



Fundraiser for Burchett and Harshbarger draws large, enthusiastic crowd

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Saturday's well-attended fundraiser for Second District Congressman Tim Burchett and First District Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger could well have been an Elect Nikki Haley Rally.

The former South Carolina governor and ambassador was introduced by Burchett who hinted that Haley might seek national office. He and Harshbarger spoke briefly to the large crowd in the barn on Scott and Hope Davis' home in West Knoxville with Harshbarger telling the crowd to contact her or Burchett with their needs and said they would be "Johnny on the Spot" for them.

Haley's talk was animated and more like a campaign rally speech. She covered the gamut of problems in America today from the cost of gasoline and food to school children failing to read on grade level.

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Congressman Tim Burchett (TN-2), Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger (TN-1) and former Ambassador Nikki Haley spoke at a BBQ fundraiser lunch on Saturday at the barn of Hope and Scott Davis.

Knox leaders kick off 2022 Tennessee Valley Fair

Mayor Indya Kincannon was one of many leaders who praised former Trustee Ed Shouse for his work in the county and for the fair. Photo by Mike Steely.



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The 2022 Tennessee Valley Fair kicked off Friday with a luncheon at Chilhowee Park attended by about 200 local public officials and business leaders. The annual fair draws more than 135,000 visitors and leaves an \$11 million impact.

Speakers during the luncheon were Congressman Tim Burchett, Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon, Knox County Mayor Glen Jacobs,

Sheriff Tom Spangler and former Trustee Ed Shouse. Business leaders to speak included Nathan Waddell of U. S. Cellular, Brent Ball of First Bank and Chaplain Pam Neal.

Many of the speakers praised Shouse, one of the fair directors. Shouse told the large audience, "This is my favorite time of the year." He paused and added, "Feels like football." The fair kicked off with a large schedule of concerts and

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New Merit Board members on Knox Commission agenda

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New Knox County Commission Chair Courtney Durrett will head her first commission meeting next Monday with an agenda of 57 items.

Durrett announced Wednesday that she will hold a "mock" commission meeting on Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the main assembly room of the City-County Building for newly elected members. The purpose is to give them a "walkthrough of the process and procedures."

She has one resolution on the agenda to establish a personnel committee to "oversee the boards and committees that fall under the purview of the Commission." Other notable items on the work session and regular agenda is to support Community Television of Knoxville (now known as Knoxville Community Media), discontinue in June of 2023 the county's agreement with AMR, and allot just more than

\$1 million to the Young-Williams Animal Center.

The commission may also vote on three 12-month agreements funding the Karns and Seymour Fire Departments and the Knox County Rescue Squad.

But much of the attention may involve the new Knox County Sheriff's Merit Board. Newly elected Commissioner Gina Oster's resignation from the board will be announced.

The expanded board, with more guidance from the commission, will see Mayor Glenn Jacobs nominate three new members: Kenny Boatman, Lindsay Willis and Clarence Vaughn. Under the reorganization, there will be seven Merit Board members instead of three.

Commissioner Larsen Jay, who spearheaded the two-year effort to reorganize the Merit Board, has an agenda item to select two unnamed members. Apparently, the two current board members, John Marshall and Jim Wright Jr., will

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Knox County may end contract with AMR and seek ambulance service bids

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Since 2013 Knox County has been contracting with AMR as the official authorized ambulance service. That agreement was originally for a five-year contract with three possible renewals.

As of June 30, 2023, that agreement will probably be ended after 10 years.

Knoxville Mayor Glenn Jacobs and the Knox County Health Department are asking the Knox County Commission to not renew the contract and open the service up for bidding. Apparently, AMR can be one of the bidders.

The Knoxville Focus learned of the contract

ending after seeing a brief resolution, sponsored by the Knox County Procurement Department, on the commission's next meeting agenda. The inquiry The Focus made Wednesday received the following reply from the health department.

"The recommendation is to not renew the current agreement once it expires on June 30, 2023. This agreement was originally executed in January 2013," Kelsey Wilson, director of communications replied.

"Since then, significant changes in health care, particularly in the field of emergency medical transport, have occurred. These changes warrant a

new Request for Proposal be issued," Wilson told The Focus.

"Further discussion about this topic will take place at the commission meeting," was the final statement.

Initially, The Focus contacted the Knox County Mayor's Office and, later Wednesday, was contacted by the health department.

AMR's service charges and response times, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, have seen criticism while under contract. The firm faced fines for late deliveries to hospitals of which, about \$900,000 were dismissed in March by the Knox County Commission.

Heritage Foundation ranks Tennessee #1 in election integrity

Thanks to the laws passed by the Tennessee General Assembly and administered by the Secretary of State and 95 county election commissions, Tennessee has the most secure elections in the country, according to The Heritage Foundation's election integrity scorecard.

"I am grateful to the Heritage Foundation for this recognition and to all those who work on Tennessee elections, on both the state and local level, for their work protecting the integrity of Tennessee ballots," said Lt. Gov. Randy McNally.

"The General Assembly has long understood the importance of election security. From photo ID to making sure our counties are working towards producing a voter-verified paper audit trail by 2024, Tennessee has always been on the cutting edge of election integrity."

"As Secretary Hargett says, we are a state that makes it easy to vote, but hard to cheat. The General Assembly is resolved to keeping it that way."

In The Heritage Foundation's scorecard, the election laws of every state and the District of Columbia are ranked according to how well they protect the integrity and security of the election process. Tennessee earned perfect scores in categories regarding voter ID implementation, vote harvesting restrictions and vote counting practices.

"Election integrity is not a partisan issue, and Tennessee has set the national standard in protecting and preserving elections," said Speaker Cameron Sexton.

"Together, we have taken steps like simplifying the Election Day process, achieving greater transparency within election finance, and preserving the precision and accuracy of all votes so they remain legal."

"I appreciate Secretary Hargett, Coordinator Goins, Lt. Gov. McNally, and the General Assembly for their continued partnership as we all work together to keep Tennessee elections free, fair, and forthright."

The Tennessee General Assembly has continually updated the state's election

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A Disappointing Vote

From a distance



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I have lived in Knox County since I was seven weeks old and, while I spend some time at our house on Cherokee Lake, I have always considered Knoxville and Knox County home.

I have never missed voting in any election, primary or general, since I became old enough to vote, and have never voted any place other than Knox County.

And while I have great interest in local issues, I have never asked any county commissioner to

vote in a certain way on any issue.

Having said all that, I was very disappointed that the four Republican women on the Knox County Commission voted to elect a Democrat as chairman of the entire commission.

This is the local equivalent of the Republicans winning control of the U.S. House and then voting to keep Nancy Pelosi as Speaker or electing some other Democrat.

Or to put it on a smaller basis, when the Democrats controlled the House, no Democrat ever voted to elect a Republican as a committee or sub-committee chairman during my 30 years in Congress.

When I was in office, I voted the overwhelming majority of the time with my fellow Republicans, but occasionally on some

very important issues, I voted with the majority of Democrats when few other Republicans had.

But voting on issues is very different from procedural votes, and a chairmanship vote is usually the most important procedural vote at every level.

I would not have been elected to Congress if the Republican Party had not given me its nomination. This is true of almost all Republicans in almost all offices across the country.

I believe the four Republicans who voted to elect a Democrat to chair the county commission know they would not have been elected if they had run as Democrats.

I believe on key procedural votes they owe some loyalty to the party that elected them.

Some people who get elected for the first time,

unfortunately, let it go to their head and seem to believe they won entirely on their own and quickly forget their party. I hope that is not the case here.

I have known some Republicans who take their party for granted and feel they need to primarily court the Democrats.

While in office, you should always try to help everyone regardless of party or even non-party affiliation.

But let me tell you, Democrats stick together better than Republicans, especially at election time.

We have always had a few Democrats who have run disguised as Republicans in Knox County. On the national level, they are called RINOs, Republicans In Name Only. I hope this is not the case here.

I do know that Terry Hill and her husband

have been longtime loyal Republicans, and I really wish she had run if the goal was to elect a woman as chairman.

Some say this was a gender vote. But if it was, that is a pretty poor reason. No one should vote against someone just because he is a man or vote for someone just because she is a woman.

People are fleeing Democrat-run cities and counties all over the country. Almost without exception, these cities and counties have become areas of the highest taxes, highest crime rates, highest welfare payments, highest number of illegal immigrants, and highest government debt.

Democrats seem to have no hesitancy in spending money they do not have and starting all sorts of very expensive and very ineffective social

programs.

Unfortunately, the City of Knoxville has become a Democratic hole in a Republican donut. The city has been held somewhat in check because it is not yet overwhelmingly Democrat as in most major cities.

But if the county ends up in Democrat control, too, as it will if Republicans don't stick together, this area will end up being plagued with the same problems as in so many other counties across the country.

Unfortunately, there are no true conservatives or moderates in the Democrat Party today. It has become a left-wing socialist party, and it would be terrible for our children and grandchildren to give such an extreme party control of Knox County.

Poor Janet Yellen

Janet Yellen is one of the few in Biden's cabinet that is actually qualified for her job as Treasury Secretary.



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and Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. She has a Ph.D. in economics from Yale, held a chaired professorship at Berkeley and is married to a Nobel Laureate in Economics, George Akerlof. So unlike Pete Buttigieg at Transportation, Jennifer Granholm at Energy, Marcia Fudge at HUD, Xavier Becerra at HHS and Alejandro Mayorkas at Homeland Security, Yellen should know what she is doing. However, she seems to have no pride and instead

of educating the president on basic economics, she has become a political hack.

