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# Huge Turnout for Republican Rally!



Local candidates for election or re-election at Thursday's rally are (left-right) state Senator Dr. Richard Briggs, candidate for state House District 90 David "Pozy" Poczobut, board of education member Kristi Kristy, City Councilwoman and candidate for state House District 18 Janet Testerman, board of education candidate Will Edwards, Knox County Clerk Sherry Witt, General Sessions Judge Chuck Cerny, board of education member Betsy Henderson, Register of Deeds Nick McBride, Knox County District Attorney General Charne Allen, Commissioner Larsen Jay, candidate for commission Rhonda Lee, Commissioner and candidate for trustee Justin Biggs, candidate for commission Gina Oster, candidate for chancellor Part II, District 6 Richard "Bud" Armstrong, candidate for court clerk Charles Susano and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Photo by Jamie Schnell.

**By Jamie Schnell**  
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The Get Out and Vote Rally, hosted by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Commissioner Justin Biggs, was held at Calhoun's on the River Thursday night. The room was filled with many officials in the community, all with a common goal in encouraging the community to vote. Glenn Jacobs began the evening by suggesting to "use our spheres of influence to get out and vote."

All speakers shared in the same sentiment, expressing their appreciation for all those who vote. Many spoke on the importance of voting, challenging voters to "talk to 20 people" and to "take the step to put a name on a ballot."

Commissioner Justin Biggs, a candidate for county trustee this year, told the group, "I wouldn't want to stand up with anyone (other) than the crew I have up here with me. There's a lot of great things ahead." Commissioner Biggs was accompanied by father Eddie, wife Heather and daughter LillyAnn, who is an "expert in the pledge."

One of those assisting in helping get the voters out was Knoxville residents Sue Boyer and her grandsons, Matt and Will. Assisting in handing out yard signs, Sue Boyer explained her grandson' support of Biggs and Jacobs, "There's nothing nor nobody that can change Matt's mind. Biggs and Jacobs are fair and work for the people."

Also assisting with signs and expressing their pride as an Americans were Wayne Sellars, with wife Jeanne Sellars and grandson Kaicy Sellars Kiumarsi.

Judge Chuck Cerny, who is running for re-election, said of his colleagues, "I have the good fortune to work with these folks. They are truly wonderful servants and great candidates that deserve your support."

All expressed their excitement for "conservative leadership." City Councilwoman and candidate for State Representative District 18 Janet Testerman explained, "To be a good steward for what's important, we must maintain our conservative values."

BOE member Kristi Kristy, "We need people to come out and vote, we appreciate everyone's support."

Mayor Jacobs reminded the crowd, "Early voting is July 15th-July 30th, with election day on August 4th. Thank you for your support, it has been a privilege serving as your Knox County Mayor for the past four years." Glenn Jacobs also invited the attendees to join him in welcoming U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn to an event at the Barn Event Center on July 29 on Emory Road in Knoxville.

For voting information visit [www.knoxcounty.org/election/](http://www.knoxcounty.org/election/)

## Mayor Jacobs, Sergeant Slaughter host early voting kickoff party

**By Ken Lay**

The sounds of 1990s country music blared from the stage as Gone Country covered the songs of Dwight Yoakam, the Kentucky Headhunters, Brooks and Dunn and the songs of other neo-traditional music from the era as a local politician threw a party to encourage citizens to get out and vote in Knox County's upcoming August election.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs hosted a party to urge voters to make their way to the polls for early voting, which began Friday and runs through July 30.

But for many who attended Tuesday night's event at Cotton Eyed Joe nightclub in West Knox County, it was about more than the upcoming election as Jacobs enlisted the aid of one of his old buddies from the world of professional wrestling.

There was a touch of political rhetoric as Jacobs, Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler (who will run unopposed in the August



WWE Hall of Famers Sergeant Slaughter and Glenn Jacobs greet wrestling fans at a party to promote early voting last week in West Knox County.

4 election), Knox County District Attorney General Charne Allen, Will Edwards (who is seeking to represent District 4 on the Knox County Board of Education), Register of Deeds Nick McBride, Knox County Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond, Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay and Tennessee General Assembly Representative Jason Zachary were all in attendance, along with former state representative Jimmy Duncan and Knox County property assessor John

Whitehead.

Former WVLT Alan Williams was the emcee of the party.

Jacobs hosted the event along with World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Famer Sergeant Slaughter, but it was Zachary, who was the loudest political voice on this night.

"I don't think some people understand just how important the Aug. 4 election is," Zachary said. "It is Tennessee's primary election, but it is (also) Knox County's general election."

"You need to get your butt out and vote."

Jacobs, who addressed the crowd briefly, said the event was intended to be informal.

"This is not really a political event," Jacobs said. "We're here to promote early voting, but we also wanted this to be a party atmosphere, and here we are. And what better place than Cotton Eye Joe?"

Sergeant Slaughter, who is one of only two living people to have a GI Joe action figure and is a member of the GI Joe Hall of Fame, made it no secret that he supports Jacobs' re-election bid.

"I finally made it to Cotton Eye Joe in Knox County," said Sergeant Slaughter, aka Robert Rudolph Remus. "You elected a good man to be your mayor and hopefully, you'll elect him again. Don't make me come after you."

After the political portion of the event concluded, Jacobs, aka, Kane, greeted fans and signed autographs.

## School board makes policy changes

**By Ken Lay**

A marathon meeting for the Knox County Board of education produced three policy changes Wednesday night at the Summer Place.

The board voted unanimously to change from a seven-point grading scale to a 10-point scale. The board, also by a 7-0 vote (board chair Kristi Kristy and board member Virginia Babb were absent) voted to change its policy on use of cell phones.

Faculty members may now return a confiscated cell phone at the end of the school day. Under the district's previous policy, the device had to be returned to a parent or guardian.

The board also approved a policy that requires the district to post current lists available at campus libraries online.

Knox County's students are now performing at pre-pandemic levels, according to the district's most recent TCAP scores. New superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk lauded students and teachers for their efforts.

"Those scores will be made available to the parents soon, but we do know that our students are performing at pre-pandemic levels, and this is cause



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# Remembering local restaurants

## From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.  
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I miss Wright's Cafeteria. Everything I ever had there was good, and I always saw a lot of friendly people there. One of the most pleasant was the owner, my friend David Wright.

The cafeteria was filled with pictures of Tennessee football teams and players, and David always had a prediction for the upcoming game. I don't believe he ever predicted a Tennessee

loss.

The meat and vegetables and rolls were great, but most peoples' favorite was either the banana pudding or the coconut cream pie. I enjoyed both, but I almost always couldn't resist the butterscotch pie because that was almost the only place you could get one.

Once many years ago the Metro Pulse, which was sort of a liberal elitist weekly, had a bad review of Wright's. In the middle of the review, it said, "Reportedly, this is Jimmy Duncan's favorite restaurant, need we say more?", like I wasn't high class enough to know really good food. David apologized to me, but I told him not to worry about it. I said: "I will let them have uncooked green beans and

hard-as-a-rock asparagus like they serve at some of those snob deals and I will stick with all those who like your kind of food, and if they would let me run on that basis, I would win 95 to 5."

Once the late Jay Garrison, a fine lawyer who had played with the UT Band, called and asked if I would play golf with him and Gary Sousa who had just moved from Connecticut to head the band. On the 18th hole at Holston Hills, Mr. Sousa asked me to tell him some of my favorite restaurants. I recommended Litton's, Regas, and Wright's Cafeteria. With his Connecticut ear and my East Tennessee accent, he just couldn't believe there was a restaurant called "Rat's"

Cafeteria.

When I was a boy, families ate almost every meal at home. Now most families seem to eat most meals at restaurants or at home with food carried out from some restaurant. We thought it was a very special treat to go on family night to the old S & W Cafeteria on Gay Street. It had great strawberry shortcake, as did Regas.

I miss the S & W and Regas, too. My Focus column of Sept. 21 2020 was about three of the biggest things in my life, all of which happened at Regas Restaurant.

Writing about cafeterias made me think of a sign I saw in a cafeteria in Virginia which said, "The only way to stay healthy is to eat

what you don't like, drink what you don't want, and do what you'd rather not."

Other restaurants that I enjoyed that are long gone included the Brass Rail on Gay Street, Harb's just off of Magnolia, and Ruby's next to Barnes Barber Shop in Burlington. I was eating at Ruby's one day and it was the birthday of one of the waitresses. Roy Berrier, the barber, came over and started singing to her a joke of a song called "Pine Trees," starting very low, but going to very high on the third verse. It brought the house down.

I took my first date at UT to Mr. Changes' G & H Restaurant on Cumberland, also long gone. I took my first date with my first wife to Ye Olde Steak House on

Chapman Highway, and we had a marriage that lasted until she passed away last year. That restaurant is still there and still very good.

I am thankful the Pizza Palace on Magnolia is still there and was featured on Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. And I still enjoy Sam & Andy's in Farragut and Louis' on Broadway. And I appreciate and enjoy our local chains such as the Chop House Restaurants, Aubrey's, and Buddy's BBQ.

My friend Steve Halperin, when he was Register of Deeds, told me if Wright's Cafeteria was next to the courthouse, he would weigh 300 pounds. I might come close to that if I got all the strawberry cake at Litton's that I would like to have.

# Rule of the minority?

The left has always loved the judiciary making policy that fail to make it through the legislature. However, when the Supreme Court stopped making policy and started enforcing the law, the left cried foul.

Three recent rulings drew its ire: the overturning of Roe, the ruling on the Second Amendment and the ruling on the overstepping of the EPA. In all of these cases, the left lost its mind – but more so on Roe. Maxine Waters (D-CA) truly earned the title of "Mad Max" when she proclaimed, "The hell with the Supreme Court. We will defy them." AOC called the court "illegitimate" and urged people to take to the streets. Tim Ryan (D-OH) who is running for the Senate said, "Today's disastrous decision is the largest case of government overreach in my lifetime." Ryan obviously has a short memory because Roe was



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the "largest case of overreach" in my lifetime. Twenty black congresswomen asked Biden to declare a national health emergency. Apparently, they wanted to continue the trend in New York City where the number of abortions exceed the number of live births. And the president proclaimed "With this decision a conservative majority of the Supreme Court shows how extreme it is, how far removed from the majority of the country. They made the United States an outlier among developed nations or the world, but this decision must not be the final word. "Of course, as usual Biden was wrong. The US was an outlier with Roe being more permissive than countries other than China and North Korea. The decision was not "far removed from the majority of the country". Biden went further when he said, "We

cannot allow an out-of-control Supreme Court working in conjunction with extremist elements of the Republican Party to take away freedoms and our personal autonomy." With Biden joining the chorus of those on the left opposing the decision, so much for the rule of law. That Biden is sounding like a member of the Squad demeans the office of the president and may be the first time that a sitting president has openly opposed a ruling of the Supreme Court using language of open defiance.

