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Red Stag ‘breaks ground’ in Sweetwater

Mayor Jacobs ups county budget with no tax increase

By Mike Steely
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No tax increase, raises for all employees including teachers, and \$16.7 million for new public works projects.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs spoke Thursday in a lunch and budget proposal address that seems to have something for everybody in his \$954 million dollar package for the new fiscal year. Two thirds of the budget goes to education, \$50 million more than the current school funding.

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Board of education approves student early-release days

Thomas acknowledged for his service

By Ken Lay

Last week’s Knox County School Board of Education regular session meeting might have lasted just slightly over an hour.

But it represented a changing of the guard Wednesday night at the Summer Place as incoming superintendent and current KCS Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jon Rysewyk had a vote go his way for the upcoming academic year.

Rysewyk, who officially becomes KCS superintendent on June 4, recently drafted a proposal to have six early-release days for students to allow the district’s teachers to collaborate and have additional staff development.

The board passed the measure with an 8-0 vote with Daniel Watson passing.

Watson, while he favors early-release days, said he passed because “one group of our stakeholders, the second biggest one to be impacted, the parents, weren’t consulted.”

Early-release days on the 2022-23 academic calendar will include Aug. 17; Sept. 21; Nov. 16; Jan. 25; Feb. 15 and March 22.

On those days, teachers and staff will work a regular schedule and students

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3,500 jobs expected at new fulfillment center

By Focus Staff

Governor Bill Lee was on hand Wednesday to celebrate 3,500 new jobs coming to Sweetwater, Tennessee.

The Red Stag facility will be located just off Exit 62 of I-75, north of Athens. This will be the third Red Stag campus, following the Knoxville and Salt Lake City locations, and is planned to be the largest so far with up to 4.5 million square feet of space in six warehouses to be built on its 420 acres.

Jordan Mollenhour, co-founder of Red Stag’s Knoxville-based parent company Mollenhour Gross, spoke of the welcome the community has given and how they are excited to provide support to small and medium businesses from all over the world in the new east coast main hub.

Red Stag is a global eCommerce order fulfillment company that stores, packages, and ships products that range widely from furniture

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Instead of a traditional ground breaking, officials made handprints in wet concrete. These blocks will be installed at the main entrance. From left to right, Red Flag CEO Dusty Holcomb, Sweetwater Mayor Doyle Lowe and Governor Bill Lee. Also in attendance were Congressman Tim Burchett, state Senator Mike Bell, Lt. Governor Randy McNally, state Reps. Michele Carringer, Mark Cochran and Lowell Russell, and several McMinn and Monroe County leaders. Knox County was represented as well with Sheriff Tom Spangler and Commissioners Larsen Jay and Kyle Ward present.

Republicans celebrate victory, call for unity on primary election night

By Ken Lay

Tom Spangler struggled to control his emotions Tuesday night as he accepted the Republican Party’s nomination for Knox County Sheriff at the primary watch party at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Spangler, the incumbent, routed challenger and former Sheriff Jimmy “J.J.” Jones to win the seemingly hotly-contested race. He choked back tears as he acknowledged his family and supporters.

“Thank you, and thank you is not enough,” said Spangler, who will run unopposed in the August general election. “I have a big family and they’re all standing with me, and I can’t thank them enough.

“They went through everything that I went through. I also want to thank my volunteers. I couldn’t have done it without you.”

Spangler certainly wasn’t boastful. “I stand before you a humbled man,” he said. “I’m humbled and honored that you chose me to be your sheriff.

“I said when I was elected the first time that I was going to do what was right, do the right thing, and I’ve done that. I feel much the same way tonight that I felt four years ago. I’m honored and I’m humbled. You know, when you’ve got that many people that say they believe in you, and if you’re not humbled by it, there’s something wrong.”

When he first took his post, Spangler vowed to compensate the sheriff’s office employees adequately. He said he will continue to work for those employees.

“We have to retain our people and that starts (again) tonight,” he said. “I’ll go home tonight and I’ll work on that.”

Tuesday evening was for celebrating as Spangler, Richard “Bud” Armstrong, Justin Biggs and Steve Triplett were all at the party’s watch party at the Crowne Plaza.

Armstrong won the Republican nomination for Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, as he defeated incumbent Clarence Pridemore and fellow challenger R. Deno Cole.

Armstrong enjoyed a sizable lead as the results continued to roll in, but his race was the last win called on this night. While he wasn’t sure what the outcome of his race would be, he said he wasn’t totally caught up in his opponents’ strategies.

“I don’t know what Mr. Pridemore or Mr. Cole was doing,” Armstrong said. “I didn’t hear any of it.

“I don’t run against people, I run for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Knox County.”

After he was declared the winner, he briefly addressed the crowd.

“I’m just going to say a few words,” Armstrong said. “I’ve been your law director and I’m honored to serve you, the people of Knox County.”

Biggs defeated Richard Jacobs to earn the

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Lucky to have all the jobs I had

From a distance



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A few years ago, I was speaking to about 100 eighth graders in the Rayburn Room at the U.S. Capitol.

One of the students asked me if I liked my job. I immediately replied that I loved my job and felt very lucky to have it.

I then told the group that just the day before I had read a short Bible study

that said if you didn't feel fortunate to have your job, think how you would feel if you were fired that day.

You would probably wish you had that job back. But life goes by so fast, if you don't appreciate the job you have, and especially if you hate it, you should try desperately to get into something else.

Fortunately, while every job I ever had had some bad parts, I loved every job, even my very early ones.

In high school, I worked as a groundskeeper at a ball park and as a bag boy at an A&P grocery store.

My first two years at UT, I worked as a salesman at Sears, both full and part-time. During my senior year, 1968-69, I worked full-time as a reporter for the

Knoxville Journal, which was our morning daily newspaper.

Both the A&P and Sears were strong national companies in those years and I thought very seriously about making my career with one of them.

The Journal was an exciting place to work, and I thought very seriously about a career as a newspaper reporter.

But I had always planned to go to law school and had been admitted as a full-time day student at George Washington University.

However, my sister, Becky, saw an article that said the Alexandria, VA, school system had a teacher shortage and one of the things they needed was a Journalism teacher.

I had just received my degree in Journalism from UT, and not many, including even most newspaper reporters, got Journalism degrees in those days.

Sort of out of curiosity, I went to the Alexandria City Schools Office the next day, and they hired me to teach American Government and Journalism for \$7,050 a year and \$200 extra for advising the school newspaper.

I switched to the night law school at GW and went to school five nights a week and three hours on Saturday.

I loved teaching so much that at the end of that school year, I told my Dad I was going to give up law school and just teach full-time.

That conversation lasted about 10 seconds, and I very reluctantly gave up the teaching job so I could go to law school fulltime and finish up sooner.

Staying in law school was the best decision, because I ended up having one of the most fascinating law practices anyone could ever have had.

There were a lot fewer lawyers in Knoxville in those days, and I got to handle a wide variety of cases, many of them very unusual. I found out that truth often is stronger than fiction.

I went into practice with Zane Daniel, one of the greatest trial lawyers in Tennessee, forming the firm of Daniel and Duncan.

Once, on an elevator

with Zane and Herb Moncier, Herb said "Zane, all your clients come up here wearing bib overalls with mud on their boots." Zane replied, "Yes, Herb, but they come up here with bibs just stuffed full of money."

Then, Judge Joe Nigro, a Democrat, was having some health problems and wanted me to replace him. He said he would leave office before his term was up if I could be appointed to replace him.

I then got to serve almost 7 1/2 years as Criminal Court Judge, trying the attempted murder of James Earl Ray and may other high-profile cases.

I worked very hard at all my jobs and I feel very lucky to have and all the jobs I had.

Biden's Nominees

It is no secret that we are poorly governed at the federal level. I believe that state and local governments are more responsive to their constituents. One of the obvious examples of poor governance can be found amongst those appointed by the president - and confirmed by the Senate - to run the federal departments and agencies. Some appointments have been weird, with there being little if any competence displayed by the appointee. Consider members of Biden's cabinet: Deb Haaland the Secretary of the Interior, likely nominated so a Native American could be in the cabinet, or Xavier Becerra, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, nominated because he is Hispanic, or Pete Buttigieg at Transportation, nominated because he is gay, or Jennifer Grandholm at Energy,



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nominated I guess because she is a straight woman (or birthing person), or Denis McDonough at Veterans Affairs who is not even a veteran, or Marcia Fudge at Housing and Urban Development who probably has lived in a house and is from an urban area.

Two of the more controversial nominations were for banking agencies and both failed to get Senate confirmation. Sarah Bloom Raskin, nominated to the Federal Reserve as vice chair for supervision and Saule Omarova as Comptroller of the Currency (my old agency). Raskin was nominated because of her views on climate change. She had stated many times the view that the Fed should not allow credit to be given to companies that produce fossil fuels. Not surprisingly, this expansive view of the Fed's role

was not embraced by the Republicans or Joe Manchin who is from the coal producing state of West Virginia. The nomination of Omarova as Comptroller of the Currency was also rejected by the Senate. She had advocated the shrinking of large banks and the shifting of consumer deposits from banks to the Fed. The Comptroller of the Currency is the regulator of national banks - those banks that get their charter from the Federal government rather than the states. Omarova had also been critical of certain bank mergers and had advocated a federal takeover of the banking system. She was strongly opposed by both the large banks and the community banks.

Biden also nominated Fed chair Jerome Powell to another term as chairman and Prof. Lisa Cook of Michigan State University and Prof. Philip Jefferson of Davidson College to serve as Fed governors. Although both Cook and

Jefferson have impressive academic credentials, neither is a monetary economist. Cook's writings are primarily in African American studies while Jefferson has written extensively on poverty. However, the Fed is tasked with overseeing the financial system, conducting monetary policy and providing services to the banking system. It's stated objectives are controlling inflation, pursuing targets of full employment and stability in exchange rates. Typically, Fed governors have come from the banking system, the financial system and academia. But the typical academic has had expertise in macroeconomics, international economics, monetary theory and or financial institutions. Those not versed in these areas find themselves overwhelmed by the sheer volume of data and statistics used by the Fed governors to make decisions within the scope of the Fed's duties. Prior Fed governors who have lacked relevant expertise have not fared well and have resigned early into their tenure.

I remember one appointee saying that he had studied monetary economics since his appointment and was now well versed in its nuances after a couple of weeks. A senior Fed staffer when asked about the statement called the new governor "scary." Although several of the Federal Reserve regional banks have recently held seminars on the impact on financial institutions by such trendy social issues such as income inequality and climate change, I seriously doubt if either Prof. Cook or Jefferson will have the clout to change the focus of the Fed Board to embrace "wokeness". It will be interesting to see if they try.

Red Stag

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work, we change lives and we create an opportunity for the future of our state.

"We live in the greatest state in our country."

City of Sweetwater Mayor Doyle Lowe recalled two years ago when Mollenhour approached him with rolls of papers under his arms and an idea for a development to share. Lowe said that the planning commission is already starting to look at additional residential zonings for houses and subdivisions in anticipation of jobs.

"People are already looking to come to Sweetwater," Mayor Lowe said. "Things are happening in Sweetwater and we are blessed. We are blessed beyond measure that we have a company like Red Stag coming to Sweetwater."

The company plans to start hiring this summer and open for business in September.

Board of education

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will be dismissed early. Pre-K students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Students in grades K-5 will leave at 12:30 p.m. and high school students will be released from class at 1:30 p.m.

The brief meeting ended with retiring Superintendent Bob Thomas, being acknowledged for his service to Knox County. He will retire on June 30 after spending the final weeks of his contract as a consultant to Rysewyk.

Wednesday was his final official meeting as the district's full-time superintendent.

He will leave the district after nearly five decades in education.

"I would like to thank Bob Thomas for his service to our district and wish him a happy retirement," board chair Kristi Kristy said.

Thomas was emotional as he spoke to the board one final time in his current capacity.



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Publisher's Positions



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Out of Touch Democrats

Democrat candidate for Knox County Mayor Debbie Helsley, in yet another fundraising screed, decries the “rising rents” while promising to address “the climate crisis” and create an office that prioritizes “working families.” That’s just too good to pass up and let’s reflect for a moment on why rents are rising. It can be summed up in a single word: Democrats. Joe Biden’s hyper-inflation continues to raise the price of just about everything. Biden’s war on energy has dramatically raised the price of fuel. The Biden-inflation has also raised the cost of food and goods. Another reason why rents will be rising inside the City of Knoxville is Mayor Indya Kincannon’s proposal to raise taxes 50 cents on every \$100 of property, the largest property tax increase in the history of the city. One has to be

an idiot to believe raising property taxes won’t affect rents. Of course it will. And precisely who will that tax increase hurt the most? Why, working families of course, who can least afford escalating rents and mortgages.

Now, Debbie Helsley sat in the audience as Indya Kincannon proposed the biggest property tax increase in Knoxville’s history and applauded like the rest of the Democrats. The only prioritizing of working families the Democrats intend to do is raise their taxes like everybody else’s.

There was a time when Democrats could legitimately make a good argument they were interested in working people. That time has come and gone. Nowadays Democrat elites fly in their private jets to lecture the rest of us about the “climate crisis” and support trade deals that send American jobs overseas.

The Democrat Party has long since abandoned rural voters, but they too have left working-class people and families. Every large city in this country is run by Democrats and a good number of them have been run into the ground. Democrats in Knox County howl about homelessness, for instance, yet the problem is confined largely entirely to the city limits. Seattle (which elected a Republican-leaning mayor and a Republican district

attorney), Los Angeles and San Francisco are all examples where city governments have tried to expand services to the homeless, which has exacerbated the problem as the homeless have moved into the yards and neighborhoods of city residents, as well as the parks and other green spaces.

If the Democrats had their way in Knoxville and Knox County, nobody (save for the elite) would own a car, most of the city would be turned into subsidized housing and everyone would be riding a unicorn and filling up on a heapin’ helping of rainbow stew.