Remember when she said that the proposal that the IRS monitor bank transactions over \$600 was intended to address tax fraud among the wealthy and not spy on ordinary folks? No one believed her and certainly she didn't believe it either. Yellen knows that a recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative GNP growth. Yet she has stated, "This is not an economy that's in recession, but we're in a period of transition in which growth is slowing." A period of transition in which growth is slowing? Give me a break. We are in a recession and Yellen knows it. By trying

to redefine it, she has no shame. Saying that the economy is not in recession is akin to Mayorkas saying that the border is under control.

She has repeated Biden's talking points about the economy and inflation, blaming Putin and Covid. She said, "The pandemic has been calling the shots for the economy and for inflation." Thus, inflation, in her view, is not a result of an out-of-control Federal Reserve and Congressional spending but is because of pent-up consumer demand unleashed by the waning of the pandemic.

She testified before Congress that overturning Roe would damage the economy saying, "I believe that eliminating the rights of women to make decisions about when and whether to have children would have very damaging

effects on the economy and would set women back decades." Yellen, citing some economic studies, implies that overturning Roe would mean that some women would be kept from completing their education and would lower the labor force participation rate. What Yellen is saying is disingenuous at best. She implies that women would not have access to abortion when the vast majority of states will still allow the procedure. She also implies that because these women will have babies that they will have to stay home and not complete college (I guess because she is old, she doesn't know about the internet) and will not enter the labor force (I guess she never heard of working from home via the internet).

Lately, she has been

pushing for a global 15 percent corporate income tax. But countries with lower taxes like Ireland and Hungary haven't been receptive. The Biden administration is threatening to end its trading treaty with Hungary unless it caves. Countries with lower taxes are attractive to corporations chartered in other countries. Yellen is a trained economist. Yet she is denying the benefits of competition and trying to enshrine the inefficiencies of high-tax countries.

Yellen stated that inflation was "transitory". How she did this with a straight face is a mystery to me. Now she admits that she was wrong saying "there have been unanticipated and large shocks to the economy that have boosted energy

and food prices and supply bottlenecks that have affected our economy badly that I, at the time, didn't fully understand, but we recognize that now." I'm sorry. She didn't fully understand that Biden's war on domestic energy, the Congress' 1.2 trillion dollar "infrastructure" bill, 1.5 trillion dollars stop gap government spending bill and Ukraine were inflationary? If that were true, she deserves to be fired and have Yale revoke her Ph.D. But in this administration, no one is fired because they are all repeating the same lies as the president. I'm not disappointed with the other cabinet members because they don't know what they are doing. However, I am disappointed in Janet Yellen.

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remain on the body if they so choose.

In other action, the Knox County Health Department is asking that Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon's

naming of Tom Clabo be approved to the Air Pollution Control Board following Harold Clabo's resignation.

Jiffy Lube may be approved to provide oil

changes for county vehicles and an agreement with the state transportation department for a pedestrian bridge over Tazewell Pike at the Gibbs schools is up for approval.

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She spoke of her parents, legal immigrants from India, who ask her about the illegal crossings from Mexico. She mentioned the border and the number of terrorists coming across as well

as the illegal drugs coming into the nation.

Guests dined on Buddy's BBQ but were all on their feet as the speakers talked. Before and after the speakers the representatives mingled with the crowd with

Burchett introducing local citizens to both the other speakers.

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Republican Women Elect Democrat Chair

Much has been made of the results of the recent elections in Knox County and women composing, for the first time in history, a majority on the county commission. Women hold 6 out of 11 seats on the Knox County Commission. Terry Hill, Kim Frazier, Gina Oster and Rhonda Lee were elected as Republicans. Dasha Lundy and Courtney Durrett were elected as Democrats.

Two of the women just elected to the Knox County Commission, Rhonda Lee and Gina Oster, were claimed by Erik Wiatr as his own candidates and he has widely taken credit for having elected them. Wiatr is Knox County GOP Chair Daniel Herrera's political handyman. Herrera has recently been maneuvering to create a job for Wiatr as the Knox County GOP's "political director."

What was the first thing done by the new majority on the county commission? In a blazing expression of woman power and female solidarity, they elected Courtney Durrett as chairman and Terry Hill as vice chair. Terry Hill hasn't had

any opposition in her last two political campaigns despite having constantly tried to get herself elected to a leadership post while a member of both the Knox County Board of Education and County Commission. Colleagues on the board of education say Hill was not above making promises she wouldn't and didn't keep. That same ability to make a promise and break it is apparently still part of Terry Hill's political bag of tricks. According to our sources, Hill promised her support to Richie Beeler to remain chairman of the Knox County Commission. Called out for voting for a Democrat at a recent meeting of the Karns Republican Club, Terry Hill simply stammered and gibbered.

Hill finally managed it and in the process appears to have drawn a formidable challenger in the Republican primary for 2024. According to those familiar with what occurred, the deal to elect Courtney Durrett as chair was brokered by Kim Frazier and Terry Hill.

It was four Republican women, who in their very first vote, elected a Democrat to serve as the county commission's presiding officer. Local Democrats are, as might be expected, happy; Republicans, not so much.

Knox County Republican Party Chairman Daniel Herrera and his ally Erik Wiatr are not from around here. Herrera has run for office in just about every place he's lived for more than a month. When on the ballot, he has lost every race and not by a little bit. Finally, he got himself elected chairman of the Knox County Republican Party after Erik Wiatr

and the Roving Patriot PAC helped to gin up a crowd for him. As they roved from place to place and Randy Pace's handpicked chair of the Credentials Committee had never even voted in a Knox County Republican primary, who knows if Wiatr's crowd lived in Knox County or voted here?

Kim Frazier, Rhonda Lee, Gina Oster and Terry Hill, all elected as Republicans, voted to put Courtney Durrett in as the chair of the Knox County Commission.

There are rumors floating about that Daniel Herrera has patted some of them on the back. Certainly, more than a week after the event, there has been no scathing press release from the GOP chair denouncing the actions of the Republican women on the commission. There has been no fiery call to unite the party and for the ladies to come home politically. The fact there has been nothing but silence coming from Herrera's camp certainly does nothing but lend credence to the rumors he is privately patting the women on the back rather than chastising them.

At this point, it seems safe to say that there is not going to be any denunciation by either Herrera or Erik Wiatr.

Also keep in mind, in the document being circulated to install Wiatr as the Knox County GOP's "political director," part of the job description for the part-time employee was to ride herd over all elected officials. We've seen how effective Herrera and Wiatr are now. Waitr's stock in trade as a strategist is to denounce the other candidate as not a real Republican or a real conservative,

yet his candidates voted for a real Democrat. Hypocrisy alert!

Frazier, the face and unceasing voice of anti-development in Knox County, took a stab at incumbent Mayor Glenn Jacobs and is already off and marching on her trek to become mayor herself some say. Others point to the fact Frazier had the vocal and financial backing of a number of Democrats inside a Republican primary.

Oster, running as a Republican, was elected by a margin of only 89. She occupies a district that is trending to flip in favor of Democrats. Having run as a conservative and Republican to the marrow of her very bones, Gina Oster has failed to pick up any support from Democrats, but likely alienated some inside her own party. It is especially notable considering how she and Wiatr had questioned the Republicanism of Eddie Mannis two years ago. It's a very shaky start to her tenure on the county commission.

Rhonda Lee has been pestering Glenn Jacobs to nominate her own personal choices to serve on the board of directors for the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District, which the mayor has resisted. Casting her vote for a Democrat, her very first vote after taking the oath of office, probably isn't going to endear her to Jacobs or 7th District voters.

Herrera, who has constantly overlooked Erik Wiatr running primary campaigns against other Republicans, uttered not so much as a peep. Wiatr, himself a former Democrat and Green Party

activist in Chicago, has distinguished himself by running harsh campaigns such as that against Commissioner Larsen Jay. The rap against Commissioner Jay by Wiatr's crowd was Jay wasn't a "real" Republican. Jay voted for a Republican to serve as chairman of the Knox County Commission, while both of the candidates whose campaigns Wiatr ran voted for a Democrat. Neither Herrera nor Wiatr have a shred of credibility left as to "real" Republicans. Nor do they have the right to sling the accusation of calling anyone a RINO (Republican In Name Only) as they never opened their mouths when it happened inside their own house. Among those some of the Herrera crowd has labeled as RINOs are Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Congressman Tim Burchett, which is preposterous. Have any of the four commissioners who installed a Democrat as chair been called Republicans In Name Only by that same crowd? Not so far as I know. They've been stone silent. Double standard?

Nor to my knowledge has any member of the Herrera crowd, including his mentor, former Chair Randy Pace, uttered any complaint about four Republican women installing a Democrat as chair of the county commission. I guess this is a case of "do as I say and not as I do."

City Council Abortion Resolution and Saving Trees

A resolution about abortion took up some space on the city council's agenda last week. I would be

among the first to agree the state legislature needs to revisit the issue as it makes no sense for the issue to be all or nothing.

The abortion resolution consumed a timely portion of the city council agenda as they had no more pressing concerns after Mayor Indya Kincannon crafted a compromise allowing the city to remove only one aging tree in the Cradle of County Music Park and perhaps relocating the \$500,000 monstrosity we are told is a sculpture. Clearly, all "art" is subjective, although nobody has quite explained why the taxpayers of Knoxville are busy collecting art. Evidently, Knoxville's taxpayers can afford pricey art as inflation rages, Kincannon and the council raise taxes and then announce police officers will no longer be doing accident reports. In effect, the city raised taxes and cut an essential service.

There were several impassioned pleas made before the council as to the need for abortions. One lady made such an appeal urging the city council members to support the resolution, which had no force of law and changed nothing not even an iota, noting how terrible it would be to force some mothers to carry babies in their wombs without a brain. It was an odd place to make such an argument as obviously some were born and if not exactly thrived, managed to get themselves elected mayor and members of the city council.

