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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs began his second term Thursday morning with an oath at the Tennessee Theatre. Incumbent and newly-elected Knox County judges and chancellors, including Chuck Cerny pictured taking the oath again the following day at the Tennessee Theatre, were sworn in during a ceremony Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Supreme Court Building. Photos by Ken Lay.



Knox County leaders, judges sworn in

By Ken Lay

Knox County welcomed its new leaders and judges at a pair of swearing-in ceremonies last week.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs was sworn in for his second term at the Tennessee Theater Thursday morning.

After being sworn in, Jacobs served as master of ceremonies for the gathering.

In his remarks, Jacobs said he was proud of those who officially took office. He also honored longtime public servant Ed Shouse, outgoing Knox County Trustee, who is exiting the political scene after nearly four decades.

"Ed has set a high standard of public service for Knox County," Jacobs said. "It's been a real pleasure working with a great county commission, many of you who are leaving."

"I look forward to serving with all of these great people on this stage. Regardless of our personal differences, we will work

together to serve the citizens of Knox County."

District Attorney General Charme P. Allen was installed Thursday, along with General Sessions Court Judges Chuck Cerny, Andrew Jackson VI, Judd Davis and Tony Stansberry.

Sheriff Tom Spangler was sworn in for a second term and Mike Hammond was installed as Knox County Criminal Court Clerk.

Sherry Witt was officially installed as County Clerk and Nick McBride was sworn in as Register of Deeds.

Gina Oster (District 3), Rhonda F. Lee (District 7) and Kim Frazier (At-Large Seat 11) were sworn in as first-time members of the Knox County Commission. Larsen Jay (At-Large Seat 10) was sworn in for a second term.

Justin Biggs was installed as Knox County Trustee.

Steve Triplett (District 7), Rev. Doc. John A. Butler (District 1) and Katherine Bike (District 4) were sworn in.

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Two applicants sought for new KCSO Merit Board

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the newly renovated Knox County Sheriff's Office Employee's Merit Board you have until next Monday to get a resume into the commission office.

The commission will interview applicants on Monday, September 19 at 5 p.m. prior to its monthly work session. The current merit council is becoming the "Merit Board" and membership is being upped from three to seven members. The commission is asking for volunteers to fill two vacancies.

But if there are to be seven members on the revamped Merit Board why are only two new members being sought?

Commissioner Larsen Jay, who steered the large ordinance to rebuild the merit group, told The Focus that the Knox County Mayor has three appointments and the commission may appoint

four, but two members of the current board, John Marshall and Jim Wright Jr., are staying on the new board. Chairwoman Gina Oster, who was elected to the Knox County Commission, will be resigning her merit council membership. That leaves two vacancies for the commission to select.

The public advertising of the two open positions recalls the changes passed by the commission after a couple of years of debate. Merit Board members receive no compensation, must convene regularly each quarter except for called meetings, and not be employed by the sheriff's office within the last 10 years.

Oster's recent campaign raised some questions about merit members running for public office. The new ordinance directly deals with that: "No person holding position with the Merit System Board shall take an active part in any political campaign while a

member." The "no active part" includes seeking an elected office, advertising political views and displaying any political signs. Members are now required to resign before seeking political office.

Members will also be required to attend ethics training and cannot have any family members employed by the KCSO. Once the full seven members are seated, the new board will need to organize, set a meeting schedule and elect new officers.

Anyone wanting to apply for one of the two new Merit Board positions needs to apply prior to 5 p.m. next Monday. Applications should be sent by mail, fax, e-mail or delivered to the Office of Knox County Commission, Suite 603, City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tn. 37902. The fax number is (865) 215-2038 and the email is commission@knox-county.org.

Durrett named chair of Knox County Commission

By Ken Lay

Just hours after having its new commissioners sworn in, the Knox County Commission had a specially called meeting for re-organization last week.

The commission met Thursday afternoon at the City-County Building, with new commissioners Rhonda Lee, Gina Oster and Kim Frazier attending their first commission meeting. Commissioner Larsen Jay was installed Thursday morning for a second term.

At the gathering, which lasted approximately an hour, Democrat Courtney Durrett was named the new chair of the commission, replacing Richie Beeler.

She was named chair by a 7-4 vote over Beeler, who was nominated for a second term as commission chair. After passing on the original vote, Beeler voted for Durrett.

Durrett said she was eager to serve as chair.

"I look forward to working with the people on the commission for the people of Knox County," Durrett said. "I want to thank Commissioner Beeler for his leadership."

Terry Hill will serve as co-chair and was named co-chair with no opposition.

The commission also appointed its committee members and chairs.

"I look forward to working with the people on the commission for the people of Knox County. I want to thank Commissioner Beeler for his leadership."

- Courtney Durrett

Jay will serve as chair of the Finance Committee and Kyle Ward will be co-chair. Oster will chair the Insolvency Committee and Frazier will be the co-chair.

Lee, Oster, Frazier and Dasha Lundy will serve on the Joint Education Committee.

Jay will be the commission's member of the Board of Directors of Development Corporation, along with Durrett and Hill.

Hill, Beeler, Ward and Jay will represent the commission on the Knox County Retirement and Pensions Committee.

Carson Dailey, Jay and Frazier were appointed to the Code Commission. Jay will be the commission's representative to the Audit Committee.

Frazier will serve on the Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority.

Lee will serve on the Board of Directors of the Knox County Railroad Authority.

Frazier was appointed to serve on the Three Ridges Golf Board. She will also accept and approve bonds along with Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler and Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs.

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From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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The publication Advisor Perspectives on Bloomberg News called President Biden's plan to forgive student loan debt a "costly mistake" and "a giveaway that harms working-class and poor Americans."

This August 25th column by Advisor editors added: "With one announcement, Biden has undermined any commitment to fiscal discipline, reinforced his party's reputation for catering to elites, created a significant moral hazard, and

likely made higher education less affordable for a generation."

Even some Democrats question the plan. Congressman Tim Ryan, the Democrat U.S. Senate candidate in Ohio, said it "sends the wrong message to the millions of Ohioans without a degree working just as hard to make ends meet."

Congressman Chris Pappas, a Democrat from New Hampshire, said "this announcement by President Biden is no way to make policy, and sidesteps Congress and our oversight and fiscal responsibilities."

Democrat Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado said the White House should have further targeted the relief and proposed a way to pay for the plan. He said "one-time debt cancellation does not solve the underlying

problem."

Perhaps you have seen on television after the announcement a clip of Nancy Pelosi from a few months ago when she said the president could not do this alone without approval from Congress. Now, of course, she is going along with doing it by Presidential Executive Action.

The highly-respected Committee for a Responsible Budget said the cost to taxpayers will be approximately \$500 billion over the next 10 years and "will likely cost more than double the amount saved through the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act."

Of course, many were very skeptical of the projected "deficit reduction" in that so-called bill anyway since most of the "savings" came in the last few years and came from early-year

tax hikes that will hurt the economy.

It never has made any sense to increase taxes during a recession, and we are in the midst of a recession under the traditional definition, but the Biden administration has attempted to change that definition.

While this loan forgiveness is bad for the country and especially for those without college degrees, it is very good for 30 senior White House staffers.

Phillip Wegmann writing on the Real Clear Politics website said these top 30, on their financial disclosures, show total student loan debts of \$4.7 million.

Wegmann also wrote that there is "more outstanding student debt in Washington than any other city in the country" and that according to business analyst

Advisor/Smith "the average D.C. debtor owes \$54,982 in unpaid student loans."

While I don't particularly like Sen. Mitch McConnell, he very accurately said this is "a slap in the face to every family who sacrificed to pay for college, every graduate who paid their debt..." and is "astonishingly unfair".

Erielle Davidson of the George Mason University Law School wrote in the New York Post, that the Biden plan "sticks it to the little guy" and is "yet another example of a misguided and dangerous policy initiative masquerading as a public good."

According to the National Taxpayers Union, the average burden per U.S. taxpayer will be \$2,503.22.

Oren Cass, a policy analyst and Harvard Law School graduate, wrote

in Politico that the plan is "absurd" at least in part because so much of the relief is going to people who don't need it.

He added: "The cognitive dissonance between the unquestioned commitment to extravagant spending on college and the questionable value of that spending is what yields America's bizarre discourse around student loan debt – and leads to irrational policy moves like Biden's."

Finally, as I mentioned in an earlier column, Mark Cuban once said, "If you want to make college really expensive, make it free."

This is because of the very simple fact that when government subsidizes anything, most of the incentives and/or pressures to hold down costs and operate efficiently are removed and costs just explode.

Knox Co. leaders, judges sworn in

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in as first-time members of the Knox County Board of Education while Kristi Kristy (District 9) and Betsy Henderson (District 6) were installed for second terms.

Grace Deckard, a student at Hardin Valley Academy, was installed as the board's non-voting student representative.

On Wednesday in a ceremony at Knoxville's Supreme Court Building, judges were sworn in.

John F. Weaver, Richard B. (Bud) Armstrong Jr. and Christopher D. Heagerty were sworn in for seats on Knox County Chancery Court.

Cerny, Davis and Patricia Hall Long were sworn in to serve as judges in Central Sessions Court. Allen was officially sworn in as District Attorney General.

Tim Irwin was sworn in for another term to the Knox County Juvenile



New Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs takes the oath of office with his family close by.

Court.

Eric Lutton was absent but sworn in virtually as Knox County Public Defender.

Hammond was officially sworn in as General Sessions and Criminal Court Clerk, and Charles Susano III was sworn in as Civil Sessions and

Juvenile Court Clerk.

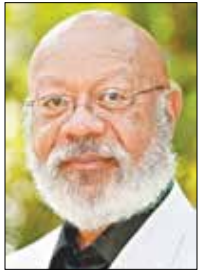
G. Scott Green and Steven W. Sword were sworn in as Knox County Criminal Court Judges.

William T. Ailor, E. Jerome Melson, Deborah C. Stevens and Gregory S. McMillan were sworn in to Knox County Circuit Court.

Biden is the Fascist

I never have liked Joe Biden. I wrote in my old blog (haroldblack.blogspot.com) on August 12, 2012, that Biden was a racist and had he been a Republican that he would have been forced out of the Senate. Nothing Biden has done while in office has changed my mind. Don't get me wrong. I do not care for Donald Trump. He reeks of self-importance. He is a bully. While I liked the majority of his policies, his anti-trade actions with our allies were ill-advised. But he is better than Biden – which is a sad commentary on the state of American politics.

Biden said that "MAGA" Republicans were a threat to democracy and described Trump as "semi-fascist". He did not cite any examples. However, if fascism is state authoritarianism, then it is Biden who is the fascist.



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Biden thinks he has carte blanche to control the United States any way he wants to. This was demonstrated by the unprecedented flood of 40 executive orders within the first week of his administration and his actions afterward.

He rejoined the Paris Climate Accords.

He started renegotiating the Iran nuclear deal.

He completely botched the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

He removed the constraints at the border allowing a flood of over 2 million illegals into the country.

He "forgave" \$10,000 in student debt without the approval of congress and exceeded his Constitutional authority.

He shut down the

KeyStone pipeline, shut off energy permits and is conducting a war on fossil fuels in the name of "climate change."

He invoked the Defense Production Act to force private companies to "secure American production of critical materials to bolster our clean energy economy," specifically the raw materials to make batteries for electric vehicles.

Remember the proposed creation of a "Ministry of Truth" – the so-called "Governance Disinformation Board?"

What about the raid on Mar-a-Lago?

What about the arrests and raids on Trump's lieutenants? Steve Bannon, Roger Stone, Michael Flynn, Paul Manafort, Michael Cohen, Rick Gates, George Nader, George Papadopoulos and Rudy Giuliani have all been harassed either by the FBI or Mueller's Russia witch hunt. Yet Trump is greatly diminished in my eyes by not using his considerable resources to help his friends fight persecution.

If Trump were a fascist, then why didn't he sic the FBI on Hillary Clinton's server and email deletion and Obama's taking of 30 million pages classified materials when he left office?

What about the targeting of the FBI on parents opposed to teaching gender identity and CRT in the schools and labeling them as domestic terrorists?

