and manganese. China is a major supplier of lithium and manganese. Russia is a major supplier of nickel – so much so that the recent crisis has driven the price of nickel to \$100,000 a ton resulting in a severe shortage of batteries. Congo is the major source of cobalt. Lithium mining is harmful to the environment. Cobalt mining conditions in the Congo are horrific. Thus, the green movement will make us dangerously dependent upon our enemies and damage the environment to boot. In fact, their research shows that particulates from electric vehicles are more harmful

to the environment than carbon emissions.

I have never understood the left's opposition to pipelines. One would think they would embrace them because pipelines transport oil with minimal environmental impact. One way or the other the oil is going to get to the refineries. If not by pipeline, then by train or truck with a greater impact on the environment. Moreover, America is producing the cleanest energy in the world including cleaner coal. It is apparent that the left just hates fossil fuels and doesn't care about the impact on the poor, energy independence, or

even the environment. That hatred simply makes America weaker. On the other hand, Russia, China, India and developing countries know that economic growth depends on cheap reliable energy. As such, they make sympathetic clucking noises to keep the West's clean energy mob at bay while pursuing energy from fossil fuels and nuclear. Lastly, Russia and especially China also knows that the western push to renewables weakens their adversaries. So as a result both Russia and China provide financial support to green movements in Europe and the United States.

Mental health, rural metro and pay raise for deputies discussed at commission

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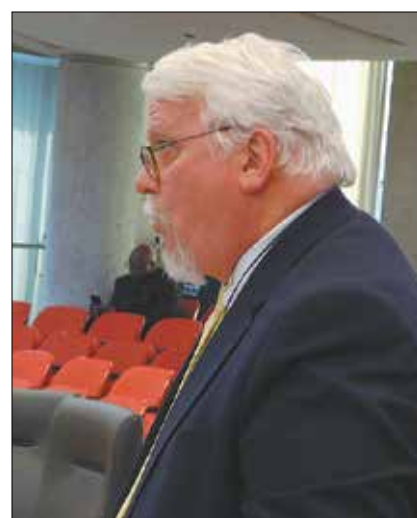
back on a court order.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," said Commissioner Larsen Jay, adding, "It's a massive issue." He called the 26-page report a "great start."

Harrington said that mental health and homelessness don't stop at the city boundary and the agencies and organizations he consulted for the report were cooperative and responsive.

Chairman Richie Beeler said that a May 9 joint meeting with the city is planned to look further at mental health within the county.

In other business, the commissioners voted



Ben Harrington of the Mental Health Association presented a report on mental health in Knox County to the commission last week suggesting that the county create a co-responder program like the one in the City of Knoxville. Photo by Mike Steely.

to reduce fines for slow response times for Rural Metro ambulances because of hospital emergency room backups. Previously the commercial ambulance service, in the contract with the county, would have been fined many thousands of dollars. The request, from the Knox County Health Department, lowered the fines by amending the agreement to add "a temporary fifth response time exemption" for ambulance calls from December 1, 2021, until April 20th.

An amendment on the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building was passed on the

commission's consent calendar, giving three county offices located in the historic building time to find office space elsewhere.

The proposed 2.5% annual pay raise for sheriff's deputies was withdrawn by Commissioner Justin Biggs. He said a decision on the requested pay boost should come after a salary survey of county employees is completed.

The proposed pay increase would occur annually and some commissioners question whether or not that increase would be on top of the annual pay increase already in place for all county employees.



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Correction

In the story, "KCSO Merit Council to have special meeting April 4," in last week's Focus, the reorganization was recounted incorrectly. Gina Oster is still chair; Jim Wright Jr., co-chair; and Jim Jennings, member. We apologize for the error.

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More Needed Than a Name Change and Haircut

To thinking people, it is already abundantly clear the Left in this country has lost its tether to reality some time ago. As I indicated in an earlier column, the Left in America long ago divorced Reason and has since been living with Delusion. Some of the absurdities of the Left are small, such as the declaration by the New York Times, Washington Post, and the Associated Press that henceforth the word “Black” would be capitalized to express respect. That caused some in the media to consider whether the word “White” should also be capitalized as a matter of consistency. Some on the Left shrieked that would be legitimizing white supremacy, while others argued it should not be capitalized because whites don’t share a common culture.

Other things are so patently absurd as to defy reason and common sense; for instance the notion there might be as many as 72 genders. Yet another absurdity is the idea that the Knoxville News Sentinel is an impartial, unbiased journalist-based publication. Not hardly. The Sentinel has its own point of view and it is distinctly on the Left. Angela Dennis seems to write about nothing but race. Her recent article glorifies David Hayes, who has cut off his hairdo, which she generously referred to

as a “freestyle” do. Hayes has cut off his dreadlocks for a more modest look, albeit dyed the remainder some variation of magenta, painted his nails, put on some lipstick and a dress, and says his “pronouns” are “they” and “them.” The premise of the story was that Hayes has shed his “slave name” and renamed himself Nzinga Bayano Amani. Just call him “Z” for short.

As far as I am concerned, Hayes could call himself Puddin’ Tame or anything else he could think of. Nor is Hayes the first person to struggle with identity.

The notion that David Hayes has been “targeted” by the police, according to Angela Dennis, is just simply not true. At best it is complete fiction; at worst, it is just a plain old lie. The only grain of truth is that I suppose anyone who has broken the law is “targeted” by law enforcement and subject to arrest. Yet evidently Ms. Dennis would have us believe Hayes is above mere laws.

To her credit, Dennis does report Hayes describes himself as “a revolutionary socialist and troublemaker...” He is also an advocate of releasing every prisoner from jails and penitentiaries in the country, David Hayes or Z says, “A good cop is a cop that quits.” Z is facing charges of assault of a first responder, inciting to riot, and obstruction of a highway, all of which led to his arrest in the City-County Building. That arrest outraged those on the Left, as they pretended it was supposed to be some sort of safe space where Hayes was immune from arrest.

The story written by Dennis has a great many suppositions, such as the notion that David Hayes gave up a life of comfort and ease as a highly paid corporate executive when he dropped out of college. The story glorifies activism over working for a living and supporting one’s family.

But then again, one of the clearly enunciated goals of the Black Lives Matter founders was the destruction of the nuclear family. It is interesting how Donald Trump is supposed to be hung for allegedly inciting to riot, yet David Hayes or Z is performing community service. It is simply another example of the hypocrisy of the Left in this country.

More on Candidate Residency

The bill sponsored by State Representative Dave Wright and Senator Frank Niceley has passed the legislature and is on its way to the governor’s desk for signature by the chief executive. The bill creates a residency requirement for candidates for federal offices in Tennessee. Should Governor Lee sign the bill, candidates for Congress and the United States Senate would have to have lived in Tennessee for three years before running. The carpetbagging in the new Fifth Congressional District has grown so bad that two of the candidates should be ineligible under the Wright-Niceley Bill immediately. It may very well affect candidate Robert Starbuck Newsom, too, who is from California.

At least four candidates for Congress have had their bona fides challenged before the Tennessee Republican State Executive Committee. If the SEC will do its job, the herd will be thinned out.

The Democrats have finally got a serious candidate to enter the race for Congress from the newly redrawn Fifth Congressional District in State Senator Heidi Campbell. Campbell is a relative newcomer to state politics, having beaten the last Republican to represent Davidson County in the State Senate in 2020.

“I was elected in November of 2020 to represent

District 20 in the Tennessee State Senate,” Campbell states on her website. “Since that time, I have been an outspoken advocate for science, the LGBTQ community, public education, local control, women’s and kid’s issues, Medicaid expansion, and the environment.”

Thus far, there are 23 people running for Congress to represent the Fifth District, some of whom are actually from and live in Tennessee.

Congratulations, Judge Kyle Hixon

Speaking of the governor, Bill Lee has announced the appointment of Kyle Hixon to serve as a judge of the Tennessee Criminal Court of Appeals. Congratulations are due to both Judge Hixon as well as Governor Lee. Hixon was overwhelmingly elected by the people of Knox County to serve as a local judge of the Criminal Court after a stint as a prosecutor. The appointment must be ratified by the Tennessee General Assembly before it becomes effective. That should prove to be little more than a formality and Hixon, who isn’t even 40 years old, will take his place on the state bench.

Governor Lee couldn’t have made a better choice and Kyle Hixon will clearly have the opportunity for a long and productive career as an outstanding jurist in the Volunteer State. It would not surprise anyone who knows him should Kyle Hixon end up on the Tennessee State Supreme Court.

Confiscatory Taxes

Joe Biden is singing a siren song to the far left of his own party by proposing his “billionaire tax.” Of course, the idea of confiscatory taxes on the super-rich is popular with many Americans, especially those who expect to derive

a direct benefit from such a tax. Biden’s proposal is merely a recycled Bernie Sanders idea. In fact, that idea has been popular for generations. Our historian, Ray Hill, reminds me that Huey Long once proposed to take every dollar of income past the first \$1 million of wealthy Americans.

Touché, Tom Spangler!

Tom Spangler and Jimmy “JJ” Jones tussled on WBIR TV’s talking head show last week discussing the Sheriff’s race. Jones attempted to place the blame on Spangler for 500 employees having left the Sheriff’s department. Spangler retorted that it wasn’t as bad as the 650 that had left under Jones’ own administration. Jones didn’t have much to say to that. Also, Jones didn’t have a pandemic or a Defund the Police movement to deal with.

Democrat Candidates

The current crop of candidates sponsored by Knox County’s Democratic Party might as well be a poster for a mother’s love. Oddly, the people who will like the assorted Democrat candidates for countywide office best are doubtless going to be the Republicans. That is because the Democrat candidates veer sharply to the Left.

Jackson Fenner, candidate for District Attorney General, ran two years ago as an Independent for Law Director and got the stuffing beaten out of him. Now the young attorney is off and running against Charme Allen and seems more interested in prosecuting cops than criminals.

Dana Moran, who is running for Circuit Court Clerk, is promoting a bigger pro bono program for the indigent, perhaps not realizing Charlie Susano is not

the Clerk of the Criminal Courts. The Clerk’s office has nothing to do with the selection of pro bono attorneys for anyone or the pro bono program. There is also the Legal Aid Society to assist folks who need, not to mention a fully taxpayer-funded Public Defenders’ office.

Susano had one of the highest ratings from the Knoxville Bar Association as to effectiveness and it’s going to be hard to top that.


Debbie Helsey, the Democrat candidate for county mayor, seems to be running instead for superintendent of public schools.

Dylan Early, who was once a supporter of Congressman Tim Burchett, is squalling that opponent Larsen Jay is insensitive to the rising homeless problem inside the City of Knoxville. The source of Dylan’s complaint is a post by Jay of a photo of a tent village inside the City. Early pounced claiming it outrageous Commissioner Jay hasn’t done something about it. Naturally, Dylan doesn’t seem to wonder why city Mayor Indya Kincaid or the City Council hasn’t done something about it.

Early complains the county taxpayers should pony up to help the city solve its problem, which it hasn’t done. It’s simply more campaign hyperbole and fairly embarrassing at that. Dylan is going to find out the folks in Halls, Doyle, Farragut, Hardin Valley, Karns, Gibbs, and Powell don’t want to pay the City of Knoxville’s bills.

Vivian Shipe, another candidate for the County Commission, sounds as if she’s running for City Council. Her platform looks identical to that of a Council candidate and she, like Dylan Early, is pretty certain to face some pushback from those voters outside the City of Knoxville limits.