Some have risen even higher, wandering the halls of Congress and in fact, one even sits in the White House.

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laws to incorporate best practices to protect the integrity of the ballot box. While administering elections, the Secretary of State and Tennessee's 95 county election officials have worked hard to ensure that every eligible voter's ballot is counted once and only once.

"With our online voter registration system and generous early voting period we've made it easier than ever for Tennesseans to register to vote and cast a ballot," said Secretary of State Tre Hargett.

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Tennessee General Assembly, we have done this without weakening election security. In our great state, voters can trust in our election process."

Tennessee elections are administered locally. In all 95 counties, the county election administrators and a bipartisan team of local citizens serving as poll officials run polling locations and tabulate election results.

A bipartisan county election commission oversees every election. Tennessee law prohibits out-of-state poll watchers or observers and strongly restricts private funding of election administration.

Before every election, the

bipartisan county election commission tests the voting machines. Voting machines are never connected to the internet.

In Tennessee, the totals voters see on Election Day are unofficial. Before an election is certified, each county election commission verifies the results of every race.

Tennessee's election laws ensure that Tennessee's voter rolls are accurate and only eligible voters can cast a ballot. To keep voter rolls up to date, voters can easily update their voter registration on GoVoteTN.gov.

The Secretary of State's office also maintains voter rolls following list maintenance procedures. To make sure only eligible voters

cast a ballot, Election Day registration is not allowed and Tennesseans must present a valid Tennessee or federally-issued government photo ID.

Under Tennessee law, IDs issued by other states, private organizations and college student IDs are not accepted.

In Tennessee, absentee by-mail ballots are only available by request for voters that meet one of 14 qualifying conditions. To prevent absentee by-mail voter fraud, ballots are watermarked and election officials match the signature on the envelope with the one on file.

Absentee by-mail ballots are not opened until Election Day and

are counted by local bipartisan counting boards.

"Every day, our office works with legislators and county election administrators across the state to make sure our election laws protect the integrity of the ballot box," said Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins.

"We do this because we want every Tennessean to have confidence in our elections systems and see that in the Volunteer State, it's easy to vote and hard to cheat."

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Clockwise from top: Speaker of the Tennessee House Cameron Sexton addressed a large crowd Friday during the kickoff of the Tennessee Valley Fair. One of the new features at the Tennessee Valley Fair this year is a new midway by Kissel Entertainment. Friday the fair and the midway were being readied for the popular event.

Had there been a contest for "Best Dressed," then Commissioner Larsen Jay and Sessions Court Clerk Charlie Susano would have won. The two public officials posed during the Tennessee Valley Fair luncheon Friday.

Speaker of the Tennessee House Cameron Sexton recalls attending the fair as a child.

Knox leaders kick off 2022 Tennessee Valley Fair

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Mayor Kincannon said she was looking forward to seeing Joan Jett.

Kincannon also asked Shouse to come to the podium and told him, "You're the MVP today." She said that he ended his public career recently with "no enemies."

Both Kincannon and Jacobs recognized elected and former officials in the crowd and it was announced that the fair features a new midway this year by Kissel Entertainment. Jacobs got a laugh when he noted that the first year of the fair, 1916, was the year the pop-up toaster was invented.

Burchett told a comic tale about Shouse catching a rat and referred to Shouse as his "grandfather figure."

Cameron Sexton, speaker of the Tennessee House,

was the main speaker and he talked about the state's new "Truth in Sentencing" law. He praised the Knox County Sheriff's Office and said the safety of the public should not be a partisan position.

He called for "everyone to come to the table" to uphold law and order so you feel safe in your community.

The Tennessee Valley Fair runs until Sunday, September 18th. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$9 for children. Concert tickets vary and you can check online at tnvalley-fair.org for entertainers, dates, times and admission. There's lots more to do beyond the midway and concerts including competitions, shows, food, action sports, special events, and so much more!

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Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.
Ronald Reagan

What a contrast between President Trump's hope-filled Save America rally in Pennsylvania and Joe Biden's sinister and threatening diatribe against half of America. The divider-in-chief was in rare form at Philadelphia's Independence Hall. Several years ago, Becky and I did our own American history tour including Independence Hall. The "hellish" staging for Biden's rant was in stark contrast to the place where the Founders conceived our nation. Some described Biden as a Sith Lord from Star Wars. Others imagined him as Scar from The Lion King. I saw the Gollum Sméagol from The Lord of

the Rings, twisted and corrupted by his pursuit of the ring of power. (Google it).

What does it take to convince you to vote against Democrats even if the Republican candidates may be less than ideal? Dan Bongino says, "Republicans may not fix our problems, but Democrats certainly caused them." We see what happens when Democrats control Washington and the major cities of the country. And since his angry tirade against 50% of Americans, iPOTUS has widened his attack to include Congressional Republicans and anyone else who disagrees with his hate-speech. Perhaps I'm on his list. Remember, there is no courage without the possibility of loss. We must stand up and say NO to such anti-American tyranny.

In a sane world, the destructive policies of the Democrats and Biden would produce a red wave

in November. But what if the corrupt media covers for Democrats and the corruptocrat-in-chief just as they did in the Hunter Biden laptop story and promotion of the scurrilous Russian collusion hoax? You should question everything the media tells you.

There is a saying that a wounded animal is dangerous. And the same goes for a rabid animal. The leftist, progressive, socialist Democrats are rabid. And the Biden administration, wounded by inflation, open borders, gas prices, fentanyl, crime, supply shortages and foreign policy disasters like Afghanistan, is dangerous.

As the midterms approach, things will get worse over the next two months. Although we enjoy relative safety and sanity in Knoxville, there is no safe haven. However, some places are worse than others. Memphis was a mean town when I trained there 50 years ago. After the recent kidnappings and murders in Memphis, I advised a colleague to take a job offer in North Carolina and relocate his family and his medical practice.

A friend recently asked me for my definition of a meme. I have a pretty good vocabulary, perhaps because I'm a writer and interested in words. However, in no way can I

compare with Mr. Webster. To quote him, a meme is "an amusing or interesting item, such as a picture, spread online or person to person." The now infamous photo of an angry Biden, with raised fists in front of a red backdrop flanked by Marines, needs no explanatory caption. iPOTUS' purpose was not to persuade, but to threaten and intimidate people who want to Make America Great. Sometimes a picture is worth more than a thousand words.

Are people who want to Make America Great Again (MAGA) analogous to the Jews of Germany in the 1930s? Will my truck be keyed if it sports a MAGA bumper sticker? And if former presidents are not safe from politically motivated search and seizure, are any of us? Trump is brash and dared to "pull back the curtain" to show how corrupt the system has become; and he's paying the price for standing up to the Washington swamp. Chuck Schumer warned him against opposing the intelligent community which is "neither intelligent nor a community."

We hear much these days about threats to our democracy. Actually, we are not a democracy. We are a representative republic based on the rule of law designed to protect citizens against an all-powerful

government. People are afraid of you Joe, and are angry because things are so much worse since you and your Democrat buds took over. We The People are afraid of the looming economic meltdown, neighborhood crime, the loss of free speech, censorship, sexualization of our young children and indoctrination in schools with anti-American bilge. We're mad as hell!

The Chinese and Russians have figured out that they don't need to fight us. They just need to keep the external pressure on and wait for the radical Democrats to destroy us from within. Look at how bad things have gotten with two years of Democrat rule. Can you give me an example of anything that is working? Of course, there are exceptions to the broken FBI, the broken border and the broken big cities run by Democrats. My marriage is working. My kids and grans are growing up and doing well. Sevier Heights Church is thriving. And as I write this essay, the Braves are tied with the Mets for first place in the NL East.

Our erstwhile president introduced me to a new term recently. He denigrates MAGA folks, and now rails against anyone who supports Trump, labeling them "semi-fascists." Someone should tell word-salad-Joe that

there is no such thing as a semi-fascist. Perhaps the confused-one thinks they are incomplete fascists, although there is no such term. Again, to quote Webster, Fascism is "a political philosophy, movement, or regime that exalts nation and often race. Fascism has a centralized autocratic government, headed by a dictatorial leader, imposes severe economic and social regimentation and forcibly suppresses opposition." Perhaps Biden thinks some are less fascist than his own administration.

There is precedent for Biden's name calling. It has been my observation that the Democrats are often doing the very thing for which they accuse others. Actually, Ol' Joe's ability to think in such strategic terms is long since gone, if it was ever there. However, he has enough left to read and embrace the anti-American hate-speech on the Teleprompter.

So, in these tough times I recommend you "hold on" (last week's essay) to faith in family, remain skeptical of everything you hear, seek the wisdom of the ages and keep looking up! Remember, Jesus's brother James once said, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). Well said, brother James.

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CHS Class of 1972 Celebrates 50



The Central High School Class of '72 – known as the "First Class" at the present location – held their 50th Class Reunion recently and presented a \$10,000 check to the school. Pictured left to right are CHS Principal Dr. Andrew Brown, Pam Ellenburg Eubanks, Jenny Robinson Peek, Margaret Haynes Murdaugh, Linda Suneson Barringer, Denise White Wheat, Rob Sterling DDS and R. Larry Smith. A great time was had by all!

E-911 in new Safety Center and Fort Kid approved by council

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for the final design and construction of that playground.

Following the many speakers at the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday on the Abortion letter to the state legislature and saving the trees at the Cradle of Country Music Park, the council moved swiftly to approve all of the other agenda items.