What about use of the FBI and its role in the Russian hoax?

What about the FBI's role in suppressing the

Hunter Biden laptop?

What about doubling the size of the IRS in the mislabeled "Inflation Reduction Act"? We all know that the purpose is to further harass American taxpayers.

What is the use of the FBI, the EPA and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau if they act like the real domestic terrorist groups?

What about invoking the Defense Production Act to increase the production of more baby formula while sending formula to the border to be used by illegals?

What about pandering to the LGBTQ community by declaring monkeypox a national emergency even though there have been few cases and no deaths? Where is the national emergency?

What about the pressuring of social media giants to censor free speech?

What about Biden using an executive order to force schools to prevent "discrimination" on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation that allows boys to compete in girls' sports and have full access to girls' locker rooms and bathrooms?

What about using his executive powers to try to work around the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe?

What about his chilling threat to the unvaccinated claiming that the unvaccinated are a threat to the safety of the country? "We've been patient, but our patience is wearing thin, and your refusal has cost all of us".

I am sure there are more. So Biden thinks Trump is a semi-fascist. Well, there is nothing "semi" about Joe Biden. He is demonstrably a fascist.

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Publisher's Positions



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Kincannon... the Tax and Spend Mayor

At the corner of Gay Street and Summit Hill Drive downtown is the Cradle of Country Music Park, which is a peaceful half-acre plot of land with five trees that have been here for goodness only knows how many years.

Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon has sentenced those poor old trees to be cut down in the name of art. That has riled the Harvey Broome Chapter of the Sierra Club who have rushed to the defense of the trees.

The tree removal is due to occur because the City of Knoxville commissioned in 2018 a New York "artist" to whip up a sculpture for \$500,000. Evidently, it is not a historical sculpture of any kind, no remembrance of past mayors, or a notable Knoxville, just a hulking twisted pile that Knoxville city taxpayers have been told is "art." That is what the five elderly trees are being sacrificed for.

Now think about it, Kincannon and a majority of her subservient city council raised Knoxville's property taxes more than any other

administration since those trees were mere seedlings. The City, we're told, doesn't have enough police officers to do accident reports for taxpayers any longer, but of course, there's plenty of money to spend to remove five old trees and pay \$500,000 for a pile of metal that would probably look better in a junkyard than a little plot ambitiously named "Cradle of Country Music Park."

To be fair, the art was commissioned by former Mayor Madeline Rogero who said at the time, the City of Knoxville was increasing its art collection. Wow. Our city can afford high-priced "art" but not enough police officers to keep providing a needed public service for the people who bought and paid for the "art."

On top of that, there is

an abortion resolution on the city council's agenda. Of course, the council has less than nothing to do with abortion and any resolution approved by the council has no force of law and doesn't mean a thing, except perhaps to do some needed virtue signaling before next year's city elections when Kincannon will be running for reelection.

The resolution solves no problems, and accomplishes nothing save to waste time, but it does have the effect of making a little fuss about it.

Brian Stelter is Gone and Good Riddance

Brian Stelter, formerly of CNN, is a prime example of a number of things; the rank bias in the mainstream media and the

delusional Left in this country. Stelter headlined the most poorly named show in the history of television: "Reliable Sources." The one thing Brian Stelter was not was reliable unless it was reliably wrong. With the changes imposed by new leadership at CNN in an attempt to change the image of the dying network from a megaphone for the Left to a news channel, Stelter was fired and his program canceled.

Stelter went off the air with a bang. It was not difficult to imagine the round little Stelter riding in atop his unicorn, wearing a bedpan on his head as his armor of truth and bellowing his last words on CNN: "It's not partisan to stand up for decency and democracy and dialogue. It's not partisan to stand up to demagogues. It's required,

it's patriotic. We must make sure we don't give platforms to those lying to our faces." Well, the last statement in that harangue is certainly true and Brian Stelter's platform to lie to the faces of the American people was taken away from him. Stelter's entire time on the airwaves was as partisan as anything put out (or more) than the Democratic National Committee. As best as I could tell, Brian Stelter's idea of democracy resembled that of a rigid authoritarian. Authoritarians aren't known for their tolerance, much less love, of dialogue. The bottom line is Brian Stelter had as much to do with news broadcasting as Hunter Biden.

As podcaster Joe Rogan put it so simply, "They should be fired, because they suck at their job."

Shouse given retirement send-off



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Dozens of well-wishers and past and present city and county officials assembled in the small assembly room of the City-County Building last Monday to honor Ed Shouse.

Shouse, who is leaving as Knox County Trustee after 34 years of service in local government, was the honored guest in a retirement luncheon. Present at the event were Charmer Allen, Justin Biggs, Richard Briggs, Jimmy Duncan Jr., Mike Hammond, Kirk Huddleston, Glenn Jacobs, Larsen Jay, Becky Massey, Nick Pavlis, Charlie Susano, Janet Testerman, Gary Underwood, John Whitehead and Sherry Witt.

The luncheon was a "Who's Who" of Knox County political figures.

Ed Shouse's 34 years of service to the city and county drew a "Who's Who" of Knox County political officials.

Trustee Ed Shouse and trustee-elect Justin Biggs pose together at Shouse's retirement luncheon Monday

Planning releases annual Facts & Figures Report

Each summer, Knoxville-Knox County Planning releases the Facts & Figures report that serves as a summary of local physical, social, cultural, governmental, and economic conditions in the Knoxville area.

This year's report shows that Knoxville is an attractive place to live, raise a family, and own a business, ranking 10th "Most Affordable Major City" by Yahoo Finance and 2nd in Yahoo's "10 Coolest Cities with the Lowest Cost of Living." U.S. News reports Knoxville is also No. 35 among the best cities to live, No. 17 on their list of best places for young professionals, and a top-20 retirement destination.

Though Knoxville maintains a

low cost of living, home prices have climbed sharply in recent years. The median single-family home sales price in Knox County jumped from \$249,000 in 2021 to \$325,000 in 2022. While the county number was nearly identical to the metro area last year, its median was \$17,000 higher than the metro area this year.

Other notable highlights in the report are amenities that make the area unique. Those include more than 65 miles of multi-use trails in Knoxville's Urban Wilderness, the 44-mile Knox County Water Trail, the area's status as the "Most Pet Friendly Community," access to parks and greenways, and proximity to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For more information on the Knoxville area, explore this and previous Facts & Figures reports at <https://knoxplanning.org/data>.

In other Planning news, Jeff Welch has been appointed as the new executive director of Knoxville-Knox County Planning by Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Welch has worked for Knoxville-Knox County Planning and the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) for the past 37 years and has more than 40 total years of experience in the field of planning.

"Welch has been a leader in this field for nearly 4 decades," Mayor Kincannon said. "Over the

years, he has served as Deputy Director and Interim Director of Planning. He has also overseen several regional mobility plans and transit studies. I am confident he will continue to guide us toward smart growth in Knoxville."

"I am excited that Jeff has taken this position," Mayor Jacobs said. "With his years of service, many in leadership positions, Jeff has the experience and skills to oversee Planning's day-to-day operations and help ensure the success of long-term projects like Advance Knox."

"I am excited to accept this position and to continue working with Knoxville and Knox County in a new but familiar capacity," Welch said. "I have dedicated my

career to these communities, and look forward to coordinating the important work our agency does for each."

Welch earned a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Virginia Tech, a Master of Science-Engineering at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and a Bachelor of Science in Geography at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a graduate of Leadership Knoxville and East Tennessee Regional Leadership.

Welch will begin his new role Sept. 6, following the departure of Amy Brooks, who will be the City's new Chief Housing Officer.

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HB 1767; SB 2115

LEGISLATION: An act relative to state employees and to amend TCA, Title 8, Chapter 25.

SCOPE: Authorizes Commissioner of Finance and Administration to develop a cafeteria benefits program.

HB 1765; SB 2113

LEGISLATION: An act relative to teacher's salaries and to amend TCA, Title 49, Chapter 3.

SCOPE: Eliminates 7½ percent local funding requirement for appropriations to foundation program to increase teacher salaries to \$18,500.

HB 1768; SB 2116

LEGISLATION: An act relative to insurance, health, accident and amend TCA, Title 8, Chapter 27 and Title 56, Chapter 1.

SCOPE: Establishes supplemental medical insurance for retired state employees; establishes insurance information office for senior citizens.

HB 1769; SB 2117

LEGISLATION: An act relative to taxes, real property, and to amend TCA, Title 67, Chapter 5.

SCOPE: Increases amount of assessed market value on which tax refund to elderly will be paid.

HB 1770; SB 2118

LEGISLATION: An act relative to local government and to amend TCA, Title 68, Chapter 46.

SCOPE: Establishes program of waste reduction and pollution prevention and authorizes transfers between certain funds for water disposal purposes.

HB 1771; SB 2119

LEGISLATION: An act relative to correctional programs and to amend TCA, Title 40, Chapter 28.

SCOPE: Revises standard for determination of requirement of payment of supervision fee.

HB 1837; 1928

LEGISLATION: An act relative to teachers and to amend TCA, Title 49, Chapter 4.

SCOPE: Establishes pilot student loan program to encourage teachers to teach in certain areas.

HB 2416; 2423

LEGISLATION: An act relative to housing and to amend TCA, Title 13, Chapter 23.

SCOPE: Revised Tennessee Housing Development Agency Act.

HB 0001; SB 0002

LEGISLATION: Authorizes bond issue to construct bridge over Tennessee River on U.S. 129 adjacent to U.T.

SCOPE: Permits the State to sell interest bearing bonds to build bridge parallel to the James D. Karnes Bridge.

HB 1617; SB 1715

LEGISLATION: An Act relative to obscenity and to amend TCA, Title 39, Chapter 6.

SCOPE: Prohibits the sale, rental or other distribution of X-rated video cassettes to persons under 18 years of age.

HB 2252; SB 1579

LEGISLATION: Requires parental consent for minor seeking abortion.

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HB 413; SB 764

LEGISLATION: An Act to place certain requirements on sex education courses, and amend TCA 46-6-1005.

SCOPE: Would add to the code the teaching of abstinence from intercourse during the preteen and teen years.

HB 1758; SB 2008

LEGISLATION: Expands application of local neighborhood Model development Corporation Act to certain counties.

SCOPE: Secured \$50,000 to implement community and economic development in the 15th District.

HB 0412; SB 0798

LEGISLATION: Imposes litigation tax on civil and criminal case in Knox County.

SCOPE: The Tax funds police foot patrols in public housing projects.

HJR 600

LEGISLATION: A resolution to encourage the Governor to include minorities on various State regulatory boards and commissions.

HJR 860

LEGISLATION: Urges the Department of Education to establish certain programs to address the problem of illiteracy and dropouts.



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Hanging On

Men fight for liberty and win it with hard knocks. Their children, brought up easy, let it slip away again, poor fools. And their grandchildren are once more slaves.

DH Lawrence

I will fight the good fight. I will keep the faith and I will finish the race.

Paul, 2 Timothy 4:7 (paraphrased)

A friend of mine recently observed that life is divided into thirds. It certainly seems so to me. The first third of my life I spent rising: getting an education, getting married and starting a medical practice and family. I spent the next third cruising: practicing medicine, raising children and figuring out my purpose and roles as a husband, father and Christian

disciple. I'm now in the home stretch, but not as far along as was Paul when he wrote the above lines while under house arrest in Rome c. 60AD, awaiting trial. I took the liberty of changing Paul's verb tense from the past to the future to reflect my own journey.

Oftentimes you begin a journey with excitement and enthusiasm. And when you see light at the end of the proverbial tunnel, excitement grows. (One hopes the light is not an oncoming train!) In reality, the toughest part of a journey is often in the middle or the "tween time." This is where perseverance is necessary to carry on despite the difficulties which Paul spoke of in Romans 5:3-5.

Because we are in difficult "tween times," I pray for strength and courage to persevere. Often I find

myself just hanging on to my faith and to my wife, hanging on until the next election and praying that justice and truth will return. I believe that things will eventually work out, but it may not be in my lifetime or for the United States. Rush Limbaugh once said that there will always be an America, but it may not be what we recognize.