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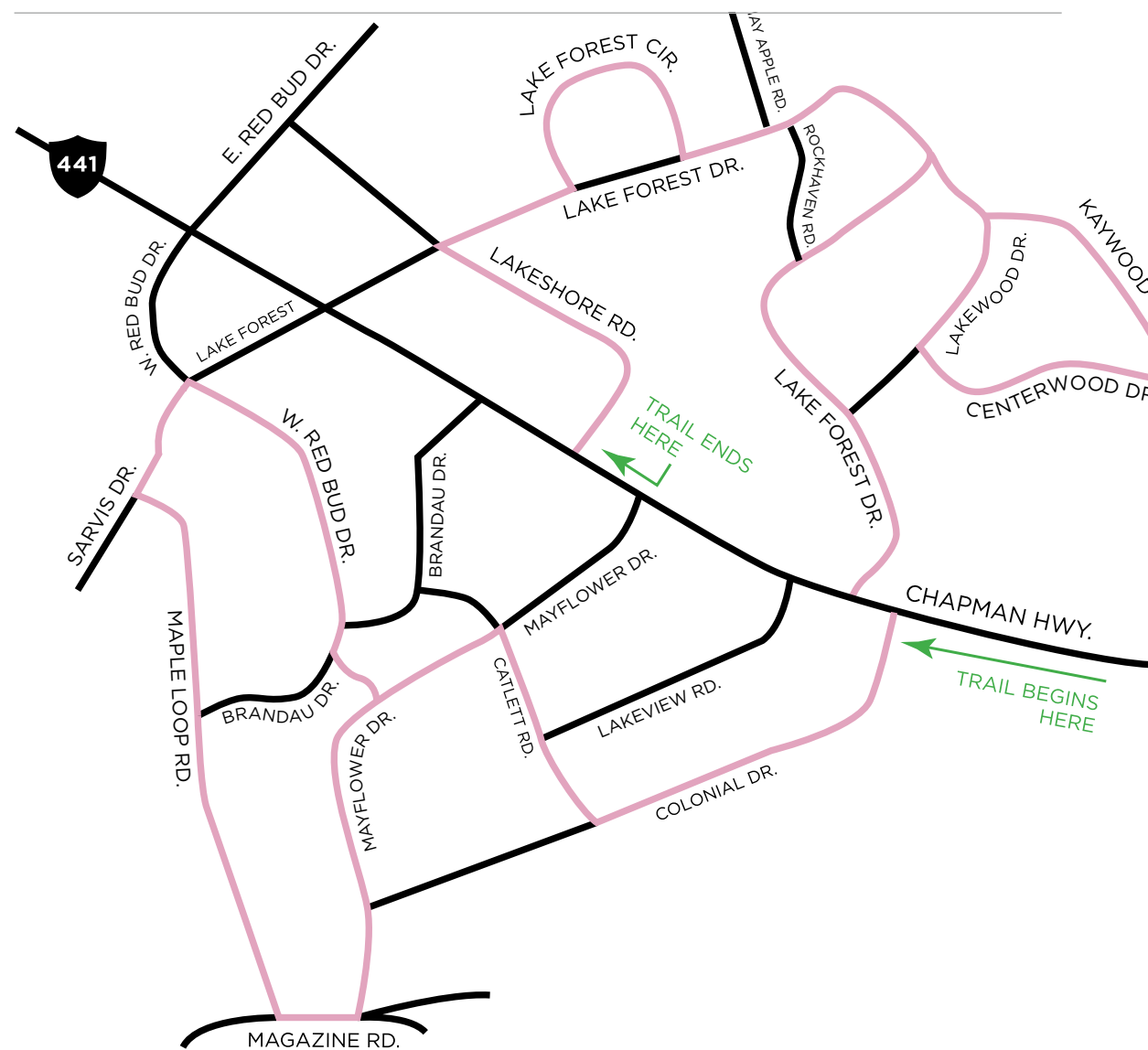
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This trail is a two-part story made up of Colonial Village on the West side of Chapman Hwy and Lake Forest on the east. Colonial Village is a wonderful example of a neighborhood developed during the post-World War II building boom. Most of the homes here were built during the 1940s and 1950s, so ranchers and cottages abounded with their modest sizes and larger yards making them perfect for young families. Today, this quaint community is a diverse mix of many age groups, and its large mature flowering trees and shrubs offer a beautiful springtime display.

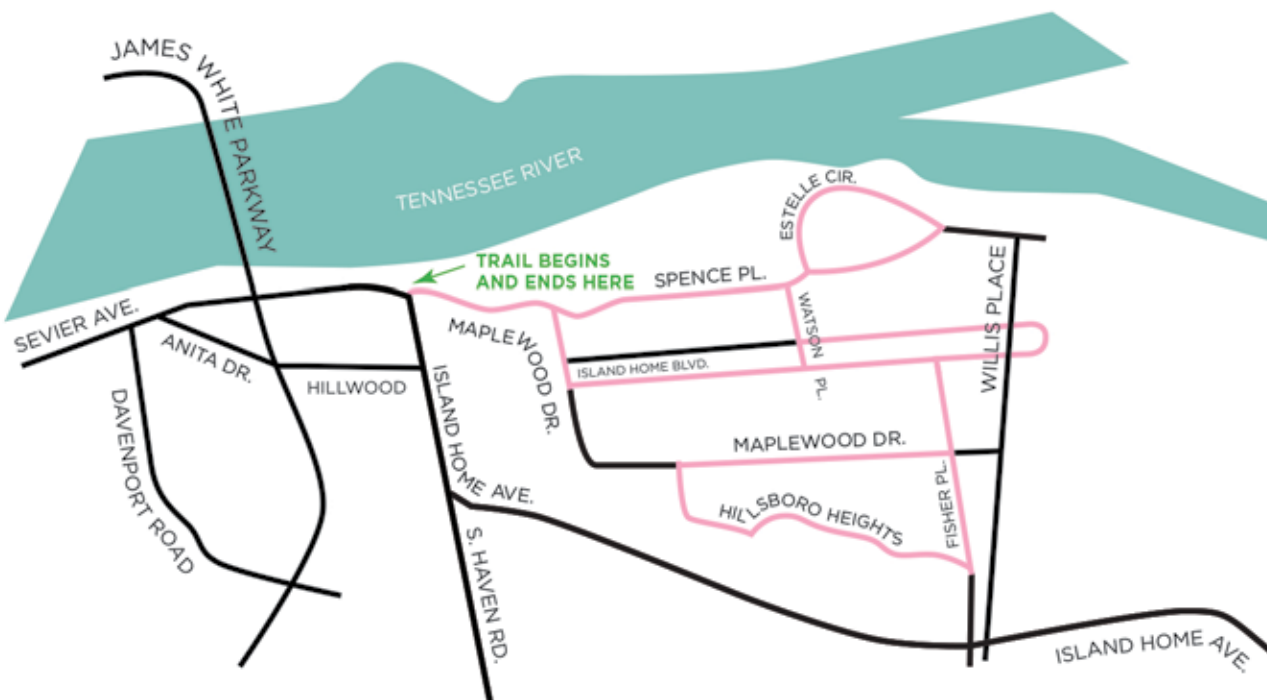
Across Chapman Highway, the trail continues into the Lake Forest community where examples of Tennessee Pink Marble are found in the architecture of its homes. Once mined by over 35 quarries in the Knoxville area, larger blocks of marble were used in buildings all over the U.S., including Washington D.C., and carved into monuments, such as the famous lion statues in front of the New York Public Library. Local builders used the smaller left over pieces to construct retaining walls, arched doorways, chimneys, patios, and whole houses. To celebrate the heritage and architecture of the neighborhood, a five-ton pink marble entry sign was added in 2014. East Lake Forest Drive leads to an entrance to The Urban Wilderness Loop, a popular outdoor recreation spot, which connects to the William Hastie Natural Area (3.5 miles of trails) with Ijams Nature Center where you can enjoy early spring wildflower hikes.

ISLAND HOME

Historic Island Home Park was developed as a streetcar suburb when interest in South Knoxville increased after the Gay Street Bridge, equipped with trolley tracks, was built in 1897-98. The original trolley turnaround at the entrance to the neighborhood served the first 1912 trolley line, connecting downtown to South Knoxville. Soon it traveled through the neighborhood along Island Home Boulevard, reversing at the top of Fisher Place. The entry columns, erected circa 1899, marked the perimeter of Island Home, the farm and summer home of wealthy merchant Perez Dickinson. His 'Island Home' farm covered 600 acres with 200 acres criss-crossed by white picket fences and was used as a model stock farm in addition to his summer home. Dickinson's Italianate home remains perched on the hill inside the campus of Tennessee School for the Deaf, the eastern boundary of Island Home Park.

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Home

Keep voting democrat... One day they will restrict your freedoms, restrict your history and restrict your safety. All in the name of professional victims who do not understand the consequences of their ignorance.

Ronald Reagan 1987

I have become a homebody. I didn't used to be this way. All my life I was "going" ... somewhere, but now I'm there.

My parents instilled in me a desire to travel, and I was blessed to traipse across dozens of countries on five continents. But my wanderlust has abated; you might say it has wandered away. It's just as well because the latest European war and Covid have made travel problematic, especially for cruising, which Becky and I loved. The cruise industry is in ruins from the virus, and with the damaged economy and inflation, it may not

recover.

Sometimes it's hard to remember what I've written. So, excuse me if I repeat myself and mention the retirement home Becky and I built five years ago. Since our girls were grown and launched, Becky and I needed less and one of our daughters needed more space for her growing family. So, she now lives in the homestead and Becky got to build her dream home on our farm property. And I get to sit on my veranda in the sunshine, see my grandchildren almost every day and enjoy my retirement.

You may have noticed that I have a new home on the pages of The Focus. The paper continues to be successful, offering a much-needed counterpoint to the local fish wrapper. However, success brings challenges and recently reorganization of The Focus format became

necessary. Unfortunately, several people, including my mother, had difficulty finding my column. Thank you, Mr. Hunley, for my new home in section B which thankfully is "satisfactory" to my mother.

Many have observed a reluctance to change as we become older. As the metaphor goes, we become set in our ways. When we were young everything was new. Nature designs younglings to be adaptable, enabling them to stretch themselves and explore the world. As we grow older, we learn what works and what does not. The school of hard knocks is a formidable teacher. Perhaps this is one reason why older people are less amenable to trying new things.

I once read that major innovations and discoveries are made by younger people. An example is Einstein's theories of special and general relativity, which were conceived in his late 20s. Science has demonstrated that intellectual quickness peaks in our 20s. However, I take comfort knowing the accumulation of life experiences more than compensates for the decline in mental quickness - and my difficulty remembering phone numbers.

Notably, children's brains are immature and incapable of defining, among other things, their developing

sexuality. As a result, I am violently opposed to school sexual indoctrination of children. And from my research, the Biden administration's recent endorsement of transgender sex change surgery for adolescents is dangerous and wrong.

Long ago I toyed with the idea of living somewhere other than Knoxville. I did live in Memphis during medical school and the first part of my internal medicine residency. I saw the underbelly of Memphis and consequently it was never on the shortlist. Admittedly, the idea of living somewhere other than Knoxville was youthful fancy, although during my travels I did consider Wellington, New Zealand and Victoria, British Columbia. But I was born and raised in Knoxville and here I will make my stand.

These days we hear much about Ukrainians sacrificing and professing love of their homeland. I found it disturbing to read in a recent poll that 53% of "Democrats" would flee and not defend our country. Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, I feel that "There's no place like home," and America and Knoxville are special. I know because I've traveled and sampled the world. I vow to defend my home, my family and my country against enemies both foreign and domestic.