That included approving a wrecker rotation list for the city's impound lot, accepting \$44,456 from Legacy Parks for the renovation of Fort Kid and amending the contract for the park with Great Southern Recreation

The mayor was authorized to request \$100,000 from the state to repay Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency (E-911) for furnishing and equipping their new operations center in the new Public Safety Complex on the grounds of the former Baptist Hospital.

Henley Roofing Company was hired for \$450,000 to replace the roof and upgrade the HVAC at the Christenberry Recreation Center. The affordable rental housing

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WordPlayers to open 2022-2023 season with 'Souvenir'

The WordPlayers of Knoxville opens its 2022-23 season with "Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins" by Stephen Temperley. Performances are Oct. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 9 and 16 at 2:30 p.m. at Erin Presbyterian Church, 200 Lockett Rd., Knoxville.

Tickets, \$22 for adults and \$18 for students, are available online at wordplayers.org and at the door. For more information, please call 865-539-2490.

Florence Foster Jenkins, one of the world's most famous society eccentrics, suffered under the delusion that she was a great

coloratura soprano when she was, in fact, incapable of producing two consecutive notes in tune. Nevertheless, her annual recitals in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton brought her extraordinary fame. As news of her terrible singing spread, so did her celebrity. The climax of her career

was a concert at Carnegie Hall in 1944 which sold out in two hours. "Souvenir," by turn hilarious and poignant, tells her story through the eyes of her accompanist, Cosme McMoon. McMoon initially regards her as little more than an easy way to pay the rent, but, as he gets to know her, his

contempt for her gives way to reluctant admiration, then friendship and affection.

The WordPlayers is a 501(c)3 faith-based theatre organization based in Knoxville. "Souvenir" is sponsored by Dr. Ron and Peggy Turner. For more information, please visit www.wordplayers.org.

UT Arboretum Society Butterfly Festival returns in person Saturday, September 17

The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society will present its seventh annual Butterfly Festival on Saturday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the UT Arboretum Auditorium and surrounding grounds, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge. As in past years, the mission and purpose of the Butterfly Festival is to provide educational opportunities for the public and to learn how we can all protect our pollinators. The UT Insect Zoo, two butterfly tents, educational lectures, a butterfly release and children's art activities are among the educational activities that will be offered.

Parking is in designated areas of the UT Arboretum adjacent to the event and on a first come first serve basis. The entrance fee is \$5 in cash (to facilitate entry) per carload. All other expenses can be made with cash or credit card. The gate will be open at 9:30 a.m. The event will take place rain or shine. Children's craft activities will be available at a cost of a \$1 ticket per activity or \$5 for six tickets. Activities include temporary tattoos, butterfly masks, Magic Color Scratch butterfly ornaments, decorating cookies, caterpillar bracelets, and more.

An educational release of 500 painted lady butterflies will be promptly at noon. Please plan enough time for arrival and parking before the release. It is suggested that butterflies be purchased early



Children of all ages will enjoy experiencing the UT Insect Zoo, a travelling exhibit of insects. The goal of the Insect Zoo is to have fun while sharing knowledge of insects with others to help them appreciate the important role of insects in our environment. The Insect Zoo showcases preserved and live insects and arachnids (scorpion, tarantula, etc.) found in Tennessee and throughout the world.

in the day due to limited supply. Children are invited to help release the butterflies, which will be offered at a cost of \$5 per butterfly to cover costs. Cash or credit cards will be accepted. For the safety of all, the use of butterfly nets at this event is strictly prohibited.

Two speakers will give presentations in the air-conditioned UT Arboretum Auditorium. From 10:00 to 10:40, Stephen Lyn Bales will present "Our Beloved Butterflies and Their Hosts." At 10:50 a.m., Georgann Eubanks will present "Habitat Heroes: Saving the Wild

South for Us All."

The festival will feature local artisans Kathy Fahey, Stephen Lyn Bales, Kris Light, and Teresa Myrick, all offering butterfly-themed merchandise.

Food trucks include Forks on the Road, CJs Tacos, and Pelican's SnoBalls. The public is invited to bring refillable water bottles.

To learn more about the Arboretum Society, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org or for questions on this program contact, UT Arboretum Education Coordinator, Michelle Campanis. at mcampani@utk.edu

We had a better life

I wouldn't trade my life for that of any other person. I was reminded of how lucky I've been during a conversation with my wife, and for nearly a week, that thought has stayed with me; I can't seem to shake it.

For all my life, I've been lucky to have a best buddy with me. My twin brother Jim and I made life around our home more interesting. Older brother Dallas (back then he was known as Dal Gene) was believed to have been the "perfect child," a distinction that neither Jim nor I ever would receive. Instead, we decided to be helpers. On one occasion, we vacuumed the dirty diapers and then placed them in the drawer with other clean ones. Another time, we massaged an entire jar of Noxzema cream into a velvet couch. Throughout our lives, we've fought and loved, and as we grow older, each minute together is important.

My generation grew up at the best time in this country's existence. As young children, we watched the first Americans zoom into space. Later, we watched astronauts land on the moon. Cars had plenty of get-up-and-go, and during our high school years, gas was as low as 27 cents a gallon. Home was a good place where we spent most of our time.

Our teen and early adulthood years found us involved in the events of the nation. We suffered through the losses of two Kennedys and King. A president resigned rather than be impeached or imprisoned. The Vietnam War took from our country too many thousands of young men of our generation, and many Baby Boomers protested and demonstrated against the war, but not the soldiers.

College was expensive but still affordable. Tuition the first year was \$110 a quarter, and a dorm room was \$120. Books often were the most expensive things. I was lucky because Dallas and his wife Brenda were in



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Cookeville as well, and they fed me supper. The family made fun of me for often knocking on the door and asking Dallas if I could warm up the can of Dinty Moore beef stew I always had. The competition with two brothers and a sister-in-law was

fierce. I didn't beat them, but I graduated with honors, something that never was close in high school.

It was in Cookeville that I met Amy, and that's the best thing to ever happen in my life. A year and a half later, we married, and for some reason, she's kept me around all this time. We had little money, but we had good times. Life was fun, I think, even for my wife, who was taking a full college load and working a part-time job at the same time.

I look at children today and worry about them. They seem to always be under such stress. Too much young time is spent in a room as teens stare at a computer screen as they play a video game or as they use "social media" platforms. That's so odd to me because the more the young folks use those things, the less they spend actual time together.

The problems of this country are things about which they have little say-so. I'm not sure if they much care. In fact, I'm not sure young people have any idea about political matters or personal rights. Education seems to turn away from classes that teach about those topics in favor of math and science. Yes, those two are important, but so are understanding our government and playing an instrument and enjoying an art class.

I hope kids today are happy. They live in a tough time and world. I am lucky to have been from a generation that still has the power to affect teens. You don't believe me? Just start a recording of "My Girl" by the Four Tops and listen to young and old join in singing and smiling. Yep, I'm a lucky guy who had the best life.

Fair Time in Knoxville, Tennessee!

The onset of fall brings to mind the Tennessee Valley Fair. For several days in early September, the fairgrounds are host to numerous rides and concerts, concession stands and crafts, and livestock and home-grown veg-



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John J. Duncan. Though faded over time, the photo still shows the congressman's name in distinct lettering. Congressman Duncan's water booth was located on the hill just past the merry-go-round on the

way to the Midway section of the fair. Those of us who worked in the water booth handed out free cups of cold water to fairgoers. On a hot afternoon at the fairgrounds, a cup of cold water was much appreciated. Handing someone a cup of cold water at the fair was a simple way to briefly interact with people from all walks of life. What a wonderful idea! What a great memory!



Picture of the late Congressman John J. Duncan's water booth at the Tennessee Valley Fair in 1973, by Ralphine Major.

Words of Faith: I am reminded of the words from Jesus in Mark 9:41 (KJV): "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to

drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

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Pages from the Past



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The 1946 election saw a Republican electoral tidal wave. The Chairman of the Republican National Committee was a Tennessean, Congressman Carroll Reece. The Republicans campaigned in the midterm election on a simple yet astonishingly effective slogan: “Had Enough?” It referred to those deprivations and sacrifices suffered by the American people since the beginning of the Second World War. Americans were restive and uneasy. President Harry Truman was unpopular; inflation was steadily rising and there was considerable labor unrest throughout the country. Many of the controls on the economy which had been imposed during the war remained in place and the people were tired of them. Voters wanted change, a feeling the Republican National Committee and Carroll Reece adroitly used to change control of Congress.

Democrats had enjoyed heavy majorities in Congress since 1932 when Franklin D. Roosevelt ousted Herbert Hoover from the White House. In 1937, there had only been thirteen Republicans sitting in the United States Senate. Republicans began to gain seats in the off-year elections of 1938 and 1942. Yet nothing had truly prepared Democrats for the thrashing they received in 1946. Democrats were stunned by the heavy losses. The Democrats lost twelve seats in the United States Senate and Republicans gained fifty-five seats in the House of Representatives. Indeed, the Class of 1946 brought two future presidents of the United States to Congress. Both Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy won seats in the House of Representatives that year.

Senator J. William Fulbright suggested President Truman appoint GOP Senator Arthur Vandenberg Secretary of State and then resign from office, giving the Republicans full responsibility for running the government. That suggestion caused Truman to label the senator from Arkansas “Halfbright.”