What do you do when much of what you read and see is propaganda? Most of my readers will recall Pravda, the newspaper of record of the former Soviet Union. In Russian Pravda is translated as truth. We now have Pravda in America which exists as the "news" media. These apparatchiks (Russian for "blindly devoted followers of a political party") present themselves as purveyors of "pravada." However, in large measure, they are the purveyors of "the big lie," a term which comes from "Mein Kampf." So what should you do? As a way to discern the truth, I would offer my axiom that you must "Read widely, think carefully and use common sense in everything."

Even though I find myself in the last third of my life, I am not done. My role as a doctor is over. My children are raised, but I now have

grandchildren to nurture and educate. My family, friends and readers are the focus of my witness for truth and the Way. In the last phase of my life, my purpose is advocacy as a writer. I am thankful that I have a voice to resist the leftist tyranny overtaking our country. And as an advance warning, if my column, my emails, texts, etc. go "dark," you will know why; they have come for me.

In ancient Rome, the title of praetor was sometimes granted to an elected magistrate or the commander of an army. Later, the Praetorian Guard became a "unit of the Imperial Roman army that served as personal bodyguards and intelligence agents for the Roman Emperors." We now have the equivalent in the deep state FBI which functions as Biden's Praetorian Guard to crush his critics and preserve the Washington Swamp.

Humans and animals are designed with a system that operates in a crisis. You may remember learning about the nervous and endocrine systems' response during "fight or flight" situations. Vessels constrict to limit bleeding and support blood pressure, and adrenaline and

cortisone are released to augment survival in conflict.

In this troubled time, all of us are challenged to fight the evil around us. Years ago I saw the looming conflict and searched the world for a place to escape if the radicals take over. I discovered Abraham Lincoln's truth that the United States is "the last best hope of earth." There is no place to flee. Unfortunately, too many are unwilling to resist and meekly submit to wokeness, the delusions of gender identity, BLM racism, injustice or Antifa, the Democrat Party's brown-shirt shock troops.

Jesus was a revolutionary who changed the world. However, he never wrote a book, an essay or a newspaper article. He led no army, had no bureaucracy and said he did not come to abolish the Law (Matthew 5:17). Jesus preached a gospel of transformation and salvation rather than the modern pseudo-gospel of affirmation, where acceptance of even delusional thinking is demanded under threat of persecution. Think of Justice Kavanaugh's witch trial by Democrats and the odious Blasey Ford. Think of Social Media's de-platforming of those

who disagree with the Democrats. And if you think you are safe from the Orwellian thought police of the White House or its Department of Justice, consider the words of Martin Niemoller, a Lutheran minister in Nazi Germany:

"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me."

In my opinion, Jesus offered a fourth option to fight, flight or submit. He practiced agape (sacrificial) love. (See last week's column, "A Death in the Family"). His life, teaching, sacrifice and resurrection changed the world. He said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

I see my destiny as persevering, keeping the faith, proclaiming the truth and resisting the devilish forces opposed to His Way. Join me in this noble crusade.

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Authors appeared at History Center's 'Hootenanny'

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Some people came for the free museum, some for the tour of historic homes, some came for the genealogy workshop and some came for the Appalachian music.

But many visitors to the Museum of East Tennessee History "Hootenanny" on Saturday, August 20, came to chat and visit with authors of local and regional books. The authors each had a table in the auditorium of the Gay Street history center with various books for purchase.

Present were authors Joe Guy, Paul James, Jack Neely, Harry Moore, Fred Brown, Jessica Penot, L. Thomas Roberts and Dewaine Speaks. Their books were also available for purchase at the gift



Left: Fred Brown and Henry Moore display their "Disappearing Appalachia in Tennessee" book during the recent "Hootenanny" at the East Tennessee History Museum.

Below: Historian Jack Neely and East Tennessee Historical Society President Warren Dockter chat during the book author's event. Neely then departed to lead a walking tour of Knoxville's historic homes. Photos by Mike Steely.



shop of the history center.

Music for the event was supplied by Wild Blue Yonder and The Shaw Hollow Boys. The event also featured a genealogy workshop, an author panel, the history of houses workshop, an introduction to the McClung Historical Collection, and a used book sale.

Nellie Kenyon: Trailblazing Tennessee Journalist

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In a time when men dominated the field of journalism, Nellie Kenyon broke down barriers for women reporters. Working for the Chattanooga News, she covered the leadup to the Scopes Trial, helped catch a bank robber, and interviewed Al Capone on his way to prison. After joining the Nashville Tennessean, she did investigative reporting on the Georgia Tann adoption scandal, broke the story about a hidden tape recorder in the governor's office, and covered Jimmy Hoffa's trials in Tennessee. She chronicled some of the

20th century's most memorable episodes in her fifty-year career.

The speaker, Tyler L. Boyd, is the author of the new book "Nellie Kenyon: Trailblazing Tennessee Journalist." Born and raised in Athens, he earned his B.A. in History and M.S. in Education from the University of Tennessee and has taught in Loudon, Bradley and McMinn counties. He is a programs committee member at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum and vice president of the McMinn County Historical Society.

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Summer's Last Holiday



Picture of a peaceful summer scene in Corryton, courtesy of long-time friend Rada Simmons Rolison. Rada captured a great American moment and said the sun was so bright the camera cast a halo around it and put a green ghost on the tree.

I never thought of it as a patriotic holiday until someone called it to my attention. Though it is somewhat different than Memorial Day and Fourth of July, what could be more American than a holiday celebrating our nation's workers? Laborers from all walks of life from truckers, teachers, doctors, restaurant workers, and many others work tirelessly to make this country great.



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carefree activities of summer and the beginning of fall. Summer's green leaves, grass, and hayfields ripe for cutting soon come to an end. Gardens that have produced bushels of fresh fruits and vegetables must wait for next year's spring planting. Labor Day was once associated with the start of school; but many school calendars have changed, and schools are already in session. State fairs are taking place across the country as well as the long-awaited

harvest festivals with lots of pumpkins, apple cider, and molasses. Cool mornings and warm days are gradually replacing the hot, humid summertime weather. Enjoy the moment of this season with its beauty and warmth. Before long, it will give way to winter's snows. Happy harvest time and have a blessed Labor Day Weekend!
Words of Faith selected by Rada Rolison: "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward." Isaiah 58:8 (KJV).

Joy from others

The news media, regardless of which station or what persuasion, thrives on discord and animosity. Only occasionally does a national, cable, or local station give the simple facts. Even the major paper in Knoxville concentrates on problems and tragedies that come with each new edition. Of course, they do; that's what sells papers, increases program ratings, and drives advertising revenues. Yes, our lives are sprinkled with these dark events, but most of us common folk have plenty of "good news" and occurrences in our lives.



By Joe Rector
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card, moving the ball from behind a tree or a couple of inches to improve my lie happens from time to time. When I play with friends, I always tell them that I will go last, even if I win a hole. Over time, being in that position feels normal and comfortable.

As I was saying, I marked off an item. On hole number 5 at Knoxville Municipal Golf Course, I became the proverbial "blind squirrel that finds a nut." Yep, the ball I hit rolled across the green into the cup; a hole in one. I've always disliked hole #5 because swings usually send that little white orb left and into the woods. Just before I hit this shot, I told Joe Dooley and David Ingram, "I hate this hole. It always winds up in

the woods."

Okay, I hit an ace, a lucky shot for sure. It just didn't register at first. However, Joe and David cheered, as did a total stranger on the green on the last hole. They high-fived me, bumped knuckles, and slapped me on the back. Their actions took me by surprise, and for the rest of the day and even until now, I'm amazed by that.

My wife, son, and brother also had the same excitement when I told them. Folks at church came up to me to congratulate my good fortune. That happened nearly two weeks ago, and that one swing is already fading in my mind. The reactions of folks remain vivid. All reacted with sincere joy at my success. The smiles on their faces, especially those of my playing partners, were beaming. Dallas couldn't have been happier if he'd hit the

shot. Amy's hug felt good, and her congratulations did too.


In today's world, folks too often have aligned themselves with groups according to their political views and their stances on such things as religion and abortion. They seem to only care for like-minded individuals and turn blind eyes and deaf ears to those who have different views. Half the country seems to hate the other half.

Those are not the facts, and "that's not the way it is" either. The majority of us go about our lives working, loving, playing and surviving. Because we might argue about some things, we simply skip over them. Instead, we come together in our anticipation and excitement for the upcoming Big Orange football season. Even though the week has sapped our energies, we travel to high school events to


watch our children perform. We celebrate holidays with get-togethers and meals.

What has surprised me most about this bucket list item is the joy of others for my good fortune. These days too many people only celebrate their own personal achievements while envying those of others. I choose to believe that plenty of goodness and kindness exists in our country and the world today. It comes from real people with busy lives, not from the screen of a television or the front page of a paper. We have much to do to settle serious disputes in this place we call home, and my friends and family showed me it begins by celebrating the acts of others. Thank you all for the outpouring of joy. I won't ever forget it.

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Nellie Kenyon: Trailblazing Tennessee Journalist

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His first book, "Tennessee Statesman Harry T. Burn," won the East Tennessee Historical Society's Award of Distinction. His third book, coming in 2023, is about a brutal political machine in Polk County that was violently overthrown two years after the Battle of Athens.

The East Tennessee History Center is located at 601 South Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37902 (Seating is limited.) Register on Eventbrite to attend in person or to stream on Zoom. The ETHS Facebook page will also stream the lecture.

Nellie Kenyon receives an award from Eleanor Roosevelt.





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The Fall of Congressman Clifford Davis, V

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Cliff Davis was sixty-six years old as he faced voters in the Democratic primary in August of 1964. For forty years, Cliff Davis had been a political favorite of the people of Shelby County, but his popularity was slipping. One of the last vestiges of the old political machine of the late E. H. Crump, Clifford Davis had been the handpicked candidate of the Memphis Boss in a 1940 special election to the U.S. House of Representatives. Crump had summoned the sitting congressman, Walter Chandler, to come home to serve as mayor of Memphis. Chandler had enjoyed serving in Congress, but dutifully obeyed the order and was considered one of the best mayors in the history of Memphis. Davis, a big vote-getter locally, had gone off to Congress where he had remained for the next twenty-four years.

It is as rare as hen's teeth for any congressman to occupy a seat in the House of Representatives without complaints by some, no matter how effective he/she might be. Cliff Davis was no exception to that rule and some were dismayed despite his longevity and seniority, he wielded little real influence in Congress. There were whispers about his drinking, which did nothing to increase his effectiveness as a congressman.

Evidently, Crump had decided to replace Davis in Congress but fate had favored the congressman, albeit it in an odd way. Davis was one of several congressmen wounded when Puerto Rican nationalists fired upon the unsuspecting House members from the galleries. Shot in the leg, Davis had been the beneficiary of a wave of sympathy that caused Crump to rethink his decision to replace the congressman. Later that year, death claimed the Memphis Boss, which also had the effect of prolonging Davis' time in Congress.

Davis had faced two opponents inside the Democratic primary in the 1962 election and he won easily, but there were signs of significant wear. While Davis beat his opponents inside the primary, he did not win a majority of the votes cast, polling 49.52% of the ballots. More shocking still was his near loss in the 1962 general election. He barely eked past GOP candidate Bob James by 1,200 votes. Once an incumbent has quite nearly lost, he/she becomes a target for opponents. Once again, Cliff Davis had drawn two respectable opponents inside the Democratic primary. Both Frank L. White and George W. Grider were attorneys and local officeholders. White was forty years old and highly ambitious, having jumped from the Tennessee House

of Representatives to the state Senate in two years' time. Grider had retired from the Navy where he had commanded a submarine and boasted a proud record during the Second World War. The author of a book about his time as a Navy commander, "War Fish," the pipe-smoking Grider was a crusading member of the Shelby County Quarterly Court, the forerunner of the local county commission. Grider's submarine sank more Japanese tonnage than any other in the Second World War.

Like Grider, Frank White was also a veteran of the Second World War and had flown 40 missions over Japan. As a sidelight, Frank White had been the winner of the Memphis Press Scimitar's spelling bee and had gone to Washington, D.C. to contend for the national championship. There Frank White had to content himself with being the boy's champ, as three girls finished ahead of him.