It hasn’t happened in a single American city thus far and it won’t happen here either. The supposed concern for working family while utterly ignoring, much less criticizing, the source of rising rents defies the science of logic and reason.

So, too, does Indya Kincannon’s proposed big tax increase. Kincannon didn’t even bother to pare down a single expenditure by the City of Knoxville. Kincannon never even went through the show of cutting a single penny out of the budget. The City government has already wasted \$27 million in tax money through cost overruns on its new headquarters for the police department.

Don’t look for those Democrats running for county offices to be at all critical of the hypocrisy of Indya

Kincannon or snipe at Joe Biden’s failed policies. Never going to happen. They’ll pretend all the way to the election next August. A well-informed voter is mighty hard to fool.

More Out of Touch Democrats

The Biden administration is preparing to install its own Ministry of Truth. That is at the same time Biden said that those Americans who believe in free speech, parents have a right to help determine what their children are taught, disagree with open borders are extremists. The reality is Biden represents the most elitist and authoritarian element in the history of the United States.

And, of course, every really authoritarian government in history has had its own Ministry of Truth whether it was Hitler’s Germany or Stalin’s Soviet Union. The woman selected by Alejandro Mayorkas, the most incompetent official I can recall in memory to serve in the administration of any president, has selected a woman to head his little Ministry of Truth who is blatantly anti-free speech. Nina Jankowicz is a partisan Democrat who doesn’t even bother to make an effort to hide her own personal bias.

Senator Josh Hawley is exactly right in terming Jankowicz a “human geyser of misinformation” herself.

General Election School Board Races

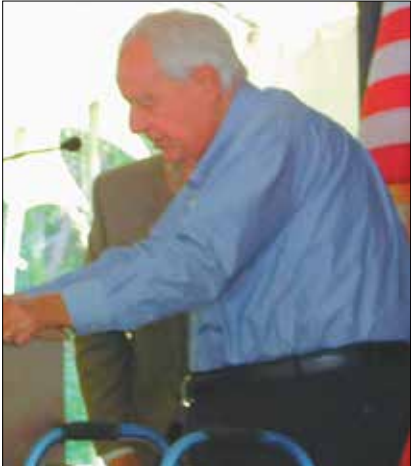
One of the most interesting aspects of the recent primary election has been little noticed by much anyone. Of course with a turnout of around 6%, which is utterly appalling, the people were conspicuous in their staying away on election day. Still, at least four candidates have advanced to the general election who believe in parental rights and support vouchers in the races for the Knox County Board of Education. Will Edwards in the 4th District, Betsy Henderson in the 6th District, Steve Triplett in the 7th District, and Kristy Kristi in the 9th District. Edwards will face Katherine Bike in the general election; Dominique Oakley is running as an Independent in the general election and will face Steve Triplett. Annabel Henley is running against board chair Kristy Kristi in South Knoxville. Local Democrats seem poised to place whatever resources they have behind Bike and Henley. Both Bike and Henley are liberals and almost certainly candidates who support the teachers’ unions over parents. The 9th District has become even more Republican following redistricting and both Edwards and Kristi have to be considered heavy favorites in the general election. Steve Triplett will be heavily

favored in the general election as well.

Congratulations to Tom Spangler

Even though the turnout was low, Tom Spangler ran a positive and flawless campaign, running on his record of the last four years. Spangler’s approach was a direct contrast to that of Jimmy “JJ” Jones, who followed a scorched earth policy. Spangler won an astonishing 71% of the vote in the Republican primary, winning by an even greater percentage than he did over Lee Trammel four years ago. Jones endorsed Trammel at every turn during that campaign and was vocal in his support for his election stand-in. Running against the real thing this year, Tom Spangler beat the stuffing out of Jones.

Those people who showed up to vote, at least, were pretty clear in choosing a competent administration versus the return of the good ol’ boy era. That chapter of our history appears to have been closed and we begin another. Tom Spangler is honest, capable, and compassionate. He is also the least political person during my lifetime to serve as Knox County’s sheriff. Congratulations, Tom.



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

Top left: Former Knox County Executive Dwight Kessel gives the introduction at the Budget Luncheon at Schumpert Park on Thursday. Right: Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs delivers FY2022 Knox County Budget speech. Bottom left: Vine Middle Magnet School 7th Grader Stella DeLuca sang the National Anthem at Mayor Glenn Jacob’s budget address Thursday, getting a huge applause.

Mayor Jacobs ups county budget with no tax increase

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The mayor spoke of Knox County drawing new people and industry because of the location, the low tax rate, and its traditional values. He said that \$96 million will go to the Knox County Sheriff’s Office with employees getting a 6% or 12% raise, depending on their status and new recruits would get \$44,352 in annual salary, almost as high as city police officers. He spoke of the Master Plan for county parks, the Advance Knox project that looks at future land use, the McBee Ferry Park’s expansion, and the health department returning

to pre-Covid basic functions. The budget proposal, which now goes to the Knox County Commission for consideration, also includes \$3 million in school security upgrades, \$11 million for new classrooms at Hardin Valley Academy, and funding for Northwest, Sterchi and Adrian Burnett elementary schools.

It also includes funding for the new Skilled Trades Academy and Regional Training Center, \$16.7 million for new roads and safety improvements, maintenance for 62 ballfields and renovation at some concession stands,

and money to buy new playground equipment.

The county will support a Mental Health Court, a new 16-bed mental facility at the former St. Mary’s Hospital with the city, local hospitals and Helen Ross McNabb Center.

Jacobs, fresh after getting the Republican nomination to run for re-election, was critical of “ill-advised policies coming out of Washington the last couple of years.”

Of Knox County, Mayor Jacobs said, “We are stronger and better than ever, we are that shining city on the hill.”

The budget address, held under a large tent at Tommy Schumpert Park, had the atmosphere of a political rally. It began with an invocation, a presentation of colors by the Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard, the National Anthem sung by the Vine Middle School Choir, a welcome by Kathy Hamilton, and remarks by former mayor Dwight Kessel.

In a statement following the event, Mayor Jacobs said, “This is the last budget of my first term.” He thanked all the former Knox County Mayors for attending the budget address.

Knoxville budget passes first reading, but questions remain

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Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon’s proposed city budget, with a 50-cent property tax increase, passed first reading Tuesday but not without some hesitant “Yes” votes by some council members and a large split vote on the proposed tax hike.

The 7-2-1 vote included some first reading votes given hesitantly. The council is required to pass the budget on first reading, hold a public hearing, and approve it with or without changes before July 1. If no action is taken, the mayor’s budget is automatically approved by law.

Several citizens spoke for and against the budget proposals with city employees voicing approval for the proposed \$15 starting salary, a \$2,000 retention bonus, and a 6% pay raise.

Council members Seema Singh, Tommy Smith, Lauren Rider and Amelia Parker questioned the retention bonus with Smith saying he didn’t recall the \$2,000 boost being included in the budget proposal. Rider called the money a bridge to keeping employees and Kincannon referred to it as a gesture.

Singh asked why employees making over \$100,000 would be included. The city has 28 such employees; the mayor and her staff are not included in the extra bonus.

The annual department appropriations came under discussion as well as the overall compensation plan.

The first reading of the budget passed 7-2 with Singh and Parker voting “No.” The property tax increase passed 5-3-1 with Janet Testerman voting with Parker and Singh and Charles Thomas passing on the decision. Overall city employees would get a 6% raise and Thomas reminded the meeting of the vast difference 6% is between higher- and lower-paid city employee salaries.

The proposed city budget is up for discussion again this Friday at an 8 a.m. day-long meeting and a 5:30 public hearing.



PHOTOS BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler thanks his family and supporters after winning a second term in office. Spangler soundly defeated Jimmy "J.J." Jones in Tuesday's election.

Republicans celebrate victory, call for unity on primary election night

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Republican nomination for Knox County Trustee.

Biggs, who won by nearly 4,000 votes, will face Democrat Dave "Caz" Cazalet in August.

"I'm excited to be the Republican and conservative nominee for Knox County Trustee. I'm thankful for my family."

Triplett will be the Republican nominee for the District 7 Seat on the Knox County Board of Education, a post being vacated by Patti Bounds.

He will face Independent Dominique Oakley in the general election.

"I'm one step closer to being on the school board," Triplett said. "I'm excited to have true conservative leadership in Knox County."

While it was a time for celebration for some, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs (who was unopposed in the primary) and county commission candidate Devin Driscoll called for unity.

"We need to come together to support Republicans in Knox County," Jacobs said. "For those who won, congratulations. For those who didn't, we're proud of you."

Driscoll, who lost to Kim Frazier in his bid for Seat 11, an at-large seat on Knox County Commission, said he'll now throw his support Frazier's way.

"I want to thank my wife and family for giving me the opportunity to do this," Driscoll said. "Now, I encourage you to come together to support Kim Frazier for the next 90 days."



Richard "Bud" Armstrong visits with John Marshall and Tennessee State Representative Dave Wright after winning a seat on Knox County Chancery Court.

A Primary Choice

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It's not surprising that Republican Knox County drew more voters in the recent primary than the Democrats. The population in Knox County, including Knoxville and Farragut, is about 3-2 Republican-Democrat. The final results from the early voting were almost 5-to-1 people choosing to vote in the Republican races.

Does the May 3rd primary election mean more people are joining the Republican Party? Or does it mean that many of the normally Democratic voters are voting in the other party's primary or just not voting?

An answer may be found on both primary ballots. Democrats only had two contested slots: Three candidates for Knox County Mayor and two for Knox County Board of Education, District 1.

The Republican primary ballot had ten contested races: District 6 chancellor, sheriff, four commission seats, trustee, sessions judge, and two school board seats. Even some

incumbent Republicans had opponents from within their own party.

So, is it unlawful for a Democrat or Republican to vote in the opposite party's primary?

Democrat Keith Britt said at the recent Knox County Commission meeting that it could be viewed as illegal.

"Switching parties to vote is a crime as outlined in TCA § 2-7-115 unless you are switching your political affiliation. Here's the relevant section. In my case, I clearly don't satisfy section one as I am a bonafide Democrat and at the time I voted I made no verbal nor nonverbal declaration of allegiance to the GOP and I have clearly stated I do not plan to affiliate with them going forward," Britt told The Focus.

"Don't get me wrong, this law is BS, but it is the law and I have broken it," he said.

The following TCA language is as follows: "At the time the voter seeks to vote the voter declares allegiance to the political party in which primary

the voter seeks to vote and state that that voter intends to affiliate with that party."

Knox County Law Director David Buuck said several states have that language but said, "You can switch parties from election to election." He noted that Tennessee is a "Right to Vote" state with no formal political party membership requirement and said the "affiliate" clause applies to the moment of voting.

Buuck said when you go to vote you are only asked which political primary you want to vote in and no verbal party pledge is asked or required.

The Focus also asked Chris Davis, administrator of the Knox County Election Commission.

"It's much to do about nothing," Davis said and he noted the large percentage of voters who were voting in the Republican Primary. Davis noted that the state has no party registration.

So the answer is "Yes" anyone can vote in the primary of their choice.

Primary Election Wrap Up Spangler easily wins re-election

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Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler was the big winner in Tuesday's Primary Election. Spangler defeated former Sheriff J. J. Jones with more than 71.26% of the vote. He pulled a total of 20,828 in absentee, early and election day votes compared to Jones' 8,400 votes.

The sheriff thanked his family, voters, and especially his many volunteers for their work.

There is no Democrat on the August general election to oppose the Republican Nominee so, effectively except for an unlikely write-in candidate, Spangler moves into his second term as sheriff.

Armstrong wins chancellor position

Richard "Bud" Armstrong, the former Knox County Law Director, defeated incumbent Chancellor Clarence E. "Eddie" Pridemore Jr. The three-way Republican primary saw Armstrong pulling 51.52% of the vote. The Chancellor Part II, District 6 race had R. Deno Cole getting better than 28% and incumbent Pridemore coming in third with 19.67%.

There is no Democratic opponent in the August general election so Armstrong should become the new chancellor.

Knox County Mayor's race

Democrat Debbie Helsley defeated Bob Fischer and Tyler Givens to win her party's nomination to oppose incumbent Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, who was unopposed in the Republican primary, in August. Helsley received 74.19% of her party's vote.

Commission races

Gina Oster, chairwoman of the Knox County Sheriff Office's Merit System Council, won her race for Knox County Commissioner District 3 by defeating Nicholas Ciparro. Only 2,421 people voted in that race with Oster getting 1,752 votes to Ciparro's 669. She will face Democrat Stuart Hohl in

the general election. The winner will replace Commissioner Randy Smith.

Rhonda Lee defeated Allen Merritt and Chuck Severance for District 7 commission seat with almost 53.46% of the vote. As there is no Democrat seeking that seat in the August general election Lee should replace Commissioner Charlie Busler.

Incumbent Commissioner Larsen Jay defeated Steve Weiner for the At-Large Seat 10 slot. Jay pulled 56.31% of the vote and will face Democrat Dylan Earley in August.

The Republican primary contest for the At-Large Seat 11 on commission saw Kim Frazier winning with almost 57% of the vote over Devin Driscoll. She will face Democrat Vivian Underwood Shipe and Independent Donald Bridges in August. The general election winner will replace Justin Biggs who is resigning his commission seat to become the Republican nominee as trustee.

Other primary winners

At-Large Commissioner Justin Biggs defeated Richard Jacobs with 57.23% of the vote to become the Republican nominee to replace Ed Shouse as Knox County Trustee. He faces Democrat Dave "Caz" Cazalet in August.

Judd Davis defeated Sharon Frankenberg for General Sessions Judge, Division II, with 70.8% of the vote. There is no Democrat in that race in August.

Rev. John Butler defeated Charles Frazier in the Democratic Primary for Knox County Board of Education District 1. He'll face independents Breyana Holloway and Reginald Jackson. There is no Republican opponent in August. The winner will replace Evetty Satterfield who chose not to seek re-election.