What was interesting was that all of us knew the ruling was coming given its leak a month before. Therefore, it was confusing to me to see all the protests after the decision was announced. The protestors could not change the ruling and they only made fools of themselves at the homes of the justices and yelling in the streets of our cities. Elizabeth Warren acted as if she was going to have a heart attack and she and others proclaimed the Court as

"illegitimate." Some, like Biden, have claimed that the Court is the minority overriding the majority. AOC has argued that the justices were appointed by a president who did not win a majority of the votes in the presidential election and as such were illegitimate. Of course, she ignores the fact that the United States is a republic and not a democracy. She was perfectly content when the justices of a previous court enacted policy that she favored. The left may be wrong in claiming that the majority of Americans opposes the Supreme Court decision. Most Americans would likely agree that the legislation rests with the states rather than the federal government. I find it amusing that the same crowd that wants the federal government to make abortion legal without restrictions also favors the federal government mandating vaccinations for COVID.

There are 26 states which had in place legislation to curb abortion once Roe was overturned. Twenty-six is a majority – not a minority – of the states. Most Americans, the polls tell us favor early-term abortions – prior to fetal viability – and most states will have similar laws.

The left conveniently forgets that a republic is not governed by a supermajority. Rather it is governed by a majority of the majorities. Currently, there are 30 republican controlled state legislatures and only 17 democratic ones. Three are split. There are 28 Republican governors and 22 democratic ones. Does that sound like a minority to you? The Democrats, because of California and New York, may be in the majority but they are the minority party in the majority of the states. California and New York do not dictate policy for the entire country. Thank goodness.

## Keck appeal before merit council today

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While the Knox County Commission works to pass merit system reforms, the current merit system council is moving to hear a grievance from a former employee. In a called meeting today, the council will take up a grievance by former Correction Officer Wesley Keck.

Paula Taylor, executive director of the merit system, announced the meeting in a news release last week.

Keck was dismissed two years ago by Sheriff Tom Spangler after an investigation was opened into a domestic violence charge by his then girlfriend, Kelli Spears.

Spears charged that Keck came home after duty and physically

assaulted her in the bedroom of the shared home.

When Keck appealed his dismissal to the merit council, Sheriff Tom Spangler replied the merit council does not have the power to overrule his decision and referred to the investigation completed by the department's Office of Domestic Violence Unit.

Keck denied the assault and his grievance claims he was never interviewed prior to criminal charges against him nor was an investigation completed by the sheriff's department. He also said that criminal charges against him "have not resulted in conviction."

Current Merit Council members include Chairwoman Gina Oster, Vice Chair Jim Wright Jr. and John Marshall.

## School board makes policy changes

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for celebration," Rysewyk said.

Despite the improved scores, Rysewyk noted that students still need to improve more.

The night was made longer because the July 11 work session meeting was canceled.

But most items on Wednesday's agenda passed with little discussion.

The board struck down a policy change that would limit public forum by tightening the deadline for signing up to speak at meetings. The item failed as it didn't receive five votes required for passage. Four of the present members voted to pass the policy change.

Rysewyk also introduced

the district's new assistant superintendents to the board Wednesday: Dr. Keith Wilson (assistant superintendent of academics); Jennifer Hemmelgarn (interim assistant superintendent of business and talent); Jason Myers (assistant superintendent of student success); Dr. Garfield Adams (assistant superintendent of operations) and Dr. Liz Norton (assistant superintendent of strategy).

The board also voted unanimously to name the district's welcome center in honor of Bob Thomas, who recently retired as KCS Superintendent. It will soon be known as the Robert M. Thomas Center.

Thomas retired from the school district after nearly five decades.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Desperate Davis

Habitual candidate Elaine Davis has been a Democrat and a Republican. Davis was appointed to the Knox County Commission as a Democrat in 2006. That same year she ran as a Democrat for the county commission and lost. In 2008 she ran for the county commission once again as a Republican and lost. That same year, she voted in the Democratic presidential primary. In 2010 she tried to run for the Knox County Commission once again and failed to qualify for the ballot. In 2012, Elaine Davis ran for the Knox County Board of Education and lost. Two years ago, she ran for the Tennessee House of Representatives against Gloria Johnson as a Republican and lost. This year she's off once again running for the House of Representatives against Janet Testerman for the seat held by Eddie Mannis. As in 2020, her campaign is once again managed by Erik Wiatr, who was also a Democrat. Indeed, Wiatr, while living in Chicago, found the Democrats a bit too conservative

for his liking. Wiatr belonged to the Green Party for a time. Here's what the Green Party says they stand for on their website: "We are grassroots activists, environmentalists, advocates for social justice, nonviolent resisters and regular citizens who've had enough of corporate-dominated politics. Government must be part of the solution, but when it's controlled by the 1%, it's part of the problem."

Now both Davis and Wiatr present themselves as true believers. So much so that they apparently think they get to determine who is and who is not a Republican. Davis has accused Janet Testerman of supporting abortion in her campaign literature, which was a product of Wiatr's management of her candidacy. When interviewed by Victor Ashe for his column in the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Davis could offer no evidence at all to back up her claim. That shouldn't be surprising as it isn't true. Testerman opposes abortion except for three exceptions: in the case of rape or incest, or to save the life of the mother. Davis is also claiming Testerman, as a member of the Knoxville City Council, voted "to expand Knoxville's Planned Parenthood to allow on-site surgical abortions." When Ashe asked Davis directly to offer any proof of her accusation, she "declined." In fact, it is not at all true. The accusation is based upon a rezoning matter before the Knoxville City Council which was withdrawn and had nothing whatsoever to do with abortion.

Davis herself voted in the

Democratic presidential primary in 2008 when the race was between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, neither of whom were against abortion - quite the contrary. Considering both Elaine Davis and Erik Wiatr were Democrats it seems a bit doubtful they have both always been against abortion. The truth is both are likely to belong more to the Rank Opportunist Party.

## Transparency for thee, not for me

Speaking of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, a lawsuit has been filed by the Knoxville edition of USA Today in Chancery Court against the City of Knoxville. The subject of their suit is forcing the administration of Mayor Indya Kincannon to be transparent in its hiring processes. Even a blind pig finds a truffle every now and then. Kincannon's hiring of new police chief Paul Noel was about as transparent as an endless black hole. In fact the citizens on the committee charged with reviewing the candidates for chief of police for the KPD were forced to sign non-disclosure agreements to prevent them from discussing the hiring process. Say one thing and do another. The fiction of the Kincannon administration: we are transparent y'all. The fact of the Kincannon administration: not so much. Not enough to hurt anything.

## Liberal Hypocrisy

Stephanie Welch, the overly well-paid deputy mayor of Knoxville, has

picked up and moved to Maine. I suppose there's room for discussion about whether or not she was too well-paid as, her role was really serving as Indya Kincannon's brain. While probably not all that stressful a job, I imagine it could be trying on occasion. Local Democrats like to point to the number of employees in the office of County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. By and large, county employees are nowhere near as well paid as city employees. That is odd considering how much larger the county government is compared to the city government. It is Knox County that operates the school system, libraries, the health department, etc.

Kincannon recently demonstrated the point I am making when her brain left town. While claiming to have abolished one of THREE deputy mayors, she created TWO new jobs to take the place of ONE. The City of Knoxville now has a new Chief Economic Development officer who will earn \$174,187. Knoxville also can boast it has a new chief of housing at an annual salary of \$155,000. Just think, our fair city requires someone making well into the six figures to oversee subsidized housing.

Government leaders need to be open and transparent and this includes you, Mrs. Kincannon.

## Biden: Are you going to believe me or your lying eyes?

Poor old Joe Biden doesn't know which end is up. Like a perfect snowflake, Biden

has taken absolutely no responsibility whatever for the downward turn of the economy and the rising inflation hurting American families. Biden has regularly been pitching various villains publicly, hoping the American people will blame one of the alleged culprits. After "Putin's price hike" didn't stick, he's tried to blame just about everybody coming and going; the oil companies, the Republicans, Russia, and gas station owners.

Even Jeff Bezos, the owner of the leftist Washington Post, has expressed his dismay over Biden's lack of understanding of the economy, saying it's either that or just plain BS. With Biden's favorability rating continuing to bottom out and no end in sight, it would seem Americans know exactly whose fault it is.

Now comes the news via a poll by the New York Times and Sienna College which shows 64% of Democrats don't want old Joe Biden to run again in 2024.

Even the New York Times has published an editorial, which is a critique of some of the concerns people have about old Joe inside his own administration. The Times even admitted the "Biden protection racket is over" inside much of the national media.

## More Hypocrisy

Randi Weingarten is the president of the national teachers' union. Ms. Weingarten just released a survey stating educators are saying our classrooms are "too politicized." Of

course, Randi put her own spin on that result, complaining about "political attacks on teachers waged by politicians stoking culture war and banning books for political gain." Weingarten is the very same woman who snapped about allowing parental rights in education bills as "the way in which wars start."

School choice advocate Corey DeAngelis took old Randi to the woodshed and wore her wrinkly old bottom out on social media. DeAngelis pointed out, "School closures have been made with politics in mind -- not science." DeAngelis then pointed out, "Teachers unions influenced last-minute CDC school guidance, received copies before public release. . ." As DeAngelis also pointed out, schools were reopened due to union influence rather than politics or safety for that matter. And there is a trail of emails to prove it.

Weingarten was a big proponent of keeping schools closed, as well as having defended the teaching of Critical Race Theory in classrooms (pot meet kettle). As one social media critic stated, if Randi Weingarten wants to see who politicized America's classrooms, she only has to look into the mirror. Weingarten is peeved precisely because parents are becoming more watchful and involved.

Tim Young, a columnist for the Washington Times, tweeted, "The Leftist who specifically called for politicization in schools . . . is shocked when 9 out of 10 people are upset about it."



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## LETTERS TO THE PUBLISHER

I am very concerned about what I have learned in the past few weeks concerning an important proposed road project in Farragut. On April 14th the Farragut Mayor and Aldermen approved in the 2022/2023 Farragut Capital Improvement Program to add two new turn lanes at the intersection of Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike.

June 9th in the Mayor and Alderman meeting there was discussion about these two new turn lanes. Vice Mayor Povlin spoke first and claimed, "A capital project to produce a design to add an additional left turn lane to northbound and southbound Campbell Station Road at Kingston Pike has been budgeted for Fiscal Year 2023. Nothing has happened with this proposal, no funding, no design, just budgeted."

This was not factual. Alderman Scott Meyer later said much the same except he said the design had been funded. The people of Farragut never knew about this because it was never noticed. The most important thing the people of Farragut do not know is that on Campbell Station Road starting at James-town Blvd. all the way to Municipal Drive where the town hall is, traffic lanes will be reduced in size from 11 feet to less than 10 feet. You can see this in the video of the meeting here: <https://youtu.be/4SUSZcBodiA?t=4201>

Alderman Scott Meyer said in this meeting, "I've never been a proponent of 12-foot lanes; I've always been a proponent of

10-foot lanes." You can see that here: <https://youtu.be/zFQ0HmCnuA4>

Candidate for north side Alderman Adam Atherton met with Farragut Town Engineer Darryl Smith on Monday June 11th to find out what was true about reducing traffic lane widths. Mr. Smith showed Mr. Atherton the design to reduce the traffic lane widths and it was over a year old. Why was a road design project done without the knowledge of Farragut residents?