In last week's essay I wrote about The Great Reset and the concept of the new world order which envisions a world citizen and government overseen by elite globalists like John Kerry, Klaus Schwab and Justin Trudeau. Interestingly, Socrates considered himself a citizen of the world rather than just a citizen of Athens. Philosophically, I can identify with the evolved 24th century John Luke Picard of Star Trek, but we are not yet ready for a world government. And I certainly would not surrender my freedom to the miscreants who are running our country, the Eurozone or China.

I am no fan of the Academy Awards or much that comes out of Hollywood, also known as Tinseltown, because it is a façade of reality. I quit paying attention to the Academy Awards when Saving Private Ryan lost best picture to Shakespeare in Love, although both movies are wonderful. The big flap (or should I say big slap) last week was Will Smith defending his wife. Many elites who forgave Will Smith cursed Donald Trump who championed our homeland and pushed back against democrats and progressives in Hollywood, academia and the media. I would rather have Trump's reactive tweets than Biden's

dementia.

I recently heard an interview with Jason Whitlock about "DIE," diversity, inclusion and equity. I have written about equity which is vastly different from equality under the law (knoxfocus.com March 22, 2021). I have no problem with diversity and inclusion unless they are mandated by Big Brother or wokesters like the Walt Disney Company. But what if diversity means that minorities assume victim status and are manipulated, and the tail begins to wag the proverbial dog? This happened with the NCAA transgender rules which will destroy title IX and women's sports. We hear a lot about diversity and inclusion when it suits the left, but where are diversity and inclusion in basketball and football? I believe the best player should play despite their skin color. This is called meritocracy. The ideological theocracy of the left is a pernicious perversion of DIE.

They say, "Home is where the heart is." And so, America and Knoxville are home for me. And I use the talents and the voice I have to fight the evil that has come among us. Join me in the crusade to say NO to democrat progressives and wokesters. Let us stand up for our children, our freedom and Constitutional equality.

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The corrections officer chosen as Officer of the Month in August was chosen as Corrections Officer of the Year and introduced to the Knox County Commission last week. Sheriff Tom Spangler said that Officer Donald Frye was so chosen because of what he did outside the jail while off duty.

Frye had just gotten off work on the second shift and was on his way home with another individual, according to the sheriff. They noticed a vehicle weaving back and forth on Washington Pike and the vehicle pulled into to a

Weigle's store. The person got out of the vehicle, ran to the passenger side, and started assaulting a woman in the truck.

Frye intervened and the man got back into his truck and tried to leave. Frye reached into the truck and got the keys and called for a patrol officer.

"This is an officer who does not have the patrol training but took matters in his own hands to make sure that individuals in our community were not injured," Sheriff Spangler said.

The commissioners gave the officer a large ovation for his actions outside his normal duties.



Sheriff Tom Spangler introduces Officer Donald Frye as Corrections Officer of the Year to the Knox County Commission. The office was chosen for his off-duty effort to help stop an assault on a lady who was a passenger in a truck that was weaving on Washington Pike. Photo / Mike Steely.

Relive Sock Hops again and help the Museum of Education

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Do you remember being nervous about asking that special person to dance with you? Remember dance crazes like the mashed potato, the swim or the twist?

Those were the golden years of doo-wop, rock and roll and love songs.

You can go back and relive those high school memories on Friday, April 22, during the 6th Annual Sock Hop benefit. The Knox County Museum of Education is holding the fundraiser from 6 p.m.

until 9 p.m. in the "Great Room" of the Sarah Simpson Professional Development and Technology Center located at 801 Tipton Street. That facility is located next to the Old South High School Building in South Knoxville.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Museum of Education or at the door the night of the event. Pizza and soft drinks are available at the Doo Wop Cafe.

The evening will feature a broad range of

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music popular in the 50s and 60s from Pro-Audio Mobile DJs featuring Bill Rutherford. The South High Octet, friends for over 50 years, will bring their talents to the stage again this year with some new songs as well as favorites. The octet were members of the South High Boys Octet and the "Great Room" was actually their old gymnasium.

Walter Mencer Jr., the lead singer for the Four Dots and a Dash local group, will join the Octet as a guest singer for "Under the Broadwalk" and "Goodnight Sweetheart."

The Octet will open each set of songs with the old Cas Walker theme song. Members of the South High Octet include Scott Little, Alexander "Sonny" Brandau, Jay Johnson, Paul Patterson, Mike Maples, Ernie Gammon and Chuck Sayne. Herb Cover passed away last year.

A silent auction will feature music memorabilia and several sports items including a basketball signed by Chris Lofton and the whole UT team including Bruce Pearl's signature. Also in the auction are footballs and basketballs from current coaches Rick Barnes, Kellie Harper and Josh Heupel and Athletic Director Danny White. A signed basketball from Globetrotter Bill "Showboat" Dumpson



Several treasures, including autographed basketballs, will be available for bids at a silent auction at the sock hop benefit on April 22.

and a Phillip Fulmer autographed football is also up for auction.

The Museum of Education is celebrating its 16th year and houses thousands of items that show school history from Knox County and Knoxville. It is an all-volunteer organization, a 501-3c non-profit and affiliated with the Knox County Retired Teachers Association.

The museum is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and is always looking for additional volunteers. The organization is currently developing short-term and long-term visions to assure its longevity. Information for this story was provided by David Armstrong and Jody Davis.

A Celebration of Life for Benna van Vuuren, founder of the education museum, will be held Friday, May 13.

They were fun to watch. They had team chemistry, talent, and a spirit for winning. The Tennessee men's basketball team gave fans a season filled with dribbling, dunks, and dazzling three-point shots. They reached a huge milestone in winning the SEC Tournament. Vol Nation could sense the possibility that this team could go far in the NCAA Tournament in their quest for a national championship. After showing so much promise and the possibility of making history, it was sad to see those hopes dashed so



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early in their tournament run. The Lady Vols also delighted fans throughout the season. Their defense and offense appeared to be on track to take them to the pinnacle of the NCAA tournament where they have

been so many times before. Despite dealing with injuries that sidelined key players, they dribbled their way to the Sweet Sixteen! Sadly, their tournament dreams ended there.

The madness of March brings happiness, hope, and often heartbreak. It ended the hopes of any tournament title for either Tennessee team. Despite



Picture of Tennessee mementos, by Ralphine Major.

all the adversity the two teams had faced, they represented the university with class, heart, and integrity. Some players will now graduate with their college degree. Some will go on to play pro ball. Some will return for another season with their Tennessee team. It is sad to know that both teams have played their

last game together. And for a season, it was so much fun to watch them! Thanks --and good luck to all!

Words of Faith: "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left." Luke 23:33 (KJV).

Out of my comfort zone

I left my comfort zone this past week. My brother's grandson plays for Western Carolina University, and on Wednesday they became the latest victim of the #1 college baseball team in the country. I wouldn't have missed seeing Caden on the field at Lindsey Nelson Stadium for the world. As a freshman, he didn't get in the game, but his time is coming.

I hadn't been on the UT campus for a while, and in only minutes, I discovered the road layouts that I once



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knew were different. As a graduate student, I could drive on roads that are now closed; buildings now stand where they led. More than once, my car was in reverse and then headed in a new direction to arrive at the

baseball field.

Classes had just let out, and young people filled the sidewalks and crosswalks. Few of them looked up as they walk to their next destinations, and it wouldn't surprise me to hear of more students being hit by vehicles simply because they had to see what messages were on their phones.

Other students walked zombie-like, and I deduced that they'd just left a physics or chemistry class or had listened to an hour or more of a droning as the professor passionately presented the beauty of Romanticism. Some walked with a partner and

held hands. They were filled with that fresh kind of college love and knew of no other soul existing in their universe.

I missed those college days and would visit them only if family and the girl I eventually married were present. Those four years at Tennessee Tech were a good period in my life. I was young, enjoyed school, and fell in love. That thought left me wondering how those students would feel fifty years from now.


The seats that we had were perfect. Our view of the entire field and home plate afforded us the chance to watch each play develop. It also gave the opportunity to critique every call the umpire made. The game was sold out, and soon folks were sitting around us. One man behind us spent the entire game talking about the adventures that he'd experienced. He spoke in a voice loud enough for all to hear his stories. I'm sure he didn't see a single play because doing so would have interrupted his litany of tall tales.

In front of us, a family of four came in. Dad was a tall man with arms the size of telephone poles. I wanted to ask what sport he'd played. His children were

bouncing up and down to go to the concessions stands and to do anything the announcer suggested. The parents took turns going with their offspring, and at some point, the dad looked different. He was haggard and impatient as his jack-in-the-box children never seemed to lose an ounce of energy.

The seat beside me was empty. My dear wife had been stricken with the symptoms of a sinus infection and an allergy attack. However, in the next seat over was Dallas. I don't remember the last time that we attended a ballgame together. We reminisced about the regional game at UT when the entire Tennessee Tech team had colored their hair blonde. Unlike any other time, I pitched him the keys and told him to drive us home.

The day was good. Normally, I don't like crowds. They make me nervous, I worry about parking, I fret over traffic, and I complain about the prices charged for everything. This time it didn't matter. I missed Amy, but I sure enjoyed Dallas. It's not often that old daddies and their sons find time to sit and watch a baseball game. No, baseball isn't boring. It might be the only sport that allows people to relax and talk between pitches or innings. I'm sure glad Caden was on the WCU team because it forced me to get out of my comfort zone and have a good day with my son. Baseball still has it for men and boys.



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The End of an Era

The Passing of Carroll Reece

Pages from the Past



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For forty years, Brazilla Carroll Reece had been the congressman from the highly Republican First Congressional District of Tennessee with a few interruptions. Carroll Reece had first gone to Congress in 1920 after beating an entrenched incumbent in a heated GOP primary. For the next decade, Sam Sells, the defeated congressman, and his supporters promoted various candidates to challenge Reece. In 1930, Reece's congressional service was disrupted in the most unthinkable way; Oscar Byrd Lovette, a former district attorney general from Greeneville, waged a quixotic sixteen-day campaign in the general election as an Independent. The issue was the development of Muscle Shoals, the forerunner of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Reece was largely supporting President Herbert Hoover, who favored private power rather than public power. As it happened, even Republicans in Tennessee were fierce supporters of the concept of public power and the benefits it would bring the region. Carroll Reece was upset in the general election after a decade of service in the House of Representatives.

The former congressman never stopped campaigning to regain his seat in Congress following his defeat. Reece also changed his position on the question of water power; he would be an advocate for and supporter of the Tennessee Valley Authority in the future. Most of the Republicans serving with Reece were fierce opponents of TVA and when they asked their friend from Tennessee how he could support the agency, the congressman would reply one could not be elected in the Volunteer State "by doing the other." In short, nobody could be elected to any public office in the State of Tennessee who opposed the Tennessee Valley Authority. Reece showed his political acumen and his relentless campaign style in beating Congressman O. B. Lovette not once, but twice in 1932. Carroll Reece won a bitterly fought GOP primary and again bested Lovette when the congressman declared the results from the primary election to be corrupt and waged yet another Independent campaign in the fall. Sam R. Sells died in November of 1935 and O. B. Lovette had died in July of 1934; with his two most implacable opponents gone, much of the opposition to Reece inside the Republican Party seemed to subside. By 1940, Carroll Reece had made the First Congressional District his own; the Reece political

organization was the same as that of the Republican Party inside the First District.