The Republicans wasted little time in carrying out their legislative agenda, which included a major cut in taxes. The GOP majorities also gave congressional approval to the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which limits a president to two terms. The GOP majority was also successful in forcing Truman to end those remaining economic regulations put into place during the

war. The Republican Congress passed the National Security Act of 1947, which established the United States Air Force, changing the old War Department into the more modern entity of the Department of Defense. That same act also created the National Security Council and the position of National Security Advisor to the President, as well as the Central Intelligence Agency. It was also the Republican Congress that approved the Marshall Plan (named for Secretary of State George Marshall), as well as providing aid to Greece and Turkey to prevent the spread of Communism and institute an American policy of containment. Yet perhaps the legislation the 80th Congress was most identified with was the passage of the Taft-Hartley Bill, which was written precisely to address much of the labor unrest in the country. Ironically, one can easily make an excellent argument the Republican Congress, by eliminating much of the high taxes (some taxpayers were in the 90% income tax bracket), the bureaucratic regimentation imposed during World War II and taming out-of-control unions helped to alleviate much of the public’s unhappiness with Harry Truman prior to the 1948 presidential election.

The Republican sweep did not affect the statewide elections in the Volunteer State. Seventy-seven-year-old Kenneth D. McKellar had easily dispatched a formidable opponent in the primary in 1946 without once coming home to campaign. Nor did the senator much bother to campaign hard in the general election. McKellar won better than 66% of the vote against GOP nominee William Ladd. Ladd tallied little better than 26% of the ballots cast and two Independents polled slightly more than 6%. McKellar had been in the United States Senate for thirty years and Congress for thirty-six. During the time K. D. McKellar had been in office, he had served with seven other men who represented Tennessee in the Senate. Tennessee’s junior United States senator in 1947 was Tom Stewart of Winchester.

The Volunteer State was represented by ten members in the U. S. House of Representatives. Dayton Phillips was a freshman member of the Congress representing the First District when longtime congressman Carroll Reece had not run again in 1946 to concentrate upon his duties as Chairman of the Republican National



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Congressman Fred A. Hartley, Jr. of New Jersey reads over his bill to curb labor excesses, 1947.

Committee. John Jennings, a Knoxville attorney and former judge, represented Tennessee’s Second Congressional District. Both Jennings and Phillips were Republicans, while every other member of Tennessee’s Congressional delegation was a Democrat. Estes Kefauver, a young and highly ambitious congressman from Chattanooga, represented the Third District. Albert Gore represented Cordell Hull’s old Fourth District in the House of Representatives. Joe L. Evins, a returning veteran from World War II, was also a freshman member who had ousted incumbent Harold Earthman in the 1946 Democratic primary. J. Percy Priest, a former reporter for the Nashville Tennessean, represented Tennessee’s “Hermitage District” in the House. The largely rural Seventh District was represented by Wirt Courtney, a veteran and former jurist who had first been elected as a supporter of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Tom Murray, a portly, white-haired former district attorney was the congressman from the rural Eighth District, which contained Murray’s hometown of Jackson. Murray was probably the most conservative Democrat of Tennessee’s Congressional delegation. The Ninth District was perhaps the most rural of all the West Tennessee congressional districts, a collection of counties with small towns and hamlets. The congressman from the Ninth District was Jere Cooper, a high-ranking member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee who had been in the House of Representatives since 1929.

The Volunteer State’s Tenth District was comprised of Shelby County, the political domain of E. H. Crump of Memphis. Crump and Senator McKellar were political partners and warm personal friends. Crump’s emissary to the U.S. House of Representatives was Clifford Davis, who had first been elected to Congress in a 1940 special election.

As Congress considered the pending Taft-Hartley Bill, muckraking columnist Drew Pearson, who had a well-deserved reputation for never allowing facts to get in the way of a

good story, reported The American Federation of Labor’s Executive Council attempted to sway the votes of several U.S. senators through a dinner held at Washington’s elegant Carlton Hotel. William Green was one of the two most prominent leaders of organized labor in America, the other being John L. Lewis, the voluble president of the United Mine Worker’s Union. Green had taken over the presidency of the AFL following the death of Samuel Gompers in 1924. It was Bill Green who started the informal discussion with senators during the AFL’s dinner at the Carlton. The labor leader ticked off those things he perceived to be flaws in the Taft-Hartley legislation. George Meany, a future president of the AFL and then secretary-treasurer, wondered why it was necessary for Congress to pass such a “tough crackdown on labor.” Among the senators dining that evening with the AFL Executive Council were James Murray of Montana, Harley Kilgore of West Virginia, Glen Taylor of Idaho, and Claude Pepper of Florida, all of whom were liberal Democrats. Murray and Kilgore both represented states where mining was big business and a major industry; both Montana and West Virginia had strong labor movements. Senators Kilgore and Murray stated they strongly opposed the passage of the Taft-Hartley Bill. So, too, did Glen Taylor and Claude Pepper. Three Republicans attending, Harry Cain of Washington State, Guy Cordon of Oregon and Homer Ferguson of Michigan, all pointed to the rash of strikes that had occurred throughout the country and said it had to stop. The Republicans insisted Taft-Hartley represented the will of the American people.

Bill Green retorted President Woodrow Wilson had stopped similar strikes by appointing a committee of management and labor members to study “industrial unrest” and report back with recommendations to solve the problem. “Labor would welcome an investigation like that now,” Green told his guests, “based on fair-minded findings, with all sides represented.”

John L. Lewis, the formidable, verbose,

and bushy-browed former president of the Congress of Industrial Organization and leader of the UMW, perked up as Green addressed the senators. Green was telling the senators should Taft-Hartley pass, it would create a system of “government by injunction.” Lewis, who knew as much or more than most citizens about court injunctions, spoke in his deep voice and with perfect diction. “It is necessary to cope with the economic and social ills of the country first before you can remedy the conditions that lead to strikes,” Lewis intoned. “What we need is an adjustment of living costs and wages instead of an anti-strike bill.”

Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana, once an important cog in the machine of Huey Long, spoke up, refuting the idea senators wished to revive “government by injunction.” “No, we are not anxious to bring it back,” Ellender insisted, “but we need some such power to deal with emergencies. Strikes that affect public health and welfare, particularly those that occur in public utilities, have got to be stopped by injunction or some other means. Whatever the means,” Ellender growled, “they have simply got to be stopped.” Needless to say, Senator Ellender was an avid supporter of the Taft-Hartley Bill, as were many of his fellow Democrats.

Joe Padway, the lawyer for the AFL and their general counsel, retorted there were already more than enough “laws on the books” to resolve labor troubles.

If anything, Congressman Fred Hartley’s bill in the House of Representatives was much stronger than that of Senate sponsor Bob Taft. Hartley’s bill abolished the present National Labor Relations Board and replaced it with a three-person body composed of labor and management. The new board would have the authority to certify unions as possessing the right to collective bargaining agents on behalf of workers. The board, under Congressman Hartley’s bill also gave the new board the right to hear and judge charges of unfair labor practices. The Hartley Bill created the position of the

Office of the Administrator of the National Labor Relations Act, who was empowered to investigate all cases involving alleged unfair labor practices and to prosecute them before the full board.

The Hartley Bill outright forbade the signing of a closed shop contract where an employer had agreed to hire only union workers. Instead, an employer who was willing to have a union shop contract was allowed to sign such an agreement after a majority of his or her employees had voted by secret ballot to express their desire for it. The new board envisioned by Fred Hartley could issue a “cease and desist” order in the event a union attempted to coerce an owner to sign a contract through a strike. The “cease and desist” orders could be enforced by an injunction from a court and could revoke the union’s Wagner Act rights for one year. Closed shop contracts would exist for only six months following the passage of the Hartley Bill.

As to industry-wide bargaining, the Hartley Bill prohibited one union from being the representative of employees of “competing employers.” The new board under the Hartley Bill was not permitted to certify any union as a collective bargaining agent should any of its national officers be members of the Communist Party or “by reason of active and consistent promotion or support” of Communist policies which could “reasonably be regarded” as being a member of the Communist Party.

The Hartley Bill included a provision relating to the health and safety of the American people. The president would have the authority to seek an injunction from a court through the attorney general for relief against any strike in “transportation, public utilities, or communications” should the stoppage of work threaten public health or safety or the public welfare. The court injunction would be good for 75 days, giving the U.S. Conciliation Service and a three-member delegation to investigate the facts and try to settle any dispute. At the end of the 75-day period, workers could vote by secret ballot to persist in striking and the injunction would be lifted.

The path to passage for the Taft-Hartley Bill promised to be a difficult one.

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City to pass letter to state for abortion rights

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It's state law now that anyone, including women and their doctors, can be prosecuted for abortions for any reason. That law, which went into effect last month following the U. S. Supreme Court ruling, doesn't set well in the city of Knoxville.

Tuesday evening's meeting of the Knoxville City Council was packed with supporters of easing the abortion prohibition. A resolution that affirmed "that city residents should have the right to access fundamental obstetric and gynecological health care services" was supported by numerous local citizens and the majority of city council members.

Under the new law, "I would be a criminal," Dr. Vickie Knight, an OB-GYN physician, told the meeting. She added that she is worried "young women are considering permanent contraception."

Wendy Bach, a UT Law Professor, asked the city to limit the police department's authority to prosecute cases and to fund organizations opposed to the state law. Two local ministers and several other citizens asked that the council pass the resolution.

Many of the council members addressed the resolution.

Lauren Rider said the issue is a "political



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Signs and a crowd in support of a woman's right to choose an abortion were visible during the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday. The motion passed to send a letter to the state but is not binding and is only a statement against the new Tennessee anti-abortion law.

football" and the state's new prohibition of all abortions will require the legislature "to go back and fix it" to allow some abortions.

Lynne Fugate said while she disagrees with some of the lines in the resolution, she supports the issue and said, "It's a bold step for me."

Fellow Republican Janet Testerman said the matter was "a heavy issue" and added there should be some exceptions but sending the letter to the state legislature could mean the city could "lose some credibility."

Seema Singh said some people are scared and angry and added, "What we do tonight is important."