Steve Triplett defeated Sherri Garrett in the Republican primary for the board of education District 7 with 64.82% of the vote and faces no Democrat challenger.

Kristi Kristy pulled 64.40% of the District 9 BOE Republican vote over Phil King. She will face Democrat Annabel Henley in the August election.

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Cui Bono

We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.
~ Aesop

We are connected like never before. As I sat down to begin this essay I got a call from Betty's Beauty Bar in Lansing, Ohio. Perhaps it was election day confusion because I doubt that Betty or even a telemarketer would be trying to sell beauty products to me. When I was practicing medicine, I had to answer unusual phone numbers because I could not tell if the caller was legitimate. Years ago, life was simpler. In Knoxville we had 577-numbers or 588-, 584- and even "strange ones" like 688-. These days cell phone numbers can have any prefix. My brother-in-law just received a call from China!

But phone calls and telemarketers are not the only challenges of modernity. Recently, a friend's iPhone began writing text messages in Mandarin. She does not speak Chinese. I am not tech savvy, but I have learned one thing about the devices we use: turn your computer or cell phone off and then back on, and this will cure a lot of issues. A different remedy was needed when another friend's smart TV began using French instead of English. Smart TVs may be too much for some "seasoned citizens."

Becky is the "Handy Ma'am" in our family, but even together we were stumped when our home security system went offline. Apparently, Comcast did an "upgrade" and merged the 2.4 GHz and 5.0 GHz Wi-Fi network

signals. It took us almost 2 days to get the systems again separated because our home security camera would only work on 2.4 GHz and the upgrade was preferentially selecting the merged signal.

What a pain! We learned the 2.4 GHz signal is not as strong, but works over a greater distance, whereas the 5.0 GHz is a more robust signal over a shorter distance. Fortunately, we learned from our ordeal and were able to help another friend who had a similar issue after the Comcast upgrade caused a malfunction of her Ring Doorbell camera. With the help of a YouTube tutorial, techy-home-ecky-Becky was able to separate the systems and fix the problem. We seniors have to look out for each other, especially if there are no millennials around.

The 19th century poet William Wordsworth once wrote, "The world is too much with us," decrying our pursuit of worldly things and disregarding the beauty of God's creation. I get his point, but the most important concept is the adjective "too." How do you know when something is too much or that you are too occupied or distracted from that which is important? Three millennia ago,

the writer of Ecclesiastes asked the same questions.

It is sometimes hard to know when to say enough. I ascribe to the Duke Ellington perspective. The famous jazz musician said, "If it sounds good, it is." What he meant was if the music sounds good to you, it is. Don't let someone tell you what you should think about music, art, cinema, politics, anything. You should use your own observations and then make your own judgment, employing common sense. And if something seems "too much," it probably is, and you may need to say "No" or just turn off the news for a while. It is sometimes necessary for soldiers to leave the front lines for R&R. So, when necessary, step back, recharge and then reenter the struggle.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure." That famous line from Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Gettysburg address, in the midst of the Civil War, is true today. We are at war with each other and the nation is as divided as during the Civil War. I am weary from the conflict, but it is my duty to persevere. I press on with the tools I have for the sake of my

children and grandchildren. I consider it my tour of duty and the old man's war.

Empathy is different than sympathy. Feeling sorry for someone is not the same as projecting yourself and trying to see the world through another's eyes. This was a central thesis in my novel Mantis. I have often wondered what it would be like to see the world from the perspective of a Democrat-progressive-socialist. I would like to ask why they believe in open borders, racial class warfare, unrestricted abortion, releasing violent criminals, or why they support a host of other failed Democrat policies like the ones which led to inflation and rising prices. My conservative opinions are well known. I suspect that if I questioned a Biden supporter, my interlocutor would judge my question as disingenuous.

A colleague recently asked me about Biden and the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Disinformation Board, aka George Orwell's "Ministry of Truth." He asked, "Cui bono?" a Latin phrase translated as "who benefits?" from Biden's confusion and harmful policies. My answer was simple: Biden's handlers benefit.

It is painfully obvious that our president is impaired

and is just a figurehead. His presidential cabal directs our government, not the President. Anytime Biden strays or gets off the teleprompter, an aid like the one we saw in an Easter Rabbit suit reins him in. Was Biden parroting last week or speaking his mind when he proclaimed, "The MAGA crowd is really the most extreme political organization that has existed in American history?"

America certainly does not benefit from such divisive remarks or ideology. Labeling 74 million Americans who supported Pres. Trump as extremists is a dog whistle for leftist extremism and opens the door for DHS tyranny.

We live in desperate times and are ruled by increasingly desperate people. The Democrats realize that their policies have utterly failed and they are in for a shellacking if our country makes it to the midterm election. Will the Democrats bend to the will of We the People and surrender their power if they lose? We'll see. But desperate people do desperate things, even releasing confidential, preliminary drafts from the Supreme Court to foment dissent. Cui bono?

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PARC questions city police handcuffing policy



PARC Chairwoman Jenae Easterly asked about police body camera use during the quarterly meeting recently of that committee. Retiring Knoxville Police Chief Eve Thomas, in her final meeting with the group, answered several questions about police policy and training of new officers.

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During the recent meeting of the Police Advisory and Review Committee, a question was asked about why some individuals are handcuffed before being arrested.

Members of PARC include Jenae Anderson Easterly who serves as chair, Tiffany Davidson, Frank Shanklin, Jered Croom, Heidi Barcus, Leticia Flores, Kenneth St. German and Star Starks. Davidson serves as executive director after being named to that position in October by Mayor Indya Kincannon.

The question came after the members reported on cases reviewed for the first quarter of the year including one case where the officer did not turn on the body

camera. That camera is supposed to be turned on anytime an officer has contact with the public. The officer was found in violation of the city policy.

Chief Eve Thomas, meeting with the group for the last time before her retirement, answered the handcuffing question which came from Easterly, who said the incident involved a female citizen in a large crowd.

Chief Thomas said that if the reason for the arrest is made before handcuffing a subject may disagree and the situation could escalate.

"Because it is a safety issue for the officer and the public, the suspect is handcuffed first and then an explanation is provided as happened in this case,"

Thomas replied.

"In this situation, they could have given her a small explanation," Easterly said, adding, "Remove her from the crowd because it can cause some confusion, especially for someone who has never interacted with a police officer."

Starks read the police department's statement that officers are not required to give a reason before handcuffing someone. "Can KPD actually be trained in that area?" she asked. "I've seen incidents where people are being detained and not told why." Chief Thomas replied that officers are not trained to give reasons before handcuffing and are not required to do so by policy.

"Every situation is different, we do a lot of scenario

training. We tried to mix it up and there are times when it's good to do that, but it's not required," Chief Thomas said.

Other questions involved a new officer who apparently failed to turn in the hours he worked overtime in a court case while in uniform. Chief Thomas said that new officers are taught in the academy how to fill out the forms. She said the investigation into the incident found it was an innocent mistake.

Croom ask about the identification of plain clothes officers.

"At what point do they have to present some type of credentials?" he asked.

Thomas said that off-duty undercover officers may respond to a dangerous

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Mental health workshop set for today

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Various elected city, county and state officials and local mental health service representatives will meet today at 6 p.m. to hold a "first of its kind" mental health workshop.

City of Knoxville Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto, Knox County Commission Chairman Richie Beeler and state Senator Becky Duncan Massey will host a discussion on the growing number of mental health problems among the population, including the homeless.

The meeting is scheduled for the Main Assembly of the City-County Building and will include various presentations during the two-hour session. Speakers will include Commissioner Marie Williams of the state department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Jerry Vagnier, CEO of the McNabb Center; Liz Clary, VP of Covenant Health Behavioral Services; Ben Herrington, CEO of the Mental Health



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

A homeless man slept on the sidewalk at the City-County building recently. Mental health and substance abuse is not only a major problem among the homeless but within our general population as well. A workshop for the city council, county commission, state elected officials and mental health groups is planned for this evening.

Association of East Tennessee; Dr. Bruce Spangler, CEO of Volunteer Ministry Center; Randy Nichols, special counsel for the Knox County Sheriff's Office; and Tony Benton, CEO of Tennova Healthcare East Market.

A report in March indicated that about 40% of the city and county population needs some type of mental health care. That increase apparently resulted from the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic

and the decreasing number of mental health professionals.

The increasing number of homeless people located inside and outside the city has added to the mental health needs, with at least 21% of the homeless reportedly suffering from mental health problems.

The increasing number of suicides and domestic violence has caused more mental stress on citizens and the population

in general. Mental health issues among school children start at about age 13 and the school system has only one trained professional for every 250 students.

Recommendations coming out of the workshop could be to establish a mental health court, to develop a mental health response team of professionals and volunteers, to increase the number of Spanish speakers and Black mental health workers, to increase the number of school mental health professionals, and to develop and promote a list of available mental health professionals taking new patients.

Councilman Roberto told The Focus, "Bringing our legislative representatives from the city, county, and state together is an important step in continuing our work together to address the mental health needs in our community. Our goal is to learn more about the mental health services being provided and identify the challenges providers are facing."

Mayor Jacobs to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month

Knox County will observe national Mental Health Awareness Month throughout May to continue efforts to increase the awareness and understanding of mental health in our community.

At the beginning of each week, Mayor Glenn Jacobs will present a vignette that highlights a different mental health topic. The videos will focus on stigma and changing the way mental health is perceived; children's mental health and wellness; access to and importance of mental health screening; and available

crisis services and resources.

The green ribbon that signifies support for mental health will be displayed on the Knox County Government Facebook Page's cover photo.

"Bringing attention to mental health is something I care deeply about," said Mayor Jacobs. "We must remove the stigma surrounding mental health issues. Mental health has a wide-ranging impact on our wellbeing as individuals and as a community. Just as we encourage each other to take care of our

bodies and our physical health, we cannot afford to ignore our mental, emotional and behavioral health."

Fifty percent of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition during their lifetime and half of them will develop their condition by the time they are 14 years old. As many as 60% of adults and 50% of youth in need of mental health support or treatment do not seek help.

"We can change these statistics by promoting awareness and

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Picture of The Judds arriving at the Tennessee Valley Fair's Homer Hamilton Theatre early in their career, by Ralphine Major.

A Loss for Country Music

I saw them early in their career. The Judds came to Knoxville during the Tennessee Valley Fair and performed at the Homer Hamilton Theatre. I happened to be nearby when they exited the



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bus and got a quick picture. The mother/daughter duo captivated country music fans with their unique harmony and incredible story. Naomi, a nurse, and her teenage daughter Wynonna graced the stages of country music venues across the nation and entertained millions with their string of No. 1 hit songs.

The Kentucky natives often shared about their rise to fame and the

struggles they faced. Sadly, they had to disband a few years into their stellar career when Naomi was diagnosed with hepatitis. Recently, fans were stunned when the news broke

that Naomi had passed away due to mental health issues. What a tremendous loss. Many prayers for the family of this country music icon during their days of grief.

Words of Faith: "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast." Psalm 57:1 (KJV).

The Cost of Discipleship

By Mark Brackney,
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Jesus said, "Any of you who does not give up everything he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). Cost. Fees. Dues. We are charged monthly for internet, utilities, cell phones, and cable and think nothing of it. Without the payment plan, there is no service and we accept this fact in the world around us. We even see the small lettering at the bottom of the contract, which hardly ever gets read, and often don't realize the cost of breaking the contract before the extra fees are waived. But we signed on and must carry through or pay the price for breaking the contract.

How about being a disciple of Christ? Is there a cost involved in following Jesus? And if we break the contract, is there a penalty? These are important questions to ask before you commit to being a follower or disciple of Jesus.

Thankfully, Jesus does share what is involved in being His follower. In fact, He does not mince words about the cost of being a disciple.

As recorded in Luke fourteen, Jesus said the cost involved several things:

One must hate (love less but looks like hate in comparison) his father, mother, wife, children, brothers and sisters, even his own life to be a disciple (14:26).

One must carry his cross (self-denial, complete dedication and obedience) and follow Jesus (14:27).

One must estimate

the cost (the will and the ability) before signing on (14:28-29).

One must have a willingness to give up everything to be a disciple (14:33).

The disciple must stay focused and not lose their distinctiveness, like salt not losing it saltiness (14:34).

Jesus could have attracted many more people by making it easy to be a disciple, but Jesus demands complete allegiance because He is building a spiritual kingdom and the soldiers who make up His army serve with complete, not half-hearted devotion. Jesus' followers would not have made any difference in the world if this were not the case. For those who back out on their commitment to Christ, the result is spiritual death.

Don't grow weary or discouraged by these words of Jesus, but let them serve as a reminder of God's plan for your life. God wants us to be a part of His eternal kingdom and to enjoy all the benefits of such. The rewards far outweigh the cost and will last into eternity. Remember, no pain no gain. It will take determination, a giving of time, resources, and in some cases even life itself. Living the Jesus life is not for the faint-hearted, but your life will be so blessed as you grow in the fruit of the Spirit. As you journey with Christ, you will find His commands to be a joy as your love for God and others grows and matures. You will start to look and act more and more like Christ. What a blessing and joy!

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The 1948 Election in Tennessee III

Pages from the Past



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The Democratic primary in Tennessee in the 1948 election had been particularly brutal. Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, old and ailing, had tried to change the mind of Shelby County political boss Edward Hull Crump about his refusal to back Senator Tom Stewart for reelection. There are those who believe Will Gerber had whispered into the ear of Crump that Senator Stewart was an anti-Semite, which was not true. Stewart had also almost lost the Democratic nomination in 1942 and had sorely needed the big majority he received in Shelby County, a fact which had appalled Crump.

Will Gerber is worth a mention. I knew his son, Hal, who continued to practice law into his nineties; there wasn't a finer man anywhere and he was objective enough to realize all too well that his father was a controversial figure. Truth be told, Will Gerber inspired fear and hatred in many in Memphis and Shelby County. Gerber was a Russian Jew, born in a tiny city called Kishinev in southwestern Russia. Gerber's father managed to get the family to the United States, landing in New York. Eventually, the Gerber family found their way to Memphis. Hal Gerber remembered his own father was likely three or four years old at the time. The elder Gerbers decided to move back to New York, but Will Gerber had met his future wife and remained in Memphis.