With just over a week left until the primary election, Cliff Davis was maintaining a brisk pace to demonstrate he was still vigorous at an age when most men had retired. The Memphis Commercial Appeal was backing Congressman Cliff Davis for reelection to the House and reminded its readers of his seniority in an institution that prized longevity. The Commercial Appeal pointed out that only 18 members of the House had served longer than had Cliff Davis. "One of the reasons seniority has such a high value in Washington is that it is earned by men who are most completely in tune with people of their districts, and with their needs," the editorial noted. The newspaper thought even "in these unsettled times," Cliff Davis enjoyed an advantage in being renominated and returned to Washington.

Joseph Hanover, a former legislator and one of those most responsible for making Tennessee the pivotal state to ratify the Constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote, was then serving as a member of the Shelby County Port Commission. At the ceremony dedicating the opening of the pumping station, a \$50 million project, Hanover praised Congressman Cliff Davis. "Without him, I doubt if we would have gotten the project completed," Hanover told the gathering.

Speaking before a luncheon meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Chisca Hotel, the congressman won a standing ovation from his audience. Davis had related his five-year effort to pass the Tennessee Valley Authority refinancing bill. The end result, Davis said, would save the people of Memphis \$10 million annually and \$300 million over a period of thirty years. As his



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

George W. Grider defeated incumbent Cliff Davis for Congress in the 1964 Democratic primary and served a term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

opponents had accused Davis of absenteeism, the congressman snapped, "I have voted on every piece of major legislation presented to Congress of interest to this district and to the nation." Davis was clearly irritated by Squire George Grider's claim the congressman had exaggerated his own role in the passage of the TVA refinancing bill. The congressman ticked off a list of things he had helped to bring to Memphis and Shelby County; the "Memphis General Depot (now Defense Depot Memphis), Kennedy General (Veterans) Hospital and Memphis Naval Air Station at Millington," as well as the Memphis Harbor Development Project. "Here's a man lying about me..." Davis bitterly complained, "that I am not responsible for this."

Grider, attending a "back-yard rally" at the home of City Commissioner and Mrs. Hunter Lane Jr., said, "I do not mind having Davis call me a liar one bit. They called me a liar at Stewartville and now they are forced to eat their words and give the voters a fair shake.

"They called me a liar about the Penal Farm charges and they had to eat those words. Every time they got caught in the glare of public attention."

Frank White spoke on television and said he hoped to prove both of the daily newspapers in Memphis, the Commercial Appeal and the Press Scimitar, wrong by winning the Democratic nomination for Congress. The Commercial Appeal had endorsed Congressman Davis while the Press Scimitar had endorsed George W. Grider. If Cliff Davis was viewed by many as a more conservative Democrat, so too was Frank White. The state senator said he was a "conservative Democrat who is opposed to deficit spending." That alone put Frank White at odds with the administration of President Lyndon Johnson.

Still, neither Cliff Davis nor Frank White was anywhere near as conservative as Republican Bob James, who faced an opponent in his own primary. James,

speaking before the East Memphis Kiwanis Club, which met at the Colonial Country Club, declared the central issue in the congressional campaign was "the inherent conflict between freedom of the individual and the limitation government imposes that freedom." James pointed to the Civil Rights Act as what he believed was a "Federal encroachment upon individual liberty."

Any politician who has been around for a while usually has a sixth sense as to elections. One can usually get a sense of just how things are going and Cliff Davis likely sensed he was being hard pressed inside the Democratic primary. The congressman used a telegram from President Johnson which George Grider cleverly turned to his own political advantage. Grider reminded newsmen the president had sent a similar communication to Congressman Charles Buckley of New York, who had gone on to lose the Democratic primary after having been in Congress for thirty years. An increasingly angry Congressman Davis insisted Grider "is not telling the truth." "Ask Charles Halleck, Republican Minority Leader, or any Republican barring none in the House of Representatives if Cliff Davis has integrity and leadership qualities," Davis thundered. "Ask any Democrat (the same question)."

As to Grider's persistent charge the congressman had done nothing to bring industry to Memphis, Davis said he had brought 15,000 Federal jobs with an annual payroll of more than \$65 million. "I say, what have you done, Squire?" Congressman Davis wanted to know.

The week of the election, the Commercial Appeal reiterated its endorsement of Congressman Cliff Davis. The editorial heralded the seniority of Davis in the House as well as praised his efforts in serving the people throughout his tenure. The editorial concluded, "It is to the advantage of Shelby County to retain the services of Clifford Davis in the House."

It was something less than a stemwinder of an endorsement after twenty-four years in Congress.

The campaign manager for the Davis campaign was attorney Hal Gerber, son of William Gerber, who had been the righthand man of the late E. H. Crump and former district attorney for Shelby County. Gerber readily acknowledged prior to the primary election the congressman had seen some defections amongst Black Democrats who had been disappointed and angered by Davis' opposition to the Civil Rights bill.

A reporter shadowed the congressman for an entire day just before the election. Cliff Davis began the day at 5 a.m. having his usual breakfast of orange juice, black coffee sweetened with saccharine, and two "thin" slices of buttered toast. By 6:50 a.m., the candidate was shaking hands at the Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division office. Within a couple of hours, Congressman Davis had courted the votes of approximately two hundred working men. Davis returned to his campaign headquarters where he attended to the official business that never ends for a congressman; tending to the needs of individual constituents. Davis squeezed in a visit to his dentist for a bit of repair work before hurrying to the Tennessee Club to speak to a service organization. Cliff Davis had been in politics for a long time, as he left his speaking engagement, he told the reporter covering him, "I can make a lot more money doing something else (other than serving in the House of Representatives). I have a job waiting for me if I'm not elected."

As it happened, Cliff Davis had good reason to be concerned. As the election returns began to dribble in, it was readily apparent the incumbent was in trouble. A reporter for the Commercial Appeal reported the jubilation of George Grider's supporters as they watched the returns coming in from the various precincts in Shelby County. Evidently the former submarine commander remained the

calmest man in the room as he greeted friends and supporters while sending up clouds of smoke from the pipe which was almost always dangling from his mouth. A cheer tore through the room when one campaign worker claimed the headquarters for Congressman Davis was "very glum and dejected" around 11 p.m. The same coalition of organized labor and Blacks had united in their support for Congressman Ross Bass for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate and George Grider for Congress. One Grider backer warmly greeted a Black woman whose precinct had reported a huge margin for the challenger, saying, "It looks like you did your work well."

As the clock moved towards midnight, Grider's lead was growing. Hal Gerber, when asked for a statement, wryly replied, "Now I lay me down to bleed awhile." Only a candidate who has stepped up to give a concession speech can know how difficult it is to do so. Davis, speaking "with an obvious note of sorrow in his voice," told his supporters, "I'll love all of you forever and no matter what happens, I'm proud to be a resident of Tennessee and this great nation."

Cliff Davis had been defeated. George Grider went on to serve a single term in the House before losing to a Republican in 1966. Davis became a lobbyist and consultant and closed his apartment in Memphis. Although he returned occasionally, Davis lived in Washington until his death in 1970.

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Saving trees, Fort Kid and KAT on council agenda

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council may vote Tuesday to delay a large sculpture project downtown at the Cradle of Country Music Park so that the mature trees on the site might be saved. The small park, on Summit Hill Drive and South Gay Street, is to be the home of "Pier 865" a 45-foot long and 18-foot high sculpture that will cost the city \$500,000. The delay, if passed, would be for six months.

The council may also vote that "all city residents should have the right to access fundamental obstetric and gynecological health services" in a resolution opposing the new Tennessee anti-abortion

law. The agenda item is sponsored by council members Seema Singh, Amelia Parker and Gwen McKenzie.

New wrecker service rates may be set in a second and final reading. The council reserved the right to set the rates rather than have the Wrecker Service Commission do so.

Fort Kid renovations are on the agenda with the council looking to accept \$44,496 from Visit Knoxville and contracting Great Southern Recreation to increase the cost of construction there by \$44,459, for a total cost of \$494,456. The former children's playground has been demolished and the new facility in the World's Fair Park should be completed

this year.

Mayor Indya Kincannon may be authorized to apply for \$100,000 in funds from the state for furnishing and equipping the Emergency Management Agency's Operation Center in the new Public Safety Complex at the site of the former St. Mary's Hospital.

Bell Street 2 L.P. may get \$1.5 million from the city for 50 permanent supportive housing units for low-income senior citizens. The housing units would be built at 245 South Bell Street.

The council may also authorize the mayor to seek \$3.7 million from the state to improve transit with a \$1.2 million city share toward constructing depot chargers for

electronic buses. They may also vote to seek more than \$659,000 from the state for KAT for mid-life overhaul of buses.

The Forest Heights Neighborhood Association is donating \$23,855 for playground equipment in that area's pocket park through an agreement for playground construction by Playworld Preferred.

Property across from the former East Town Mall site where the Amazon Distribution Center is being built may see the removal of a previous zoning district designation. The request, from Bernardo Holding LLC, was passed on consent by the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission.

Tennessee has a State Geographer?



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I am assuming there are not too many people who read the Tennessee Code Annotated (that's the name for the collection of all Tennessee specific laws) for leisure. If you did, even if you are an attorney, you may come across some that are head scratching and you think, "Why is that a law?" I know little to nothing about the Tennessee legislature and how they work or why they do what they do. I am sure there is some explanation, that made perfect sense at the time, of why each and every law we have exists.

One I came across recently was the five laws that came into existence in 1993 that created the position of the Tennessee state Geographer. These laws can be found at TCA 4-43-101 - 105.

Here they are, in full:
4-43-101 - Creation - There is hereby created the office of state geographer
4-43-102 - Appointment - Term of Office - The state geographer shall be appointed by the governor to serve a term of three years and may be reappointed to serve additional terms. The state geographer shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall report to the governor or the governor's designee and to the appropriate official of any agency for which such geographer has contracted to perform work.

4-43-103 - Qualifications - The state geographer shall hold a graduate degree in geography, have the confidence of professional colleagues

and possess a record of public service.

4-43-104 - Duties - The state geographer shall be available at all times to serve as a consultant, advisor or director of research on geographic matters of interest to, and at the request of, appropriate officials in state government on a task-by-task contract basis.

4-43-105 - Service without staff, expenses or salary - The state geographer shall serve without staff, expenses, or salary. You have just read all of the state laws in existence in Tennessee that pertain to the state geographer. Why were these laws passed or this position created? I have no idea. Who is the state geographer anyway?

I apologize if this information is completely wrong, but this information does not even appear to be listed on a state website anywhere. My search of the internet led me to discover a note on the University of Tennessee library website that stated in 1997 Governor Don Sundquist named UT Professor Sidney Jumper as Tennessee State Geographer. I have no ideas what the duties entail or if there are any, but it appears the state Geographer has not changed since the appointment of Professor Jumper in 1997 (25 years ago at the time of the writing of this article).

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Wrecker rates to increase inside the city

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council recently discussed whether its Wrecker Service Commission will update its rates and rotation or if the city council will continue to do that.

The city's Wrecker Services Commission is appointed by the mayor and approved by the council every two years. It has five members that oversee wrecker regulations and monitor compliance of wrecker companies in an advisory capacity to the council, mayor and police department.

Donavon Justice, representing Jim's Garage and Wrecker Service, told the council that the rate for wreckers pulling vehicles to the city impound lot hasn't changed since 2014 but expenses and fuel prices have skyrocketed since then. He said the towing rates of other cities

were reviewed and the 50% increase being requested will bring the city rates "to the bottom" of similar regional city rates.

Currently, the rate to tow an abandoned or wrecked vehicle to the city lot is \$106 plus a daily lot fee. He said that about 30% of vehicles towed are never claimed or picked up.

Although a postponement was suggested, the council voted 7-0-2 with two members abstaining. Knoxville Communications Director Kristin Farley read the words of the new ordinance: "Increasing the maximum rates which may be charged by towing companies hired for wrecker services through the City's wrecker rotation list by fifty percent (50%) for all categories except for Class A vehicles (automobiles through ½ ton) not involved in a collision towed to the City impound lot which would increase by twenty-five percent."