Gwen McKenzie said, "Politics has no place in health care." Amelia Parker said she was "proud of the city today."

Tommy Smith supported the resolution but warned of possible retaliation from the state government.

"I trust women to make their own decisions," Mayor Indya Kincannon told the meeting.

The resolution passed 8-0-1 with Testerman abstaining from the vote.

What does it mean to be sitting first chair at a trial?

If you have ever watched a lawyer tv show or movie, at some point there was probably a court scene involving a lawyer sitting at a table during their trial. Sometimes the lawyer is sitting next to their client, sometimes the lawyer is sitting next to another attorney and sometimes the client is sitting between two attorneys.

In the lawyer world, we have names for the chairs in which people sit and with those names come a level of importance. When a lawyer is sitting "first chair" during a trial, they are the lead lawyer on the case. Candidly, ninety-five percent of the cases are only handled by a single attorney.

There may be times, when a case is big and important, or when a young lawyer is still learning, when there may be



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more than one lawyer working the case. When that occurs, the second lawyer is sitting "second chair" on the case. Some lawyers derisively call that person "the file carrier." If there are any other lawyers on the case, they are "third chair," "fourth chair," etc.

How do you know who is the first chair lawyer? The lead lawyer is typically the one talking the most so they are likely sitting on the end of the table closest to the middle of the courtroom so they can stand up quickly and move to the podium.

Some examples you have probably seen of two lawyers or more on a case are:

"Law and Order" – there are almost always two prosecuting attorneys sitting at the table

"A Few Good Men" – there were actually three attorneys on this case for

the defendants

The OJ trial – I think they were up to four or five attorneys on the case before it was all said and done

From a lawyer's perspective, having a second chair lawyer to help on a case can be incredibly helpful. They can pull needed documents, they serve as a second set of ears and eyes to observe the demeanor and behavior of witnesses and jurors and they can even handle questioning of some of the witnesses.

Most cases will never need more than one lawyer working them at a time. However, the occasional case will need to be handled by someone sitting first chair with another lawyer helping from second chair.

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E-911 in new Safety Center and Fort Kid approved by council

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project proposed by Bell Street 2 L.P., was awarded \$1.5 million. The funds go toward 50 permanent housing units for seniors in very low-income households.

The council also voted to apply for \$3.7 million for

the Knoxville Area Transit for next year with a city match of \$1.2 million to improve transit and construct depot chargers for the city's electric buses.

Also approved was a \$23,855 donation from the Forest Heights

Neighborhood Association for playground equipment for the pocket park there. An application to the U.S. Department of Justice for \$500,000 was approved to fund the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

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Grace Christian downs TKA 28-8 for first win

By Steve Williams

The defense led the charge and others joined in as Grace Christian Academy notched its first win of the season by turning back The King's Academy 28-8 in a non-region football game Friday night.

Coming off an open date after two close losses, the well-rested Rams pulled away in the second half and now look forward to another home game this week against Ezell-Harding Academy of Nashville.

"They didn't score a point in the second half and we came up with a ton of turnovers," said GCA Head Coach Justin Long. "Our coaches had a great plan and did a really good job this week."

"I think that was huge, keeping them out of the end zone and turning them over and our offense was able to find some life toward the end."

The loss dropped the Lions to 1-3.

TKA Head Coach Jonathan Sellers said "just little mistakes" added up to the difference in the game.

"I thought our kids fought really hard and they definitely gave themselves some chances to win, but

a penalty here, a missed block, we fumble. Right now we've got a bunch of young guys who are learning a lot. Unfortunately, we are learning a lot on Friday nights through our mistakes."

Grace Christian senior defensive lineman John Hicks set the tone on the very first play when he got his hand on sophomore quarterback Avery Jordan's pass to force an incomplete.

TKA went three and out and the Rams scored on their first possession. A catch and nifty move by senior standout Pierce Browning on quarterback Weston Edmondson's third-and-10 pass turned into a 38-yard gain to the Lions' 27. Bobby Lewis ran around left end on the next play for the touchdown. Browning's two-point toss to Jackson Eller made it 8-0.

The Lions would pull even on the first play of the second quarter when Zeke Connatser scored on a 4-yard run and tacked on the two-point conversion. A 40-yard pass from Jordan to Mekhi Paddock was the big play in what turned out to be TKA's only scoring drive of

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Jake Harper lifts Braden Ray into the air after the sophomore wide receiver's touchdown gave Grace Christian a two-touchdown lead over The King's Academy early in the fourth quarter Friday night at GCA. The Rams won, 28-8.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULE

WEEK 4 SCORES

Austin-East 24, Scott 6
Bearden 56, S-Doyle 21
Cocke Co. 16, Seymour 13
Farragut 24, Oak Ridge 0
Gibbs 37, Central 34
Goodpasture 20, CAK 16
Jefferson Co. 28, Halls 21
Karns 35, Tenn. High 6
Carter 14, Walker Valley 3
Grace Christian 28, TKA 8
Webb 48, Greenback 7
West 47, Fulton 12
Powell 31, Science Hill 24

WEEK 5 SCHEDULE

Thursday

CAK at Webb

Friday

S-Doyle at Anderson Co.
Powell at Clinton
Halls at Cocke Co.
Cleveland at Farragut
Bradley Central at HVA
Campbell Co. at Karns
Friendship Christ. at TKA
Scott at Carter
McCallie at Catholic

Friday

Heritage at Central
Gibbs at Fulton
Ezell-Harding at GCA
Bearden at Maryville
A-E at Northview
West at Sevier Co.
Seymour at Sullivan East

Saturday

Alabama at TSD

Notes from the scorecard

Powell, Central, HVA, Seymour notch non- district wins

By Ken Lay

The high school girls soccer season continues to heat up and four area teams notched big wins last week.

On Thursday, Powell edged Catholic 1-0 and Central picked up another big non-district win as it defeated Carter 5-0 at Dan Y. Boring Stadium. Hardin Valley Academy also picked up a key road win. The Lady Hawks outlasted Greeneville, 3-2, Thursday night.

On Tuesday night, Seymour notched a comeback victory on the road against Alcoa.

The Lady Bobcats, who shut out Gibbs 4-0 recently, blanked the Lady Hornets 5-0 Thursday.

Paige Brnum and Cadence Horner each scored two goals against the Lady Hornets.

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Central High hosts youth baseball camp

By Ken Lay



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Central High School baseball coach Brandon Roberts addresses players at a youth camp last week at Tommy Schumpert Park.

It was an evening for potential future Bobcats to receive instruction from Central High School players and coaches.

And head coach Brandon Roberts couldn't have asked for a better night as he and his coaching staff and players shared the game with the youth of Fountain City.

The two-hour event was a chance for young baseball players to receive lessons in hitting, pitching, base running and other fundamentals.

The camp was conducted in honor of a longtime Gresham Middle School coach, Bryan Perry, who passed away in August.

"We're doing this in honor of Bryan Perry. He was a

middle school coach and he coached this group of freshmen," Roberts said. "He loved, not just coaching, but he loved being around baseball. He coached at the middle school and for him; it wasn't about wins and losses."

"He loved teaching the game and he loved to see the kids on the field."

The camp, which was held at Tommy Schumpert Park Wednesday night, was free for participants. Donations, however, were accepted and went to the Perry Family.

Bryan's son is a player for the Bobcats.

"It costs money for a player to play baseball. We wanted to honor Bryan," Roberts

said. "We also wanted to help the family. His son is one of our players and we wanted to do this to help the family."

"They have to take care of a lot right now and we wanted to take some of the burden off their shoulders."

Gresham Middle School coach Justin Bowser provided hitting instruction. Pitchers were clocked on a radar gun. The players also participated in fielding drills and a home run derby.

"We just wanted to teach the kids fielding, hitting, throwing and the other fundamentals of the game," Roberts said. "We wanted to teach the game of baseball and we had a beautiful night."



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Top-ranked Bearden nabs lopsided win in rivalry match

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School wasted little time proving why it's the No. 1 team in the nation.

The Lady Bulldogs, who entered the season with a No. 2 national ranking and were recently named the nation's top high school squad, routed Kingston Pike rival Farragut 7-0 Thursday night at Turner-Allender Field.

Bearden (7-0-0 overall, 2-0-0 in District 4-3A) scored early and continued to score throughout the match.

Mary Beth Sheringham tallied the game's first goal when she tallied in the third minute and was one of six Lady Bulldogs to find the back of the net.

Jayla Blue extended Bearden's advantage to 2-0 in the 27th minute.

And that was only the beginning.

Brinley Murphy and Halle Bibee each added goal, approximately one minute apart, before halftime, giving Bearden a 4-0 lead.

"They're good," said Farragut coach Kristen Lyons, who saw her team drop to 4-3 overall and 2-1 in the district. "One thing I talked about with my girls about at halftime was a characteristic about Bearden.

"They sacrifice. They sacrifice everything.

That's something they have over us. They're better than they were last year. Collectively, this was probably the hardest that we played all year. This game will make us 10 times better."

Morgan Hellman, Murphy and Alivia Stott scored after halftime for the Lady Bulldogs.

Lyons said her team would improve but for Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe, the win over the Lady Admirals was just another step in a long journey that will hopefully help Bearden repeat as Class 3A State Champion.

"This is one step," Radcliffe said. "We have to continue to get better every day. We can't settle."

"As the nation's No. 1 team, you're going to get everybody's best shot. Everybody wants to be the one that knocks off No. 1.

Radcliffe isn't enthused about being the nation's top team.

"It's two-fold," he said. "As a coach, you don't like it but I think the players really enjoy it. There was a lot of talk about it at school today.

"But it puts an even bigger target on your back, more than just being the state champion. They have to understand that but I think they're mature enough to handle it.