During Carroll Reece's time in Congress, the Republican Party was a distinct minority in Tennessee and virtually non-existent in the one-party South. In Tennessee, Republicans were largely confined to the First and Second Congressional Districts. In November of 1939, Reece's colleague in Congress and sometime rival in the GOP, J. Will Taylor died suddenly. Reece replaced Taylor as Tennessee's Republican National Committeeman, a post he held for the remainder of his life.

Carroll Reece was unusual in being a successful Republican below the Mason – Dixon Line, but also in being a figure of ever-increasing importance inside the GOP. In 1946, Carroll Reece was elected as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. It was Carroll Reece who quarterbacked the most successful campaign waged by Republicans since the advent of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal. Republicans took advantage of voter frustration over deprivations enforced by the Second World War and campaigned on the simple yet highly effective slogan "Had Enough?" Carroll Reece presided over a sweeping victory that saw Republicans win twelve seats in the United States Senate and fifty-five seats in the House of Representatives. Republicans won a majority in both houses of Congress. Reece had also voluntarily given up his seat in the House to concentrate all his energies on his responsibilities as Chairman of the RNC.

Irrespective of his electoral success, Reece was viewed with suspicion by most of the Eastern Republican establishment. Carroll Reece was a thoroughgoing conservative and viewed as a supporter of Ohio U. S. senator Robert A. "Bob" Taft, who was a perennial candidate for the GOP presidential nomination from 1940 to 1952. New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey beat Taft for the 1948 GOP presidential nomination and unceremoniously dumped Reece as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. At least outwardly, Carroll Reece showed no bitterness and the prospects of yet another Republican sweep seemed so bright, that the former congressman came home to Tennessee and announced his candidacy for the United States Senate. Tennessee Democrats had been busy tearing themselves apart



COURTESY THE CARROLL REECE MUSEUM, ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA, ETSU

Congressman Carroll Reece, circa 1948 with part of his collection of elephants.

in a no-holds-barred fight in their own primary contests. Governor Jim Nance McCord had convinced the legislature to finally pass a sales tax, largely to finance education, both higher and secondary, in Tennessee. McCord was facing a difficult campaign against former governor Gordon Browning and must have been dismayed when most educators lined up behind his opponent. Senator Tom Stewart had lost the support of E. H. Crump, head of the Shelby County political machine, in favor of an unknown judge of the Circuit Court from Cookeville, John A. Mitchell. It was one of the worst mistakes of the Memphis Boss's long political career and ended the domination of the McKellar-Crump axis in Tennessee politics. Estes Kefauver, a rather liberal congressman from Chattanooga, was running for the senatorial nomination and Crump's refusal to back Senator Stewart for reelection gave Kefauver the opening he needed. Browning and Kefauver won their respective primaries. E. H. Crump bolted the Democratic Party by refusing to support President Harry Truman, preferring instead to back Strom Thurmond and the "Dixiecrats." Tennessee Republicans saw a glimmer of hope the Memphis Boss would also refuse to support Browning and Kefauver in the general election.

Hopeful Republicans nominated Roy Acuff, the legendary country music entertainer, for governor and Carroll Reece for the United States Senate. Democrats were immediately alarmed by the thousands of voters who came to the Republican rallies to hear Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys perform. Reece waged the first serious senatorial campaign by a Republican in Tennessee since former governor Ben W. Hooper ran in 1916, the first time Tennesseans selected a senator by popular election. Thomas E. Dewey not only lost to underdog Harry Truman, but he took most of the Republican ticket with him. Carroll Reece won only roughly a

third of the ballots cast in the 1948 general election despite an intensive and expensive campaign.

Carroll Reece remained highly popular with the people of Tennessee's First Congressional District and in 1950 he announced he would challenge his successor in Congress, Dayton Phillips, for the GOP nomination in the Republican primary. Phillips had voted against the Taft – Hartley labor bill and was a more liberal Republican, but very popular, especially inside an area of counties he had represented as a local district attorney. Reece reestablished his dominance as the most popular politician in the First District when he defeated Congressman Phillips to return to the House after a four-year absence.

Reece retained his national prominence inside his own party and was the Southern manager for Robert Taft's last bid for the GOP presidential nomination in 1952. When Dwight Eisenhower won instead, Reece backed the highly popular former general and was elated when Tennessee fell into the Republican column. Carroll Reece felt somewhat threatened by a group of Republicans who were original backers of Eisenhower in the Volunteer State who proposed to approve all the patronage recommendations in Tennessee rather than Republican National Committeeman Reece. President Eisenhower found he absolutely had to have the vote of Congressman Carroll Reece in the House Rules Committee to move one of his legislative priorities. Reece changed his vote and remained the patronage boss in Tennessee during the Eisenhower administration. Nobody understood practical politics better than Carroll Reece who gave the newcomers a valuable lesson.

Carroll Reece remained an institution inside his own congressional district and easily turned back the occasional challenge inside the primary. The 1960 election was Carroll Reece's last campaign. Congressman Reece faced no opposition

in the Republican primary and swept past frequent congressional candidate Arthur Bright in the general election. Reece was delighted when his friend Vice President Richard Nixon carried Tennessee over John F. Kennedy. Disappointed by Nixon's narrow loss, Reece was the chairman of the birthday festivities for Nixon at the Capitol in January of 1961. Reece, resplendent in a tuxedo, carried his seventy-one years well and his white hair was highlighted by the deep tan the congressman kept from hours in the sun at his vacation home in Florida. As it turned out, Congressman Carroll Reece was seriously ailing. Newspapers in Tennessee reported the congressman was at Bethesda Naval Hospital in late January of 1961 being treated for pleurisy, a painful condition of the lungs that impaired breathing. Reece had suffered from such issues ever since having been gassed during the First World War.

As Reece lay ill in Bethesda, the Rules Committee was undergoing a critical fight between the new Kennedy administration and conservative opponents. Reece wrote to Carl Jones, publisher of the Johnson City Press Chronicle, that his doctors were confident "of clearing up" the congressman's illness "shortly" and he hoped to be present to vote. Carroll Reece did indeed return to Capitol Hill where he was greeted by his Republican colleague, Howard Baker (father of the future U. S. senator). Reece voted against the proposal to enlarge the House Rules Committee, which was being pushed by House Speaker Sam Rayburn to aid the legislative program of President Kennedy. The full House voted 217 – 212 to approve Rayburn's request. Although largely downplayed by the congressman's office, Reece had left his sickbed at the Naval Hospital to come and cast his vote and returned later that same day. On February 2, Carroll Reece's office announced the congressman had undergone an operation on one of his lungs as the

Nashville Banner reported. According to the congressman's office, the operation was to correct "a condition" in Reece's lung. The day after that announcement came another from one of the congressman's aides who said the surgery had been delayed so that doctors could take tissue samples of Reece's lungs. One indication of how truly sick Reece was is the fact that his trip to and from the Capitol had been by ambulance.

The congressman's wife, Louise, issued the next news bulletin following "minor" surgery performed on Reece. According to Louise Reece, the congressman was "feeling fine" following the operation and was not confined to his bed, but rather wandering the halls of the hospital and watching television. Mrs. Reece estimated the congressman would remain at Bethesda Naval Hospital for another two weeks. Reece was well enough to leave the hospital to attend a meeting of the House Rules Committee before returning to Bethesda. Yet again, Reece insisted he was "feeling fine." Periodic announcements came from the Naval Hospital with Louise Reece reassuring reporters her husband was responding to the treatment he was receiving and his physicians were pleased with the congressman's progress.

The true nature of Carroll Reece's lung ailment was Stage Four lung cancer. It is almost certainly true that the congressman and his family believed he was suffering from the effects of having been gassed, but at some point, doctors at Bethesda revealed the true nature of his illness. News stories appearing in Tennessee newspapers reporting Reece's improvement were routine, yet, at best, wishful thinking and at worse, simply deceptive. Reece was released from the Naval Hospital on February 28, 1961, after having been confined for six weeks. Louise Reece spoke with reporters and said the congressman would continue going to Bethesda for daily treatment but refused to say exactly what he was being treated for; Mrs. Reece hastily added her husband was recovering from a case of pleurisy. Congressman Reece was present to vote for the extension of unemployment benefits. By mid-March, Carroll Reece was slipping away. Louise Reece, Reece's eldest grandchild, recalls her mother being told that if she wished to see her father alive she needed to hurry. Reece died on March 19, 1961.

An editorial in the Johnson City press Chronicle stated Reece "was the most effective political leader in the history of the First Congressional District." The newspaper also opined that the First District "is not likely to produce his equal in this century, if ever." It remains true to this day.

Taking the Ozone Loop

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Our region is a haven for waterfalls and a few of the cascades are conveniently located very near a highway for easy viewing. Bald River Falls south of Townsend is one of those beautiful and natural attractions right beside the road.

There's another waterfall that's little-visited but is just off the highway where you can park and walk to the overlook and see a majestic scene without a long hike. Ozone Falls, just off Highway 70 east of Crab Orchard, might surprise you if you haven't been there.

Getting to and from Ozone can become a family outing as there are many things to see and do along the way. The easiest way to get there is along Interstate 40 to Crab Orchard atop Cumberland Mountain and then follow Highway 70 back east.

The little community of Ozone was formed as a stagecoach stop in the 18th century for travelers from Knoxville to the Nashville area. About 1805 the widow of an early Cumberland County settler built a tavern there and, in 1880, a post office was established.

Originally the settlement was known as "Mammy" after a creek nearby but the name was changed to "Ozone" to reflect the area's great air quality. Ozone was the hometown of Myles Horton, a popular educator, who helped the poor in the area and his later founding of the Highlander Center now located in New Market.

Fall Creek passes through the rugged mountains there and drops as Ozone Falls. The Ozone Falls State Natural Area was established there in 1973 to protect the falls, a 110-foot plunge into the surrounding gorge.

If you are adventurous you can take the Ozone trail down to the falls and

to the Beyond Falls area. The Ozone Falls area is a 43-acre natural area in Cumberland County.

From Ozone Falls you may want to take Highway 70 east to Highway 27 and turn north to Rockwood. On the way, you may want to stop at the Mount Roosevelt Overlook, a peak on Walden Ridge west of Rockwood. From there, on a clear day, you can see the Tennessee Valley below and the Smoky Mountains far to the east.

Rockwood was founded as a Cherokee village and was the headquarters of Chief Tallentuskie, a Cherokee leader in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. From there the chief controlled a ferry and access to the trail that led to middle Tennessee.

Union General John T. Wilder, who in the 1850s had managed a foundry in Indiana, noted the iron ore and coal deposits of the Cumberland Plateau region while operating in the area during the Civil War. After the war, Wilder and Ohio-born Knoxville Iron Company founder Hiram Chamberlain purchased 900 acres at what is now Rockwood, selecting the location due to the ore and coal resources at the base of Walden Ridge, the proximity to the Tennessee River, and an assumption that the encroaching railroads would descend the plateau at nearby Emory Gap.

From Rockwood, you may want to stay on Highway 70 to cross the river to Kingston, once the end of the Tennessee territory where Fort Southwest Point, now a reconstructed former militia outpost, is located. Kingston also has the historic Morgan House, the former courthouse that's now a museum, and the old graveyard of early settlers.

You can get back on Interstate 40 there or continue along Highway 70 to Lenoir City, Farragut and on to Knoxville.

You can find Ozone Falls on the internet and choose your own route. Taking a camera or your cell phone is a good idea because there's so much to see along the route to and from the falls.

Merit Council facing loss in court, may postpone all grievances

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When the Knox County Sheriff's Office Merit System Council meets this morning at 9 a.m. it has a big decision: the council might vote to postpone all grievances, hearings and actions following the March 17 ruling by Chancellor Christopher Heagerty.