This is a serious public safety hazard to all people who drive through this intersection. Campbell Station Road at Kingston Pike the most heavily traveled intersection in Farragut. This is part of Mayor Ron Williams, Alderman Scott Meyer, and Vice Mayor Louise Povlin's Urbanization project they call a "walkable town center". They claim the people of Farragut want this. Nothing could be farther from the truth. A recent poll this week on Nextdoor with 128 respondents showed 70% were against this "walkable town center" if traffic lanes would be reduced from 11-feet to 10-feet.

For over a year Mayor Williams by his Executive

Order without a vote from the Mayor and Aldermen closed all town meetings and would not allow residents to speak or participate by virtual meetings. Residents were restricted to email only. Of the 258 Farragut residents who emailed the Mayor and Alderman on the Biddle Farm final vote 95% were against the project and the "walkable town center". The people of Farragut have spoken and they are against this.

Parents whose children ride Knox County school buses have a right to know what is happening without their knowledge or approval. School buses are 40 feet long and require a much larger turning radius than semi-tractor trailers or dump trucks. Campbell Station Road at Kingston Pike is just down from Farragut High School and Middle School and school buses turn through this intersection many times a day.

You have the right to know before you vote in the August election what the incumbents Mayor Ron Williams and Alderman Scot Meyer are doing with the traffic lanes at Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike.

Mike Mitchell, Farragut

Recently, the Knox County Commission unanimously passed a \$7.1M Tax Increment Financing (TIF) package for the Biddle Farm development in Farragut. This approval allows the developer to seek funding through bonds using the increases in post development property taxes that would normally be paid to Knox County over the next 20 years. These funds can be used to pay capital costs for public infrastructure, costs for obtaining permits, capitalized interest, premiums for payment and performance bonds, professional fees for architectural and engineering services, legal expenses capitalized as Project costs, acquisition costs for equipment and fees and expenses of the Board and other fees and expenses related to the TIF.

The property in questioned included a mostly vacant former grocery store and multiple acres of vacant farmland. The underlying reasoning for the approval was that the commercial building was blighted. This is a valid reason for use of TIF.

However, in reviewing the TIF amount,

77% of the \$7.1M comes from the residential portion of the development. This includes a high-end apartment complex and townhomes with an expected cost between \$600K - \$800K each. In paragraph 4.7, the Knox County Industrial Development Board guidance states, "In the absence of unusual or extenuating circumstances acceptable to the board, Projects that are substantially residential will not qualify for tax increment financing under the Board's TIF Program." I have asked what these unusual or extenuating circumstances were but have not received an answer from my commissioner or the County Industrial Development Board.

The \$1.6M portion of the TIF calculated from the commercial portion of the property maybe acceptable. The remaining \$5.5M appears to be corporate welfare for a high-end development in one of the most affluent areas of Knoxville. It is disappointing that these funds will not be used to pay for schools, the KCSO, and other county services.

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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
Dr. Jim Ferguson

### Courage

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.  
--Nelson Mandela

Fear is a reaction; courage is a decision.  
--Winston Churchill

Sometimes beginning an essay is the most difficult part. My English teachers advised making outlines, but I'm a writing nonconformist and this never worked for me. My fifth-grade teacher was asked several years ago if she thought I would ever amount to anything, and she tersely replied, "No."

The world is complicated; at least it is for me. I wonder if those queried in "man on the street interviews" are similarly flummoxed by life. So often they seem brain-dead. Granted, TV producers often showcase the misinformed or clueless. I could answer questions related to science, medicine, politics and a host of

other subjects, but I would be clueless regarding pop culture.

Perhaps I would be happier if I were unaware of world and national events. To paraphrase the wisdom of Scripture, we should be in the world, but not of the world. We do not have a choice in the first part of that admonition, but we do have a choice in the latter. Becky and I have some dear friends who are not of the world. However, after prayerful consideration, I believe my purpose is to remain engaged, even if it causes suffering. Jesus once said, "To whom much is given, much is expected," (Luke 12:48).

Some weeks ago, I wrote about the push for DEI or diversity, equity and inclusion in business, and government. Iconoclasts like me believe such policies will cause businesses to die from such progressive, woke claptrap. I cite as examples the problems

of Disney and Coke, as well as Facebook's \$250 billion decline in value this year. The latest destructive acronym promoted by the globalist Klaus Schwab (see my essay April 5, 2022) and the World Economic Forum is ESG. This stands for economic social governance.

Apparently, elites believe they can produce a better civilization, run from the top down, with them in control. A poster child of this lunacy is John Kerry, but there are so many more. The "green movement" is a central aspect of ESG and is causing worldwide damage.

A series of international disasters demonstrate my point regarding ESG. Germany is experiencing an energy crisis after embracing the green movement. And their politicians even shut down three nuclear reactors at a time Russia is turning off their natural gas supply for "maintenance work" on Nord Stream 1. Protests are erupting in Holland because of government restrictions on fertilizer chemicals which farmers say will severely damage food production. And you may have heard of the economic disaster in Ghana and the revolution in Sri Lanka. These occurred after Klaus Schwab's World Economic Forum coerced them into using organic rather than chemical fertilizer. The pinheads predicted that such green ESG policies would make Sri

Lanka an economic powerhouse by 2025. Instead, it caused one third of the farms to collapse leading to famine, economic ruin and revolution.

Several years ago, I read a fascinating book by Thomas Hager entitled The Alchemy of Air. I was especially intrigued by the title. Alchemy is a "Medieval chemical science and speculative philosophy aiming to achieve transmutation of base metals into gold" (Webster). Unknown to Medieval alchemists, chemical reactions work by the exchange of electrons between various elements. Iron oxide or rust is an example. To change a substance like iron into gold requires changing the number of protons within the nucleus. Such nuclear chemistry would not be possible until the 20th century.

Nitrogen is one of the most prevalent elements in the universe and on earth. Seventy-eight percent of our atmosphere is nitrogen and it is a component of DNA, proteins and all living things.

Gardeners and farmers know that fertilizer has three variable components, listed on the label as three numbers. For example, the popular Miracle-Gro All Purpose Plant Food is labeled 24-8-16. The first number (24) is the nitrogen component which is a combination of ammonium

(NH3) and urea nitrogen. The second number (8) is the phosphate percentage (P2O5) and third (16) is potash or potassium oxide. Nitrogen promotes green growth, and a high concentration is selected to build the plant. Later, one might add a different fertilizer with a higher concentration of potassium to promote, for instance, fruiting.

For thousands of years urea from animal waste was used to fertilize plants. With increasing population, ever more fertilizer was needed. The logical solution was to extract nitrogen from the air. Unfortunately, nitrogen exists as two nitrogen atoms bound tightly together and resist being split apart and usable.

The solution for more fertilizer came from two German chemists in the early 1900s who developed the Haber-Bosch process to extract nitrogen from the air and convert it to usable ammonium for fertilizer. More fertilizer allows more food production. This poses a problem for "Green" Activists who claim increased food production and animal husbandry damage the environment and contribute to greenhouse gasses.

So, we are left with a choice. We "save the planet" and starve or use human ingenuity and prosper. Elites like Klaus Schwab, John Kerry or our narcissistic Congressmen

believe they will be fine in the "new order." The rest of us, the proletariat, are expendable fodder for their socialist machinations. And don't count on ole Joe having enough left to understand one wit of what his handlers are doing. But then I may be cutting him too much slack. He's been an elite grifter all his political life.

It is important to become informed and it then takes courage to push back against the lunacy of the Green Activists or the evil displayed by abortion activist Sarah Lopez. She testified before the Congressional House Oversight Committee saying "My abortion was the best decision I ever made. It was an act of self-love." Ghoulish.

My admonition is, "Read widely, think carefully and use common sense." You can be respectful yet push back by saying, "I don't accept your premise" when you encounter delusional thinking of Green Activists, those who maintain men can get pregnant or encounter evil in the form of a gleeful Sarah Lopez. We must be courageous. "You must stand for something or you'll believe in anything" (Chesterton).

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## Union Co. 2021 Man of the Year needs a kidney transplant

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Aaron Russell, the Union County 2021 Man of the Year recipient, is in great need. You may have noticed the signs around town or ads in local newspapers. Russell lost his kidneys in 2014 due to vaculitis an auto immune disease.

"I started passing blood in my urine. I went to the doctor but it was too late I had already lost both kidneys," said Russell. Russell was on dialysis for nine months and suffered pneumonia, migraine headaches, deadly

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## Remembering Dr. Charlie Faulkner

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Over the last few weeks East Tennessee has lost three historians: Cherel Henderson, former director of the East Tennessee Historical Society; Dr. Jim Tumblin, Fountain City historian and author; and now we've lost the dean of historians and archeologists, Dr. Charles H. "Charlie" Faulkner.

I spoke with and interviewed Dr. Faulkner many times and he was always willing to explain his projects and how archeology underpins history. The 84-year-old died peacefully on July 11, leaving behind his wife, Terry, who is also known as an avid historian and partner to Dr Faulkner. He will not only be missed by his children and grandchildren but the many followers, admirers,

and history buffs in all of East Tennessee and beyond.

I recall one incident when Dr. Faulkner was investigating the basement of the Historic Ramsey House. He had artifacts from the basement and grounds spread out on a table and was explaining each piece to visitors. He and I chatted for several minutes about the house, the grounds, and his efforts to recover the past at that old property.

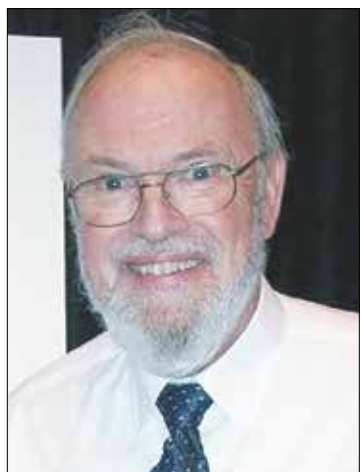
Dr. Faulkner found some arrowheads as a 10 year old and that find spurred him into a lifetime of important archeological discoveries. With a doctorate from Indiana University, he joined the University of Tennessee in 1965 and taught prehistory and historic archeology.

During his long career he penned many books and researched caves and

historic sites around our area. That included research into Fort Sanders, the Cavett Station massacre site, and many, many other sites.