PHOTOS BY JAMES SPEARS

A touchdown pass is headed to the waiting hands of Gibbs junior wide receiver Kamen Shown in the Eagles' 37-34 win over Central Thursday at Carson-Newman.

Gibbs outlasts Central 37-34

By Mark Nagi

Gibbs is playing their home games at different locations this season as their stadium gets a face-lift. On Thursday, September 8, the Eagles got their first win at Carson-Newman University, knocking off Central 37-34 in Jefferson City.

"It was a fun atmosphere," said Gibbs head coach Brad Turner. "We got off to a quick start, defense was playing well but then we started making some mistakes and shooting ourselves in the foot a little bit. But our kids kept fighting and made some plays when we had to."

The Eagles got off to a terrific start when Boone Brockwell brought the football out to the 50-yard line on the opening kickoff. A few plays later, Gibbs quarterback Bryson Palmer hit Brockwell for a 8 yard touchdown. The game wasn't even 2 and a half minutes old, and Gibbs had a 7-0 lead.

Things went from bad to worse for Central (1-3) on their first possession. Quarterback Sam Myers fumbled the snap. He secured the football, but then had it ripped out of his hands by linebacker Wyatt West, who brought it inside Bobcats 20. The Eagles would convert the turnover into points when Benji Angola kicked a 37-yard field goal, giving them a 10-0 advantage.

But if you thought that the Bobcats would panic, think again. They pulled off a beautiful trick play when Myers handed the football to running back Frank



The Eagles Nest makes a lively appearance at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City Thursday night as Gibbs plays Central and wins.

Johnson IV. As the Eagles defense converged, Johnson threw to a wide-open Joshua Purcell. The pass play went for 80 yards and Central pulled within 3.

On the Bobcats next possession, Myers found Johnson on the wheel route. Johnson sprinted past the Gibbs defense, and 58 yards later, he was in the end zone, and Central led 13-10. All this action took place in the first quarter.

The second quarter didn't have as much scoring, but it did give us the play of the game. Myers rolled out and tried to pass but the football slipped out of his hands at his own 15. The fumble bounced off a Gibbs player and into the end zone when it was recovered by the Eagles for a touchdown.

At the half, Gibbs (3-1) led 16-13.

In the third quarter the Eagles extended their lead thanks in part to the Bryson combination. Bryson Palmer unloaded a deep ball to Bryson Walker. That 60-yard gain brought

the Eagles to the Bobcats 10-yard line. A couple of plays later, Palmer found Kamen Shown in the back of the end zone for a score, making it 23-13.

"Palmer did a good job in the second half having to throw the football a little bit," said Turner. "He's worked really hard and has some receivers that can make some plays. We feel confident throwing anytime we want. But if we can run it, we will probably run it."

Central got it going on the ground with Johnson. He broke multiple tackles on his way to a 49-yard touchdown run. That made it 23-19 with 3:05 to go in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Central drove and once again it was Johnson. He took the direct snap and ran 14 yards for the go-ahead tally. Johnson's fourth total touchdown on the night made it 26-23.

"Frank is a special guy (and we) had a hard time tackling him there for a while," said Turner.

This game was stock

full of big plays. A 33-yard touchdown pass from Palmer to Shown gave Gibbs the lead right back, 30-26 with 9:21 to go. Shown made the catch and made two defenders miss on his way to the end zone.

"He's played solid all year," Turner said of Shown. "He led in tackles against Halls... This is his first year out playing, he plays basketball... very athletic kid, very aggressive and has a nose for the ball."

A short touchdown run from Eli Hubbs then made it 37-26 with only 3:25 remaining, and it looked like Gibbs was in control. But on fourth down, Myers went deep to Corey Bingham for a 75-yard touchdown, making it 37-34 with 2:14 to go.

The Bobcats converted on an onside kick, but the Gibbs defense forced a turnover on downs. After punting the Eagles defense made one more stop to secure the victory.

"We talked about it at halftime," said Turner. "We really felt like we left a lot of points out there. We felt like we were doing some things that were sort of self-inflicted wounds and felt we should have more points. We knew that we could move the ball and felt confident in our offense. They did it last week (when) we got down to Carter by two touchdowns and they kept fighting. Just resilient and they've done a good job."

Gibbs looks to improve to 4-1 next week with a Friday night trip to Fulton. Central will try to bounce back at home against Heritage.

State Trooper FOP Lodge #36 to hold annual golf tournament October 5

State Trooper Lodge #36 will hold its annual golf tournament, Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at Egwani Golf Course, 3920 S. Singleton Road, Rockford, TN 37853. Tee time is at 8:00 a.m. and lunch will be served following the tournament along with door prize give aways.

The cost is \$400 per team and you must reserve your spot no later than Monday, September 25. Make checks payable to F.O.P. Lodge #36 and mail form and check to Randall Martin at P.O. Box 1634, Powell Tennessee, 37849, telephone - 865-712-7492 or you may pay the day of the tournament. For more information, hole sponsorship opportunities or a registration form, please contact Sgt. Martin at rmartin@tn.gov or Warren Crumpley at 865-740-1817.

The State Troopers of Lodge #36 would like to thank the community for making their tournaments a great success over the years and they hope to continue October 5th. District One serves and protects Knox, Campbell, Scott, Morgan, Anderson, Roane, Loudon, Blount, Monroe and Sevier counties. All proceeds go to purchase Christmas gifts and holiday food for children and their families.



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There had been high expectations following a 10-2-1 mark in 1987, but it didn't take long for those hopes to be dashed. It was a miserable season weather-wise, with rain, fog, and other manifestations of bad weather greeting the Vols at nearly every contest.

In the Tennessee media guide that season, Haywood Harris had foreshadowed what might occur in the 1988 season.

"The prospect of playing four Southeastern Conference schools by mid-October has underscored the need for coach Johnny Majors to have the Tennessee Vols in fine fettle when they burst out of the starting blocks for the 1988 season," Harris wrote. (Only Haywood could get away

with using the words "fine fettle" in a season preview story.)

Then came a word of warning, with some neat literary touches that were emblematic of Haywood's persona.

"By the time the leaves have turned deep orange in the nearby Smoky Mountains, UT will either have some very impressive scalps on its belt or will have been bloodied by some of the biggest ogres in college football."

The ogres, and a few non-ogres as well, won out. The Vols had lost at No. 12 Georgia (28-17), to Duke (31-26), at No. 3 Auburn (38-6), and at home to No. 4 LSU (34-9), Washington State (52-24), and No. 20 Alabama (28-20).

There was a major shake-up on the coaching staff after the Washington State game, with the legendary Ken Donahue out as defensive coordinator and Doug Mathews in.

Radio personality Duncan Stewart ended up on a billboard in Nashville and refused to come down until the Vols won a game.

On arriving on the stadium that late October day, the Vols were the object of the obligatory "one-finger salutes" and the other accouterments of life on the road, including a barrage of oranges that got the team's attention.

"We went to the dressing room before kickoff, and a lot of the guys were ticked off that had happened," Vol quarterback Jeff Francis said.

After a 10-10 first half, the Vols jumped on the Tigers in the second half, taking a 38-25 victory.

Tennessee head coach John Majors called it, "A terrific win. It stopped the bleeding. This wasn't the World Series, but I thought we looked a lot like the Dodgers—a lot of nobodies with a lot of heart."

The Vols scored on four consecutive possessions following the second half kickoff. Those who wanted the ball thrown to the tight end had been granted their wish, with Von Reeves and co-captain Nate Middlebrooks each getting a TD catch.

Tony Thompson, once buried deep, deep, deep on the depth chart, came off the bench when Reggie Cobb was injured and rushed for 124 yards on 28 carries. He scored twice and had a two-point conversion run.

He would again get another call in the Vanderbilt game a year later, replacing the injured Chuck Webb and gaining 128 yards on 33 carries. He took over the tailback position for good in the third game of the 1990 season after Webb was injured and lost

for the season. He rushed for 1261 yards to lead the SEC, earn All-SEC honors, and be named team captain. His is a uniquely Tennessee success story.

The Tennessee fans in the crowd had their own battle cry after the game: "O-and-12! O-and-12!," referring to Tennessee's 12 victories in as many tries in the cross-state rivalry.

The victory led to a five-game winning streak to end the season, with each game being tightly contested, going well into the fourth quarter before being decided.

SEC titles and bowl wins over Arkansas in the 1990 Cotton Bowl and Virginia in the 1991 Sugar Bowl came in the next two seasons. The Vols were 20-3-2 over those two campaigns.

Going from a 5-6 record in 1988 to 11-1 in 1989 was an impressive feat, unmatched in Tennessee football history. There were also SEC titles in 1997 and 1998 and the national championship that latter season.

"Coming back with five straight victories at the end of the season is something I couldn't have predicted," said Majors afterward. "But I could see every week where we were getting better, and a coach can't ask for much more than that."

Sportsmanship seen in TSD game was a first for me

There were two football home openers in Knoxville on Sept. 1 – the Tennessee Vols hosting Ball State at Neyland Stadium and the TSD Vikings entertaining South Carolina School for the Deaf at Chambers Field.

Both kicked off around 7 and were just across the Tennessee River from each other. Outside of that, there was a world of difference between the two.

While driving over to TSD though, I thought I'd probably be covering the best game in town from a competitive standpoint and boy was I right.

While the Vols were beating the Cardinals 59-10, I saw the Vikings pull out a 44-36 win over the Hornets.

The hard-fought battle was exciting, but what happened after the traditional line of post-game handshakes ended was a first for me, and I've been covering high school football games for a long time.