The merit council has received several complaints against the sheriff's office over the past two years and has only heard one of the cases, that of KCSO employee Martha Dooley. A decision in that two-day hearing last month has not been announced and may be announced on April 28. Both the sheriff

and the Knox County Law Director informed the merit council that it had no authority to rule on the Dooley case.

The case before Chancellor Heagerty was "Tom Spangler, Sheriff of Knox County, vs. Knox County Sheriff's Merit System Council and Gina Oster, Jim Jennings and Jim Wright Jr., the Merit System Council members and Curtis Nathaniel Cole." Cole was named in the original case as an interested party.

In his ruling Judge Heagerty basically ruled that the merit council's positions in response to the sheriff's lawsuit were dismissed. That dismissal covered the council's request

for a stay of discovery, a motion to dismiss, a protective order, and a declaratory judgment.

The sheriff's lawsuit contends he has the absolute right to transfer his employees and the merit council has no right to hear a grievance on the transfers. The case also called into question the validity of the merit system council because the Knox County Commission never passed a resolution agreeing to the state requirements to establish a merit council.

"Under the facts alleged in the Amended Petition, the sheriff has satisfied the requirements set forth above. There is an actual controversy between the parties related to issues

before the court. Further, the parties are patently adversarial with regards to these issues and their interests in this regard are conflicting," Heagerty's order states.

"Respondent's Motion to Dismiss the Petitioners First Amended Petition for Declaratory Judgment is hereby dismissed. Respondent's Motion for Stay of Discovery Pending Resolution of the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss is hereby Denied as moot. Respondent's Motion for Protective Order is hereby Denied," Heagerty ruled.

Judge Heagerty gave both parties 90 days to file any action and 120 days to file any dispositive motions.

Preservation award, Youth STEM, accounting services on city agenda

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Knoxville may set aside \$129,404 for Historic Preservation Awards when the city council meets Tuesday evening. The funds, requested by the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, would go to eligible historic properties within the city.

The council may also authorize \$4,295 from Community Empowerment funds for Youth Outreach in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The program educates critical thinking for the next generation of innovators among middle and high school students.

The donation goes to help sponsor a robotics team, Gr8ness, as it competes in the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas Texas from May 8 through 10.

Marret & Company PLLC may be hired for \$117,000 to provide professional government accounting services to the city finance department.

An agreement with Two Sisters Ventures Inc., doing business as Abacus Hive, may be considered to provide budget and accounting services to the finance department for important projects. The agreement is for \$100,000 and is requested by the finance

department.

The council will also consider accepting \$10,000 from the Sampson Fund at the East Tennessee Foundation on behalf of Cherokee Distributing for the Sunsphere Fund managed by Visit Knoxville.

A memorandum of understanding with One Knoxville Sporting Club for a "Mini-Pitch" project at Harriet Tubman Park is requested from the Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Indya Kincannon may be authorized to execute an agreement with the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police to coordinate internet crimes against children investigator training and website maintenance. The agreement comes through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and is for \$79,000.

The council will also consider closing city-owned right-of-ways on Patton Street and Willow Avenue,

granting a release of easement on the south side of 524 South Day Street, closing part of the right-of-way on part of Patton Street and next to First Creek, and donating \$10,000 to Two Bikes to support its Bike School.

The one-year plan prepared by Knoxville-Knox County Planning may be adopted.

City council meets in the main assembly room of the City-County Building at 6 p.m.

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Farragut eyes another state softball crown

By Steve Williams

Farragut High's 2022 softball team may not be as good as last year's state championship team, but the current Lady Admirals are still good enough to repeat as state champs.

That's how Farragut Coach Nick Green sized up things after last Thursday's 21-7 win at Alcoa.

"Last year's team was absolutely exceptional in every facet of the game," said Green. "We could hit, we could field, we could run and we had outstanding pitching. We also had outstanding depth. If we were missing a kid, we would could put someone in off the bench and not miss a beat.

"I don't see how we possibly could be better than last year's team," added Green. "Now what we have this year that we didn't have last year is the experience of going to a state tournament and winning a state tournament."

Everyday competition among teammates really made Farragut good last season, said Green. "This team is lacking some of that competitive depth."

The Lady Admirals jumped out to an 11-0 lead over a good Alcoa team coached by former Tennessee Lady Vol standout Sarah Bailey, and her Lady Tornadoes responded with

said Coach Green.

"Farragut is very likely the best softball team in the state," said Alcoa's Coach Bailey. "They took advantage of our numerous defensive miscues."

State title potential?

"Get to a state tourney and anything can happen," replied Coach Green. "Can we get to a state tourney? I absolutely do believe we can.

"Once we get there, we'll just have to see how we're playing. Hopefully, we're playing outstanding at that point in time and everybody is healthy and we give ourselves a shot to compete for another state title."



Farragut Head Coach Nick Green talks to his softball team after the Lady Admirals' 21-7 win at Alcoa Thursday. Farragut took a 16-1-1 record into Friday's action.

four runs in the bottom of the first and three in the second to reduce the deficit to 11-7.

"Sometimes we put up really big numbers and have a tendency to lose interest," said Coach Green. "Today that came back to bite us a little bit."

But Farragut ace Avery Flatford, a senior and Tennessee Tech signee, didn't pitch against Alcoa. Instead, No. 2 pitcher Emma MacTavish, a sophomore, went the distance in the circle.

"We put it a little bit on

cruise control and Alcoa or any team that Sarah Bailey is going to coach is going to come out and be competitive no matter what and they came out and hit it around pretty good," said Green.

"But, like I told them, I'm never going to be disappointed with putting up 21 runs in a game. I am a little disappointed by giving up seven, but on the flip side I told (MacTavish) I was very proud of her for putting up zeroes for the last three innings."

Crushing the ball up and

down the lineup, the Lady Admirals added 10 more runs over the last three innings and the game was halted by the mercy rule.

Farragut has six returning starters from last season. Some have moved to new positions. Flatford, of course, is the bell cow.

In addition to Flatford, four others have signed to play college softball: centerfielder Sarah Livingston (Tennessee Tech), first baseman Lauren Brakovec (Anderson University in S.C.), second baseman Emily Musco (ETSU) and

catcher Autumn Caywood (Johnson University).

New faces for Farragut this season include sophomore third baseman Delaney Shrader and sophomore leftfielder Addison Pressley.

Senior Vivian Boles is an everyday starter in right field this season and Livingston has moved from RF to CF to take Ace Strickland's spot. Strickland, a Division 1 basketball prospect, decided to focus more on basketball and also is running some track this spring for conditioning,

NOW IN COLLEGE: Farragut graduated two starters last season. Third baseman Cameron Young, who Green says is one of Farragut's best in school history, is at ETSU and leftfielder Jordan Kanipe is at Belhaven University, Miss.

LEADING THE WAY: Local high school softball teams with most wins and at least playing .500 going into April 1 games were: Farragut 16-1-1, Karns 15-5, Gibbs 11-2, Fulton 8-1, Powell 8-2, Grace Christian 7-5, Carter 7-7, Bearden 6-3 and Halls 5-3.

Halls notches comeback victory against Beavers in slugfest

By Ken Lay

The early portion of the 2022 baseball season has been a roller coaster ride for Halls High School. And if one game was a microcosm of the Red Devils' campaign thus far, it was Wednesday night's contest against Karns.

The Beavers scored the first five runs of the game, tallying three times in the second inning and twice in the third.

But Halls would battle back and claim a 14-9 victory at Bob Polston Field.

"We battled," said long time Red Devils' coach Doug Polston. "We got some key hits.

"It's been an up-and-down

season."

After the two teams missed scoring opportunities in the first inning, Karns took a 3-0 lead in the top of the second inning as Caleb Jarreau had a two-run single and Micah Morgan drove in another run with a hit.

The Beavers (6-6) extended their advantage to 5-0 in the following frame as Jarreau and Riley Hartline came up with RBI doubles.

The Red Devils got on the board in their half of the third as Tucker Vance and Kayden Daniels had scoring singles before Cole Burnett helped Halls pull to within 5-3.

The Beavers went ahead

7-3 on a two-run double by Jackson Fields before the Red Devils erupted for back-to-back five-run innings in the fourth and fifth.

In the fourth, Nolan Faust, the Halls shortstop, cleared loaded bases with a three-run triple and Jake Duncan parked a two-run homer over the center-field fence.

In the fifth, Luke Lawson, the Red Devils' catcher and leadoff hitter, had an RBI double while Faust and Duncan each drove in runs with singles before Nick Curry delivered a two-run single to make it 13-7. Duncan's RBI single made it 14-7 in the sixth.

Polston said he was

pleased with his squad's resilience after Halls faced the huge deficit early.

"We put up a couple of five-spots and that really helped us," he said. "We misplayed a couple of things early and we helped them out.

"But later, they helped us out."

Karns scored twice in the seventh on Jarreau had a two-out one-out double and later scored when Dylan grounded out. Hartline walked and came home on an error for the first run of the inning.

Halls (5-5) dropped an 11-8 decision to Morristown West on the road Thursday night.

Halls first baseman Jake Duncan prepares to hold Karns High's Riley Hartline on base Wednesday. Duncan had three hits including a two-run homer for the Red Devils, who outlasted the Beavers 14-9 in a non-district slugfest.

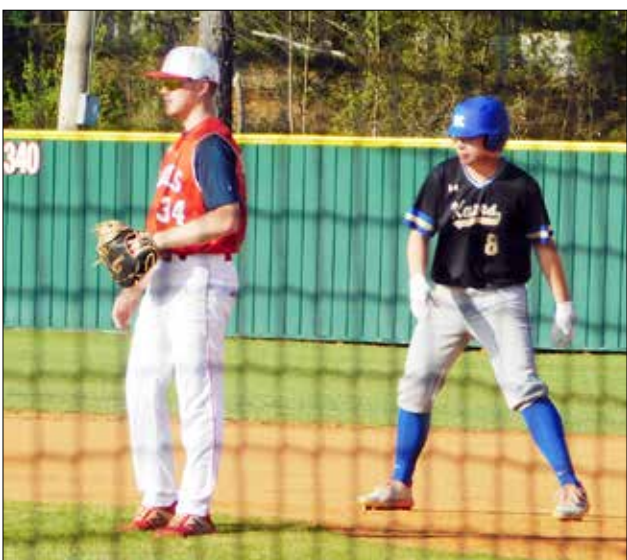


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Warriors take advantage of Grace Christian's mistakes in district tilt

By Ken Lay

Christian Academy of Knoxville's baseball team took advantage of its opportunities Tuesday night in a Division II-A East Region District 1 road game.

"I thought we played pretty well," Warriors' coach Tommy Pharr said after the Warriors routed Grace Christian Academy, 17-3, at Grace. "They helped us a little bit and you have to take advantage of it when a team helps you."

"This was a competitive game early." The victory helped CAK (10-1 overall, 2-0 in the district) complete a sweep of the Rams (6-3, 0-2. The Warriors notched a 10-0 victory at home on Monday, March 28 in the league opener for both schools.

CAK may have scored runs in bunches as it took advantage of multiple miscues by the Rams, including six errors and multiple wild pitches and passed balls, but it was the Rams, who took an early lead when center fielder Alex Blackburn led off the bottom of the first inning with a home run to give Grace Christian a 1-0 lead.

"We gave up a home run and they have some guys at the top of their order who can really swing it," Pharr said.

Blackburn, Aiden McCarley, Ian Setzer and Zack Helton, the first four hitters in the Rams' lineup, accounted for all of the team's offense in the second game against the Warriors.