Will Gerber worked as a clerk for a railroad company while going to law school at night. Eventually, Gerber was hired by a prominent law firm, McClain & Bejach, which had ties to E. H. Crump. McClain became District Attorney for Shelby County and Lois Bejach (a man despite the name) became a Chancellor on the Chancery Court bench. McClain took Gerber to the District Attorney's office as a deputy. There Will Gerber flourished and caught the eye of E. H. Crump. Eventually, Will Gerber rose to become District Attorney himself. Some readers will doubtless be surprised to know Ed Crump was a gleeful practitioner of the politics of diversity. Crump installed the first woman judge of the Juvenile Court (and would later remove her when it became shockingly apparent she was corrupt) and only the second woman to be a judge in the South. Crump always balanced his local ticket with a smattering of candidates who represented almost every constituency imaginable. A Jewish District Attorney in Tennessee at the time was certainly a rarity.

Kenneth McKellar had served with no less than seven other men who had represented the State of

Tennessee in the United States Senate since he first took his seat in 1917. McKellar endured while the others died, moved onto other offices or were defeated. Senator McKellar did not like Estes Kefauver personally; quite the contrary. McKellar, however, did like Tom Stewart personally and was unhappy that he was unable to change Crump's mind. McKellar feared Crump's decision to back John A. Mitchell, an obscure judge of the Circuit Court in Cookeville, would allow Congressman Estes Kefauver the opening he needed to win a plurality of the vote and claim the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate. That fear became reality in the August primary in 1948.

McKellar and Crump had cooperated through the decades and recently had dominated the politics of Tennessee rather completely from 1932 through the 1948 election. The two, like most friends, did not always agree or see eye-to-eye; McKellar and Crump had their tiffs, but unlike the suggestion of the uninformed, the senator was not subservient to Crump. The two were personal friends and political partners; it is certainly true that in Crump's domain of Shelby County, he reigned supreme. Yet it was McKellar who commanded a large political organization that ran the length and breadth of Tennessee, comprised of the senator's personal friends, those whom he had given jobs through his vast patronage, and as Congressman Albert Gore later remembered, there was hardly anyone in Tennessee for whom McKellar hadn't done a favor. It was Kenneth McKellar who set the tradition for service to constituents that local congressmen later followed and made themselves secure in their own districts.

The 1948 election was a blow not only to Crump but also to Senator McKellar. The rise of Estes Kefauver and the young congressman taking the place of Tom Stewart was bad enough, but the revival of Gordon Browning was unspeakably bad, at least in Senator McKellar's mind. Browning had represented a West Tennessee district in Congress for twelve years and had demonstrated real ability and political know-how in defeating a longtime incumbent in the primary. Gordon Browning lost his first race in the GOP tidal wave of 1920 but came back two years later to beat the Republican incumbent. Browning was nothing if not stubborn and determined. A veteran of the First World War (like his friend Carroll Reece), Browning was a champion for his fellow veterans in Congress. Yet, like many congressmen, Gordon



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

(From Left to Right) Democratic gubernatorial nominee Gordon Browning and senatorial nominee Estes Kefauver in 1948.

Browning yearned for a seat in the United States Senate. Browning cast his eyes upon the Senate seat occupied by Kenneth McKellar, something the senior senator considered a personal affront. Gordon Browning remembered years later in an oral history that while he had publicly tested the waters to challenge McKellar, he could not get a single endorsement or offer of support from any prominent person in the State of Tennessee. Instead, Browning impulsively ran against Tennessee's junior U.S. senator, Nathan L. Bachman. Backed by McKellar and Crump, Bachman fought off Browning's senatorial bid.

Undeterred by his loss, Browning came back two years later and waged a successful campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1936. McKellar had supported his own candidate, Burgin Dossett, while Crump remained silent. At the end of the campaign, the Memphis Boss endorsed Browning, who won. Browning's strength and name recognition, as well as his ability to campaign - - - and the former congressman was also affable and an able speaker - - - would have won the Democratic nomination even without the massive majority he had received in Shelby County. McKellar had warned Crump about Browning and fretted Browning's record in Congress demonstrated a lack of support for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Crump and Governor Browning went through a spectacular falling out that ignited an all-out war inside the Democratic Party, culminating in one of the bitterest campaigns in Tennessee's frequently bloody and tumultuous political history. Browning had made a determined effort to defang Shelby County politically and Crump cried for aid from Senator McKellar. McKellar and Crump sponsored candidates against Browning and his appointment to the seat in the United States Senate, George L. Berry, who had taken the place of the late Nathan Bachman. Browning had been thrashed in the 1938 primary and had retired to

become Chancellor for a group of counties in West Tennessee that had been in his old congressional district. That seat on the Chancery Court had been held by another former governor, Tom C. Rye, for years and Rye had retired in favor of Browning.

Browning tried hard to enlist during the Second World War and finally was recommissioned as a captain in 1943, only a year after having been elected chancellor without opposition. Browning's friends had run him against Governor Jim Nance McCord in the 1946 Democratic primary in absentia as the former congressman was still in the Army and serving in Germany. Gordon Browning was back home in Tennessee for the 1948 campaign and found Governor McCord heavily disadvantaged by his imposition of a sales tax to aid education. As was almost always the case, Tennesseans may have liked the benefits (such as free textbooks for children), but hated paying for them. Browning never campaigned on the notion of rolling back or repealing the sales tax, but rather proposed to spend the revenue it brought into the state's coffers. Browning carried every congressional district in Tennessee save for that which comprised Shelby County. Gordon Browning won quite nearly 56% of the vote against Jim McCord. It was an astonishing and notable political comeback.

Gordon Browning and Estes Kefauver were political allies and personal friends and worked well together during the fall campaign. Crump's announcement he would not support President Harry Truman and intended to bolt the Democratic Party to back States' Rights candidate Strom Thurmond alarmed some Tennessee Democrats. Senator Kenneth McKellar issued his own statement saying he was a Democrat and warmly endorsed Truman's presidential candidacy. That endorsement didn't suit everyone and the senior senator riled the editor of the Dixie Democrat, a newspaper apparently published in Murfreesboro, Tennessee,

for the purpose of promoting the "Dixiecrats."

"Senator McKellar says he will support Harry Truman for president," the Dixie Democrat huffed. "Since McKellar's day as a politician is drawing to a close we can't see that we need him on our side anyway."

The worry of some Democrats was that Crump would bolt the Democratic Party yet again or offer covert support for the GOP nominees for governor and the U.S. Senate, Roy Acuff and Carroll Reece, respectively. That worry became outright alarm when some 9,000 people materialized for the campaign opener of Carroll Reece and Roy Acuff in Crossville, Tennessee.

Henry A. Wallace, former vice president of the United States for the 1941 - 45 term under Franklin D. Roosevelt, was running on the Progressive ticket for the presidency against Truman. Much of the progressive movement at the time had been infiltrated by Communists, as was proven when the Kremlin archives became public. Wallace was on his way to campaign in Birmingham, Alabama, and stopped in Knoxville where he endorsed the senatorial candidacy of Estes Kefauver. As he stood in his private railroad car, a reporter for the Knoxville Journal noticed the candidate's white shirt had yellow spots on it from having had eggs thrown at him at a stop in North Carolina.

"I have always considered Estes my very good friend and a devoted friend of the TVA," Wallace said. "I look up to him as one of the most progressive Democrats anywhere."

Mrs. Nona Clarke, a Nashvillian who was strongly supporting Wallace's presidential candidacy, went up in smoke when the Journal reporter asked the former vice president his attitude about Kefauver's senatorial candidacy. Mrs. Clarke angrily snapped the Journal was biased (it was a staunchly Republican newspaper) and hostile to the congressman's candidacy. Wallace caught on and murmured, "Well, maybe I shouldn't have said it. Of course, I don't know the local situation." Nona Clarke growled the

Progressive Party had "made no endorsements of candidates." "We'll talk about that at the convention," Mrs. Clarke sniffed. When asked by a reporter when and where the Progressive Party convention might take place Mrs. Clarke had to confess she didn't know. "But we'll talk about the qualities of other candidates at the convention," she insisted.

Meanwhile, Carroll Reece and Roy Acuff were campaigning in Cookeville, a profoundly Democratic bastion, where the former congressman warned the audience of Democrats, Republicans and Dixiecrats about the threat posed by Communists. Reece decried Truman took the credit for high wages and the high prices farmers were getting for their products, yet blamed the GOP controlled Congress for the high cost of living.

Roy Acuff likely dismayed many Republican professionals when he announced he wasn't going to say anything against his friend Gordon Browning. While the two men disagreed about politics, they were personal friends. Acuff was content to leave the speech making to Reece; his own pitch was simple, evidently extemporaneous, and to the point. Roy Acuff promised, if elected governor, he would be an honest administrator and said he would end the poll tax. "If you'll pay your poll taxes this time and elect me governor, it'll be the last time you'll have to pay it," Acuff promised. As to the hated sales tax, Acuff made no pledges, saying he "didn't know enough about it."

The campaign for the general election had begun in earnest.

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Merit council rules in favor of Dooley, Sheriff Spangler appeals

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The Knox County Sheriff's Office's Merit System Council voted recently in favor of former Communication Director Martha Dooley. Room 575 of the City-County Building was packed Thursday, April 28, with citizens, attorneys and media present to watch the ruling.

The meeting started with the hearing officer and former Judge Sharon Bell permitting attorneys Gary Prince and John Valliant to speak briefly. Prince, representing KCSO, had filed a motion to disqualify Merit Chair Gina Oster from voting because she is running for public office. Valliant told the court that his client, Ms. Dooley, was stuck in traffic but asked the hearing to continue.

Bell ruled that since Oster is not an employee of KCSO, she does not fall under its personnel rules and she may have a say on the case. Prince called the decision inappropriate.

Dooley's complaint charges that her transfers within the KCSO were political in nature and violated a standing agreement she had with two former sheriffs that she

be allotted a sheriff's office vehicle and a gas card.

The sheriff's office counters that anyone may be transferred within the department to other positions as long as there is no reduction in salary and that providing a car and a credit card were never in a written agreement with Dooley. Also, Dooley now lives outside the mile limit for use of a car and none of her new positions within the KCSO qualify her for a car.

The three council members were handed a single sheet of paper with six possible decisions, listed A through F. The choices on the paper were: (A) The sheriff did not comply with procedures established by the Merit System Council. (B) The dismissal occurred for political reasons. (C) The sheriff was arbitrary in the interpretation of cause. (D) The transfer was not mission essential. (E) Remedy. (F) None of the above.

Outgoing merit council member Jim Jennings ruled that the sheriff did not comply with procedures established by the merit system council and the car should be returned along with "modest legal fees." Jennings' term on council ended April 30 and the

Knox County Commission last week selected John Marshall, the current alternate member, to replace him.

Chair Oster ruled the same and added Dooley's treatment was "political" and a car should be provided and was also in favor of "reasonable legal fees."

Member Jim Wright Jr. ruled that the sheriff was arbitrary in the interpretation of cause and the car and gas card should be returned to Dooley.

Sheriff appeals merit ruling

A Petition for Reconsideration has been filed on behalf of the Knox County Sheriff's Office following the ruling by the merit council in the Dooley complaint. The multi-page document charges the three-member board violated several aspects of county and merit procedures.

"The Council in its decision acted arbitrarily, illegally and without material supporting evidence," the petition says. The document goes on to detail the law director's opinion that the merit council had no authority to hear the complaint and that the merit

system council disregarded that opinion and proceeded to hold the hearing and make a ruling.

Attorney Gary Prince, representing KCSO, contends Dooley had no loss in salary and did not qualify for a sheriff's vehicle and gas card because of her current position with the department and that she lives in Blount County, more than 25 miles from the maximum distance for any employee to use a sheriff's car to commute to and from work.

Another reason for the appeal is that two merit council members ruled that KCSO pay Dooley's attorney fees.

At question is whether the merit council had the authority to hear and rule on the complaint as their legitimate authority is unestablished. The matter is before the Knox County Commission now on a motion to adopt 1974 state legislation to formally authorize the Knox County Merit System. The state legislation, although required prior to the creation of such a board, was never adopted by Knox County and the merit system had been created in a local private act.

First vote on legalizing merit council before county commission

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Commission meets in work session next Monday and faces a long agenda of at least 58 items. The chairman and commissioners may designate which agenda items to discuss but there are some interesting items that, if not discussed, will pass as "consent" items.

One item that will likely not be put on the consent list is the last item on the work session regular agenda. Postponed from last month is a discussion of adopting a 1974 Tennessee Code to legalize the Knox County Sheriff's Merit System. Postponed last month by Commissioner Courtney Durrett for further consideration, the proposal is sponsored by Commissioner Charles Busler and Chairman Richie Beeler.

Almost 50 years ago the state legislature passed a law authorizing counties to establish an employee merit system as long as they adopted state guidelines and rules. Knox County never did that and created its own merit group to work with the Knox County Sheriff's Office to give employees a way to appeal what they feel was a violation of their employment. The idea was to keep politics out of the hiring and employment practices.

In recent years, the three voting members of the merit council and Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler have been at odds. Spangler dismissed

several deputies for violating KCSO policies or the law and some of those former employees then filed complaints with the Merit System Council.

The council set dates for such hearings but more recently postponed all but one as they wait for the results of a lawsuit filed by KCSO that questions the group's actual authority as they are not compliant with the 1974 state law. Both sides have agreed that adopting the 1974 Tennessee statute would resolve the legal authority of the merit system and the ordinance change before the commission would also keep the current system employees and merit system members in place.

The adoption of the 1974 state ordinance faces the first of two readings at commission's May 16 work session and a decision may come during the commission's regular meeting on May 23.