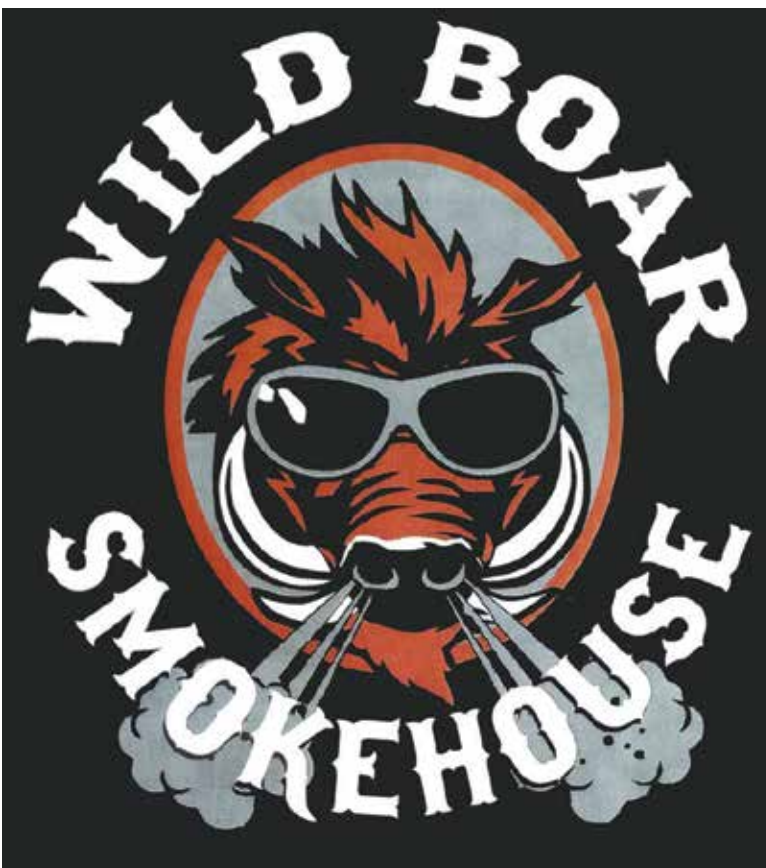
Before he retired he became interested in the pioneer settlements of our region and the historic homes in Knoxville. He often lectured at the East Tennessee Historical Museum and was known for his wit, his humble personality and being an open and kind person.

Dr. Faulkner was cremated and a private family service was held last week and a large "Celebration of Life" will be planned for a later date. Rather than flowers the family is asking that contributions be made to the Church of the Savior UCC, the Young-Williams Animal Center or the Historic Ramsey House.



*East Tennessee has lost a legend. Dr. Charlie Faulkner passed away on July 11th and will be missed by thousands of history followers in our region.*

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# I miss reading materials

My dear wife Amy bought me a Kindle Fire so that I would have something from which to read books on the beach when we take our vacation. I like this new one because its battery lasts a long time, and the device can hold bunches of books without weighing a ton. That new “wonder” led me to



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for something for us, but she designated them for important things for the household.

We boys went to school at a time when students were assigned textbooks for their classes in elementary school. I liked the spelling book and worked hard to always make a 100 on every

test. The math book was a different story. The basics of math I learned—things like multiplication tables, long division and fractions were easy. Anything else left me lost. Every night I'd pull out those books to complete homework. That activity ended in high school where I flunked algebra, made Ds in geometry, and earned Cs in English.

I miss the telephone book. That sounds silly in today's technological age. What I liked was that people's numbers and addresses were listed in that book. Its thickness gave an indication of how much Knoxville was growing. Unless a person paid more for a private number, something most folks didn't spend hard-earned money on, his or her number was made public. These days, few people have a landline. Their cell phones serve as that now, but no book is available to discover a person's or business's number. That leaves many of us unable to contact individuals or make appointments with professionals. Yes, I know that the Internet is here, but finding the right “John Smith” is impossible when every one of them in the universe is listed.

The feel of paper is something special when a person reads any material. These days, however, reading newspapers or books or magazines is much easier to do with an iPad or Kindle. In a few generations, children might never experience holding a book. That's sad, but let's just hope that children will still read as opposed to having technology insert stories and facts into their brains. The satisfaction from reading is like nothing else.

Catalogs were our only means of perusing things we wanted for Christmas. We'd look at toys and dream about unwrapping them on Christmas morning. Additionally, we'd flip through the Spiegel catalog and peek at the women's lingerie, an act that was a combination of curiosity and hormones.

Mother liked the S&H stamp catalog. She saved those books of stamps until a big item was needed. We boys hoped she would use some of the stamps



*Picture of a beautiful summer sky in East Tennessee, by Ralphine Major.*

## Nature's Picture Frame



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The sights are not always picture-perfect. Our region has been hit hard recently with high temperatures and powerful storms. Thunder and lightning. Power outages. Flooding. Downed trees. Debris everywhere! The storms have almost become a daily ritual. But on a sunny day before the start of summer's storms, my brother called for me to see if I thought the scene above the house was worthy of a picture. It was!

Looking toward the sky, I saw a picture-perfect sight. Beautiful white, puffy clouds against a blue sky were

framed by tree limbs from the tall, towering trees. It was breathtaking! For a few moments, I just stood there and marveled at nature's quiet beauty. As I focused the camera, the tree limbs seemed to automatically encircle the clouds as if to serve as a frame around them. The amazing moment just had to be captured with a camera, though it will forever be etched in my mind. How majestic is the work of our Creator!

Words of Faith: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” Psalm 19:1 (NIV).

## Union Co. 2021 Man of the Year needs a kidney transplant

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hypertension, pericardial effusion, pleural effusion and had to undergo chemotherapy. During that time he became paralyzed from the chest down and had to undergo spinal surgery and learn to walk again.

Russell said he had been handing out cards looking for a donor. Then one night a man showed up at his door and said, “I'm your donor. God told me to give you a kidney.”

It was not long after that when Russell had his first kidney transplant. The transplant lasted for six and a half years, much shorter than expected due to complications.

Now Russell is back on

dialysis. His doctors have told him a living kidney donor is the best option and can greatly reduce the wait time for a kidney transplant. Currently there are over 90,000 people waiting on a kidney from a deceased donor. Wait times can take anywhere from three to eight years.

In Russell's experience, the worst part about dialysis is not having to sit there for four hours a day, three days a week with two needles the size of Q-tip shafts in your arm. Nor is it the restrictive diet. The hardest part is the fluid restriction.

“I can only have one liter of fluid a day, that is about two bottles of water,” said Russell.

“To say the least, I thirst.

“I need a kidney while I'm healthy enough to receive it. If you can donate, please call. You could save my life,” Russell said.

Russell reached out to The Knoxville Focus and asked us to help get his message out and let his need be known. If you think you might be interested in donating and want to know more about living kidney donation for Aaron Russell, please call UT Medical Center for Transplant Services at (865)305-5340. Callers are under no obligation and Mr. Russell's insurance covers all medical testing related to transplant.

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# The 1948 Election in Tennessee VIII

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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For the first time in decades, Republicans in Tennessee were seriously contesting the race for the United States Senate in 1948. In fact, Republicans had fielded a compelling statewide ticket composed of former congressman Carroll Reece for the Senate and entertainer Roy Acuff for governor. With the expected national victory of GOP presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey, Tennessee Republicans thought the spilt in the Democratic Party afforded them a rare opportunity in the Volunteer State.

The notion of an entertainer being elected to much of anything simply appalled much of the editorial staff in Tennessee's daily newspapers. It hardly seems unusual nowadays for an entertainer to make the jump from his or her particular field to politics. George Murphy, dancer and actor, was elected to the United States Senate in California two years before Ronald Reagan was elected governor; wrestler Jesse Ventura was elected governor of Minnesota; comedian Al Franken was elected to the U.S. Senate from Minnesota and Donald Trump was better known from the "Apprentice" television show than as a businessman. And of course, Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected governor of California.

The editorial appearing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel endorsing Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gordon Browning came down heavily upon Roy Acuff's background as an entertainer. The Sentinel opined Browning should have faced no opposition in the general election and sniffed the best the Republicans could do for a nominee was "a hill-billy entertainer and fiddler." The editorial expressed surprise at the notion there were those who believed Acuff was qualified to run the "\$100 million annual business of the State of Tennessee." The editorial appearing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel rather self-righteously noted that, "In some partisan circles, people are trying to act offended because the News-Sentinel, along with most other newspapers across the state and along with most citizens who put Tennessee's welfare above purely selfish political motives, is being outspoken enough to challenge Roy's qualifications to be Governor." The editorial, which published a photograph of Gordon Browning in uniform from the Second World War, as well as one of Roy Acuff holding his fiddle, stated, "However, if Roy and his political handlers are offended because his candidacy is not being taken seriously, Roy himself is solely to blame." The News-Sentinel

editorial insisted Carroll Reece and Roy Acuff were "not seriously campaigning for public office." Instead, at least according to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, "They are clowning it. They have reduced the deadly serious business of government to the level of a circus sideshow." The editorial complained, "Reece smirks and plays the mouth-harp" while "Acuff, in a bizarre Hollywood-style suit of clothes, cracks corny jokes, balances his fiddle-bow on his nose and promises to broadcast his hill-billy radio program from the State Capitol Building if he's elected." The editorial huffed the side-show of the Reece - Acuff caravan had indeed been a popular attraction, stating, "In fact, the grand total of those who have seen the show must equal the number of all qualified voters in Tennessee." As the Knoxville News-Sentinel editorial writer clutched his pearls and reassured Browning supporters many of those in the audience had never voted and never intended to; while many others were not yet of voting age, and others "attended out of sheer curiosity."

Carroll Reece had been in Congress for twenty-six years and had served for two years as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Reece was very well known in national GOP circles and the former congressman certainly had his own boosters in the news media of the day. Colonel Robert McCormick, the publisher of the Chicago Tribune, hurled an accusation at New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey, saying the GOP presidential nominee was not doing enough to bolster Reece's senatorial bid. According to the Colonel's biographer, David M. Kennedy, McCormick's "detestation of the New Deal was bottomless." McCormick and fellow publishers Joe Patterson of the New York Daily News and Cissy Patterson of the Washington Times-Herald were once labeled by fellow publisher Henry Luce (he published Time magazine among others) "the three furies of isolationism." Specifically, Colonel McCormick was hardly an admirer of the New York governor, saying Dewey had been "the least worst" of the GOP presidential possibilities outside of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio. There had long been rumors either Dewey or his vice presidential running mate, Governor Earl Warren of California, would visit Tennessee to help the national ticket and the statewide campaigns of Carroll Reece and Roy Acuff.

The Kingsport News published side-by-side articles written by reporter Bill Freehoff contrasting



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To the right Senator Kenneth McKellar and Vice President Alben Barkley at the unveiling of McKellar's portrait.

the careers of senatorial nominees Carroll Reece and Congressman Estes Kefauver of Chattanooga. The headlines affixed the articles somewhat revealed the content: "Carroll Reece Serves Public With Loyalty" while that of the former congressman's opponent read, "Kefauver Has Good Record of Liberalism." "Indeed, if there is one personality trait that sticks out above all others in Carroll Reece," Freehoff wrote, "it is loyalty. It has been said he never forgets a friend and was never too busy, while in Congress, to do a favor for a constituent." Bill Freehoff's profile of Kefauver was reasonably fair with the reporter writing the Chattanooga congressman was the best known of Tennessee's ten congressmen outside of his own district. According to Freehoff, the forty-five-year-old Kefauver was "well-known on a national scale for his efforts as a political reformer and as a champion of liberalism."