Blackburn went 3-for-3 with a homer, a walk, two doubles, two runs and one RBI.

McCarley went 1-for-3. Setzer went 1-for-2

and drove in a run while Helton was 1-for-3.

CAK took the lead in the third as Grace committed three errors and the Rams had a passed ball.

Grace pulled to within 4-3 in the bottom of the frame as Blackburn doubled and scored. McCarley and Setzer came up with RBI singles in the frame.

CAK scored four more runs in the top of the fourth as Jeremy Crider had a two-run triple and Wes Alig drove in a run with a fielder's choice and Walker Strange plated Crider on a groundout.

CAK added a run to make it 9-3, when Alig doubled and scored in the sixth.

The Warriors then sent 11 batters to the plate in the top of the seventh as they scored eight runs.

CAK had six extra-base hits in the contest as Crider, Evan Cage, Alig, Strange and Sam Cecil all doubled.

Crider, who went 3-for-5 with four RBIs and three runs, had the lone triple in the contest.

Tyler Jenkins went 4-for-5 and scored three runs for the Warriors and Alig was 2-for-5 with four runs scored. He drove in three.

On the mound, Strange started and picked up the win as he went three innings. He yielded three runs, four hits and a walk while striking out four.

Luke Jones tossed four innings of scoreless relief and earned a save. He gave up a hit and two walks while fanning four.

Pharr said he was pleased with his pitchers.

"We pitched pretty well," he said.



New Lady Beavers Coach Lauren Trent: 'I want to get to a point where wearing Karns across your chest means something.'

Lauren Trent: 'My heart is at Karns'

By Steve Williams

Karns High School found its new head girls basketball coach right in its neighborhood.

Lauren Trent is in her seventh year teaching at Karns Middle School. During that time, she has been an assistant coach under Paige Taylor at Oak Ridge High, one of the state's top girls basketball programs.

Trent even went to Karns High as a freshman before graduating from Hardin Valley Academy in 2011.

After playing guard in high school for the Lady Hawks, Trent played four years at Maryville College and had an honorable career with the Lady Scots on and off the court.

Although this will be Trent's first head coaching position, she helped coach Oak Ridge to seven straight district tournament championships, three region titles and three trips to the TSSAA state tournament.

"I came right out of college in 2015 and immediately began coaching with Paige at Oak Ridge," said Coach Trent. "We had a friendship off the court, and she called me to be her assistant and I remained there until taking this job at Karns."

Coach Taylor said she is "very excited" for Lauren. "We had seven great years together coaching at Oak Ridge. I believe Lauren will be good for that school, program, and those girls."

"While Lauren was my assistant coach, she is also my friend who is

like family. I wish her nothing but the best."

With Karns and Oak Ridge in the same district, Trent and Taylor will be on opposite benches when the two teams face each other next season.

"I imagine that playing against one another will be tough," said Coach Taylor. "I have no doubt that both teams will be prepared and will play hard."

Trent met her team for the first time on Monday, March 21.

"Overall, it excited me," she said, recalling the first meeting. "Leaving Oak Ridge was a big decision and not an easy one to make. I thankfully know some of the girls already from being around them at the middle school."

"I really believe these girls need someone to invest in them and the KHS basketball program needs some consistency, which I am hoping to bring."

"I told the girls three things: I want us to be great student-athletes (going to class, getting there on time, completing our schoolwork, etc). I want us to learn to do the right thing all the time, even when it is hard. And lastly, I told them we are going to work hard in everything we do. I truly believe if you work hard and do your best, then things will take care of themselves."

The first time Trent will be able to coach her new team is when "summer begins," she said.

Trent taught the seventh-grade at KMS from 2015-2021. She is in her first year teaching American History in eighth-grade this school year.

In her playing career at Maryville College, her teams went to the NCAA Division 3 tournament all four seasons, with three at-large bids.

Lauren was team captain as a senior in 2014-15. She also was on the All-Conference Sportsmanship Team that year.

As a junior, she made Tournament All-Conference and was an Academic All-Conference honoree all four years at MC.

Trent also received the Lady Scot Award in 2015.

"My heart is at Karns and I only do things at 100 percent," said Trent. "I am hoping that rubs off on our girls, and the transformation will slowly happen. I have told everyone, I want to get to a point where wearing Karns across your chest means something."

Karns Athletic Director Chad Turner said: "We are excited to have Lauren Trent as the new girls basketball coach at Karns High School. Lauren is an exciting young coach who will continue to build the program and help develop our young ladies in the classroom and on the court."

Allen Etheridge, Oak Ridge High Assistant Athletic Director and Sports Information Director, said: "Lauren is a great get for Karns. Terrific coach!"

2022 BEARDEN INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Hardin Valley vs. West	Turf	6:00 PM
Maryville vs. Central	Turf	8:00 PM
Bearden vs. Oak Ridge	Grass	7:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

West vs. Science Hill	Turf	4:30 PM
Webb vs. Maryville	Grass	4:30 PM
Central vs. Hardin Valley	Turf	6:30 PM
Farragut vs. Hendersonville	Grass	6:30 PM
Greeneville vs. Oak Ridge	Turf	8:30 PM
Bearden vs. Gallatin	Grass	8:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Austin-East vs. Jefferson Co.	Turf	10:30 AM
Science Hill vs. Hardin Valley	Turf	12:30 PM
Greeneville vs. Farragut	Grass	12:30 PM
Gallatin vs. Central	Grass	2:30 PM
Maryville vs. Austin-East	Grass	4:30 PM
West vs. Webb	Turf	6:30 PM
Bearden vs. Hendersonville	Grass	6:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Jefferson County vs. Webb	Turf	11:00 AM
Hendersonville vs. Science Hill	Grass	11:00 AM
Austin-East vs. Greeneville	Grass	1:00 PM
Oak Ridge vs. Jefferson County	Grass	3:00 PM

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‘Making me a legend’

When family and friends assembled to honor Ken Donahue's life, there were tears of joy and remembrance, as everyone present thought about a man who touched everybody he knew in a positive way.

Donahue, a native of Corryton, died March 21, 2001, after collapsing at Bally's Total Fitness during a workout. He was 76, born on Feb. 28, 1925, and was an assistant coach at Tennessee for Bowden Wyatt (1956-60) and John Majors (1985-88).

Present were delegations from the University of Tennessee and the University of Alabama (including Paul W. Bryant, Jr.). There were Tennessee and Alabama caps near the casket, a painting of Ken coaching his Tennessee defenders, and his trademark Sherlock Holmes floppy hat. That latter item hit hard. So did the playing of Dottie Rambo's "He Looked Beyond My Faults and Saw My Needs" (words put to the music of "Danny Boy").

A man of uncomplicated virtue, Donahue had come full circle from his early days in Corryton and at Central High School, through his playing days at Tennessee (1947-50), a coaching resume that included stops at Memphis State (1951-55), Tennessee (1956-60), Mississippi State (1961-63), Alabama (1964-84), and Tennessee again (1985-88), before a brief tenure with the Philadelphia Eagles and retirement back to Corryton.

Donahue had returned to Knoxville in 1985, and his defensive unit, which improved game-by-game, brought home a 38-20 win over No. 1 Auburn and eventual Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson. Donahue's defense was a major factor in the Vols' drive to the SEC title, Sugar Bowl win over Miami, and No. 4 (AP) national ranking.

Jackson had averaged 163 yards against Donahue's defenses while Ken was at Alabama, but Donahue got the best of him in 1985, holding him to 80 yards on 17 carries. Orange-shirted defenders were all over him, swarming to the ball as did Vol defenders of old. Neyland

Stadium had never been louder and Vol fans more appreciative.

Many Vol fans consider that team to be among their favorites, especially given the way Donahue's defense played going down the stretch run of the season. The Vol defenders helped mightily in fighting Georgia Tech to a last-minute 6-6 deadlock, shut out Rutgers 40-0, defeated Memphis State 17-7, knocked off Ole Miss 34-14, and shut out Kentucky (40-0) and Vanderbilt (30-0) to clinch the SEC title. If you're counting, that group gave up but 27 points in the last six regular season games.

He was awarded a game ball after the Vols' 16-14 win over Alabama that October. Receiving the pigskin from Dale Jones in the dressing room at Legion Field, Ken said, "This one will go right at the top."

In the minds of many, if not most, Tennessee fans, Donahue will be best remembered for his defensive scheme against Miami in the 1986 Sugar Bowl. The Louisiana Superdome was packed to the rafters with Tennessee fans, and Vol defenders fed off the crowd to stymie the



Ken Donahue and Bear Bryant are shown on the Alabama sideline during the 1964 game at Neyland Stadium. Note the cigarette in Bryant's mouth.

Hurricanes at every turn after giving up an early first quarter score.

In a 35-7 Vol win, Tennessee defenders came at Hurricane quarterback Vinny Testaverde from nearly every angle and created six turnovers, seven quarterback sacks, and five tackles for lost yardage.

In fact, one media representative voted Donahue the game's Most Valuable Player. The (Nashville) Tennessean's David Climer wrote that Donahue won the game with a clipboard and a pencil.

"What Ken Donahue has done with our defense is

the most amazing feat I have seen in all my years of football," Majors said after that Sugar Bowl game. "I've been around some good football coaches, but nobody day-in or day-out could outwork Ken. He left his mark on so many people he coached."

Donahue was considered one of the hardest working assistant coaches during his time in college football. Bear Bryant prided himself on being a hard worker, but said he had to yield to Donahue, or so goes the story. "No matter what time I get there, Donahue's already there," said Bryant.

There's a classic story about Ken Donahue and Bear Bryant that's been told so many times it almost has to be true.

Bryant was riding through the Alabama campus one night with a friend. The friend mentioned that there was a light on in the football office and asked Bryant what the deal was. Bryant's response was vintage.

"That's just that darn Ken Donahue, trying to make me a legend."

Ken wouldn't have liked being called a legend, but darned if he wasn't one himself.

Great coach. Better man.

Top high school soccer teams to compete at Bearden Invitational

By Ken Lay

Some of the state's top high school boys soccer teams will converge on Knoxville this week at the Bearden Invitational.

The tournament begins Thursday and runs through Sunday at Bearden's Turner-Allender Field, home of the Bulldogs soccer team and Bill Young Field, home of the BHS football teams.

Teams in the 2022 field include: the host Bulldogs, Hardin Valley Academy, West High, Central, defending Class 1 state champion Austin-East, defending Division II-A state champion Webb

School of Knoxville, Farragut, Maryville, Oak Ridge, Hendersonville, Greeneville and Gallatin. Bearden, which won a Class AAA state championship in 2019, was the state runner-up in 2021.

Action begins Thursday night as the Hawks, coached by Jessie Stephens, tangles with West at 6 p.m. at Bill Young Field. Bearden plays Oak Ridge at Turner-Allender Field at 7.

Opening night concludes at 8 p.m. when Central takes on Maryville at Bill Young Field.

Game times and matchups are subject to change.

Farragut forfeits 11 boys soccer victories

By Ken Lay

One of Knox County's most tradition-rich high school boys soccer programs must forfeit 11 wins from the 2021 season, the TSSAA determined recently.

Farragut High School, which won the District 4-3A and Region 2-3A tournaments last year, used an ineligible player in matches last season. The student-athlete was a home-schooled eighth grader.

The school was fined \$250 because it self-reported the violation and Farragut must return all money and awards form the 2021 postseason.

The player was ineligible because he was an eighth grader according to a letter sent from the TSSAA to Farragut High athletic director Donald

Dodgen.