New owner of Billiards and Brews venue looks to reopen

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Billiards and Brews Sports Bar lost its beer and liquor permit following city and state violations but it appears that the popular bar may be reopened under new ownership.

The sports bar first came to attention when it violated the Board of Health's pandemic regulations. An altercation outside the bar then resulted in a shooting death.

When Gary Viles appeared before the Knoxville City Council in August to request a beer permit, he told the council he and Christy Smith have purchased the Unicorn Drive bar. The request got lots of questions during the beer board hearing.

Viles said he bought the club from Richard

Lawhorn and the new business will be known as Big Orange Billiards and Brews. Viles said he has broken all ties to Lawhorn. The request was granted pending final approval however there continues to be a problem with Lawhorn's license.

Although the license had been suspended, Lawhorn has sued the city over the issue and the beer permit is tied up in the courts. City Council Attorney Rob Frost said that Viles needs something in writing from Lawhorn to permit the issuance of a new permit.

Frost said that no business location is permitted to hold two permits. He said a court decision has not been made and either the suit must be dropped or the prior beer permit be surrendered to the city.

The Carter High School Marching Band will host their ANNUAL FALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Saturday, September 10, 2022. The event will be at Aubrey's Restaurant, Strawberry Plains Pike, between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.00 each. The breakfast meal includes pancakes, syrup, butter, scrambled eggs, bacon and unlimited coffee, juice, soft drinks and tea.

Carter Band students will be hosting and waiting on tables for their guests. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward transportation, instrument repair, music and other necessities needed for marching band.

For more information, contact the Carter Band office at 865-932-8134.



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"Guys steppin' up," said Osborne

Eighth grader Lorenzen Shaw contributed to the win with an 18-yard TD run that tied the score at 22-all in the third quarter.

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Gage Conger is off and running again for TSD as the Vikings played South Carolina School for the Deaf from Spartanburg Thursday. Conger scored four touchdowns to lead TSD to its first win since 2019.

Bulldogs' coach Josh Jones was pleased with the start to regional play.

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FBA boys golf team is coming on strong

By Steve Williams

First Baptist Academy is in the midst of its best boys golf season ever.

A little over a month into the season, the Eagles have had some head-turning performances despite being a young team with only two upperclassmen among its top six players.

The highlights thus far include a fourth place finish in the season-opening 5Star Prep Masters tournament and a victory over Christian Academy of Knoxville, a perennial state power, in a regular season match.

Johnny Cox and his wife Karen are “co-coaches” of the team.

“We knew if we were going to build a high school program, we had to start in the middle school,” said Johnny. “The middle school team last year finished runner-up in the region. We got beat by one stroke.”

That team included four players who are now on the high school team – Lane Stokes, who is a freshman, and a trio of current eighth graders in Brady Morris, Alex Green and Luke McGhee. This foursome replaced the four seniors who graduated.

Cooper Roberts, a junior, returned as First Baptist’s No. 1 player. He qualified for the state tourney last year as an individual and became FBA’s first-ever All-State golfer as he placed sixth in the TSSAA’s first state meet at Sevierville.



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

First Baptist Academy is having its best season in boys golf this year. Front row, left to right: Brady Morris, Alex Green and Luke McGhee. Back row, left to right: Coach Johnny Cox, Seth Ailey, Cooper Mercer, Cooper Roberts and Lane Stokes. Roberts led FBA with a par 36 on the back nine at Three Ridges Thursday as the Eagles defeated Grace Christian and Anderson County in a regular season match.

Roberts led the Eagles in this year’s Prep Masters with rounds of 75 and 73. Stokes, the team’s No. 2 player, carded a 77-75. Morris turned in a 77-79.

“As an incoming freshman, Stokes has got a lot of potential,” said Cox. “All of my golfers could play at the next level if they keep it up because they are young.”

Others representing FBA were junior Seth Ailey (80-84) and eighth grader Alex Green (91-80). McGhee and Cooper Mercer round out the team.

The Prep Masters had a

16-team field of top area squads at the Three Ridges course. It was FBA’s first-ever Top 10 showing in the tournament.

FBA’s top five scorers in each round gave the Eagles 18-hole totals of 309 and 307. Coach Cox felt their individual scores were very good for such a young team. “We played really well.”

After the Prep Masters, Cox took his team to Morristown Country Club to play against some state powers from upper East Tennessee plus some strong Knoxville

teams in an 18-hole, one-day tourney.

“Three Ridges is pretty hard, but up there we had a lot of wind and the weather was different,” pointed out Cox. “We came in third out of the 18 teams, which is really good. We shot a 327 and Bearden beat us by one stroke. We tied Halls, after having beaten them in the Prep Masters.”

The Division II Class A school, which is located in Powell, has played over half of its 14 regular season matches and remains unbeaten.



Freshman golfer Lane Stokes of First Baptist Academy takes a swing in the fairway at Hole No. 6 Thursday at Three Ridges. Stokes made a par on the hole as the Eagles played Grace Christian and Anderson County.

The Eagles outshot CAK 156 to 160 at the Sevierville Golf Club, which is the new home of the state tournament. Grace Christian and TKA also were in the four-team field.

“I think we’ve really improved a lot,” said Cox, as far as defeating CAK, a nine-time state champion. “It puts our program where we need to be and shows we can compete with CAK at this point, even though they have won five state championships in a row and are probably still a little bit ahead of us right now. But if we can finish first or second in the region, then we’ll be advancing to the state.”

As a team, FBA placed fourth in last season’s region at Three Ridges. This year the region rotates back to the Bear Trace at Harrison Bay course in Chattanooga. Cox said he will be taking the Eagles for a regular season match at Harrison Bay Sept. 17, which will help them get familiar with the course.

Last week, First Baptist put together its lowest 9-hole score of the season (152) to beat Lakeway Christian (173) and Claiborne County (192) at the Dandridge Golf Course.

“We could have shot around 148, but we had 13 three-putts,” said Cox. Roberts totaled 35, Morris 37, Stokes 39, McGhee 41 and Ailey 42.

Johnny said the team’s camaraderie is great. “It’s the best kids I’ve ever coached. Everybody gets along. The chemistry – it’s like a family and that’s the way we want it.”

“We go out and eat. We do things together. They stay really close to each other.”

The Eagles were back in action Thursday at Three Ridges and shot 155 in defeating Anderson County and Grace Christian.

Looking ahead, Cox said: “We told the boys who are juniors that we would stay through their senior year, and if we get to state, we may stay a little longer.”

Lady Irish sweeps Farragut in three sets

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School volleyball coach Brent Carter had a warning for his team before it played Farragut Wednesday night.

“I reminded the girls that in this game last year, that Farragut came in here and turned the tables on us,” Carter said before the Lady Irish dispatched the Lady Admirals 25-10, 25-19, 25-16 in a match that was completed in less than an hour. “They took us down in three.”

No one associated with the Lady Irish wanted a repeat performance of what happened at Catholic last season.

And it didn’t happen.

Catholic, the defending Division II-AA State Champion, listened to its coach

and made short work of the Lady Admirals.

Despite seeing his team claim a lopsided win, Carter commended the Lady Admirals and coach Jo Madden for their toughness and effort.

“Jo’s teams are always tough,” Carter said.

But the Lady Admirals, who outlasted Anderson County in five-sets on Monday, Aug. 29 before being swept by Hardin Valley Academy Tuesday, couldn’t find any answers against the Lady Irish Wednesday.

“We served the ball well for the most part tonight and our tempo was really fast,” Carter said. “We were in system about 70 percent of the time tonight and we had all three of our hitters

being efficient and hitting well.

“When we do that, and play like that, we’re really tough to defend.”

The Lady Irish cruised to victory in the first set as they opened leads of 9-2, 16-4, and 23-9 before closing out the game in less than 15 minutes. Haylee Munsey, Kennedy Holley and Blair Cherry had productive service runs early.

Munsey served up six consecutive points to give the Lady Irish a 9-2 lead out of the gate. Holley scored two consecutive points, including an ace, to extend Catholic’s advantage to 12-3. Cherry’s four-point run, which included an ace, made the score 16-4 before the Lady Irish prevailed in the set.



Catholic High’s Haylee Munsey serves the ball in the Lady Irish’s sweep of Farragut Wednesday night. Catholic defeated the Lady Admirals 25-10, 25-19, 25-16.

The second set was a see-saw affair early before Catholic snapped a 6-6 tie. A side-out gave the Lady Irish a 7-6 lead before Devyn Dunn’s six straight service points made it 13-6.

The Lady Admirals battled back and pulled to within 17-15 before Catholic scored eight of the next 12 points to take a commanding lead in the match.

Farragut had the upper hand early on the third set as it opened a 3-0 lead with the help of a pair of aces by Tori McNair.

Catholic, which opened a 5-3 lead before the Lady Admirals knotted the set, 6-6, before Catholic would seize control and eventually close the match.

Cherry had 12 kills, two blocks, an assist and 12 digs. Holley added five kills, four digs and one block while Dunn finished with 36 assists, two kills and two digs.

Bulldogs use early lead, stout defense to cruise over Hawks

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for a 6-0 lead.

HVA (0-3, 0-1) committed a serious miscue on its first possession. On third and 10 from its own 20, the snap went over the head of quarterback Hayden Bryant. He picked up the ball in the end zone only to lose it out of the end zone for a safety.

With barely more than a minute and a half gone in the game, Bearden led 8-0.

It was 15-0 fewer than three minutes later. The post-safety punt put Bearden in business on HVA’s 48. On third down from the Hawks’ 25, Parrott hit Ethan Ford for the touchdown in the back of the end zone.

Bearden would make it 22-0 by the end of the first. A 41-yard interception return by Kai Young gave the Bulldogs a first down on the Hawks’ 15. On third and one from the six, Kai Ironside ran it in for the score with 2:03 left in the quarter.

A holding call nullified Presean Brown’s 42-yard touchdown run on Bearden’s next possession. But on the next play, Parrott hit Ford for a 53-yard score and a 29-0 lead with 9:15 left in the second.

For the game, Brown and Ironside carried the ball 14 times for 107 yards and two scores. In the first half, Parrott was 12 of 16 for 229 yards and three scores. He did

have the three picks, however, two in the first half.

“Presean Brown and Kai Ironside tonight ran like men,” Jones said. “Parrott did some good stuff as well. Obviously he had some moments he’d like to have back.”

Parrott was asked if the picks shook his confidence at all.

“You just gotta brush it off, keep going, keep your head high,” said the sophomore. “Early on I played pretty good. We’re gonna go to South-Doyle (Friday night) and play with all the energy in the world.”

“It’s a big win,” said Brown, a transfer from Carter. “We’re 1-0 in the region. We did what we had to do. We got the momentum back (after faltering with the 29-0 lead) in the third and we scored.”

Brown’s four-yard touchdown run with 2:26 left in the third finished the scoring. HVA’s offense barely sniffed the end zone the entire game.

“The O-line really stepped up and did a good job,” said Jones. “The entire defense has been there from day one. We’ve been a work in progress; we’re getting better every single week.”

“There’s two ways to respond: you can give up and lay down or you can keep fighting,” Miner said. “We’re gonna keep doing everything we can to get this thing going in the right direction.”



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A number of significant, exciting, and occasionally disappointing moments

The 1972 football season had a number of significant, exciting, and occasionally disappointing moments nearly every week. The final record was 10-2, with a No. 8 national ranking.