Reece had been injured when he fell from the speaker's platform while campaigning in McMinnville in Warren County. Reece had stepped backward and fell from the platform to the ground six feet below, bruising several ribs and spraining his back. Still, the former congressman, despite an aching back, gamely campaigned in Gallatin in Sumner County where he and Roy Acuff spoke before what they believed to be the largest crowd they had drawn to date during an afternoon.

Further evidence of Tennessee being a "battle-ground" state during the 1948 election, was the States' Rights presidential candidate had traveled to the Volunteer State to campaign and had the support of E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine. Senator Bob Taft, "Mr. Republican", had campaigned in Nashville and Knoxville for the GOP ticket. Senator Alben Barkley, the old warhorse of the Democratic Party and Harry Truman's vice presidential running mate, came to Tennessee to campaign for Gordon Browning and senatorial candidate Estes Kefauver.

Alben Barkley was one of the most seasoned of the Democratic Party's roster of campaigners. Barkley had traveled innumerable miles across the country to campaign for fellow Democrats running for the White House to

the Court House. Barkley was also an orator of some considerable reputation and oftentimes left Washington to speak to groups to help pay for his invalid wife's medical care. Senator Barkley came to Nashville where his speech at Ryman Auditorium was carried over a national radio hookup. Despite the division inside the Democratic Party, Barkley received a warm welcome in Tennessee, a state renowned for its hospitality. Perhaps a couple of hundred students from Vanderbilt University's Young Democrats Club greeted Barkley at Berry Field in Nashville when the vice presidential candidate's plane landed. Tagging along on the United Airlines chartered flight was Congressman Estes Kefauver. As Barkley walked on the flag-bedecked stage of the Ryman Auditorium while a band played "Dixie" and "My Old Kentucky Home" the crowd jumped to its feet and lustily cheered the senator. The 200 students from Vanderbilt entered the auditorium as a block, ringing cowbells, flourishing banners, and crying out, "We want Barkley!" Scattered among the vast audience were Pat Sutton, the Democratic nominee for Congress from Tennessee's Seventh District; Congressman Joe L. Evins, congressman from Tennessee's Fifth District; Silliman Evans, publisher of the Nashville Tennessean; legendary Tennessee General Assembly member Jim Cummings of Woodbury; and a host of others.

The senator was introduced by Nashville Congressman J. Percy Priest, a former Tennessean reporter, who assured the crowd Barkley was indeed the next vice president of the United States. Barkley told the assembled Democrats the life and further development of the Tennessee Valley Authority were in question should the Republicans win the general election. Barkley offered praise for one of Tennessee's most famous native sons, former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, whom the Kentuckian praised as "one of the greatest, if not the greatest Secretary of State" in America's history. Barkley heaped ridicule upon his colleague Senator Bob Taft who had made the odd suggestion one good reason for the Republicans

to elect Roy Acuff governor was because a Republican could be appointed in the event aging U. S. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar should die in office. "Sen. Kenneth McKellar might die one of these days and they want a Republican senator appointed," Barkley thundered.

The Kentuckian said a vote for Strom Thurmond and the States' Rights Party or a ballot cast for Henry Wallace and his Progressive Party was in reality a vote for the Republicans. "On Jan. 3, 1949, I hope to welcome Estes Kefauver into the United States Senate," Barkley cried. "I will not take inauguration as vice president until Jan. 5." The senator urged Tennesseans to vote both Kefauver and gubernatorial nominee Gordon Browning a big vote in November.

Charles Fontenay, a Tennessean reporter covering the Kefauver campaign (and later biographer of Estes Kefauver), gleefully wrote Carroll Reece had been greeted with "boos and cat calls" while campaigning in Clarksville, Tennessee. Fontenay wrote the GOP senatorial nominee "became confused, stammered, and grasped the microphone with both hands as loud conversation in the audience in the large Gracey tobacco warehouse almost drowned out his amplified voice." There were shouts of "Sit down" hurled at Reece as well as cries "Roy! Where's Roy?" from some in the impatient audience. "Will you boys kindly give attention until the other part of the program is finished!" Reece asked some younger audience members, who replied by stamping their feet and bellowing, "We want Roy!"

Campaigning in Kefauver's home city of Chattanooga, Alben Barkley received at least as warm a welcome as he had in Nashville. 1500 people crowded into the Memorial Auditorium in Chattanooga to hear the vice presidential candidate praise Kefauver and hammer at the Grand Old Party. Barkley once again endorsed Kefauver's senatorial candidacy saying the congressman "is progressive, he is liberal, he is forward-looking - - - I know him because I have worked closely with him." Alben Barkley also defended Kefauver from accusations by Republicans who insisted the congressman

was too liberal. "Because of his progressivism they say he is a Red," Barkley intoned in his mellifluous voice. "Well, he's the same kind of Red that I am. I sat at the feet of Woodrow Wilson and learned progressivism and liberalism." Barkley said what he learned from Wilson was government must be "the servant of the people and not the master." Kefauver, Barkley said, believed in moving things forward and stated he was pleased to recommend the congressman to Tennesseans to serve as their senator.

Barkley, as usual, left no stone unturned and also had praise for congressional nominee James B. Frazier Jr. Barkley said Frazier was "a man of distinguished ancestry and a man of ability" who "will make a capable successor to Rep. Kefauver in the House."

The Chattanooga Daily Times acknowledged Barkley was a "gifted speaker" who had held the audience "spellbound" for half an hour. In his introduction of Barkley, Estes Kefauver recalled he had once been part of a congressional party to Cairo, Egypt and the Kentuckian had also been a member of the delegation. Kefauver said he well remembered riding a camel as did Barkley. The Kentucky senator noted in his own speech, "I have ridden almost every form of an animal, but no one ever saw me astride an elephant."

As Barkley came to the conclusion of his talk, he told the crowd that the Republicans had an unfortunate habit of "throwing the American people into such fits that the people have been forced to call a Democratic doctor to cure them."

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When the Knox County Commission meets in work session today at 5 p.m., it will take up the second and final reading on the reorganization of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Merit System Council. The agenda item, and other items, may be discussed or passed along to the commission's regular meeting next Monday.

The ordinance change, sponsored by Commissioners Larsen Jay and Kyle Ward, would increase the number of merit council members from three to seven, keeping the current members who choose to stay, and put the merit staff under the county's Human Resources Department.

Every member of the merit council would be required to undergo ethics training. Members would not be allowed to seek elected office while serving on the council.

The proposed merit system amendment to the county code also defines its authority, specifies the duties of the sheriff and merit council, and defines what grievances may be considered from sheriff employees filed to the council.

While much of the recent effort to alter the merit system centered on adopting the Tennessee "County Sheriff's Civil Service Law of 1974," that law is not mentioned in the changes. Since Knox County is a "charter" county, the adoption of that state law may not be required although the Knox County Law Department commented that the 1974 law could be adopted in the future if needed.

Also on the agenda is a change to the county code dealing with penalties for the sale of beer to minors and another code change that would have Development Plan appeals skip the Board of Zoning Appeals and go to court instead.

Other items that might be discussed include a \$1 million increase to the construction contract with The Chrisman Company for work at the new northwest sector elementary school, a contract with Helen Ross McNabb for employee psychological services for the sheriff's office, and a state grant for intersection improvements at West Emory and Byington Beaver Ridge roads.

The commission may also approve \$875,000 in state and local coronavirus funds for the Metro Drug Commission to help mitigate negative health impacts from the pandemic.

A four-year grant from the Tennessee Health Department of \$3.6 million may be approved for immunization services.

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The Knox County Ethics Committee hasn't had a complaint to review in about four years. The last ones filed involved county officials who took part in a golf tourney. Some believe the complaint cost Brad Anders a primary loss to Glenn Jacobs, who went on to be elected Knox County Mayor that year. Those complaints were dismissed and, since then, all ethics complaints filed by citizens have been filtered through the Knox County Law Department for consideration before going to the group. No complaints have made it to the ethics committee meetings since.

Generally, the ethics committee meets every quarter just long enough to open the meeting and adjourn for the lack of any business coming before it.

Last week broke the cycle when committee members met Wednesday morning in a special called meeting to decide about hearing a complaint. Knox County Law Director David Buuck told The Focus that he had passed it along because he's been criticized for turning away other complaints that he deemed were unfounded.

Anthony A. (Tony) Lewis is claiming that a relative illegally notarized a signature and accessed his late father's personal checking account. His father, Albert A. Lewis, passed away at the University of Tennessee Hospital in June. His son registered a complaint with the Knox County Attorney General and Ethics Commission.

Lewis is president of Building Systems Technology in Knoxville. His sworn and notarized complaint charged that Patricia Anderson and Carol R. Lewis went to his father's hospital room after being warned by Tony Lewis that his father "was not mentally capable" of understanding a legal document.

"His mental condition was listed as 'confused and disoriented.'"

Lewis identified Anderson as being his step-mother's sister and Carol Lewis as his step-mother. He charged that Anderson and his step-mother went into his father's hospital room where Anderson notarized a bank document June 9. His complaint says he contacted TVA Credit Union about his father's account and learned that a copy of his father's check was signed by his stepmother and a social worker assigned to assist in his father's care.

The Knox County Ethics Committee can only hear complaints regarding county employees or official and has no jurisdiction in outside incidents involving private citizens, state officials, organizations or businesses.

Ethics Chairman Michael



*Knox County Law Director David Buuck and Ethics Chairman Michael Covington had a continuing disagreement on hearing a complaint during a special called Ethics Committee meeting Wednesday morning.*

Covington openly advocated holding a hearing on the matter although Buuck told him and the meeting that the law department would not get involved with an ongoing legal dispute and would not assign an investigator to pursue the complaint.

During the meeting Covington and Buuck verbally disagreed. At one point Covington called on Tony Lewis to speak to the ethics committee. Buuck said it was unfair to have Lewis speak without hearing also from the two women he accused of the violation.

Lewis spoke anyway, telling the meeting his step-mother and her sister were told by hospital personnel that his father was not in his right head. Covington continued to read aloud Lewis's written complaint but several ethics members questioned the continuation of the discussion.

Covington continued to say the ethics commission had jurisdiction even after Buuck told him that a notary was not a county employee but falls under

the authority of the state governor.

Buuck told the meeting that if the committee continues with hearing the complaint the law department "will not take part" as long as the matter is before the attorney general or in court. He said that the matter would not even be before the ethics group had Covington not pushed him to get it on the agenda. He said if the complaint is heard the commission should find someone else to represent it.

Covington told Buuck that he is going ahead and preparing questions from the complaint and then abruptly adjourned the called meeting without a vote to hear or not hear the complaint and set the next ethics committee meeting for August 10. The decision to hear or not hear the complaint may be resolved at the meeting.

Buuck said he will look at the questions Covington is going to write and also prepare a list of the reasons the ethics committee cannot lawfully hear the complaint.