The school's administration thought the player was a freshman. The team went 15-3-3 and reached the Class 3A State Tournament. The Admirals' 2021 record no stands at 4-14-2-3.

By Mark Nagi

Travel is good for the soul.

This was never more evident than during the pandemic. The trips that we took for granted were missing. So many events, so many games, so many opportunities for new experiences were gone in an instant.

And while we aren't completely back to pre-March 2020 levels of an open society, we aren't that far away.

Recently I was asked to go to Dallas to attend a conference and didn't have to think twice. I've been there a couple of times over the years. Once to cover the Vols at the 2004 Cotton Bowl and once more to work at an Indy Car race. It's a cool city and I wanted to explore a bit.

There was some downtime on the first day of the conference, so I took about an hour and made the short walk from the hotel to Dealey Plaza. On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as his motorcade drove through town. Now, over 58 years later, his shooting brings forth a wide range of emotions.

On any given day you'll find conspiracy theorists on the sidewalk or next to the grassy knoll selling pictures and DVDs as they explain to

anyone that will listen that Lee Harvey Oswald did not act alone.

The Warren Commission Report, an FBI investigation and decades of scientific analysis concluded that there was one gunman, and it was Lee Harvey Oswald, but that hasn't stopped people from believing that there was a conspiracy. It was the Russians, or Fidel Castro, or the mafia, or some other person/group.

Visiting Dealey Plaza is like going to a crime scene. The ghosts from that awful day haunt the air.

Following day two of the conference, I chose a completely different pursuit, from American history to American sports.

The Los Angeles Lakers were in town to play the Mavericks, which meant I had a chance to watch LeBron James. The Lakers are terrible, and James/team management did an awful job developing the roster, but LBJ is one of the best to ever play the game. Like him or hate him, it's hard to argue that he's not on the shortlist of top NBA stars of all time.

I plopped down a few bucks on Ticketmaster

(when I'm elected supreme ruler, I'll do away with Ticketmaster fees) and made the mile walk to American Airlines Center.

Back in 1998, I saw Michael Jordan play at SkyDome in Toronto. He was expected to retire following the season and I wanted to make sure I saw him play at least once. A simple google search shows me that he scored 33 points, including the game winner with 5.4 seconds remaining in a 102-100 Bulls victory over the Raptors. I called up the game on YouTube, and it brought back so many memories. Me and an old fraternity brother drove through a snowstorm to get to the game.

I was hoping this chance to see LeBron would give me some moments to remember as well.

There were tons of Lakers jerseys present among the Mavericks supporters at the restaurant where I had my pregame meal. As I watched any of the big screens previewing the game, I saw this on the bottom line graphic.

L. James. Out (ankle).

Soooo, yeah. That was depressing. A sprained

ankle kept James from suiting up. Hopefully, I'll have another opportunity sometime soon.

As for the game itself, the Mavericks destroyed the Lakers 128-110. I felt like the "old man yelling at cloud," as I watched both teams run up and down the court without playing defense.

Dallas was led by a player named Luka Doncic, who looks like a beer league grinder but is on his way to being a Hall of Famer. 34 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists in less than 30 minutes of action. He was worth the price of admission.

On the final day in Dallas, I had dinner following the conference at Press Box Grill and was done a solid by the bartender as I brought home a sweet Dallas Cowboys pint glass. It's a sweet memento.

Yes. I'm a Cowboys fan. Don't judge.

It was a great trip in a great city with some history and live sports mixed in. I'd recommend doing the same whenever the opportunity to travel arises.

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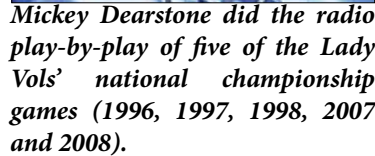
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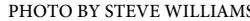
“But one thing I will take away from my time doing Lady Vol basketball is the hundreds upon hundreds of friendships that I have made doing this. I want each and every one of you to know that I appreciate you.”

After recognizing those who got him started and helped him along the way over his 23 years as “the Voice of the Lady Vols,” Dearstone said he would still be around. “I’ll get my popcorn and Coke and I’ll sit in the stands with everybody else and cheer on the Lady Vols ...”

A piece of advice, if I may: Be careful what you say to the refs from your new seat Mickey. Some you have blistered over the years may want to even the score.



“This has been the best two years of high school ever. I’ve loved it here so much. It’s a great program.”



Catcher / utility player Macy Belyea of Powell High signed scholarship papers with Chattanooga State Community College on March 25 in the PHS auditorium. Joining Belyea (second from the right on the front row, at the ceremony are three seniors on the front row and other teammates.

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to transfer in," she said.

"This has been the best two years of high school ever. I've loved it here so much. It's a great program."

Macy said she has played volleyball and run track in the past, but softball became her No. 1 sport.

As for her future playing days with the Tigers at Chattanooga State, Belyea said: "I'm a catcher / utility player,

"In juco, we'll play doubleheaders, so I'll be catching a game and then you might see me at shortstop or in the outfield the next game.

"I've play a little bit of everywhere," she said and laughed about being kind of like a Swiss Army knife.

"I started in wee ball like everybody, but didn't get into travel ball until I was 14 or 15."

As for the Chattanooga State program, she said she loves the coaches.

"The environment there is so player friendly; they're always going to be on your side," she said. "Not only that, it is a really good program. They just went out and beat the No. 1 team in the NJCAAs, so I'm really excited about the program. It's going to be competitive."

After her two years in junior college, Belyea said: "I really want to play at UT-Knoxville or somewhere in Florida, like UCF or Florida State."

Macy said she has a 3.7 GPA and plans to major in Sports Management.

"I just want to say thank you to all my coaches; the program has been great and I just love Powell softball so much. They've done a lot for me.

"And I want to thank my family and my parents for everything," added Macy. "It's been a rough and bumpy road in getting here, but I'm glad where I ended up and I wouldn't ask it for any other way. I just want to thank everybody for helping me out."



Meet Knox County Trustee candidate Richard Jacobs

By Ken Lay

Richard Jacobs may be running for political office but he makes it clear that he's not a lifetime politician.

"I'm not a career politician," said Jacobs, who is seeking to replace Ed Shouse as Knox County Trustee. "I think true conservatives should help their community and leave. They should help their community and then go back to their life."

A relative newcomer to East Tennessee, Jacobs is running against current

Knox County Commissioner Justin Biggs to succeed Shouse, who is term-limited.

He and his wife, Brooke, were living in Europe and upon deciding to return to the United States, decided to come to Knoxville. They've been in East Tennessee since 2018.

"I was living in Europe and I worked for a company that was worth \$80 million and had 5,000 working. I had always worked for people and I decided that I didn't want them to put on my tombstone that I was the world's greatest

employee," Jacobs said.

Now, he's looking to serve the citizens of Knox County, a place he decided to live after doing extensive research.

People have flocked to East Tennessee recently but Jacobs and his wife didn't come to Knoxville on a whim.

"We researched it. We wanted a midsized city," he said. "We wanted a place that was warmer rather than colder and we wanted a place that was more conservative than liberal."

"We wanted sports and we wanted culture.

Anything above the Mason-Dixon Line was too cold. Florida was too hot. Texas was too hot. California was too liberal. Chattanooga was too small. Nashville was too big and Memphis was too liberal. We're not skiers, so Colorado was too cold and there was really no place to live in the Dakotas."

So Knoxville made the cut.

"I tell people this is my town."

As Knox County Trustee, Jacobs would not make policies. But he would attempt to make life better.

"The trustee doesn't make policies, he's the banker. But I go to the veterans' breakfasts on Saturdays and I want to make sure that the veterans are taking full advantage of the services offered to them," he said. "I also go to independent living facilities and make sure that those people are getting out to vote."

As trustee, Jacobs said he would strive to make the office more transparent and give those who work in the office credit for their work.

"The trustee's office

hasn't issued a report since January of 2021 and there's been speculation as to why they haven't done that," Jacobs said. "I want transparency. I want people to know how much money we collected and where it was spent."

"We (also) have 31 or 33 people working in the trustee's office and I want to give them credit for the work that they do."

Jacobs said that he, his wife and three children have been blessed.

Hixson appointment opens seat on 6th Judicial District

By Mike Steely

Senior Writer
steelym@knoxfocus.com

Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker recently raised an interesting question about appointments to vacancies among elected county officials. He was referring to an appointment made by commission before an election year.

Judge Kyle Hixson has a petition for re-election as Criminal Court Judge Division II, District 6 with no opposition on the ballot. However, last week Governor Bill Lee appointed Judge Hixson to the Court of Criminal Appeals for the state's Eastern District to succeed Judge D. Kelly Thomas Jr.

The Knoxville Focus asked election commission Administrator Chris Davis how that affects the ballot. Early Voting begins on April 13th. Will Hixson's name continue to appear on the ballot? He is unopposed for the criminal court judgeship in the Republican Primary and there are no Democratic or Independent candidates in the primary or general elections.

When Hixson assumes the new Court of Criminal

Appeals position, how will he be replaced locally?

We also asked Commissioner Schoonmaker for his comments. He had said in the recent rules committee meeting that more time should be taken between taking applications and appointing a replacement so the candidates can be better interviewed and the public have more input in the process.

"It is my understanding that the State will allow both political parties through a caucus and an independent to have their names on the August ballot. The winner will be the new Judge. The Commission will not have any involvement with the decision," Schoonmaker replied.

"The contest is still on the ballot," Davis told the Focus. "At some point this spring, there will presumably, assuming he is confirmed by the (state) legislature, be a vacancy for Judge Hixson's Criminal Court seat. When that occurs, the state will tell us how to proceed with regards to the August ballot. At the moment, though, he is still the Criminal Court Judge," Davis said.



Kyle A. Hixson takes the oath of office given by Governor Bill Lee in January 2020. Hixson was joined by his wife, Rachel, at the ceremony at the Tennessee Supreme Court Building. In a statement from the governor's office about Hixson's most recent appointment to the Court of Criminal Appeals: Hixson has experience at every level of the state criminal justice process, serving twice in the Office of the Knox County District Attorney General and representing the State of Tennessee before multiple federal and state courts. Hixson earned his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law and bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

April 4 is the last day to register to vote for the May 3 election

Knox County residents must register to vote by midnight on Monday, April 4, 2022, to be able to cast a ballot in the Knox County Primary Elections on May 3, 2022.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2012, recorded in Instrument No. 201210020021608 of the Deed of Trust Records of Knox County, Tennessee, David L. Matney and Vickie S. Matney, husband and wife, conveyed to First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, the property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to the Grantors herein by Warranty Deed dated July 2, 2012 as recorded in Instrument Number 201207030000502 in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Common address of property: **8118 Dodson Road, Knoxville, TN 37920**. Tax ID: 126 01602.

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the Substitute Trustee as appointed in the aforesaid Deed of Trust by a substitution, said appointment being in the manner authorized by the Deed of Trust; and WHEREAS, default has occurred under the terms of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and the indebtedness evidenced therein is now wholly due, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, Credit Human Federal Credit Union (f.k.a. CU Factory Built Lending, a Division of San Antonio Federal Credit Union), has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to sell the Property to satisfy same.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on April 12, 2022 the substitute trustee will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash. The Trustee's sale will occur on or about 11:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse located at 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at any time. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: David L. Matney, Vickie S. Matney and First Heritage Credit.