By Tom Mattingly

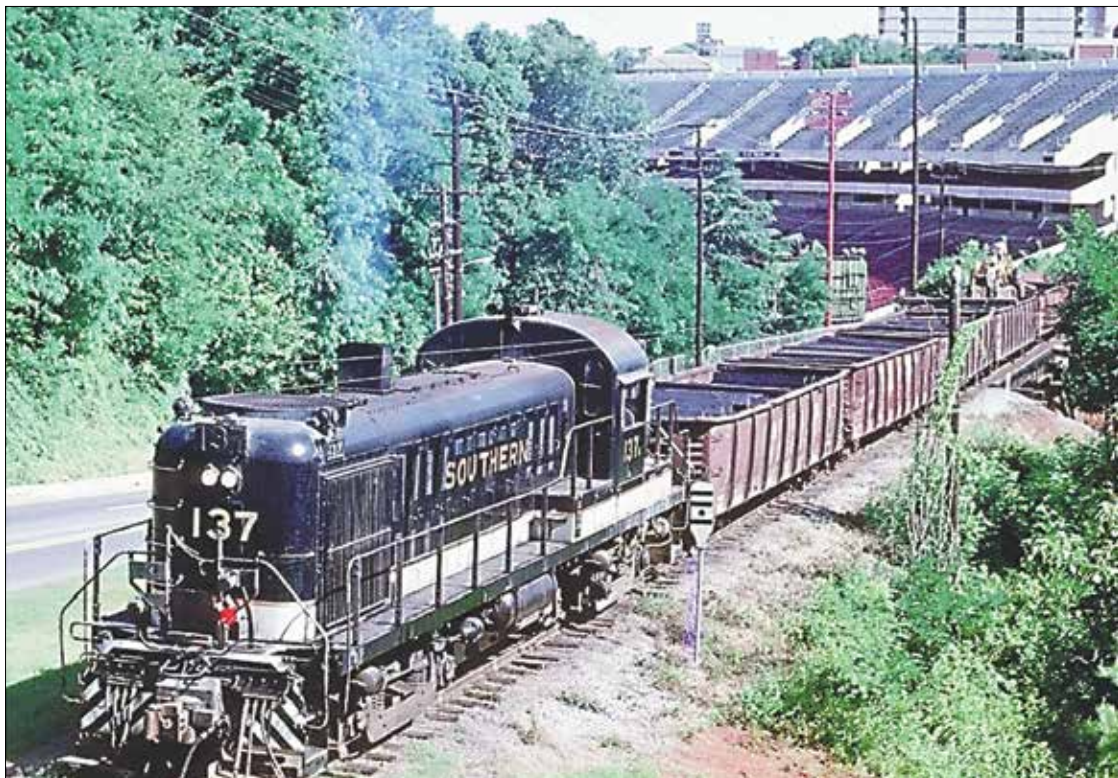
Tennessee fans looked forward to a continuation of Vol success on the gridiron. Since 1965, the Vols had gone 8-1-2, 8-3, 9-2, 8-2-1, 9-2, 11-1, and 10-2. There had been bowl games every year, two SEC titles, and a number of All-SEC and All-American players.

The season had started with a 4 p.m. kickoff Sept. 9 against Georgia Tech at Grant Field in Atlanta. ABC had the telecast interspersed between the network's coverage of the Munich Olympics. The season began with a rousing start with the Vols taking a 34-3 victory.

When the home opener arrived a week later, Neyland Stadium had been expanded at the southwest corner of the upper deck to 70,166 seats, the stadium's ninth addition since the lower west stands (17 rows and 3,200 seats) were built for the 1921 season. There was some variant of artificial turf on the floor of Shields-Watkins Field.

Penn State showed up for a second consecutive home game after meeting the Vols in the 1971 regular season finale. Kickoff was set for 7:30 p.m. The Vols ended up winning both contests, 31-11 in 1971 and 28-21 this season.

Lights had also been added to the "Home of the Vols." No one knew how the Tennessee fan



A train trip to Sanford Stadium from Atlanta to Athens for the Georgia game was one of the highlights of the 1972 Tennessee football season.

base might react to football under the lights, but they shouldn't have been worried. Vol fans were as intense, maybe more, than they would have been had the kickoff been at the traditional 2 p.m. Night football had found a niche in Knoxville.

One interesting tidbit about the Penn State game was that Joe Paterno walked to the Tennessee dressing room after the game. "I promised myself I'd be in the winning dressing room before I left here. So here I am," he said. That gesture earned him the respect of Tennessee head coach Bill Battle.

The 1972 season was also the first time many of us young alums

had possessed season tickets after several years of having student tickets or hitting the street in the open market. Many of us from those days still have them, with ours now in Section 00, Row 8, Seats 1-4.

The Vols defeated Wake Forest before heading to Birmingham for the annual battle with Auburn. One sidelight from that day was Auburn assistant coach George Rose attending the game in violation of the SEC scouting agreement, as reported by the Knoxville News-Sentinel. That led to the Vols wearing orange jerseys at Legion Field, in violation of the SEC's "white jersey" agreement. Orange jerseys or not, the Vols

lost a tough defensive struggle, 10-6, second tight loss to the Tigers in as many years.

When the Vols squared off against Memphis State at Memphis Memorial Stadium a week later, the unquestioned highlight of a 38-7 win was a 96-yard interception run for a score by Art Reynolds, Hacksaw's brother, that seemed to take forever.

Two weeks later, against Alabama, the Vols played brilliantly against the wishbone for 58 minutes. The Vols led 10-3, but lost 17-10 in one of the most disappointing losses in that or any other game.

After a win over Hawaii, the Vols then reeled off wins at Georgia

(14-0), on Homecoming against Ole Miss (17-0), Kentucky (17-7), at Vanderbilt (30-10), and against LSU and quarterback Bert Jones in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl (24-17).

At Georgia, many Vol fans had ridden from Atlanta to Athens and back on a chartered Southern Railway train, being let off near the northeast corner of Sanford Stadium. The weather was much nicer than the 1969 visit (Tennessee 17, Georgia 3, in a driving rainstorm), and the ride back to Atlanta was something special.

Several of those who rode the train wondered what going to a game on a train might be like in future days or years. It hasn't happened since, but the thought is still an engaging one.

Linebacker and captain Jamie Rotella, defensive back Conrad Graham, and placekicker Ricky Townsend were All-American selections, joining defensive tackle John Wagster and offensive guard Bill Emendorfer as All-SEC selections.

When the season was in the books, no one could know that it would be 15 years before the Vols would finish with another 10-win record. No one could know that U.T. would have eight coaches in the ensuing 50 years, five in 13 years from 2009 through this coming season.

The Tennessee tradition is, however, still alive and well, as Vol fans continue to stream through the Neyland Stadium gates. The events of the 1972 season add perspective to an ever-evolving love for the program.

Tennessee Starts Strong, Looks to Pittsburgh

By Mark Nagi

For the second straight season, the Tennessee Volunteers got an early start with a weeknight matchup against a MAC team.

For the second straight season, a blowout victory was in the cards. 92,236 fans packed into Neyland Stadium as the Vols ended up rolling to a 59-10 beatdown over the Cardinals on Thursday night, September 1. "Tonight, was a great night," said Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel. "I appreciate on a Thursday night the student section and our fans showing up in a big-time way. There was awesome

energy from the time we got off the bus for the Vol Walk to running through the T. They were awesome tonight, and it was a great way to kick off our season."

If the first play of a season is an indication of how the rest of the campaign will go, 2022 will be terrific for the Tennessee Volunteers.

Tamarion McDonald made an interception on the opening snap from scrimmage against Ball State, which was immediately followed by a Hendon Hooker to Jalin Hyatt touchdown pass.

Hooker ended up with a typically solid performance. He completed 18 of 25 passes for 221

yards and two touchdown passes. He also had two short touchdown runs. The Vols scored six touchdowns and a field goal in the eight possessions in which he was on the field.

"We had to come out and play clean," said Hooker. "We expect to score every possession we are out there. We have to move efficiently and play smart football at the end of the day."

"I thought he (Hooker) was very efficient, in command and control," said Heupel. "Our tempo, run game, decisions, checks, pass game, same thing. Structurally some things we game planned for and some things we hadn't. The adjustments on the

sideline he handled in a really good way. I thought he was in great command of the football game."

The Vols passing attack was in full swing, with ten different players catching at least one pass. Not surprisingly, Cedric Tillman led the Vols with six catches for 68 yards.

"The guys have proven that they earned the right to have more opportunities than they did a year ago," said Heupel of his receivers. "Last year on week one, we were still finding out a lot about our football team. We are this year too, but there is a lot known. A year into it, there are more guys that understand offensively what we are doing

and the why behind it."

Jaylen Wright, Jabari Small and newcomer Dylan Sampson paced the team on the ground with a combined 36 carries for 183 yards, with each player rushing for a score.

Defensively the Vols came up with two interceptions and a fumble recovery, keeping Ball State off the scoreboard until midway into the third quarter when the Vols were leading 45-0 and the game had been all but over for a long time.

"There are always mistakes, but we learn from them," said McDonald. "We play fast, learn from them and just play together. If we are all sound, we should be good."

Now all attention turns to Saturday afternoon's affair at Pittsburgh. The Panthers are coming off a tight win over rival West Virginia in the resumption of the Backyard Brawl game. Last season Pittsburgh beat the Vols at Neyland Stadium. This time around the game will be played in the Steel City.

"I thought there was a lot to be excited about in all three phases of the game and early in the game," said Heupel. "Obviously, there are some things we need to clean up as we get ready for a big one (against Pittsburgh) ..."

Powell and Farragut tie, Central nabs two wins

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on the road as Edie Wilds had a hat trick and Cadence Horner also scored for the Lady Bobcats against the Lady Devils.

Lady Spartans rout Grace Christian Academy: Webb School of Knoxville, after having its road match canceled against Clinton canceled last week, returned to action at home Thursday night and toppled the Lady Rams 6-1.

Abby Weigel had a hat trick for the Lady Spartans. Pearce Groer added two goals and Marymac Emery finished one against Grace. Webb was set to host Providence Academy

tonight (Sept. 6) at 6 p.m. "Grace is a good team and they're really physical," Lady Spartans coach Sonny Trotter said. "The Providence game will really be a good one."

Bearden trounces Heritage: Jayla Blue, a freshman forward for the Lady Bulldogs in their 9-0 District 4-AAA victory over the Lady Mountaineers.

West blanks Catholic: The Lady Rebels shut out the Lady Irish 6-0 at Blaine Stadium Tuesday.

Lillyann Freeman had a hat trick for West High. Phoebe Scott added two goals and Abby Huddy had a marker for the Lady Rebels.

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Powell sophomore steals the spotlight

By Steve Williams

De'Sean Bishop and Jordyn Potts were the big names in the pre-game chatter.

How was Bishop, Karns High's star running back, looking in the early going of the 2022 season?

And would fans finally get to see Potts, Powell's talented quarterback who had been sidelined since early in the season opener at Anderson County?

Well, not long into the game, a Powell sophomore wearing No. 13 stole the spotlight.

Yep, pine-knot tough Connor Wheeler caught a Karns punt at the 8-yard line, headed left toward the sideline and outraced everyone to the end zone 92 yards away to give Powell a stunning early lead.

And he didn't stop there. Wheeler would rack up four touchdowns before the night was over, leading the Panthers (1-2) to a 42-28 win over the Beavers (2-1) in a Region 3-5A opener at The Jungle.

"If you look at me, I'm not the biggest running back you're going to see," said Connor, who is listed 5-9, 170 on the roster. "And that motivates me because everybody doubts me and I just love to prove them wrong."

Wheeler said Bishop being on the other sideline gave him extra incentive.

"Of for sure. He's one of the best running backs I've ever played against my entire life. And I just wanted to show everybody that I could be just as good."



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Powell's Connor Wheeler takes off on a 92-yard punt return that gave the Panthers an early 7-0 lead over Karns Friday night. The Panthers went on to win 42-28 for their first win of the 2022 season.

In addition to his punt return that brought the Powell fans to their feet, Wheeler had a 40-yard TD run from scrimmage in the second quarter that ended a string of 21 straight points by Karns. The Panthers really needed that.

Then in the closing seconds of the half, he dashed 22 yards to put Powell ahead 28-21.

After the Beavers came back to tie the score, Conner tacked on a 21-yard burst up the middle for the go-ahead (35-28) touchdown midway through the fourth quarter.

Wheeler admitted he plays with an attitude and a chip on his shoulder.

"I always like to have

that sort of chip on my shoulder," he said. "It helps with confidence and gets the whole team into the game. I like involving everybody with the way I play."

Connor was happy to have Potts back.