Other items on the long agenda include various appointments, several citizens and groups being honored, accepting more than 24 new streets into the county in various subdivisions, discussing the new Knox County budget proposal and eight requests from the health department, and leasing space in the TVA Summer Place Tower to Meta Enterprises. The commission may also discuss continuing a state grant for the Knox County Recovery and Veterans Treatment Court.

Two Steves and a Joe

By Joe Rector
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While I mowed the upper lot of the yard, I looked across the road and saw a tractor at the neighbor's house. Steering it was Steve Cox. We began first grade together, and both have lived within spitting distance of our boyhood homes. I sat on my mower, he sat on his tractor, and for the first time in years, we talked about things that happened and people we've known for years.

Steve and I had a few things in common. Both of us were boys who wore husky jeans, the name given for pants that were made for heavier boys. Neither of us ever missed a meal. Steve's haircut was just like mine, a buzz cut. I'm not sure about his dad, but mine declared he wouldn't allow me to have long hair or dirty shoes.

Last, both of us needed orthodontic help. While my teeth made me look more like a beaver, Steve's were just slightly protruding over his bottom lip.

One day during our third grade, Steve came to class late. He sat down in his seat, and I asked where he'd been. He replied, "To the dentist." Then he opened his mouth to reveal an appliance on the back of his upper teeth. The thing looked like bars coming straight down, and I thought how painful it looked. Still, I was so jealous of him because he had begun the process of having braces put on his teeth. Not until I talked to him the other day did I find out how wrong my assumption was. The painful-looking thing was something inserted to keep him from sucking his thumb. He said the bars were sharp and stuck him when he tried.

Another Steve was in that

class. Steve Buffalo and I were in the same classroom throughout elementary school, which ran through the eighth grade back then. He was another big boy. I always had "lunch envy" when it came to him. I'd get a sandwich out of my bag that usually had pink bread from a thin layer of potted meat while Steve withdrew one that had a coating of mayonnaise with pieces of sausage on top. One day he agreed to swap sandwiches since I had bologna. A celebration began as I sunk my teeth into that wonderful lunch.

Steve Buffalo was a fantastic student. We battled for a place in the spelling bee, but I never beat him. Buffalo also had the most perfect handwriting. Mine looked as if someone suffering from arthritis had painfully penned my homework. He was a nice guy who was friendly with everyone

and seemed comfortable in his own skin, never worrying what others thought.

We three had our revenge on the more popular guys one time each year. That occurred at field day. One event, the tug of war was ours. Sure, we were overweight and not particularly athletic, but when another class grabbed the rope to oppose us, we turned our "bulk into hulk" and pulled them across the line.

I'm glad Steve Cox stopped by the other day. During that time, he talked more than he'd ever done during our lifetimes. My voting place moved from Ball Camp School to Amherst, so I missed Steve Buffalo, who for years has worked the polls.

It's funny what memories come back through just a half-hour talk with an old friend. Steve Cox, thanks for stopping by. Steve Buffalo, give me a yell sometime.

PARC questions city police handcuffing policy

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situation without a credential but otherwise officers will have ID on their clothes.

Easterly asked about the expected battery life of a body camera and was told by Sgt. Rachel Britt that it depends on the situation. She said that if the battery is at 44% there are four to five hours of power left on the camera. She said

that officers have in-car chargers for a slow charge, have chargers they can take home and docking stations at each of the precincts. She added that supervisors carry extra body cameras if an officer's camera gets low on power or is damaged.

Easterly also asked what violation would result in an officer being suspended for more than two days.

Thomas said it depends on the violation. She said she interviews officers prior to suspension hearings and the punishment could range from suspension to termination.

PARC meets quarterly to review cases and complaints and makes recommendations back to the police department.

Some cases are handled by the committee or the

department's internal affairs department.

Mayor Jacobs to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month

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working to reduce the stigma associated with needing or seeking help," said Mayor Jacobs.

Businesses, schools, government agencies, healthcare providers, organizations and citizens must all shoulder the responsibility of promoting mental wellness by prioritizing

mental health and resiliency, supporting those who are struggling and helping them work toward a path of recovery.

"It is more important than ever to take care of our own mental health and support others doing the same," said Mayor Jacobs. "Recognizing how and when to offer help may save a life."

Founded by the Mental Health Association in 1949 to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives, the intent of Mental Health Awareness Month was to find recovery-oriented solutions and provide hope for those affected by mental health conditions.

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Left: A participant at the Special Olympics adult track meet gives the thumb's up sign as he receives his medal Wednesday at Powell High. Photo by Steve Williams. Right: A participant at the elementary / middle school Special Olympics track event is thrilled to get his medal. Photo by Tracy Heard.



Local wrestlers named to TSWA all-state teams

By Ken Lay

The Tennessee Sports Writer's Association honored several area wrestlers as it released its all-state teams recently.

The TSWA rewarded the accomplishments of both male and female athletes.

Eight area girls were named to the all-state teams, including two from the 185-pound weight class.

Trinity Lynn from Gibbs and Hardin Valley Academy's Ella Murphey both made the team from the 185-pound division.

Lynn was one of two Lady Eagles' grapplers to be honored by the state's sportswriters. She was joined on the all-state team by teammate Hailey Redmond, who competes in the 132-pound weight class.

Seymour had a pair of wrestlers named to the squad as Elinor Underwood (107 pounds) and Angelina Slingluff (126) were selected.

Catholic's Lilly Hosford (138 pounds), Carter's Jai-lynn Tindall (145) and Farragut's Elaina Thibeault (165) were also selected to the all-state teams.

The state's top boys were also honored by the TSWA.

Halls High had four wrestlers selected to the Division I Class A all-state team as Aiden Wright (106 pounds), Sam Hutchison (132), Harlen Hunley (145) and Briar Whaley (160) made the squad.

Gibbs High 195-pounder Elijah Hubbs was also named to the squad.

Grace Christian Academy had two wrestlers named to the TSWA Division II all-state team.

The Rams were represented on the squad by 145-pounder Nick Krauss and Ryan Comfort, who competes in the 160-pound weight class.

Powell High hosts lively Special Olympics

By Steve Williams

The Area 5 Special Olympics track meets were held May 4-5 at Powell High.

Tami Smith, a Special Education, CDC teacher, headed up the Powell staff and there many volunteers also helping out at the two-day event.

The high school meet was held last Wednesday from 9:30 to 2, followed by the adult meet from 4:30 to 7. The elementary / middle school meet was Thursday from 9:30 to 2.

Area 5 includes Knox and Anderson Counties and some 500 Special Olympic athletes participated in the Unified 4x100 relay, softball throw, 100m race, 200m race, 50m race, 25m assisted and wheel chair races,

400m walk, running long jump and the standing long jump.

A super sound system put out great music and kept things lively.

At the adult portion of the event, announcer Trace Pate said: "We try to make them feel like a million bucks. It's their day."

Gina Legg, Special Olympics director of Knoxville which includes the Anderson County and Oak Ridge area, was on hand to help out and oversee the action.

The youngsters and adults had a great time competing and some could be seen dancing on the podium to the music as they waited to be presented their medals.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Event announcer Trace Pate encourages Stuart Fried of Sertoma to make it to the finish line in the 400-meter walk. Stuart finished third to earn a bronze medal.

TSWA honors area basketball players

By Ken Lay

The 2021-22 high school basketball season packed plenty of excitement as several teams made deep postseason runs.

The Tennessee Sports Writers Association honored some of the top area boys and girls players when it released its All-State teams recently.

Four local athletes were named to the girls Class 4A all-state team and all four appeared in the state championship game in Murfreesboro in March.

The Bearden Lady Bulldogs claimed the first state title in school history in 2022 when they defeated West Knoxville rival Farragut at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center.

Three Bearden players, Jennifer Sullivan, Avery Treadwell and Emily Gonzalez were selected to the squad and that trio was joined by Farragut's Avery "Ace Strickland, who recently signed with Pittsburgh after leading the Admirals to their first state tournament appearance.

In Division II-A, Christian Academy of Knoxville had a pair of selections in Emily Wilson and Kiera Leffew.

Four local players were selected to the Division II-AA all-state team with Catholic and Webb School of Knoxville both represented by two players.

Sophomore Sydney Mains and junior Jaz Williams made the team from the Lady Irish. The Lady Spartans had Madelyn Ladd and eighth grader Meeyah Green named to the squad.

Fulton's Sammy Taylor

was the lone area player named to the Class 3A team.

Area boys teams also enjoyed successful campaigns.

Catholic, which reached the Division II-AA State Tournament for the third consecutive season, losing in the 2022 championship game had guards B.J. Edwards and Blue Cain receive all-state honors.

Webb's Lukas Walls was also an all-state selection.

In Division II-A, CAK's Luke Carter and Concord Christian School's Jose

Rodriguez were honored by the TSWA.

Seniors Dillon Atwell (Farragut) and Elijah Bredwood (Bearden) were named to the all-state team after the Admirals reached the state sectionals and the Bulldogs appeared in the Class 4A State Championship Game.

Fulton made it to the Class 3A State Tournament. The Falcons had Tyler Lee named to the all-state team.



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Seventeen members of Bearden High's first-ever girls state championship basketball team were awarded Careacter Star t-shirts in recognition of their attitude and perseverance this season, including these 12 (left to right) Lainey Cox, Emily Gonzalez, Bailey Burgess, Lindsay Wilson, Jennifer Sullivan, Lauren Spainhower, Kendall Anne Murphy, Hannah Claire Stephens, Amanda Parker, Maddie Brillhart, Brinley Murphy and Avery Treadwell.

Bearden girls' perseverance leads way to first state title

By Steve Williams

When Bearden High won its first girls state basketball championship in school history in March, Dave Moore, the founder of the Careacter Star Athlete program, was extremely impressed.

"That is an awesome accomplishment and that team had incredible perseverance – one of the pillars of our Careacter Star program," he said.

Moore wanted to honor more than five players – the standard amount that is recognized on each team. He wanted to recognize every member of the team that had displayed "good careacter" through the extra long season to win the championship.

That included players and team managers and totaled 17.

"We'll make that a new precedent, too, for recognizing first time ever state champions," added Moore.

Coach Justin Underwood's Lady Bulldogs were a motivated ball team when they opened their 2021-22 season. They had not forgotten the feeling of losing their quarterfinal game to Hardin County 48-39 the year before, after reaching



Members of the Bearden team after doing some shopping during the Christmas season. Each got to be a secret Santa and give a gift to a pre-school aged child to brighten their holiday.

the state tourney with a 30-1 record.

Underwood was asked how careacter came into play in the team winning its first state championship this year.

"I think every coach has at some point mentioned attitude and effort to their players," he said. "This group, for us, was as good as you will find having a positive attitude in the good times and an encouraging attitude when the times aren't so good. I think our team attitude was a big part of our success

this season."

Four of their five starters from the 2020-21 team were back on the scene when the Lady Bulldogs arrived at Murphy Center

in Murfreesboro on March 9 for their quarterfinal game against Blackman, a program that has had a lot of success in girls basketball, including a state

championship in 2021.

Bearden just had a lot of determination. And that was evident in its 56-34 win over the Blaze.

The Lady Bulldogs followed with a 74-55 victory over Beech in the semifinals and then beat Knox County rival Farragut for the fifth team to claim its first gold basketball.

It should be pointed out, however, it takes more than success on the hardwood to be recognized as a Careacter Star Athlete. Members of the Bearden girls basketball team – all

17 of them – checked off the other boxes, too.

When asked to give specific examples of "good careacter" his team members had exhibited this past season on or off the court, Coach Underwood had a beautiful one.

"This year for Christmas each player was a secret Santa for a pre-school aged child that doesn't have much," he said. "Each girl bought gifts to help brighten up their Christmas. It was a great memory that our girls will cherish. They had so much fun shopping and giving their time and gifts to someone else."

Underwood also noted his team's academic success.

"These young ladies are excellent examples of high achieving basketball players," he said. "They are excellent students with a team GPA over 4.0 and they are active in clubs and within the community. They are special young people that exemplify what Coach Moore started in the 'Careacter' that student-athletes should possess."



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Back to the beginning

It was quite a history lesson on Sept. 13, 2008, in the Tom Elam Press Box at Neyland Stadium, as three Tennessee play-by-play broadcasters — George Mooney (1952-67), John Ward (1968-98), and Bob Kesling (1999-present) — were present, greeted warmly by all who knew them. They join Lindsey Nelson (1949-50) and Alan Stout (1951) as the “Voices of the Vols,” telling the story of Tennessee football across Big Orange Country.

Each of them contributed mightily to the legend of Tennessee football during their time behind the Vol Network microphone. They spanned the years from the earliest, primitive press boxes, to the larger, more expansive broadcast areas on college campuses today. In the history of every organization, there are visionaries who dream great dreams and are able to see their dreams reach fruition. There are those whose actions and influence helped shape the collegiate landscape we know today.

To fully understand their impact, it's back to the beginning, back to the late 1940s. Nelson and a Knoxville ad executive Edwin Court Huster, Sr.,

barnstormed the state to begin a radio network for University of Tennessee football. In later years, the same concept would be applied to basketball.

It was Nelson's and Huster's dream, one they lived to see become reality.

When Lindsey left Tennessee in early 1951 to go to the Liberty Broadcasting System and then to the major networks, Huster, Sr. picked up the cudgels and continued the process of building the network.

In 1970, Huster, Sr. passed the torch to son Edwin, Jr., who took it and led the network to many of its finest hours. For 34 years, he continued the family influence on the Vol Network and Tennessee athletics.

When the younger Huster died, suddenly, in 2004, Steve Early picked up where Edwin had left off and the network hasn't missed a beat. There was a hard moment that first game night in 2004, when there wasn't a Huster in the booth for the first time since 1949. The show went on, but there were precious few dry eyes.

Here's how it all came about, thanks to Lindsey's recollections.