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## Update on Gibbs High Stadium Project

On Friday, July 15, Knox County Schools informed Gibbs High School families that because of construction delays related to the renovation of Ernest Whited Stadium, some football and girls soccer games will be moved to alternate locations this fall.

Construction plans for the renovation originally indicated that the project would be completed in time for fall sports. However, because of workforce and supply chain challenges that are affecting the construction industry, the contractor has indicated they will not be able to meet this timeline.

Gibbs principal Jason Webster and the school's athletic staff have been working on an alternate schedule for home games. The girls soccer schedule is currently being finalized, and an updated home football schedule is as follows:

**Aug. 26 vs. Webb @ Webb**  
**Sept. 8 vs. Central @ TBD**  
**Sept. 30 vs. Scott @ Central**  
**Oct. 14 vs. York Institute @ Central**

The contractor is working on a plan to have the facility ready to host the Oct. 28 football game against South-Doyle at Gibbs.

# KFOA's version of SEC Media Days marks 15th year

By Steve Williams

The idea for the Knoxville Football Officials Association's Media Day originated from the SEC football Media Days.

"Jack Dance (former long-time KFOA official who has since passed away) and I conjured it up a long time ago," said Harold Denton at this year's 15th annual event, which was held Friday at the Three Ridges Golf Course pavilion.

"I said every year everybody gets fired up about SEC Media Days. I said why can't we do that?"

The KFOA Media Day is for high school football players and coaches in Knox County and surrounding counties to attend and be interviewed about the upcoming season.

Sports writers use the information to write preview stories for their newspapers and internet sites and TV and radio sports media utilize the time to conduct interviews of the prep teams' representatives on hand.

"The media doesn't have to travel all over and they love it," said Denton, who has been involved in officiating since 1971. "And coaches get the media out of their faces for two or



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Farragut Head Coach Eddie Courtney answers questions from Focus reporter Ken Lay during an interview session with the Admirals at the KFOA Media Day event Friday.

three weeks while they are at practice and everyone is happy."

This year's Media Day, which is held on the same day as the KFOA's Scholarship Golf tournament, which this year marked its 39th annual event, had 33 high school football teams. Each team usually brings two to three players and its head coach.

"We've had as many as 40 teams, which is a little too high the way this event

works," said Denton.

"We got five teams the first year (2008) and those signed up by fax. Now I fire an email out two months before this thing and it will be 80 percent full just like that.

"The flow has been beautiful today," added Denton, who is a longtime TSSAA football supervisor. "I always say organization is missing if you notice it. And this thing now runs like clockwork.

"We can't be as lavish as the SEC. They've got an unlimited budget and we don't.

"Our leadership group has an attitude that we don't spend money. Everything drops to the bottom line.

"Between the golf, media and our sponsors we'll make between 7 and \$10,000 today. That's not a bad day's work."

The two primary sponsors are Bacon Team Sports

and KOC. Other sponsors are Love's, Walmart, Main Event and AXLE Logistics.

KFOA members volunteer to work the Media Day and Golf tournament.

"In our business, we really want to give back," said Denton. "A high school varsity official now makes \$115 per game times eight to 10 games. And this is their way of giving back."

B.J. Hillard is the KFOA Event Chairman for Golf and Media Day.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Bulldogs facing tough schedule in 2022

By Mark Nagi

After eight seasons at the Bearden football helm, Morgan Shinlever resigned as the Bulldogs head coach. Bearden found his replacement in Powell offensive coordinator Josh Jones.

The building blocks have been set for Bearden, which boasts an impressive 135 players in the system from the freshman class to the seniors.

"Great group of kids. These are hard-working kids that show up every day, ready to work," said Jones. "I don't have to do motivating speeches or anything like that. I've been

## BEARDEN FOOTBALL 2022

really pleased. Obviously, football is a cohesion sport. We have new schemes on both sides of the ball. That takes time, and that's always the case when you first come in somewhere, but it is going great."

The Bulldogs went 4-6 in 2021 and missed the playoffs, but they bring back six starters on offense and seven on defense. Jones likes what he sees at running back and wide receiver, plus with his linebackers and defensive backs.

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A step closer to prep football time!

Bearden's quarterback Drew Parrott takes a snap as Bulldog receiver Braden Perkins sprints toward the sideline in 7 on 7 action Thursday at Powell. Some high school football teams will start the acclimation portion of preseason football practice this week. Photo by Steve Williams.



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## KNOXVILLE SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# Hoyt Carroll: 'a prince of a man, a maker of men'

By Steve Williams

It was long overdue, but Hoyt Carroll had the credentials to stand the test of time.

Carroll, who passed away at the age of 77 in 2001, will be inducted posthumously into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2022 on Aug. 25. The 41st annual dinner and induction ceremony, presented by First Horizon, will be held at the Knoxville Convention Center.

"We are really humbled and proud of (this honor)," said Chris Carroll, Hoyt's oldest son. "It's really meant a lot to us."

"It took three years to (get the approval of the selection committee) and I was always encouraged not to give up; that it was a process."

Hoyt Carroll was captain and an All-State guard on Knoxville High's undefeated 1942 state championship football team and went on to become an outstanding head coach and athletic director at Holston High, beginning in 1957 when the school in East Knoxville first opened.

During Hoyt's prep career as a player, Knoxville High was a perennial power in the Southeast.

Chris and his brother Mark played for their dad at Holston and both also played college football at UT-Martin.

World War II interrupted Carroll's pending college football career as he served in the Navy from 1942 to 1950. After returning from active duty in 1946, the college opportunities that were presenting themselves at the end of his high school career were no longer available.

Carroll wound up being offered a scholarship at Carson-Newman College, where he played for Frosty Holt and lettered four years.

After a short stint with KUB after college, he was an assistant coach at Bearden for two years and then got his first head coaching job at Carter in 1953. After leading the Green Hornets to a 7-3 season, Carroll got the Holston position.

His Warriors posted their first winning season in 1961 and won KFL championships in 1966 (9-1) and 1970 (10-0) when he was honored with his second KIL "Coach of the Year" award. His overall head coaching record was 95 wins, 115 losses, and 9 ties.

## Stafford says Carroll's induction 'well deserved'

Pete Stafford, a retired coach who had teams at Young High and South-Young, remembers Carroll leaving Holston in the mid-1970s and assisting a year at Young.

"I think (his induction) is well deserved," said Stafford. "He put in a lot of years."

In addition to Carroll starting a new program, Stafford pointed out another fact that may have contributed to Carroll's overall record being below the .500 mark.

"He was like the rest of us at that time - we played with the kids that we had," said Pete. "Some years you would have a bunch of good ones and some years you would have some that weren't as good and would have to rebuild. His teams were always fundamentally sound and they played hard."

Robbie Franklin was one of Carroll's first players at Holston before going on to play guard at Tennessee.

"Coach Carroll had a big, big influence on my life in many ways," Franklin recalled last week. "He was a demanding coach with an

understanding that there were no short cuts to victory and we could only earn them one at a time. His coaching filled me with the desire to become a football coach."

"After finishing my playing days at UT, I traveled to Bowling Green, Ky., and served as a grad assistant at Western Kentucky University, working with the defense. I spent 12 years in the coaching profession using drill techniques and discipline learned from Coach Carroll."

"I thank God that Coach Carroll was a big part of my life from 13 to 18 years of age. He kept me on the right track and helped shape me into the man that I became."

## Heck saw first hand how Carroll 'cared'

Tommy Heck, an offensive tackle who played for Carroll in the late 1960s, recalled not being listed on the team's depth chart after his junior season.

"I didn't have a good year, but my senior season I was named the team's best offensive player. After the season, Coach Carroll called me into his office and apologized for leaving me off the depth chart."

While Tommy told his coach he didn't need to apologize, the fact that he did revealed Carroll's character "and how much he cared about his players," said Heck. "I remembered that and wanted to have the same kind of relationship with my players when I got into coaching. And so I never judged my players too quickly."

John Higdon, who played basketball at Holston, said: "Hoyt Carroll was probably one of the finest school administrators I have ever known in my life. He cared about the boys. He tried to prepare them for life, which he did. He was just a



Hoyt Carroll, who guided Holston High to two KFL titles after an impressive prep career as a player at Knoxville High, will be inducted posthumously into the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame on Aug. 25.

good all-round person ... a prince of a man and a maker of men."

As an athletic director, Higdon said Carroll also saw success on the state level in basketball and golf. He also coached some 3-on-3 girls basketball and was sponsor of the hockey team.

Chris Carroll pointed out his dad did a lot of "trout fishing" back in the day with coaches Bob Polston (East, A-E and Rule High), Bill Henson (Powell) and Stafford.

Later in life, Hoyt moved into a home near Douglas Lake and was defensive coordinator three to four years at Morristown West.

"He was about to go after the

Sevier County High job when that school opened but had a stroke and that ended that," said Chris.

In addition to Higdon, Heck and Franklin, Tom Mattingly was instrumental in Carroll's athletic career catching the eye of the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.

Chris didn't want to leave out his mom, Peggy, who had preceded Hoyt in death.

"We've always appreciated the role of the high school coach's spouse," he said. "Mom lived and died with every victory and loss and everything else brought into the home. She has to be congratulated as well."

# Bulldogs facing tough schedule in 2022

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He would like to build depth on the lines of scrimmage.

Bearden has a stable of four sophomore quarterbacks, with returning starter Drew Parrott at the top of the depth chart. "He's a coach's son (Drew's Dad Jeremy is Bearden's boys' basketball coach), he works hard, and takes coaching very well," said Jones. "He does a great job of buying into what we are doing, and we are very demanding of their time with quarterback meetings and things like that."

The Bulldogs open the 2022 campaign at home against Class 5A powerhouse West on August 20. It doesn't get much easier from there with games

against Oak Ridge, Anderson County, plus regional tilts against rivals Maryville and Farragut on the docket.

"It's fun. It's a really tough schedule," said Jones. "Nine of the ten teams on our schedule made the playoffs last year. Our region is tough, and our non-region is tough, but football is a tough sport. You wouldn't want it any other way."

"Nobody can say that Bearden had the easy path. We are looking forward to challenge. Every place I've ever been we have played tough schedules and I believe in that. I don't believe in trying to schedule wins."

"I believe in challenges, and we certainly have that

this year. In this sport you have to be able to handle adversity. We will experience that at some point and in the playoffs the teams that handle that best are usually the ones that advance. If the first time you get your nose busted is in the playoffs, you'll probably lose on that Friday night."

Last year Jones was a big part of Powell's accomplishments, as the Panthers won the Class 5A state title for the first time in program history. Jones wants to bring that championship pedigree with him to west Knoxville.

"You always have to tailor what you do with what you've got personnel wise," said Jones. "But you always want to be aggressive. We want to play fast by knowing what to do. We want to play physical, and we want to play fundamental. We feel that if we accomplish those four things, we have a shot at success each and every week that we play."

Jones added, "We've got really high expectations. We are never gonna settle for 6-4 and make the playoffs. That is never gonna be the goal. We are gonna coach to win them all and expect to win them all."