"Jordyn is the biggest part of our offense, and everything just comes more natural and easier for us (when he's in the game). It's great, I love it."

How does the season look from this point on?

"I think we'll look great," answered Wheeler. "We're not planning on losing anymore games, to say the least."

When offered a final word, Connor didn't think

twice.

"I just want to shout out to my offensive line. They did a great job."

Powell Coach Matt Lowe's post-game comments obviously included Wheeler.

"He's a young man who started 15 games for us last season as a freshman, which is extremely tough to do, and at cornerback," said Lowe. "So we knew he had talent coming in as a running back. Last year he just wasn't physically ready obviously."

"He's started and got over a hundred yards each of the last two games, and now tonight I think everybody got to see exactly how good he really is."

Vikings finally taste victory again, 44-36

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With South Carolina leading 36-30 in the fourth quarter, TSD junior QB-DB Garrett Burns intercepted a pass with 5:34 to go. Conger raced 45 yards to the SCSD 12 on the next play and Burns followed with a TD run around right end to tie the score.

The Hornets' Horton returned the game's opening kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown and also scored on a 12-yard run on South Carolina's second possession for a quick 16-0 lead.

After TSD tied the game, Washington sped 51 yards around left end to give the Hornets a 22-16 halftime advantage.

Washington also had TD

runs of 30 and 19 yards in the second half plus a 45-yarder that was nullified by a blindside block.

TSD's Burns had a 33-yard TD run called back on a holding penalty late in the first half.

Echols, a big junior lineman, was among the Vikings' defensive leaders in the trenches and stopped one two-point conversion attempt early in the fourth quarter.

TSD didn't play any games in 2020 due to the pandemic and was winless in 2021. Its last victory had been in 2019 against South Carolina on the same field.



PHOTO BY SAM CARTER

Second-year Head Coach Bill Osborne instructs his TSD football team Thursday. The Vikings defeated South Carolina School for the Deaf 44-36 for their first win since 2019.



Shadows start taking over Chambers Field on the TSD campus on a beautiful Sept. 1 evening as the Vikings' cheerleaders support the football team against South Carolina and get fans involved in the action. Photo by Sam Carter.

Gibbs and Central to play Thursday at C-N

By Steve Williams

Gibbs will play its second "home game" at a neutral site this week.

As most local high school football fans know, the Eagles are currently homeless due to construction of their new stadium being behind schedule.

Week 4 will find Gibbs playing Central at Carson-Newman University in a Rivalry Thursday TV game.

The Eagles are 2-1 overall after winning at Carter 42-26 last week in a Region 2-4A opener. The loss left the Hornets at 0-3.

Central will bring a 1-2 overall record into the non-region game against Gibbs. The Bobcats lost at Sevier County 21-14 last week in the two teams' Region 2-5A

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

opener.

"Our guys are playing hard," said Gibbs Coach Brad Turner. "We have had great support from our student section and community."

Boone Brockwell had a huge night for Gibbs in the win over Carter. The junior slotback and defensive back got into the end zone three different ways.

He carried the ball 12 times for 144 yards and one touchdown, caught two passes for 31 yards and one TD and had two fumble recoveries for 39 yards and one TD.

The 5-11, 175-pounder

totalled 252 all-purpose yards plus intercepted two passes.

Junior linebacker Wyatt West recorded 17 tackles and sophomore linebacker Brady Hughes had 13 tackles.

"Eli Hubbs was solid on both sides of the ball," said Coach Turner. "He's our glue."

"Kamen Shown (junior WR-DB) also had a great night on both sides of the ball," said Turner. "He threw a touchdown pass and ran in a two-point conversion."

"Quarterback Bryson Palmer led the offense."

Rebels and Spartans remain unbeaten

West and Webb are the only remaining undefeated

football teams in Knox County after three weeks of play.

Coach Lamar Brown's Rebels will be seeking win No. 4 this week when they host Fulton. West has victories over Bearden, Farragut and Halls.

Coach David Meske's Webb team has wins over Carter, Gibbs and Chattanooga Notre Dame. The Spartans will host Greenback Friday.

Johnson and Keeney shine in defeat

Farragut quarterback Luke Johnson completed 22 of 31 passes for 333 yards, two touchdowns and zero interceptions in the Admirals 41-28 loss at Maryville in Week 3. He

also ran for two TDs.

The Admirals' Reese Keeney stood out in the punting department as he punted three times for a 56-yard average and also had one punt downed inside the 20-yard line.

South-Doyle to recognize 1992 team

South-Doyle High's 1992 football team will be recognized this Friday night at the Cherokees' home game against Bearden.

The 1992 team advanced to the third round of the TSSAA playoffs before losing to eventual state champion Marion County.

Don Ward, who was S-D's head coach that season, and Pete Stafford, who was

athletic director then, are expected to attend the ceremony.

Holston High Homecoming will be Sept. 16

The Holston High Warriors Homecoming will be held Sept. 16 at Carter High School.

Gates will open at 5 pm for the Carter versus Scott County game.

All Warrior classes will celebrate Holston together. Holston High closed in 1991 and its last football season was in 1990.

Holston Warrior T-shirt sales (long sleeve \$22 and short sleeve \$17) will benefit the Carter softball team.

Local author Lin Stepp's works should be on your reading list

By Christy Martin

Lin Stepp is the kind of businesswoman and author those of us who write aspire to be. She is talented in the art of writing; creative, disciplined, and a smart marketer. She works hard and writes good books. This talented lady lives in Knoxville; her books span the beautiful east Tennessee mountains and its valley and the beaches of Edisto on the South Carolina coast. In addition to the regional Christian romance novels she is famous for, she and her husband J. L. have also published a hiking guidebook, two books chronicling our state parks, and a daily devotional guidebook. Lin knows her craft and the publishing industry and is a tireless disciplined marketer, researcher and writer. Her goal is to write two fiction tales per year and she and J. L. are currently working on more guide books; this year's project focuses on North Carolina's state parks. Her first book was written in 2005 and since then the stories have continued to pour from her creative genius. This award-winning author is internationally read and acclaimed.

As a book reviewer new to Lin's work, she gifted me with her two 2022 published books, "Eight at the Lake" and "Light the Way," to read and review. "Eight at the Lake" is part of the Smoky Mountain series and is set in Dandridge and "Light the Way" is the first in her Edisto series set on the South Carolina Coast. Both are good books, highly

rated romance novels with Christian characters and challenges, mysterious murders and mayhem, and the added bonus of educating the reader about the beautiful setting while entertaining with good prose.

After reading her new books, Lin added to my enjoyment with a copy of "Happy Valley," set in the Blount County community in the Chilhowee Mountain's valley and chocked full of familiar places, family names and a rich story of love, spiritual fulfillment and mystery. I love her regional settings and the way she makes the reader a part of each one of the mountain foothills communities of which she writes. Her series include the Smoky Mountain series, the Mountain Home series, a trilogy of books set on the Edisto coast, the hiking and state park exploration books, and the daily spiritual guide.

Lin Stepp has a monthly blog post. This month featured a history of the Smoky Mountain National Park and Cades Cove. Sign up for the blog at www.linstepp.com where you can also order autographed copies directly from her. Lin's books are also available on Amazon and in local and online bookstores.

Christy Martin is a retired educator of K-12 thru post-secondary and former coordinator of programs for youth in foster care. She is currently a freelance writer and book reviewer with special interests in local history and books written by local writers.



Country Current will perform a free concert Monday, Sept. 12, at Market Square at 6 p.m.

U.S. Navy country/bluegrass ensemble to perform in Knoxville

The United States Navy Band Country Current, the Navy's country/bluegrass ensemble, will perform a free concert Monday, Sept. 12, at Market Square, 18 Market Square, Knoxville, Tennessee, at 6 p.m. All U.S. Navy Band performances are free and open to the public. The concert is part of Country Current's 2022 National Tour.

Country Current is nationally renowned for its versatility and musicianship, performing a blend

of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass. This seven-member ensemble employs musicians from diverse backgrounds with extensive high-profile recording and touring experience in the music scenes of Nashville, New York, New Orleans and more. In the tradition of country music, each member is a skilled performer on multiple instruments.

One of the U.S. Navy Band's core responsibilities involves touring the

country. All of the band's primary performing units embark each year on concert tours throughout specified regions of the country, allowing the band to reach out to audiences in areas of the country that do not have opportunities

to see the Navy's premier musical ensembles on a regular basis.

The concert is a family-friendly event, meant to entertain veterans, families, individuals and those interested in joining the Navy.

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Public Service Department hosts Job Fair Sept. 15

Job seekers looking for steady, satisfying outdoor work that helps keep Knoxville clean and operating efficiently are invited to the Public Service Job Fair on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

"Public Service workers are essential to City operations and responsible for

much of the pride people feel when they live and work here," says Public Service Director Chad Weth.

More than 30 open positions are available, including the entry-level Public Service Worker, whose duties may consist of:

- Picking up brush and litter from streets, parks or other areas within the City.

- Cleaning culverts, drains, ditches and maintains storm sewers.

- Assisting in laying brick or block for catch basins and retaining walls.

- Pouring and finishing concrete for sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

- Weed control, cutting, trimming and pruning trees, flowers and shrubs and maintaining undergrowth.

"Many crew members say they appreciate the opportunity for consistent work hours that leave them with evenings and weekends free," says Deputy Director Rachel Butzler. "They also like the on-the-job training on a variety of power equipment." Tools of the trade include leaf blowers, mowers, shovels, pole saws, string trimmers and

more.

Job seekers may apply for Public Service positions in person at the job fair or online. Attendees should also bring their resumes and driver's license, which are required for the job.

Learn more about working for the City of Knoxville at KnoxvilleTN.gov/jobs.

Free Legal Advice Clinic for Veterans Sept. 14

The Knoxville Bar Association is very pleased to announce that the Veterans Legal Advice Clinic event will once again be held in person at the Knox County Public Defender's Office on September 14.

Any veteran seeking legal help is encouraged to attend the Legal Advice Clinic for Veterans on September 14, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Veterans who are not able to attend the clinic in person are encouraged to continue to use the telephone clinic option. Preregistration is required for telephone clinic and veterans are asked to call Legal Aid of East Tennessee at (865)637-0484 to preregister.

This is a general advice clinic with a wide variety of legal issues, including family law, landlord/tenant, bankruptcy, criminal defense, consumer protection, contract disputes, child support, and personal injury, among other issues.

T.H.E. Community Meeting Sept. 12

Town Hall East is having its first membership meeting of the 2022-2023 year on Monday evening, Sept. 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Highway.

The guest speakers will be Shawn Griffith, homeless program coordinator for the City of Knoxville, and Yolanda Grant, director of housing systems for the United Way of Greater Knoxville and principal officer for The East Tennessee Coalition for the Homeless.

Tim Downard named Chief Financial Officer at Lewis Thomason

J. Timothy Downard has assumed the role of Chief Financial Officer for Lewis Thomason, effective August 8.

"We are thrilled to have Tim join us as Chief Financial Officer. His experience, financial acumen, and years spent managing his own client facing financial services firm make him a tremendous asset to Lewis Thomason," said Lisa Ramsay Cole, president and managing shareholder.



J. Timothy Downard

Downard will be responsible for the firm's financial strategy,

financial planning and analysis, and he will collaborate with Cole and the Board of Directors, including Board Chair, Rodney Fields, to make decisions regarding Lewis Thomason's financial strategy and operations.

Downard has an extensive background in finance and was most recently the Controller and Finance Director at Vericom Global Solutions. Downard earned his Bachelor of Science in

Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Alabama, an Equivalent Bachelor of Science in Accounting at University of Alabama in Birmingham, and his Master of Business Administration at Samford University.