“I thought we should call it the ‘Volunteer Network,’” Lindsey wrote in his autobiography. “I sat in the living room of my home on Valley View Drive and practiced. ‘We pause for station identification. This is

the Volunteer Network.’ I thought it sounded beautiful.

“I went to Neyland and said, ‘General, I have a great name for our network. Let's call it the Volunteer Network.’”

Bob Neyland, always an innovator himself, had other ideas.

“Let's call it the Vol Network,” he said.

Lindsey knew the drill. Neyland sat in the big chair and had the ultimate veto power, “announcer approval,” as Lindsey would experience later in his career.

“Yes sir. Let's call it the Vol Network. We pause for station identification. ‘This is the Vol Network.’”

Then there was the very important matter of an announcer and remuneration for the games.

“The referee gets a hundred dollars per game,” Neyland said. “Do you work as hard as the referee?”

“Harder,” Lindsey said.

With that, Lindsey had a brand-new job with the Vol Network.

Today, the Vol Network stands in tribute to men's hopes and aspirations and a great deal of hard work, evolving into one of the nation's finest.

Fans listen to the games, and it all sounds so seamless and well done. It's a product of leadership from the top, from both Husters, from Nelson to Mooney to Ward, and now to Kesling and Early.

No one knows the



George Mooney, shown here with Edwin Huster, Jr. (L), and Doug Dickey (R), was the “Voice of the Vols” in the 1950s and into the 1960s, bringing home the excitement of Tennessee football on the Vol Network.

preparation and concentration it takes to produce a day's worth of Vol Network programming each Saturday and many times well into Sunday morning.

It goes through the game broadcast, the post-game show, and the taping and video uplink of the coaches' show, wherever and whenever the game might have been played. It's been an article of faith that the coaches' show starts and

finishes on time. Sunday afternoons and evenings wouldn't be the same without the show on stations across the state and well beyond.

The technology of sports broadcasting may have changed over the years, but one thing remains the same. It's a persistent insistence on quality and excellence that has spanned the years. The Vol Network booth was a

model of professionalism then, as it is now.

It's been more than 70 years since those first tentative steps were taken in establishing the Vol Network. History records that the senior Huster and Lindsey Nelson helped build a product that has caught the imagination of the Vol fans, wherever they are. It's an indispensable part of life as we know it.

Ward, former Georgia standout, is new CHS coach

By Steve Williams

Joe Ward, a former All-SEC player at Georgia, is looking forward to leading the Central High boys basketball program.

CHS named Ward, 59, its new coach in a press release last week. He replaces former coach Andy Hill, who resigned to become head coach at Jefferson County High in April.

Ward said the goal will be to build a culture “where our kids want to achieve.”

Ward played high school ball in Griffin, Ga. and his freshman season in college at Clemson before transferring to Georgia.

As a senior under Coach Hugh Durham in 1985-86, Ward was named to the Coaches' All-SEC first team with averages of 15.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

Being a favorite of Georgia Bulldog fans in the mid-1980s, Ward was honored as part of the Chick-Fil-A SEC Basketball Legends program at the 2006 SEC Tournament.

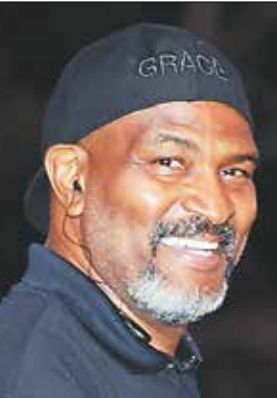
A 6-foot-6 small forward, Ward was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in the second round but did not play in the NBA. He played six years in the CBA.

After his playing career in 1994, Ward arrived in the Knoxville area and started coaching with the Rule Christian Academy (RCA) recreation program. In nine years there, he won championships as he guided RCA's



15 to 17-year-olds and would sometimes coach three different teams in a season.

“I am excited to see the impact he is going to have not only on our basketball program, but on the culture of our school as a whole,” said Dr. Andrew Brown, the Central High principal.



Joe Ward, Central High's new basketball coach

Tee Higgins recovering from shoulder surgery

Tee Higgins, Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver from Oak Ridge, will be sidelined for a couple of months after having shoulder surgery in mid-April.

He is expected to miss the Bengals' off-season workouts but should be good to go after training camp.

The former Clemson

NFL Draft a good sign for Vols

By Mark Nagi

Back in my previous life I was a sports anchor/reporter at WATE-TV. In 2002 I was anchoring during the NFL Draft, and boy oh boy was that a busy time.

The Vols were coming off an 11-2 season and the roster was stocked with pro talent. I had edited together short videos of all the players that could potentially be selected in the draft.

That video came in handy. Three Tennessee players were among the first 15 picks (Albert Haynesworth, Donte Stallworth, John Henderson). In all, ten Vols heard their names called that year.

This wasn't a surprise of course... the Vols football program was still rolling at that time, only three years removed from a national championship. You felt that this is the way it would always be...

But it's a shame that we don't know we are in the good 'ol days until we leave them.

In 2015, 2016 and 2019, the Vols didn't have a single player selected in the NFL Draft. In 2020 and 2021 the numbers improved a bit, but only two former Vols were taken each year.

Where have you gone, Peyton Manning... Vol Nation turns its lonely eyes to you. Woo woo woo.

But last week was a good week for the Tennessee brand. For only the second time since 2010, at least five Vols were selected in the draft.

Cornerback Alontae Taylor went to New Orleans in Round 2. Receiver Velus Jones Jr. was picked by Chicago in the third round. Defensive tackle Matthew Butler was a Las Vegas selection in Round 5. And in Round 6, offensive lineman

Cade Mays was picked by Carolina and safety Theo Jackson stayed close to home with the Titans.

Taylor's story is a long and winding one. The Coffee County product originally committed under Butch Jones in 2017, but de-committed after Jones's firing. Taylor re-committed to Jeremy Pruitt a few weeks later and was a huge get for the Class of 2021.

After Pruitt's firing, many Vols transferred, but Taylor stuck around as Josh Heupel took control of the fledgling program. Taylor was a team leader and worked his way up the draft boards to become a second day NFL Draft selection.

Not bad for a high school quarterback who came to Tennessee to play wide receiver and was almost immediately moved to the secondary.

“Whenever my phone

started buzzing, I jumped up and quieted everyone down,” Taylor said after the big moment. “It's amazing just knowing my dream is coming true. Whenever they announced my name, my grandma is not here and passed away, and I had a picture sitting in front of me, and I gave her a kiss. She was the first person I made sure I gave a kiss to before hugging my mom.”

“It's a true blessing with all of the history there, even one of the great returners, Devin Hester,” Jones said of his new team, the Bears. “It's a big role, but I've been ready for this all my life. I started football at four, always been strong in my faith, and I'm just real excited and I can't wait to get up there.”

“You should expect some high effort, high energy,” Butler told Raider fans. “I can talk about football all

day, but I'm also going to pour into the Raiders organization and let the Raiders organization pour into me. And do my best to be a leader in the locker room and be willing to be led by guys who've been doing this for a long time. Obviously, everybody wants to be on top, and that's exactly what I'm wanting. I'm going to let these next couple of months, and hopefully the next few years, do the talking. I expect great things out of myself so hopefully you expect great things out of me too.”

The NFL Draft isn't a perfect representation of the direction of the college football program, but considering the struggles of the Tennessee football the past couple of decades, this year's results must be taken as a positive sign for the future of the Vols.



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KIL TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Oh brother! Trystan nips Gavyn by an inch in triple jump

By Steve Williams

The most unusual and exciting victory in the Knoxville Interscholastic League track and field meet last week came in the field events.

Karns sophomore Trystan Duke won the triple jump with a mark of 42 feet, 5 inches on his final attempt to edge his twin brother Gavyn by one inch.

Yes, one inch!

Immediately after the announcement of the winner, the two brothers were so stunned and excited by the final results, they squared off in a

playful wrestling match before congratulations were exchanged.

And the mother of the two, Rachel Brewer, was there to see it and take a picture of her sons for a keepsake to remember it by.

"They are very competitive, but I think that makes them better because they constantly push each other," said Rachel. "But at the end of the day, they love each other and have a great time."

Gavyn and Trystan also are on Karns' football and wrestling teams.

Meanwhile, earlier in the boys' field events, Ethan Fulford of Christian Academy of Knoxville and a recent ETSU signee tied the KIL meet pole vault record of 14 feet, 6 inches that Andy Lane of West had held alone since 2002.

Fulford also won the 110-meter high hurdles (15.28) and 300 hurdles (40.13) the following day. Incidentally, Ethan's brother Silas, a freshman, placed fourth in the 110 hurdles.

Hardin Valley's Ben Smith was a big point-getter in the Hawks' runaway to the team title. Smith was a double winner in the 100 (10.89) and 200 (21.82) after having placed second to teammate Gavin English's 22-2 leap in the long jump. Hardin Valley, by the way, went 1-2-3 in the 200.

The Hawks also got a win in the 400 dash from Austin Rome (49.38) and a 1-2 showing by Kaden Keller (4:18.45) and Nathan Hillis in the 1600.



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Twins Trystan (left) and Gavyn Duke of Karns share a happy moment as their mom takes a picture after they finished 1-2 in the triple jump event at last week's Knoxville Interscholastic League meet. Trystan had a mark of 42 feet, 5 inches on his last attempt -- one inch farther than his brother had posted!

Evan Maples swept the discus (152-7) and shot put (48-2½) in the field events for HVA.

In other boys' action,

Cayden Douglas notched a win for Bearden in the high jump (6-2).

Catholic freshman Keegan Smith won the 3200 run (9:21.67). He leads the state in that event with a 8:52.96. Smith also took top honors in the 800 (1:56.64) as he held off Austin-East's Dwayne Morris.

In the relays, Halls triumphed in the 4x100 with a time of 43.10 seconds. Carrying the baton for the Red Devils were Jordan Buaban, Toreau Crenshaw, Michael Harrop and Caden Stephens.

Austin-East's winning 4x200 relay team

(1:30.70) consisted of Keshaud Payne, Dimere Ligon, Devan Mitchell and Dominic Smith.

Hardin Valley's 4x800 combo of Rhett Mashburn, Alex Rodriguez, Rowan Wilkinson and Isaac Legault prevailed in 8:10.82, while the Hawks' 4x400 team of Aiden Shaw, Ethan Blaylock, Smith and Rome took the meet's final event in 3:23.13.

TEAM SCORING: Hardin Valley 228, Farragut 88, Webb 70, Austin-East 64, CAK 56, West 36, Karns 35, Halls 30, Catholic 24, Bearden 21, South-Doyle 17, Gibbs 9, Powell 7, Carter 5, FBA 4, Central 2.

HVA boys set KIL scoring record

Hardin Valley Academy continues its dominance on the KIL track and field scene.

The Hawks scored a KIL meet record 228 points last week as they won their eighth team title in the last nine years.

HVA's girls team prevailed for the 10th year in a row and its boys and girls teams combined for their eighth sweep in the school's 14-year history.

In addition to the success of Hardin Valley's veteran athletes, McKale Hayes set a freshman record as he placed second in the 300-meter hurdles. He also was runner-up in the 110 hurdles.

"Another great KIL Championship for our program," said Coach Bryan Brown. "I'm very proud of how everyone competed at this meet, many that doubled or tripled for the team.

"We still have a few areas that we can tweak and improve over the next few weeks in preparation for Section and State.

"I'm very proud to be the coach of such great teams!"

-STEVE WILLIAMS



Ethan Fulford of CAK builds up power as he approaches the pole vault pit in the KIL meet. Fulford won the event at 14 feet, 6 inches to tie the meet record that was first set in 2002.

Plenty of rising stars in KIL girls track and field

By Steve Williams

Over half of the individual winners in the KIL girls' track and field meet last week were sophomores or younger.

Karns' Hannah Little, who had impressive wins in the 400 and 200-meter dashes, was among that group. The Lady Beavers sophomore posted a PR time of 57.51 seconds in the 400 and a 25.43 in the 200.

"I felt good," said Hannah after the 400. "It was definitely one of my better races. I used a different strategy."

Mary Oakley Robertson, a Catholic senior, had moved ahead of Little for the top local time in the 400 this season, but Hannah regained the No. 1 position with her KIL performance.

Coach Hunter Fendley

said prior to the meet that Little also had been making a lot of progress in the 200.

Webb sophomore Anna Graves was a double winner too as she ran an 11:19.98 in the 3200 and a 2:17.96 in the 800. Sophomore Maddie Archdale placed second in the 3200.

Jazzlyn Garmer, a Webb School eighth grader, took first place in the 1600 with a 5:08.28, nipping West senior Kate Robinson by seven-hundredths of a second. Jazzlyn's twin sister Calysta placed third with a 5:09.48.

Webb ninth grader Lennox Langham won the long jump (18-1¾) and Hardin Valley sophomore Gracie Waite swept the shot put (39-4) and discus (108-11). Catholic freshman Maggie Frana was runner-up in the shot put.

HVA senior Sidnee

Stanton led the way for upper division students as she improved her KIL record in the triple jump to 38-5. That's also currently the top mark in the state. Langham placed second in the TJ.

Powell senior Cassidy Hill cleared five feet to take top honors in the high jump. West senior Mary Reagan Bollig was best in the pole vault (10-0).

Other winners among the upper division included Bearden junior Laila Rudolph in the 100 (12.16) and Grace Christian junior Brianna Baker who sparked in the 100 hurdles (14.9) and 300 hurdles (45.53). HVA senior Madison Romain took second place in both hurdle events.