The right is reserved to adjourn the date of the sale to another date or time, and place certain without further publication, upon the announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

Christopher M. Caldwell, Substitute Trustee
705 Gate Lane, Suite 202
Knoxville, TN 37909
865-796-6969

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: IKE OGBONNA NWANGWA
IN RE: MARTHA EZEYOIBO 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 Pridmore 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

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: EAST TENNESSEE MOTOR COMPANY
AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING
ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE,
ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE
PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT
IN RE: TT OF KNOXVILLE, INC.
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
Clerk and Master

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. Humbard
CLERK AND MASTER

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

JOETTA COLBERT-Vs-ALBERT COLBERT
Docket# 153365

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 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 Pridmore 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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ZINA KENNEDY
IN RE: JOHN F. KENNEDY VS ZINA KENNEDY
NO. 204107-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Zina Kennedy 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 Zina Kennedy, it is ordered that said defendant Zina Kennedy file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson an, Attorneys whose address is P.O. Box 70586, Knoxville, TN 37938 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 29th day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FREDA MARGARET BAILEY
DOCKET NUMBER 85945-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MARCH 2022, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of FREDA MARGARET BAILEY who died Nov 12, 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 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 first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 23 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF FREDA MARGARET BAILEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONALD WADE BAILEY;
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
169 PHEASANT TRAIL
CARPENTERSVILLE, IL 60110

ANDREW M HALE ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT L BENNETT
DOCKET NUMBER 85924-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT L BENNETT who died Oct

29, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 18 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF ROBERT L BENNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ORPHA K BENNETT; EXECUTRIX
3507 PEACHWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

N DAVID ROBERTS ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 2564
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD DAN CLAPP
DOCKET NUMBER 85942-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD DAN CLAPP who died Nov 17, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 23 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF RICHARD DAN CLAPP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DORIS JEAN SWEAT; EXECUTRIX
5501 OLD CIRCLE ROAD
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES EVERETT CLEVINGER
DOCKET NUMBER 85894-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES EVERETT CLEVINGER who died Jan 9, 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 21 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF JAMES EVERETT CLEVINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONNA CLEVINGER-EGAN; EXECUTRIX
6818 BEAVER BROOK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

ELLIS A SHARP ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 2644
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN H DEBUSK, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 85940-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN H DEBUSK, JR. who died Feb 5, 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 23 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF JOHN H DEBUSK, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA KAY LENOX; EXECUTRIX
5504 MCKAMEY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

BRADLEY LEWIS ATTORNEY AT LAW
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED E DEBUSK
DOCKET NUMBER 85943-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of

MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MILDRED E DEBUSK who died Jan 17, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 23 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF MILDRED E DEBUSK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA KAY LENOX; EXECUTRIX
5504 MCKAMEY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

BRADLEY LEWIS ATTORNEY AT LAW
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TODD EVAN FISHER
DOCKET NUMBER 85935-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TODD EVAN FISHER who died Feb 8, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 21 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF TODD EVAN FISHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RYAN H FISHER; EXECUTRIX
8743 LAKE FOREST TRIAL
CHAGRIN, OH 44023

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM
ATTORNEY AT LAW
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM EDWARD GABLER
DOCKET NUMBER 85889-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM EDWARD GABLER who died Jan 19, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 22 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM EDWARD GABLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA T GABLER; EXECUTRIX
5814 WALL FLOWER LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

MELINDA BUCK BROWN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 6197
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH A GREATHOUSE
DOCKET NUMBER 85930-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH A GREATHOUSE who died Jan 23, 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

Knox County names interim public health officer

Dr. Warren Sayre has been named interim public health officer for Knox County and will serve through the end of December. The executive search firm, Baker Tilly, is conducting a nationwide search to fill the public health officer role Dr. Martha Buchanan filled. A permanent public health officer could be selected prior to the end of the year.

Dr. Sayre was selected by KCHD for this temporary role based on his extensive experience and qualifications. His selection was then approved by Tennessee Commissioner of Health Dr. Lisa Piercey.

Dr. Sayre, a board-certified physician, has a master's degree in public health from Emory University in Atlanta. During his master's program, he worked on several initiatives with the Knox County Health Department.

"The most rewarding aspect of my master's program was working with Knox County," said Dr. Sayre. "KCHD opened my eyes to what community health, health disparities, and environmental health really



Dr. Warren Sayre

mean. The opportunity to work with KCHD in this interim role is a way I can pay back the enlightening educational experience they afforded to me."

Dr. Sayre is currently the Corporate Health Director for Consolidated Nuclear Security at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge and will continue this work in addition to his public health officer responsibilities.

April 4 is the last day to register to vote for May 3 election

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to download on www.GoVoteTN.gov or www.knoxvotes.org and are also available at both Knox County Election Commission offices. Completed paper voter registration applications must be mailed to the Knox County Election Commission or submitted in person. Mailed voter registrations must be postmarked by April 4, 2022.

The Knox County Election Commission has two locations:

Main Office
Knox County Election Commission
300 Main Street, Room 229
Knoxville, TN 37902

West Office
Knox County Election Commission
109 Lovell Heights Road
Knoxville, TN 37922

Voters can drop off completed registration forms or register in person Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Early voting starts Wednesday, April 13, and runs each weekday, including Saturdays, until Thursday, April 28. The deadline to request an absentee by-mail ballot is Tuesday, April 26. Election Day is Tuesday, May 3.

For more information, please call 865-215-2480.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BOBBY JAMES LEVERETT DOCKET NUMBER 85917-2

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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF BOBBY JAMES LEVERETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CONTESSA LEVERETT; ADMINISTRATRIX
7321 OXMOOR ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PERRY LEE MILLER DOCKET NUMBER 85821-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PERRY LEE MILLER who died Nov 7, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF PERRY LEE MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACK MILLER; ADMINISTRATOR
1327 ARBOR VITAE ROAD
DEERFIELD, IL 60025

KEVIN HARDIN ATTORNEY AT LAW
2701 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE F. MILLER DOCKET NUMBER 85976-1

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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 30 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF GEORGE F. MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMMY S SIMPSON; EXECUTRIX
6017 SLATER MILL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY B RADFORD

DOCKET NUMBER 85967-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY B RADFORD 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 28 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARY BRADFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK RADFORD; EXECUTOR
1547 COLEMAN RD. APT. B
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY MCCOIG SCARBROUGH DOCKET NUMBER 85973-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY MCCOIG SCARBROUGH 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 30 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARY MCCOIG SCARBROUGH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES D. SCARBROUGH, JR.; EXECUTOR
924 MIDSOUTH RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRED PHILIP WEISGARBER DOCKET NUMBER 85946-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of FRED PHILIP WEISGARBER who died Nov 23, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 23 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF FRED PHILIP WEISGARBER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JASON WEISGARBER; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
2615 WOODROW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

DANIEL WEISGARBER; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
1837 FALLING WATERS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH B WIDENER DOCKET NUMBER 85951-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUTH B WIDENER who died Jan 9, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF RUTH B WIDENER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EVERETT BURL WIDENER, JR.; CO-EXECUTOR
8124 AINSWORTH DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

CAROLYN W HUMBERG; CO-EXECUTOR
8609 DOVEFIELD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DAVID C HOLLOW ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 22578
KNOXVILLE, TN 37933

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY E WILKERSON DOCKET NUMBER 85949-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY E WILKERSON who died Dec 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARY E WILKERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL E COLEMAN; EXECUTOR
5123 SPRING PETAL WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GENEVEVE REBECCA WOLFENBARGER DOCKET NUMBER 85954-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GENEVEVE REBECCA WOLFENBARGER who died Dec 16, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF GENEVEVE REBECCA WOLFENBARGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARTHA CHURCH; EXECUTRIX
3442 ILLINOIS AVENUE
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

KELSEY R REILLY ATTORNEY AT LAW
216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE D
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY FIRE AND TECHNICAL RESCUE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022, AT 2:30 PM IN THE E-911 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 605 BERNARD AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, 37921. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Funding Model Discussion
4. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY FIRE AND TECHNICAL RESCUE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022, AT 5:30 PM IN THE E-911 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 605 BERNARD AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, 37921. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading and approval of minutes
4. Finance Subcommittee Report
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive resumes from candidates seeking appointment to two (2) upcoming vacancies on the Merit System Council for Employees of the Knox County Sheriff's Office. The Knox County Commission will be appointing one (1) member to serve a three-year term and one (1) alternate member to serve a one-year term. Qualifications include being over 21 years of age; a citizen of the United States and the State of Tennessee and a resident of Knox County;

and not previously employed by the Sheriff's Office within the last five (5) calendar years nor have an immediate family member employed by the Sheriff's Office. Resumes should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail or hand-delivered no later than Thursday, April 14, 2022, to:

Office of the Knox County Commission
Suite 603, City County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902
Phone: 215-2534
FAX: 215-2038
E-mail: commission@knoxcounty.org

The Knox County Commission will interview candidates at the Commission Work Session on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

The Commission's appointments shall be considered during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Knox County Commission on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

- Bid 3228, Food Service Equipment and Smallwares, due 5/11/22;
Bid 3233, Air Quality Monitoring Equipment, due 5/4/22;
Bid 3234, Food/Non-Food Items for Knox County Government, due 5/5/22;
Bid 3235, Food for Children's Special Services, due 5/5/22;
Bid 3236, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0004, due 4/14/22;
Bid 3237, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0007, due 4/14/22;
Bid 3238, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0008, due 4/14/22;
Bid 3239, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0014, due 4/14/22;
Bid 3240, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0016, due 4/14/22;
Bid 3241, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0020, due 4/14/22;
Bid 3242, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0021, due 4/14/22;
RFP 3243, Broadcasting Rights for Knox

Knox County Annual Action Plan Public Hearing Knox County Community Development

The Knox County Community Development (KCCD) office is currently planning for its PY2022 Annual Action Plan Update to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Knox County's Consolidated Plan establishes funding priorities, outlines strategies, and identifies yearly action plans for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs offered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To qualify for Federal HUD funding, Knox County must complete a Consolidated Plan every 5 years and provide yearly updates.

The Annual Plan for PY2022 describes how the County intends to expend its allocation of PY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, as well as a portion of its PY2021 CDBG funds. Additionally, the County intends to expend its allocation of PY2022 Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds, as well as HOME funding from previous program years from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In order to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties, the County has placed its proposed PY2022 Annual Action Plan on public display online at www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment from April 4 - May 4, 2022. Knox County residents are encouraged to share their verbal or written comments about the County's proposed Action Plan and funding goals at a public meeting on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 1:30pm at the Burlington Branch Library at 4614 Asheville Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37914. Additionally, the County will host a virtual public meeting over Zoom on April 12, 2022 at 6:00pm. A link to the virtual meeting will be posted to the KCCD website. The County will incorporate all comments recorded during the meetings into the proposed 2022 Action Plan.

Knox County Commission is expected to act on the proposed PY2022 Annual Action Plan on April 25, 2022 at the regularly scheduled County Commission meeting at 5:00 PM, located in the Large Assembly Room on the Main Level of the City/County Building. Citizens are encouraged to attend and comment on the proposed Annual Action Plan at this public hearing.

Comments may be submitted by email to Zach Waggoner at zachary.waggoner@knoxcounty.org or by mail to Knox County Community Development, City/County Building, Suite 364, Knoxville, TN 37902. All comments must be received no later than Friday, May 4, 2022. It is anticipated that the 2022 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD on or before May 15, 2022.

Persons requiring special assistance or accommodations should contact KCCD at least three days prior to the public hearing.

"Si usted necesitara asistencia para este aviso en otro idioma, por favor llame al 694-8880 para mayor información y mencione del Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Knox."