"I have a staff that a lot of them coached in championship programs and on state championship staffs. They know what it takes to win. They have been there and done that."



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It's not how you start.  
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**By Tom Mattingly**

That was a capsule summary of the 1981 Tennessee football

season, marked by a rocky start on Rocky Top. After losses at Georgia (44-0) and at Southern Cal (43-7), no one in Big Orange Country would have given odds of any kind that the Vols would finish 8-4 with a victory over Wisconsin in the final Garden State Bowl.

"The 1981 Vols were young, inexperienced, and lacking depth," wrote the Knoxville Journal's Russ Bebb. "They appeared doomed to an absolutely miserable season."

Georgia was the defending national champion and ranked No. 10 for the season opener in Athens. Herschel Walker, the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner, was back for his sophomore season. When the Vols came calling the next weekend at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Southern Cal was ranked No. 5 and had Marcus Allen at tailback. Allen won the 1981 Heisman.

Walker ran for 161 yards as the Bulldogs handed the Vols their worst defeat since 1910. Allen ran for 211 yards and four touchdowns. USC racked up 403 yards rushing in the one-sided triumph.



After a rough start to the 1981 football season, John Majors led the Vols to eight wins in the next 10 games.

Bebb called it the "low water mark of the Majors Era." He reported that one sign around town read, "Johnny Majors is in the fifth year of a four-year rebuilding program."

Countering that was a full-page newspaper ad supporting the Vol head coach, taken out by Majors' "most loyal backers."

In the home opener that season, Tennessee unveiled freshman quarterback Alan Cockrell of Joplin, Mo., as the starter against Colorado State. The Vols raced to a 21-0 halftime lead and knocked off the Rams 42-0.

Tennessee defeated Auburn the next week by a

10-7 count, but lost Cockrell for the season to a knee injury.

Two weeks later, Tennessee defeated Georgia Tech by another 10-7 count, the 10 points coming on a 42-yard TD pass from Steve Alatorre to Anthony Hancock and a 25-yard field goal by freshman place-kicker Fuad Reveiz, who had signed on with the Vols early in pre-season drills.

"I didn't know if he could kick a lick," said Majors, "but sometimes it pays to play hunches." This hunch proved correct. Fuad kicked 71 field goals and 101 extra points during his career (1981-84) and had a 60-yarder just before

halftime of the 1982 Georgia Tech game.

Tennessee lost to Alabama at Legion Field by 38-19, in what would be Bear Bryant's last win over the Vols.

The Vols then defeated Memphis State (28-9), Wichita State (24-21), and Mississippi (28-20) in ensuing weeks, but lost at Kentucky (21-10) after taking a 10-0 lead.

The Wichita State game featured one of the strangest happenings ever seen on Shields-Watkins Field.

It was 21-21 in the fourth quarter, when Shocker tight end Anthony Jones caught a pass over the middle. Two Vols in pursuit collided, and

Jones had a clear path to the south end zone. For no apparent reason, he started veering steadily to his right toward the west sideline.

"I was sitting with former Vol baseball player Robbie Howard," said the late Bob Campbell, former Neyland Stadium "grass guru," then a high school baseball coach. "We saw him heading our way, and Robbie said, 'He's going to run out of bounds.'"

He did. Three plays later, the Vols intercepted a pass and marched to the game-winning field goal.

The Vols defeated Vanderbilt in the regular

season finale by 38-34, despite Vanderbilt's Whit Taylor throwing for 464 yards. Alatorre threw for 316 yards, and Willie Gault caught four balls for 217 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown strike. The two teams combined for 1,120 yards total offense.

Vanderbilt went down strapped to the mast, with one last toss to Allama Mathews, later an SEC official, falling incomplete despite intense protests from Vanderbilt partisans.

The season ended with Tennessee playing Wisconsin at the Meadowlands on Dec. 13. The Vols won 28-21, as Gault returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown, and Alatorre and Hancock played pitch-and-catch all afternoon. Hancock caught 11 passes for 196 yards, including a 43-yard scoring reception.

The Vols thus overcame the early season adversity—the two lopsided losses and the loss of Cockrell—to finish well ahead of what many of the "experts" might have predicted.

"I was more concerned about the 1981 team than any team in the last 13 years," said Majors in 1990. "We got tromped the first two games. We came back to win eight games, including the bowl game. That's one of the best lesson builders—one I've used with our team and staff on many occasions—talking about what happens if you keep hanging on, keep fighting, keep coming back."

## TSWA ALL-STATE TEAMS

### Knox Co. soccer players honored by state sportswriters

**By Ken Lay**

Eight area high school boys soccer players were honored by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association when the organization released its all-state teams recently.

The 2022 boys season saw three teams from Knoxville reached the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro as Bearden, West and Austin-East all advanced to the grand stage at the Mid-state.

In Class 3A: the Bulldogs reached the Class 3A championship for the second consecutive year and Bearden had two players receive all-state accolades from the state's sportswriters.

Junior forward Lucas Nordin was named to the Class 3A All-State Team along with his teammate, Dylan Kolnick, a senior midfielder.

The Rebels reached the state tournament for the second time in school history and had defender Nima Bahrami earn all-state honors.

In Class 2A: The Roadrunners made their consecutive appearance in Murfreesboro, following up their 2021 Class 1A state title. Austin-East was eliminated in the quarterfinals but senior forward Masudi Nyembo was named all-state after being one of the area's most prolific scorers.

The Halls Red Devils

reached the state sectionals in 2022 and junior forward Jacob Eubanks, another top area scorer, also earned all-state honors.

In Division II-A: Christian Academy of Knoxville junior Chase Stokely, a midfielder, was named all-state.

Webb School of Knoxville had a pair of players earn all-state after the Spartans reached the State VIII round of the Division II-AA playoffs. Webb went 20-0 in 2021 en route to capturing the state championship.

Midfielders Spencer Bernard (a senior) and JP Quigley (a junior) were named all-state in 2022 after the Spartans had another successful season.

## Austin-East senior Ariya Rice named all-state in four events

**By Ken Lay**

Tennessee's top girls track and field athletes were honored when the Tennessee Sports Writers Association released its all-state teams recently.

Several from Knox County were named all-state in multiple events based on their respective performances at the TSSAA State Championships in May.

Austin-East senior Ariya Rice earned all-state honors in four events, including the long jump, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 400-meter run. She was named to the Class 2A all-state team by the TSWA.

In Division II-A Grace Christian Academy's Brianna Baker was named all-state in both the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles. Baker is a junior for the Lady Rams.

Christian Academy of Knoxville junior Antiya McAlister received all-state honors in the 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash.

Also in Class 2A, Concord Christian School freshman Liliane Helton was an all-state standout in the pole vault.

In Division II-AA, Webb School of Knoxville three athletes honored by the state's sportswriters.

Lennox Langham, a freshman received all-state honors in both the long jump and triple jump.

Anna Graves was named all-state in the 800-meter run.

Lady Spartans' eighth grader Calysta Garmer was named all-state in the 1,600-meter run while her sister Jazzlyn Garmer, also an eighth grader, was named all-state in the 3,200-meter run.

Hardin Valley Academy had two all-state standouts in Class 3A as Brooke Taylor made the team in the triple jump and Gracie Waite make the squad as a shot putter.

Farragut sophomore Parker Willis received all-state accolades in the 800-meter run.

## Area boys named to TSWA all-state track teams

**By Ken Lay**

Several area high school athletes posted some top marks at the recent TSSAA Track and Field Championships and those student-athletes were honored as the Tennessee Sports Writers Association, which recently named its all-state teams.

Team members were chosen based on their finishes in Murfreesboro in May. The following boys were named to the all-state teams by the state's sportswriters.

One area track and field standout was named all-state in four events.

Christian Academy of Knoxville senior Ethan Fulford received statewide recognition in the pole vault, 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and the decathlon.

His teammate with the Warriors, Kanye Harris was an all-state in three events as he flourished in the long jump, the

100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash.

In Class 2A: Two local stars were recognized by the TSWA, and one was named all-state in two events.

Seymour High School's Coye Connell, a senior was named all-state in both the shot put and discus.

Austin-East senior Dwayne Morris received all-state accolades for his performance in the 800-meter run.

In Class 3A: Hardin Valley Academy distance specialist and senior Kaden Keller was named all-state in two events, including the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs.

Farragut High's Tyler Ebbert, a senior, was named all-state in the 800-meter run.

In Division II-AA, Catholic freshman distance specialist Keegan Smith was an all-state standout in the 1,600-meter run.

## Area girls tennis players named all-state

**By Ken Lay**

The 2022 season represented a banner campaign for local girls high school tennis players and teams.

Some of the area's top players were recently honored as the Tennessee Sports Writers Association released its all-state teams recently.

Catholic High School won its second consecutive Division II-AA state team championship in its second season competing in Division II.

The Lady Irish pulled off the trifecta in Murfreesboro at Spring Fling as they captured both the singles and doubles titles.

Junior Maeve Thornton won the state singles championship while Catholic's doubles tandem of freshman Lillie Murphy and sophomore Eleni Liakonis claimed the doubles crown. Both Thornton and Catholic's doubles duo received all-state honors from the state's sportswriters.

A pair of other area players also won state singles titles. Both are underclassmen.

In Division I Class 2A, Farragut High School sophomore Riley Cassity claimed the state singles crown en route to receiving all-state accolades.

In Division II-A, Christian



The Catholic High School doubles team of Eleni Liakonis and Lillie Murphy were named to the TSWA's Division II-AA All-State Team after winning the state title in Murfreesboro.

Academy of Knoxville freshman Allie Faulkner claimed the state singles title and was named all-state.