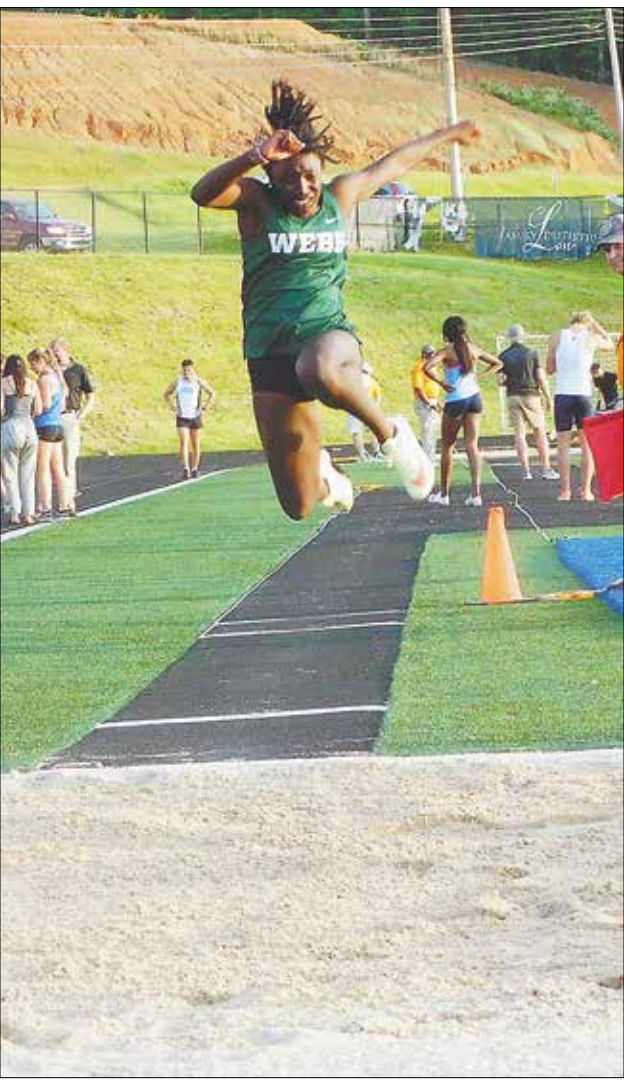
As for the relays, Hardin Valley's 4x100 team of Lauren Gray, Stanton, Lily Swenson and Brooke Taylor

won in 49.07 and the Lady Hawks also took first place in the 4x800 (9:51.87) with Lauryn Jackson, Kyndra West, Avery Holdsworth and Ryann Winterbotham carrying the baton.

South-Doyle's champion 4x200 relay team (1:48.21) consisted of Lariah Cozart, Victoria Verran, Abby Sharpe and Shauna Dyer.

Farragut's 4x400 combo of Avery Strickland, Lexi Foley, Sarah Lynn and Parker Willis finished first in 4:06.38.

TEAM SCORING: Hardin Valley 164½, Farragut 112, Webb 67½, West 66, Karns 55, Powell 34, Catholic 33, Bearden 32, South-Doyle 29, Grace Christian 26, CAK 25½, Gibbs 22, Austin-East 20, Carter 8, Concord Christian 3½, Central 3.



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

Webb freshman Lennox Langham soars in the KIL long jump event. She posted a winning mark of 18 feet, 1 3/4 inches.



Sophomore Anna Graves (wearing the Webb green) en route to a win in the KIL 800-meter run at the Hardin Valley Academy track.

Ward is new CHS coach

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standout will be in his third NFL season this coming fall and "average pay" for other pro receivers with that length of time in the league is reportedly \$20 million.

Higgins has been a standout player for the Bengals and helped lead them to the Super Bowl LVI this past season.

Cincinnati, the surprise team of the year in the NFL, lost to the Los Angeles Rams 23-20 in that exciting

game in February.

Smokies hope to continue 'school days'

Chris Allen, president of the Tennessee Smokies, said recently he hopes to continue the Knox County "school day" at Smokies Stadium next spring.

That's been an annual event for Knox County fifth graders and elementary school kids at other surrounding counties until the

COVID-19 pandemic happened.

So look forward to possibly having a day at the ball park next year kids!

South-Doyle names boys basketball coach

James Jones has been promoted from assistant to head coach for boys basketball at South-Doyle High School. He replaces Ryan Ross, who recently resigned.



JTTW's World's Fair 80mm Ball Ornament. This piece features the original look of the World's Fair and the logo celebrating 40 years of development and expansion for the Knoxville community and is priced at \$30. Available now.

Joy to the World Collectibles, Visit Knoxville partner to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the 1982 World's Fair

Industry leader Joy to the World, founded by Knoxville resident, Lisa Kelechava, is releasing six new European handcrafted glass ornaments to commemorate the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the 1982 World's Fair being coordinated by Visit Knoxville, the City of Knoxville, Knox County, and several community partners that make up the 40th Anniversary Committee. The celebration kicks off Saturday, May 21 with additional events and exhibits happening through October 2022.

"The partnership with Visit Knoxville seemed like a natural," said Kelechava. "Knoxvillians love the Sunsphere and although I did not grow up here, those who did tend to have their beloved 1982 World's Fair stories. It was a huge deal for Knoxville to host

the event 40 years ago, and its legacy lives on today, so, creating special ornaments to celebrate the 40th anniversary seemed like a worthy idea and one that we hope is well received."

JTTW uses the top artisans in Poland to create the pieces including sculptors, glass blowers and painters. It takes an average of seven production days to make each piece.

Ornaments are available online at shop.visitknoxville.com/collections/collectables, at the Visit Knoxville Visitors Center (301 South Gay St., Knoxville, TN, 37902) and the 4th floor Observation Deck of the Sunsphere.

All proceeds benefit the Sunsphere Fund, created in 2019 by Visit Knoxville with support from Knox County and the City of Knoxville to

preserve and maintain this historic structure. Monies from the fund are utilized for enhancements to the experience on the 4th floor Observation Deck. The goal is to protect and preserve the structure for the enjoyment of groups and individuals for generations to come.

In addition to these ornaments, JTTW has partnered with Visit Knoxville to create a Gay Street Sign ornament. Since the 1790s, Gay Street has played a primary role in Knoxville's historical and cultural development. Gay Street is home to art galleries, the historic Tennessee and Bijou Theatres, the East Tennessee History Center and more. This piece is priced at \$20. Available June 1.

"Visit Knoxville is thrilled to partner exclusively with

Lisa and her team," said Kim Bumpas, president of Visit Knoxville. "Joy to the World is simply the name to know and trust in stunning, collectible ornaments. We appreciate Lisa's enthusiasm for Knoxville, the Sunsphere and its preservation, and the upcoming anniversary celebration."

Activities for the May 21 Kick Off Celebration at World's Fair Park are still being added, but to-date include cultural exhibits and performances technology and maker demonstrations and vendors, food and beer, a Ferris wheel, a brief fireworks display programmed to '80s music and more. Admission is free.

For information on these activities and more taking place through October 2022, please visit worldsfairknoxville.com.

UT Gardens' May 2022 Plant of the Month: New Vinca Series Is Tiny, Terrific

Submitted by Jason Reeves, research horticulturist, University of Tennessee Gardens, Jackson

I have always been a big fan of the annual, Catharanthus roseus, better known as vinca. They are blooming machines, flowering all summer despite our heat and humidity. They are also drought tolerant once established and pest free. The Titan, Pacifica, Mega Bloom, Tattoo and Mediterranean series have long been favorites of mine.

In 2019, while attending a trade show in Ohio, I met Soiree® Kawaii and knew I had to give this series a try. The following spring Suntory sent us samples of each

color to grow and evaluate. They were fantastic performers, and we fell head over heels for the cute little things. This summer you see them growing at the UT Gardens in Jackson, Crossville and Knoxville. We even grow them for our plant sale at the UT Gardens, Jackson, so you can enjoy them, too!

Developed in Japan by Suntory Flowers and introduced for sale in 2016, Soiree Kawaii® has taken a few years to catch on. They are described as tiny, but terrific! Indeed, they are. The word "kawaii" means cute in Japanese, describing the flower size

and shape. These plants are produced from cuttings, whereas most vinca on the market are seed grown. Unlike seed-grown vinca, the plants grow more like a little mounding shrub reaching 6 to 10 inches tall and 12 to 18 inches wide. They are dense, well branched and covered with hundreds of blooms half the size of most vinca. The foliage is deep glossy green like standard vinca but also half the size. Think of them as vinca's cute little sister!

Like all vinca, Soiree should not be planted until the soil warms, and they need six or more hours of full sun and well-drained

soil. Once established, they will tolerate drought but will perform best with supplemental water when there are long periods without rainfall. They work well in the landscape at the front of the border, as well as in containers where they will trail over the side by late summer. Just don't plant them with aggressive plants such as sweet potato vine and trailing petunias, which will overtake Soiree.

Soiree Kawaii® comes in seven colors: Lavender, Blueberry Kiss, White Peppermint, Red Shades, Coral, Coral Reef and Light Purple. Also, in the

Soiree® family is Soiree® Double. The growth habit of Soiree® Double vinca are more like standard seed-grown vinca, but with a double flower. Soiree® Double comes in Orchid, Pink and White, which is a pale pink rather than a true white.

If you're looking for care-free color all summer, give Soiree® Kawaii a try!

The UT Gardens includes plant collections located in Knoxville, Crossville and Jackson. Designated as the official botanical garden for the State of Tennessee, the collections are part of the UT Institute of Agriculture. The Gardens' mission is to

foster appreciation, education and stewardship of plants through garden displays, educational programs and research trials. The Gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public. For more information, see: utia.tennessee.edu/state-botanical-garden.

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Harrison Mayes was born in Fork Ridge, Claiborne County, Tn. on February 8, 1898, and grew up like most other boys in eastern Tennessee. He was ‘saved’ at a tent revival in 1909 at age 11 and his life was changed forever.

Harrison Mayes studied the Bible and went on to spend his adult life being, perhaps, the most prolific ad-man for Jesus who ever lived. He began his life’s work by painting ‘Sin Not’ on the side of a black pig and proceeded to spend an estimated 60% of his life’s income in fulfilling his calling, his life’s work for Jesus.

“I heard a voice saying, ‘Come and follow me,’” Mayes said later in life.

He learned the value of a good work ethic while growing up at Fork Ridge and took a job as a coal miner in the same community as his father. Mining safety provisions were largely nonexistent or overlooked in that early era of mining. It wasn’t long before Harrison was nearly crushed to death in a mining accident. Hurt badly, he didn’t think he would survive.

“I promised the Lord that if He saved my life, I would

spend the rest of it giving Him glory and telling others of His great work here on earth,” Mayes said later in life.

He survived and unlike many others was intent on keeping his promise to God.

“There are many different ways to serve the Lord,” Mayes said later on from his Middlesboro home. “I tried preaching but didn’t feel it was my calling. I tried running revival meetings and even tried going all over Florida and other places making music. I prayed and prayed asking for guidance from Lord God in Heaven.

“I never could make a go at nothing until I got into making my signs that pointed the way for others to get to Heaven. That was my calling. I’ll paint my signs and plant my crosses until everyone everywhere knows God and His healing power.”

Harrison was twenty years old and his wife, Lillie, was fifteen years of age when they married.

“He was going around and painting messages on rocks even then,” she said. “Others went around painting their names on rocks and bridges. My husband would leave here

with a paintbrush and paint. He would paint ‘Jesus Saves’ or ‘Get Right with God’ or other messages, on rocks or other places. He also made signs and tacked them on telephone poles.”

Feeling he should do more and bigger things he began painting messages on billboards. He soon switched to putting the messages on four-foot by six-foot aluminum sheets so they would last.

“I put those in forty-four states by myself,” Harrison said. “Then I began having tracts printed and I sent them to chaplains in the Army and to the ships during World War I and II. I had a hundred thousand tracts made up and sent.”

Harrison Mayes is probably best known for the heavy concrete crosses which are seen along many highways throughout the nation. Many of the 2,000 crosses are still intact where they were placed.

“I intended to make concrete signs and put them up around the capitals of each state,” the 123-pound Mayes explained. “I used to take four or five boys to help put the crosses up. They weighed about 1,400 pounds each.

“Later I put up many of the crosses by myself - just myself and the truck driver. I loaded them with a chain block one on top of another. We’d drive right to the place where I was going to put one up. All I had to do was to dig the hole with a posthole digger and in fifteen minutes I was ready to leave.”

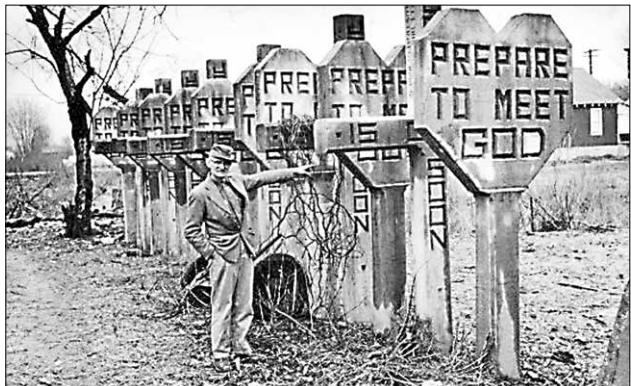
With the truck braced to keep it in place Mayes pulled and wedged the concrete signs to the edge of the truck bed and tipped it right into the hole.

Many of his signs stretched across the sides of barns, some were written on slanted roofs and others spanned valleys.

When Mayes’ health deteriorated, he began putting religious messages in bottles.

“I’ve got 56,000 bottles spread throughout the world,” he said in an interview with writers from Foxfire. “There are twenty languages in the bottles. The University of Tennessee language department helped me with the translations. ‘Prepare to meet God’ is translated into fourteen languages. ‘Jesus is Coming Soon; Get Ready’ is translated into six languages.

“I’m sending the bottles



Although Harrison Mayes passed away at the age of 88, on March 7, 1986, thousands of people are still touched by his creations.

to missionaries in all parts of the earth to have them thrown into lakes, rivers and oceans,” he said. “God has helped me get these sacred messages in fifty states, eighty-two nations, on the seven seas, and in all the big rivers and lakes on earth.”

The Mayes home in Middlesboro was built in the shape of a cross and several concrete crosses stood in his yard for years. Many are now on display in the Museum of Appalachia in Norris, TN along with many others items from his life. Harrison tried unsuccessfully to have NASA erect one of the concrete crosses on the moon.