He is a CPA and is Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF). Prior to joining Vericom, Tim was CFO at SoZu Solutions, Inc. and owned and managed his own CPA firm, Hayes Downard, LLP.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERALDINE WILSON
DOCKET NUMBER 86459-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GERALDINE WILSON who died Apr 19, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 11 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF GERALDINE WILSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EARL A BROWN, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86640-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of AUGUST 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EARL A BROWN, JR. who died Mar 31, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF EARL A BROWN, JR.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY LOU BRYAN
DOCKET NUMBER 86503-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY LOU BRYAN 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

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ESTATE OF BETTY LOU BRYAN

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA MARIE CALLOWAY
DOCKET NUMBER 86623-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of AUGUST 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA MARIE CALLOWAY who died Jun 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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ESTATE OF LINDA MARIE CALLOWAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH ANNIE COOK
DOCKET NUMBER 86491-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RUTH ANNIE COOK 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 nonresident, 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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This the 30 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF RUTH ANNIE COOK

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEPHEN E EDWARDS
DOCKET NUMBER 85963-3

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This the 26 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF STEPHEN E EDWARDS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNA LUCILLE GRUBBS
DOCKET NUMBER 86632-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of AUGUST 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANNA LUCILLE GRUBBS who died May 15, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-re ident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 26 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF ANNA LUCILLE GRUBBS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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Knox County CDBG-CV Child Care Creation Grant Public Meeting Knox County Community Development

The Knox County Community Development (KCCD) office is applying to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Child Care Creation Program. A public meeting to discuss the proposed project will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room at the Karns Branch Library (7516 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, TN 37931). Members of the public are invited to attend and comment.

Comments may also be submitted by email to cdfeedback@knoxcounty.org or by mail to Knox County Community Development, City/County Building, Suite 364, Knoxville, TN 37902. All comments must be received no later than Friday, September 23, 2022. It is anticipated that the CDBG-CV Child Care Creation application will be submitted no later than Monday, September 26, 2022.

Knox County Government does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability or veteran status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. Persons requiring special assistance or accommodations should contact KCCD, at 865-215-3980 or cdfeedback@knoxcounty.org, 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."



LEGAL NOTICE

The TDEC Division of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to issue a water quality National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit:

Applicant: **Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)**
Bull Run Fossil Plant (BRF)

Permit Number: **TN0005410**

Permit Writer: Vojin Janjic
Rating: Major
County: Anderson
EFO Name: Knoxville

Location: 1265 Edgemoor Road

City: Clinton, TN 37716

Activity Description: operation of coal-fired steam electric power plant with cooling water intake; proposed modification is due to revisions to Steam Electric ELGs per 40 CFR 423, including additional subcategories and reporting requirements taking into consideration that in 2019, TVA has announced the decision to retire BRF in 2023

Effluent: Fossil fueled steam-electric generating plant - ash transport water, coal pile runoff, low volume wastes, storm water runoff, miscellaneous equipment cooling and lubricating water from Outfall 001; main condenser cooling water, misc. equipment cooling and lubricating water and roof drains from Outfall 002; intake screen backwash water through Outfall 004; to Clinch River at mile 48.0; operation of Cooling Water Intake Structure

Receiving Stream: Clinch River at mile 46.3

The proposed permit contains limitations on the amounts of pollutants to be discharged, in accordance with Federal and State standards and regulations. Permit conditions are tentative and subject to public comment.

For more information, or to review and/or copy documents from the permit file (there is a nominal charge for photocopies), contact Vojin Janjic at (615) 532-0670 or the Knoxville Environmental Field Office at (865) 594-6035. To comment on this permit issuance or proposed conditions submit written comments to TDEC-DWR, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Comments should be received within 30 days from the Legal Notice and should include the applicant name and NPDES Number.

Interested persons may request a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the filing party and reasons for the request. If there is significant interest, a hearing will be held pursuant to Rule 0400-40-5-.06(9)(a), and the Director will make determinations regarding permit issuance.

You can reserve your legal or public notice by emailing Lisa at legals@knoxfocus.com or calling (865) 686-9970.

RAM two-day clinic set for Rutledge

Free dental, vision and medical services set for Sept. 17-18

Remote Area Medical – a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision and medical care to those in need – will hold a free, two-day clinic on Sept. 17-18. RAM will be set up at Rutledge Middle School, located at 140 Pioneer Drive, Rutledge, TN 37861, for two days only.

All RAM services are free, and no ID is required. Free dental, vision and medical services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The patient parking lot will open no later than 11:59 p.m. (midnight) on Friday night, Sept. 16, and remain open for the duration of the clinic. Once in the parking lot, additional information regarding clinic-opening processes and next steps will be provided. Clinic doors open at 6 a.m.

Due to time constraints, patients should be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION services. Services available at the free RAM clinic include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions, dental X-rays, eye exams, glaucoma testing, eyeglass prescriptions, eyeglasses made on-site, women’s health exams and general medical exams. All patients will be required to wear a face covering and must undergo a COVID-19 screening before entering the clinic.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit www.ramusa.org or call (865)579-1530.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Pearl Bryan didn’t deserve it!

By Jadon Gibson

The location of Colonel John Lock’s farm was in the country outside of Fort Thomas in northern Kentucky. The sun was just beginning to rise on February 1, 1896, when young James Hewling noticed something lying beside the old wagon road.

He looked closer and determined it was a woman. She didn’t look right. The sixteen-year-old lad said later he didn’t think much about it at first.

“It’s sorta an isolated area near Fort Thomas and it wasn’t unusual for women to come out there with soldiers from the fort,” he said later. “I didn’t know. I thought she may have been drunk or maybe asleep.”

He didn’t want to pry but felt obligated to tell Colonel Lock that he had seen what seemed to be a woman lying strangely beside his barn road. Lock contacted Sheriff Jake Plummer who sent a deputy out to the farm to investigate. The county coroner happened to be in the area and accompanied the deputy.

Upon their arrival, the men noticed the woman was still there just as they were told. As Coroner Tingley approached her he noticed a man’s torn shirtsleeve on the ground. Upon picking it up he saw there was blood and suspected the woman may be injured. As they neared the body of the young lady, they found

her lying face down on the slope of a hill with her feet on the higher side. She was dead.

She was wearing a blue and white checked skirt, white blouse, blue stockings and black button-top shoes. Her skirt was thrown up and covered the top portion of her body and one arm was pinned under her body. When the coroner lifted it, he saw that four fingers were nearly severed. He turned the body over and pulled her skirt down, worried that it might be someone he knew. He quickly learned that would have to wait. Her head was completely severed and nowhere in sight.

Coroner Tingley sent the deputy to town to get Sheriff Plummer. He stayed to continue his investigation. The woman’s blouse and corset had been torn away. Her undergarments were also ripped from her and had bloody fingerprints on them. He noticed blood and mud on the knees of the lady’s skirt. A corset lay above the body on the hillside, white and clean except for a bloody spot, made by the bloody hand that tossed it there. He noticed a clot of blood at her neck and blood droplets on the bottoms of the leaves above and on other nearby vegetation. Two tortoiseshell hairpins and one metallic one lay nearby. The coroner felt his stomach becoming queasy and walked several feet away to await

the sheriff’s return.

He was surprised at how quickly the sheriff and deputy arrived. They began investigating the scene and noticed a pool of blood up the hill, not far from the lady’s feet. Several blonde hairs were found nearby. Three sets of footprints were evident, two sets appeared to show individuals walking together peacefully while the other set of footprints indicated that the person stayed near the road. Sheriff Plummer found signs of a struggle and drag marks down to where the body was found. A diligent search was made but they couldn’t find the lady’s head.

The sheriff noticed several curious onlookers had gathered at the scene. Some gawked at the body while others were plucking leaves, with drips of blood, from nearby bushes. It made him uneasy. He asked the coroner if he was nearly through with his work.

“I’ve done all I can do here Jake,” he answered. “We’ll learn a lot more when we do a full autopsy. We should have the body taken to Newport (Kentucky).”

Sheriff Plummer sent a deputy to arrange for a wagon to come and transport the body. About that time officers arrived from Covington, Ky., and two detectives from Cincinnati, Ohio, to offer assistance. These cities are located in the same area as Newport. The Covington officers went to



This illustration appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer in 1896 showing personnel and some others at the murder scene on the morning of February 1, 1896, when the corpse was found.

work expelling the curious, non-essential, visitors from the crime scene. The crime investigators from Cincinnati went about looking over the area for any unfound clues. The smaller towns didn’t have the resources to handle major cases in that era and it was common for other units to assist.

The sheriff was pleased to have their assistance. He didn’t know “who done it” nor did he know the identity of the victim.

To be continued...

Editor’s note: Old-time police work begins. Jadon Gibson is a freelance writer from Harrogate, TN. His writings are both historical and nostalgic in nature. If you like his stories, please tell others as they may like them too! Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALLIE L HARMON, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86635-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of AUGUST 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALLIE L HARMON, JR. who died May 22, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF ALLIE L HARMON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LORRAINE H BURNS; EXECUTRIX
7034 STOCKTON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOIS JANE LOHMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 86628-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LOIS JANE LOHMAN who died Apr 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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This the 26 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF LOIS JANE LOHMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KARL J LOHMAN; ADMINISTRATOR
5704 MONDALE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

BRIAN T MANSFIELD ATTORNEY AT LAW
164 N HENDERSON AVENUE, SUITE A
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EUGENIA DUFF PANNELL
DOCKET NUMBER 86631-2

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

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

This the 26 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF EUGENIA DUFF PANNELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD WESLEY PANNELL; EXECUTOR
3133 WHISPERING OAKS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

REBECCA BELL JENKINS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARILYN J PATTISON
DOCKET NUMBER 86619-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of AUGUST 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARILYN J PATTISON who died Feb 19, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 26 day of AUGUST, 2022.

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

This the 24 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARILYN J PATTISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LORI ANN HICKOK; EXECUTRIX
363 AXTON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

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LEXINGTON, KY 40507-1749

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANK K ROBINSON
DOCKET NUMBER 86624-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of AUGUST 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANK K ROBINSON who died Jun 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 25 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF FRANK K ROBINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL S ADAMS; EXECUTOR
428 BROWN MOUNTAIN LOOP ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LORI BETH SANDEFUR
DOCKET NUMBER 86627-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LORI BETH SANDEFUR who died Dec 19, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-

resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF LORI BETH SANDEFUR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL DENTON SCOTT;
ADMINISTRATOR
500 GEORGIA AVENUE
WOODBINE, GA. 31569

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANDREW MICHAEL SEXTON
DOCKET NUMBER 86621-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANDREW MICHAEL SEXTON who died Jun 26, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 24 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF ANDREW MICHAEL SEXTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EMILY MIRANDA SEXTON;
ADMINISTRATRIX
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POWELL, TN. 37849

SUZANNE N PRICE ATTORNEY AT LAW
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN HELTON SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 86511-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN HELTON SMITH who died Nov 3, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 30 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN HELTON SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CARROLL LEON SMITH; ADMINISTRATOR
706 COOPER ROAD
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871

STEPHEN K GARRETT ATTORNEY AT LAW
7838 BARKER ROAD
CORYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KARA PRICE STREET
DOCKET NUMBER 86528-1

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

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

This the 30 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF KARA PRICE STREET

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LESTER K PRICE; ADMINISTRATOR
688 MILLSTONE LANE
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37772

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFITS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 FROM 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

- AGENDA**
1. Roll Call
 2. Approval of June, 2022 Insurance Benefits Committee Minutes
 3. Election of new Vice Chairperson (Kasey Stone has resigned)
 4. Open Enrollment Update – Stephanie Candler
 5. 2024 Plan Design Discussion – Stephanie Candler
 6. Discuss items for next agenda
 7. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE

- THE KNOX COUNTY FIRE AND TECHNICAL RESCUE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, AT 5:30 PM IN THE E-911 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 605 BERNARD AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, 37921. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.
- AGENDA**
1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Reading and Approval of minutes
 4. New Business
 - a. Introduction of KCR Chief-elect Ed Rose (Chief Frazier)
 - b. Discussion of Contractual Changes between Rural Metro Fire & Knox County Rescue
 - c. Discussion of ARPA funding
 5. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for title:
Matthew Leone hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 1994 Honda Prelude Si, Vehicle Identification Number JHMBB2153RC007818. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Matthew Leone by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to 2755 Jersey Ave, Apt C403, Knoxville, TN 37919. Published in The Knoxville Focus Tuesday, September 6, 2022.