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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LISA HARDING DOCKET NUMBER 86425-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LISA HARDING who died May 12, 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 11TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF LISA HARDING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SAMUEL Y HARDING; EXECUTOR  
1336 GRAINGER AVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

WILLIAM R RAY ATTORNEY  
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF RUBY ALBANA HAYNES DOCKET NUMBER 86040-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13TH day of 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUBY ALBANA HAYNES who died Jan 7, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13TH day of JULY, 2022

### ESTATE OF RUBY ALBANA HAYNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BEVERLY ANN PARDUE; EXECUTRIX  
7752 EMORY CHASE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

K DAVID MYERS ATTORNEY  
PO BOX 13  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DAN HOPE DOCKET NUMBER 85553-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAN HOPE who died Oct 14, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 11TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF DAN HOPE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAVID MICHAEL HOPE; EXECUTOR  
205 MASTHEAD DRIVE  
CLINTON, TN 37716

ROBERT WILKINSON ATTORNEY  
PO BOX 4415  
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JACKSON E JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 86432-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACKSON E JOHNSON who died Mar 4, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF JACKSON E JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LOUELLA NEWMAN HITCH; EXECUTRIX  
2917 LITTLE DUG GAP ROAD  
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

BROOKE GIVENS ATTORNEY

110 CODGILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LOUIS WILLIAM KOESTER DOCKET NUMBER 86433-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOUIS WILLIAM KOESTER who died May 14, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF LOUIS WILLIAM KOESTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUSAN E KOESTER; EXECUTRIX  
312 GARDNER ROAD  
POWELL, TN 37849

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOYCE IMOGENE LOCKHART DOCKET NUMBER 86412-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOYCE IMOGENE LOCKHART who died Mar 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 7 day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF JOYCE IMOGENE LOCKHART

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATRINA CALLOWAY; EXECUTRIX  
2113 PULASKI ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF FAYE B MARTIN DOCKET NUMBER 86403-2

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

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

This the 5 day of JULY, 2022

### ESTATE OF FAYE B MARTIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RICHARD MORGAN; EXECUTOR  
7313 EVANEL WAY  
POWELL, TN. 37849

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JACKQUELYN S MCSWAIN DOCKET NUMBER 86431-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACKQUELYN S MCSWAIN who died May 10, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF JACKQUELYN S MCSWAIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TARRA ANDERSON; EXECUTRIX  
9324 NUMBER 3 DRIVE  
MASCOT, TN 37806

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CLARA ROSE MEYERS DOCKET NUMBER 86423-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11TH day of JULY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CLARA ROSE MEYERS who died Apr 15, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 11TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF CLARA ROSE MEYERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CATHI MEYERS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
2121 WOODROW DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF RICHARD L MILLER, III DOCKET NUMBER 86400-2

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

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

This the 1 day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF RICHARD L MILLER, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN DOUGLAS MILLER; EXECUTOR  
1922 ENGLISH IVY LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

KELLY GUYTON FRERE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1001 E BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARIANNE GREER RANKIN DOCKET NUMBER 86427-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARIANNE GREER RANKIN who died Apr 8, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 11TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF MARIANNE GREER RANKIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN A DONOVAN; EXECUTOR  
405 HOLYROOD WAY  
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

JOHN A DONOVAN ATTORNEY  
405 HOLYROOD WAY  
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELLEN JOAN SCHOLZ DOCKET NUMBER 86418-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELLEN JOAN SCHOLZ who died Dec 13, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF ELLEN JOAN SCHOLZ

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEBORAH L SCHOLZ; EXECUTRIX  
12110 LEATHERWOOD LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

KATHERINE YOUNG ATTORNEY  
9041 EXECUTIVE PARK DR STE 121  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF WANDA W SHINPAUGH DOCKET NUMBER 86419-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WANDA W SHINPAUGH who died May 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8TH day of JULY, 2022.

ESTATE OF WANDA W SHINPAUGH  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM E ARWOOD; CO-EXECUTOR  
4309 LAMOUR ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

JENNIE D ARWOOD; CO-EXECUTRIX  
4609 LAMOUR ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

JOHN R FOUST ATTORNEY  
4641 CHAMBLISS AVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CHARLES ROBERT SHIPLEY DOCKET NUMBER 86438-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13TH day of JULY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES ROBERT SHIPLEY who died Aug 6, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13TH day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF CHARLES ROBERT SHIPLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRITTANY REYNOLDS; ADMININSTRATRIX  
3328 PINK HATCHER LANE  
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

H STEPHEN GILLMAN ATTORNEY  
PO BOX 870  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOHN PHILLIP SIMMONS DOCKET NUMBER 86414-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JULY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN PHILLIP SIMMONS who died Apr 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 7 day of JULY, 2022.

### ESTATE OF JOHN PHILLIP SIMMONS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ALVIS DAVID SIMMONS, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR  
4605 GOLDEN POND WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

SARAH R JOHNSON ATTORNEY AT LAW  
11907 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

## Knox County Substantial Amendment Public Meeting and Hearing Knox County Grants & Community Development

The Knox County Grants & Community Development Department (KCCD) Public Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 over ZOOM. A link to the meeting will be located at the following URL: <https://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/index.php>.

The Knox County Grants & Community Development (KCCD) is proposing a Substantial Amendment to its U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved FY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Annual Action Plan. This amendment proposes to allocate \$370,000 in CDBG-CV funds to the following organizations in order to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic: Community Action Committee (CAC) and McNabb Center. These funds will assist low- to moderate-income residents of Knox County. The Public comment period is July 22, 2022 through August 23, 2022.

The public hearing will occur when this Substantial Amendment is presented to Knox County Commission for approval on August 22, 2022. This will be a part of the regularly scheduled County Commission meeting at 5:00p.m., located in the Large Assembly Room on the Main Level of the City-County Building.

Knox County residents are encouraged to share their verbal or written comments about the County's Substantial Amendment at the virtual ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Draft copies of the amendment will be available online or by calling KCCD at (865) 215-3945. Comments may also be emailed to Lily Seabolt at [lily.seabolt@knoxcounty.org](mailto:lily.seabolt@knoxcounty.org) or by mail to Knox County Grants & Community Development, City-County Building, Suite 364, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902. The finalized version of the Substantial Amendment will be submitted to HUD for final approval on or after August 24, 2022.

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

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



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The Knox County Grants & Community Development (KCGCD) is proposing a Substantial Amendment to its U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. This amendment proposes to increase the allocation of funding of CDBG funds for Homesource of east Tennessee from \$91,240 to \$140,000. These funds will assist low- to moderate-income residents of Knox County through the expansion of the Willow Place Community Room. The public comment period is July 22, 2022 through August 23, 2022.

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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AARON SULLIVAN STAPLE  
DOCKET NUMBER 86415-2

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

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

ESTATE OF AARON SULLIVAN STAPLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
XZAVIAN Q WRUSHEN; EXECUTOR  
4201 CHINKAPIN LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GENEVIEVE TILLET  
DOCKET NUMBER 86411-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GENEVIEVE TILLET who died Mar 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 6 day of JULY, 2022.

ESTATE OF GENEVIEVE TILLET

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACK TILLET, JR.; EXECUTOR  
7538 MAJORS ROAD  
CORYTON, TN. 37721

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUZY H WEIDEMANN  
DOCKET NUMBER 86421-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of JULY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUZY H WEIDEMANN who died Apr 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:

(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 8TH day of JULY, 2022.

ESTATE OF SUZY H WEIDEMANN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANIEL DAVID WEIDEMANN; EXECUTOR  
402 LIFE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

LONDON M HICKEY ATTORNEY  
2125 MIDDLEBROOK PK  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAIL LAVONE WHITSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 86430-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of JULY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GAIL LAVONE WHITSON who died May 10, 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 12TH day of JULY, 2022.

ESTATE OF GAIL LAVONE WHITSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERESA A STROUD; ADMINISTRATRIX  
4529 ALAN SPRINGS LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

## MISC. NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Knoxville Teachers FCU intends to sell a 2006 Honda Accord VIN #JHMCN36456C002472 (belonging to Lonnie Minor, deceased, due to a default in payment of a debt owed to the Credit Union) by sealed bids that can be dropped off at 711 N Hall of Fame Drive, Knoxville, TN 37917. Bid deadline is August 8, 2022 at 5:00pm. All bids will be opened on August 9, 2022, at 10:00am. Vehicle is being sold AS-IS to the highest bidder and KTCU reserves the right to reject any bid that is inadequate.

### LEGAL NOTICE 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:  
RFQ 3280, Construction Engineering Inspection Services, due 8/16/22;  
RFP 3288, Comprehensive Foundational Reading Systems Support, due 8/18/22;  
RFP 3290, Student Telehealth Services, due 8/16/22;  
Bid 3291, Safety Shoes, due 8/17/22;  
Bid 3292, Vehicle Oil Change Services, due 8/16/22  
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: [www.knoxcounty.org/procurement](http://www.knoxcounty.org/procurement). To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY July 25, 2022, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

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

6a. Raceway, 900S Oak Ridge Hwy, District 6, Mr. Jaymin Patel, owner, 1st offense – June 20, 2022  
Beer Permit issued on September 5, 2019.

6b. Don Gallo Mexican Gril, 10681 Hardin Valley Rd, District 6, Mr. Javier Zendejs, owner, 1st offense – June 20, 2022.  
Beer Permit issued August 25, 2008.

6c. Kenjo, 8901 Oak Ridge Hwy, District 6, Mr. Charles Carruthers, owner, 1st offense – May 26, 2022.  
Beer Permit issued November 5, 1993.

7. ADJOURNMENT:



Karns High's De'Sean Bishop reveals the teal color of Coastal Carolina as he announces his commitment to the Chanticleers Thursday. De'Sean's mom, Sherika Huff, seated at his left, seems to be happy about the news, too.

## Bishop keeps mom in the dark before picking CCU

By Steve Williams

De'Sean Bishop is not just good in football. He's good at keeping a secret.

Minutes before announcing his commitment Thursday, his mother didn't know which college the Karns High running back had picked.

"He wouldn't even tell me," said Sherika Huff, laughing. "He made me so mad."

Bishop, the nation's leading rusher and TSSAA's 2021 Class 5A Mr. Football, chose Coastal Carolina as his future college home. When the time came to reveal his decision in the KHS auditorium, he stood up and put on a CCU cap and showed its school colors of teal, bronze and black.

The Sun Belt Conference member is located in Conway, S.C., nine miles from Myrtle Beach. CCU's nickname is the Chanticleers and their mascot is a proud and fierce rooster.

"Coastal Carolina came on late but they recruited me hard," said Bishop. "I felt like that was the school that wanted me the most."

De'Sean said he made the decision "probably a week ago."

When asked why he hadn't told his mother, he said: "I wanted it to be a surprise. Yell, she was begging me to tell her."

The No. 1 factor that led to his decision was "how good the people are," he said. "They're amazing people and they are going to push you to be the best you can be and I think that's what I need."

Coastal Carolina's head coach is Jamey Chadwell, who is from Campbell County. He's been in that position the past three seasons.

"I feel like I'll have a chance to play early and that's my goal," said Bishop.

Marcus Hamilton, Karns running back coach, said:

"I'm very happy for De'Sean. I've coached him since his freshman year. I've always told him 'you go where you feel most comfortable and make sure you're 100 percent sure.'"

Bishop has "dreams" of playing in the NFL someday. "That's my ultimate goal."

Hamilton said Bishop will get that chance at Coastal Carolina, a NCAA Division I FBS school.

"In doesn't matter where you go to school," said Hamilton. "If you're good enough, the NFL will find you. There's already plenty of proof of that in the NFL."

De'Sean has tremendous talent and he has the ability. If he works hard enough and continues on the course, he could see that happening one day."

Bishop currently plans to major in Sports Management.

He offered advice to others who are weighing their college choices: "Just enjoy it while you can."

When asked about Tennessee, which had been recruiting him since last season, Bishop said he didn't what to talk about that, but there was "no love lost."

### ABSOLUTE AUCTION

ESTATE OF EARL DUNN SR. (Deceased)

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Neighbor Movie has officially wrapped film production in Knoxville, Tennessee and surrounding areas. If you feel that you have an outstanding invoice, please remit payment by August 5, 2022 to: The Neighbor Movie, LLC, 12335 Glenleigh Drive, Houston, Texas 77014  
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