Many of his signs still

stand including a cross of lights, 140 feet tall and 60 feet wide, overlooking Middlesboro, Kentucky, from a nearby hillside. Mayes paid the electrical bill until late in life when it became too burdensome. An anonymous donor now keeps the cross lit.

Henry Harrison Mayes was an ordinary man but he had extraordinary faith and perseverance.

Jadon is a freelance writer from Harrogate, Tn. His stories are both historic and nostalgic in nature. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVE EUGENE TREADWAY DOCKET NUMBER 86103-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of APRIL 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STEVE EUGENE TREADWAY who died Dec 10, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

ESTATE OF STEVE EUGENE TREADWAY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILMA S WILSON DOCKET NUMBER 86096-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL, 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILMA S WILSON who died Jan 25, 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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ESTATE OF EVERLINE B WRIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 86110-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of

of the Estate of EVERLINE B WRIGHT who died Mar 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:

(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 26 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF EVERLINE B WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES H LONDON; EXECUTOR
607 MARKET STREET, SUITE 900
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

BRANDON ALLEN ATTORNEY AT LAW
607 MARKET STREET, SUITE 900
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JULIA M ANDERTON DOCKET NUMBER 85993-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JULIA M ANDERTON who died Feb 27, 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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(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 4 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF JULIA M ANDERTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID W ANDERTON; EXECUTOR
203 LONGBRANCH CT
WINTER PARK, FL 32792

BRADLEY C SAGRAVES ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REBECCA GILLETT DOCKET NUMBER 86150-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of REBECCA GILLETT who died Feb 28, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above 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 4 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF REBECCA GILLETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
URETHA MICHAEL; EXECUTRIX
3207 WIMPOLE AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF IRA GRIMES, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 86147-1

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

(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 4 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF IRA GRIMES, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ETHEL LYNN JONES; CO-EXECUTOR
1316 IROQUOIS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37915

AL JEROME GRIMES; CO-EXECUTOR
6613 ELLESMERE DRIVE
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T MICHAEL CRAIG-GRUBBS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVE GUY KUBEREK DOCKET NUMBER 86152-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STEVE GUY KUBEREK who died Jan 24, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

(4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 5 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF STEVE GUY KUBEREK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MERLE F KUBEREK; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
9329 CARLTON CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

MARGARET KUBEREK; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
9329 CARLTON CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRIAN MCLEAN DOCKET NUMBER 86002-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of APRIL 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BRIAN MCLEAN who died Feb 1, 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 28 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF BRIAN MCLEAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BETH MCLEAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
1442 POWELL STREET
NORRISTOWN, PA 19401

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ADA KATHERINE NAUMAN DOCKET NUMBER 86134-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ADA KATHERINE NAUMAN who died Jan 29, 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 29 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF ADA KATHERINE NAUMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOYCE C PROFFITT; EXECUTRIX
3621 HENDERSON ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

ROBERT W WILKINSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 4415
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TONY A PAPA DOCKET NUMBER 85827-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MAY 2022, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of TONY A PAPA who died Nov 9, 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 the first publication; or

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

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

This the 3 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF TONY A PAPA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TOMOKO BELCHER; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
12116 W KINGSGATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY CALVERT ROBERTS DOCKET NUMBER 86072-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of APRIL 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of NANCY CALVERT ROBERTS who died Sep 15, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 28 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF NANCY CALVERT ROBERTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LILLIAN R RAYSON; ADMINISTRATRIX
12408 SPARTA LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT NEUBERT SHARP DOCKET NUMBER 86141-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT NEUBERT SHARP who died Feb 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:

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

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

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

This the 3 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF ROBERT NEUBERT SHARP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN E SHARP; CO-EXECUTOR
207 CEDAR VALLEY BLVD
GRAY, TN. 37615

ANDREA S LOY; CO-EXECUTOR
3804 STILL MEADOW LANE
LEXINGTON, KY 40509

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARTHUR GUY SHELTON, JR. III DOCKET NUMBER 86135-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ARTHUR GUY SHELTON, JR. III who died Feb 16, 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 2 day of May, 2022.

ESTATE OF ARTHUR GUY SHELTON, JR. III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ARTHUR G SHELTON, IV; EXECUTOR
3112 VALLEY GROVE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

Places I have not been yet

May is Wine and Grape Month in Tennessee

A growing agricultural sector is being highlighted this month with a proclamation by Gov. Bill Lee. May is Wine and Grape Month in Tennessee.

"The 68 wineries we have in Tennessee impact agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism," Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. "Our wineries provide employment for more than 600 people and our vineyards and wineries provide unique travel destinations."

The wine and grape industry is a growing agricultural sector in the state, experiencing a 250 percent growth since 2013. In 2019, 86 growers grew on approximately 1,380 vineyard acres. Today, the annual economic impact of the Tennessee grape and wine industry is estimated at almost \$2 billion.

Tennessee established the Wine and Grape Board three years ago for the purpose of promoting and supporting the growth of the grape and wine industry. The seven-person board works to increase the number of wineries in the state and improve the quality of wine produced by Tennessee wineries.

To find a vineyard or winery near you, search under Food & Drink on the Pick Tennessee Products website at www.picktnproducts.org or on the free Pick Tennessee mobile app.



Red Boiling Springs was a popular health spa for many years and several hotels are still in operation for anyone wanting a retreat. You can find the little town online and it's just one of many unusual places within our state.

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Our region is a fantastic area to get out and take the family to visit places that are free or almost free. In my past "Day Away" columns, I've written about many of those places and you can review most of them on www.knoxfocus.com by selecting "Steely" under Columnists.

My wife and I have visited almost all of our state parks except for Rocky Fork State Park and now we're looking forward to visiting all the Storybook Trails in our state, most of which are in state parks.

But there are a few places we haven't visited or written about... yet.

Lamar Alexander Rocky Fork State Park is a 2,075-acre state park in Unicoi County in East Tennessee. It is situated in the Blue Ridge region of the Appalachian Mountains, close to the Tennessee-North Carolina state line. It's in the mountains off Highway 23 south of Johnson City. There's only primitive camping but we'll eventually get there.

The Flint Creek Battle Site is located in the area, where John Sevier's militia force defeated a Cherokee encampment.

Mountain City, the most eastern incorporated

county seat in the state, has a population of about 2,500. Originally called "Taylorville," the town is near a mountain gap where Daniel Boone entered what is now Tennessee. Johnson County Welcome Center & Museum is located there. It offers tourist information about the county and the museum showcases the history of the area and has a large collection of Native American and pioneer objects. The Steve Earle song "Copperhead Road" is set in the vicinity of Mountain City.

Copper Hill and **Ducktown** are on the extreme lower east corner of our state, both with a history of copper mining.

Coker Creek is east of Tellico Plains and north of

Copper Hill on Highway 68 and was, in the 1800s, the center of gold mining in Tennessee. People still pan for gold along the creek there.

Birchwood is located between Cleveland and Dayton and near the historic Trail of Tears and Blyth Ferry.

Byrdstown is located on Highway 111 near the Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park and not far from the Alvin York State Park.

Kyles Ford is on the upper Clinch River east of Sneedville and just south of the Virginia state line. Robert Kyle Sr. and his family moved to the area in 1801 and founded the crossing. The Edward R. Talley Bridge was built over Kyles Ford in 1928, replacing a toll ferry. The Clinch River

Conservation Retreat and River Place are in the area.

Parrottsville is east of Newport on Highway 35. The little community has two points of interest: a natural bridge that Highway 340 crosses over and Swaggerty's Fort, a blockhouse built above a stream just east of the little village.

Mooreburg, between Bean Station and Rogersville on Highway 11 W, is a small residential community near Cherokee Lake. It was, at one time, the home of a mineral waters resort. We lived there many years ago in a rented house with a huge fruit tree orchard in the front yard.

Andersonville is just north of Knoxville and east of Clinton. The community was the site of a

Union victory in the early days of the American Civil War. The little town is also near Big Ridge State Park, Norris Dam State Park, and Anderson County Park.

Red Boiling Springs, once known as Salt Lick Creek, was another thriving summer health spa and retreat. The town is located in Macon County in upper-middle Tennessee, north of Cookeville, just off Highways 56 and 151.

There are others places in our region we haven't visited and we're hoping to expand our bucket list someday to visit as many as we can. It's fun to go on an adventure even if, sometimes, you don't know where you'll end up. Take the family.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAZEL E SHOEMAKER

DOCKET NUMBER 86124-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAZEL E SHOEMAKER who died Jan 26, 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 28 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF HAZEL E SHOEMAKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EVANGELINE SMITH; CO-EXECUTOR
504 E OLDHAM AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

JEFFERY D SMITH; CO-EXECUTOR
504 E OLDHAM AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

VICTORIA TILLMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEPHEN A SMITH

DOCKET NUMBER 86148-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEPHEN A SMITH who died Feb 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.

date of death.

This the 4 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF STEPHEN A SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHRYN PICKERING; EXECUTRIX
4521 SIMONA ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA STARKEY AKA CHARLOTTE PATRICIA STARKEY

DOCKET NUMBER 86123-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA STARKEY AKA CHARLOTTE PATRICIA STARKEY who died Nov 4, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 28 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE O PATRICIA STARKEY AKA CHARLOTTE PATRICIA STARKEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LARRY D STARKEY; EXECUTOR
215 W SCOTT AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

THOMAS R RAMSEY, III ATTORNEY AT LAW
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONOVAN PATRICK STEWART

DOCKET NUMBER 86146-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONOVAN PATRICK STEWART who died Sep 18, 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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(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 4 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF DONOVAN PATRICK STEWART

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA DIANE STEWART; EXECUTRIX
5220 SWANNER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY SUE TOWNSEND

DOCKET NUMBER 86132-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY SUE TOWNSEND who died Mar 28, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above 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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(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 29 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARY SUE TOWNSEND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT NEAL TOWNSEND; EXECUTOR
7828 KESWICK ROAD
POWELL, TN. 37849

STACIE D MILLER ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 2300
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALAN FORREST TURNER

DOCKET NUMBER 86043-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of APRIL 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALAN FORREST TURNER who died Mar 18, 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.

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 27 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF ALAN FORREST TURNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFREY B TURNER; ADMINISTRATOR
4819 PARVA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

GINGER PICKARD ATTORNEY AT LAW
550 MAIN AVENUE, SUITE 600
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

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LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

Bid 3265, Plumbing Supplies, due 6/2/22; RFP 3268, Employee Voluntary Benefits, due 6/9/22

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Receive input from interested County Officials and Department Heads
3. Discussion of the FY 2022-2023 Proposed Knox County Budget
4. Public Forum (deadline to sign-up to speak is Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.)
5. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System Council for Employees of Knox County Sheriff's Office Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Room 575 City/County Building, 400 W. Main Street

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knox County Air Pollution Control Board Notice

The Knox County Air Pollution Control Board will meet in a regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the Classroom (#2620) located on the second floor of the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917, on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022. Public comment is welcome.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend this public meeting, please contact the Knox County ADA Coordinator, Carly Pearson, at 865-215-3603 or carly.pearson@knoxcounty.org no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Amendments to the agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes from meeting of March 2, 2022
- V. Citizens' comments and requests
- VI. Reports
 1. Director's report
 2. Air Monitoring report
 3. Enforcement report
- VII. Other business
 1. Board Meeting scheduling
- VIII. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 W. MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting - January 15, 2022
4. Amendments to the Agenda
5. Report by Knox County Finance Director - Chris Caldwell
6. Discussion of Knox County FY23 Budget
7. Report by Knox County Schools - Ron McPherson
8. Report by Knox County Trustee - Ed Shouse
9. State of Tennessee Revenue Collections: January to March 2022
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knox County Disability Advisory Group
DAGWould, will meet Thursday, May 19th@ 3:00pm
Location: Disability Resource Center
9111 Crosspark Dr. Suite 135
Knoxville, TN 379232

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, house Bill 379.

The sale will be held at Volunteer Towing Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below, not bearing a VIN/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).

- 1) 92 CHEVY CAPRICE 1G1BN53E5NR101769
- 2) 05 HYUNDAI SONATA KMHWF35H5A150669
- 3) 99 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZT53886F273909
- 4) 04 HYUNDAI ELANTRA KMH0N46D44U824811
- 5) 03 CADILLAC 1G6KY54933U185863
- 6) 07 TOYOTA AVOLON 4T1BK36B07U020395
- 7) 02 NISSAN X-TERRA 5N1ED28Y02C589354
- 8) 06 CADILLAC 1G6KD57Y76U181172
- 9) 7 SATURN ION 1G8AL58F772173029
- 10) 06 FORD MUSTANG 1ZVHT85H265256608
- 11) 05 HONDA ACCORD 1H6CM68875A034229
- 12) 20 QIP A KP20 LXAPRUP71LX000019

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The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

- 1) 03 CHEVY CAVALIER 1G1JC12F237151560
- 2) 01 SUBARU OUTBACK JF1SF65601H741622
- 3) 7 PONTIAC VIBE 5Y2SL62864Z456981
- 4) 95 FORD ESCORT 1FASP11J2SW108191
- 5) 14 CHEVY IMPALA 1G11X5S17U161653
- 6) 00 V.W. BUG 3WVCD021CXMY414981
- 7) 03 CHEVY CAVALIER 1G1JC12F037100123
- 8) 14 FORD VAN 1FTHZ24Y6RHB81118
- 9) 11 FORD EXPLORER 1FMHK8083BGA88222
- 10) 11 KIA SORRENTO 5ZYKT3A10B6126381
- 11) 19 HONDA INSIGHT 19XJC12F037100123
- 12) 01 SUBARU 433BH86517665157
- 13) 17 TOYOTA 5YFBUH2HP587935
- 14) 98 BMW WBABJ8324WEM212228
- 15) 19 NISSAN VERSA 31NC17AP5KL880110