Both head coaches (Michael Sims of SCSD and Bill Osborne of TSD)



Both teams' helmets are raised high into the air as players from Tennessee School for the Deaf and South Carolina display great sportsmanship after their hard-fought battle Sept. 1 at TSD.

brought their teams together near the center of the field. Neither coach was deaf and spoke to the players with their voice and sign language.

Coach Sims addressed the teams first.

"Both teams I'm proud of you," said Sims. "I'm proud of you all. Good game! Long game!"

The emphasis on the game being long – it lasted around three hours – had to do with the small number of players on each squad. South Carolina had 14 players on its roster, while TSD had 19 players. While the 8-man game was played on a smaller 80-yard field, many of the boys played on offense, defense and special teams and exerted

plenty of energy.

The TSD coach, which saw SCSD return the opening kickoff for a touchdown and score on its next possession too for a quick 16-0 lead, began his comments with a complimentary question for the Hornets.

"This was your all's first game in how long," asked Osborne. "That was awesome."

"That (the game) was so much fun. Thank you for coming and have a safe trip back. I'm ready to play you guys again soon, OK?"

The players answered with clapping and cheers.

Then both teams tightened up the circle closer together and continued to cheer together as they raised their green and

purple helmets high into the air!

Coach Sims walked by me after that and I told him I had covered a lot of games, but that moment touched my heart, and I had never seen it before.

"Yes, it's wonderful how we can be a family, we can be close friends after playing a tough game," said Sims. "That showed good sportsmanship and that's what we want both teams to have."

As for the two teams coming together like they did, TSD's Coach Osborne added: "The deaf community is a tight-knit one. We battle out there on the field, but after the game, we come together and we're one community again."

"It's something when it's both teams out there (celebrating together) isn't it. It's awesome."

It was a first for me.

Grace Christian

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the night.

The King's Academy played strong on defense in the second quarter that included a blocked field goal by Alijah Davidson. GCA senior Talon Earlywine responded with a tackle for loss and pressure on the TKA quarterback to get the ball back.

Lucas Hollifield kicked field goals of 42 and 25 yards in the third quarter to put Grace Christian ahead by six points (14-8).

"My thinking was if we can't draw them offsides (on fourth-and-two at the 8), we need to get points," said Coach Long. "I didn't want to try to force anything. I have a lot of trust and faith in our kicker, so I wanted to make sure we got points out of that possession."

Riley King's fumble recovery helped set up the FG.

Braden Ray pulled in a catch on a 37-yard pass from Edmondson that was right on the money to extend the Rams' lead to 21-8 early in the fourth

quarter.

Ronen McCarthy recovered another TKA fumble near midfield with 8:41 to go.

King, in the game at QB, faked a handoff to Brown and ran into the end zone from four yards out to cap the scoring with 6:09 remaining.

"It was encouraging to see a lot of different players make plays tonight," said Coach Long.

"I'm really proud of where we are. I think we've shown flashes of being a pretty good football team. The challenge this week was to do it for four quarters and I'm so glad we were able to put a game together and come out on top ... But there's still work to do."

TKA's Coach Sellers said: "It gets better each week, but we haven't gotten to the point where we can put it all together and go out and win on Friday nights yet."

"We got a lot of guys down (hurt), so we got a lot of young guys replacing them right now."

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The Bearden Bulldogs break through the cheerleaders' banner sign as they take the field prior to their home game against Hardin Valley Sept. 2.

Farragut hands Oak Ridge 24-0 setback

By Steve Williams

Turnovers and penalties apparently had a lot to do with Farragut's 24-0 win at Oak Ridge Friday night.

The Wildcats had more first downs (13 to 9) and total offensive yardage (263 to 221), but the Admirals recovered three of the Wildcats' four fumbles in the game. John Duncan recovered two of the fumbles and Brice Fontenot got the other one.

Farragut turned the ball over only once in the contest on an interception.

In the penalty department, Oak Ridge was flagged eight times for 50 yards, while Farragut had only two penalties for seven yards.

Farragut jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and extended its lead to 21-0 in the third quarter. "Proud of our team," said Farragut Head Coach Eddie Courtney. "It started with a great week of practice and they played with a determination in execution, effort, and physicality."

Defensively, the Admirals' Jay Smiley had 15 total tackles, including 13 solo stops. Jack Alley had 14 total tackles and seven solo stops.

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Fontenot was credited with nine total tackles, four minus yardage hits and two sacks. Jackson Fisher had seven total tackles and three solo stops.

Elijah Gibbs carried the ball 16 times for 92 yards and two touchdowns in the win. Luke Johnson connected with Jordan Sheppard for a 43-yard TD pass.

Reese Keeney tacked on a 27-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

Farragut will host Cleveland in a Region 2-6A game this Friday. Both teams are 2-2 overall.

titles.

Maryville is currently a Class 6A program, while Alcoa is in Class 3A.

Bishop showed versatility in loss to Powell

Karns running back De'Sean Bishop was impressive despite the Beavers' 42-28 loss at Powell in Week 3.

The Coastal Carolina commitment had touchdowns runs of 20 and two yards, threw a 29-yard TD pass to Walker Lockhart and caught a 22-yard pass in the end zone from a scrambling Hayden Tarwater to tie the game at 28-all midway through the third quarter.

Bishop also had a 43-yard scoring run nullified by a penalty in the third quarter.

"We made too many mistakes to win," said Karns Coach Brad Taylor after the Sept. 2 game. "Are we good enough to play with those guys? Absolutely, 100 percent. That's a lot easier fix than if we didn't have the talent to play with them. We got the talent to play with them; we just made too many mistakes."

Coach Taylor was asked

who on the Powell team gave his team the most trouble.

"No. 6 (Steven Soles) is a good player for them on defense and their running back (Connor Wheeler) played very well offensively. No. 6 (Soles) and No. 4 (J.J. Foust) are good football players."

Karns (3-1) bounced back with a 35-6 win over Tennessee High at home in Week 4. The Beavers will entertain Campbell County in a Region 3-5A game this Friday.

Homecoming will be held this Friday at Carter High.

The gates open at 5 and the visitors' side of the stadium will have a roped off section for Holston grads.

The Warriors will be honored on the field in a pre-game ceremony at 6:45.

Holston High closed in 1991.

Former CAK standout Grant Sterchi, a WR/DB in the Class of 2022, announced his commitment to Navy last spring.

Talented Webb freshman has three offers

Following the Webb School football team's win over Gibbs in Week 2, Robin Johnson, the grandmother of Spartans freshman standout wide receiver Shavar Young, told The Focus that Shavar has offers from Tennessee, Mississippi State and Kentucky, but "he hasn't committed to no one."

Robinson and Noe commit to Navy

Two more area football players have committed to the Navy, including Webb quarterback Charlie Robinson and Anderson County running back Gavin Noe, who are both in the Class of 2023.

Powell, Central, HVA, Seymour notch non-district wins

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Powell earns two wins: Meanwhile, the Lady Panthers got a goal from Hana Kirsch with the lone goal of the match against a young Lady Irish squad, coached by first-year head coach Chris Quinn.

Powell also nabbed a 2-0 victory over Jefferson County Tuesday night as Sofia Morgan and Abigail Reiche tallied against the Lady Patriots.

Lady Hawks capture road win in Greeneville: Hardin Valley Academy picked up a victory over the Lady Devils, a top Class 2A team in the Volunteer State. The Lady Hawks notched a 3-2 victory in Greeneville as Reese Wilson, Abigail Davis and Norah Jacomen each scored goals

Lady Eagles notch comeback win at Alcoa: Seymour scored two goals over the final five minutes in its match at Alcoa Tuesday night. The two late markers netted the Lady Eagles a 4-3 victory over the

Lady Tornadoes in Blount County.

Ray Ray Ellis scored twice and assisted on the equalizer that tied the game 3-3 with 4 minutes, 41 seconds remaining. She tallied the first marker of the match. Her second marker gave

the Lady Eagles a 2-1 lead that they enjoyed at half-time.

Ellis picked up an assist on Peyton Jett's game-tying goal.

Kaia Howard scored the game-winner with less than two minutes to go.

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KCDC, Matter Health open wellness center to provide care for Isabella Towers residents

Knoxville's Community Development Corporation has partnered with Matter Health to provide high-quality, on-site primary care for residents at its Isabella Towers property.

The new wellness center provides convenient resident access to physical and mental health and lifestyle support. The center includes a patient lounge, consultation and virtual health room, and an exam room.

"We are grateful for this partnership with Matter Health and the benefits it will provide to Isabella Towers residents," KCDC Executive Director and CEO Ben Bentley said. "The convenience of this center eliminates many barriers our residents face when seeking health care, such as scheduling and transportation. It will not only improve resident health, but also enhance



Representatives from Knoxville's Community Development Corporation and Matter Health officially open a new wellness center for residents of KCDC's Isabella Towers on Aug. 22. The center provides convenient resident access to physical and mental health and lifestyle support.

their quality of life."

Matter Health's new wellness center at Isabella Towers will be the company's fifth in the state and the first in East Tennessee. It is staffed with a dedicated nurse practitioner, nurse and overseeing physician. Amenities and services

are available to all Isabella Towers residents regardless of insurance status.

"We welcomed the opportunity to partner with KCDC for our first East Tennessee location," said Austin Sohr, president and co-founder of Matter Health. "Our goal with this center is to ensure that

any Isabella Towers resident will receive world-class care so that they can live a happy and healthy life."

Isabella Towers is located at 1515 Isabella Circle in East Knoxville near downtown. The 234-unit affordable, independent housing community is completing a \$5.5 million renovation that includes new flooring and appliances in each unit and an additional 14 ADA units on the property. The renovations also include new cabinets, lighting, and heating and air conditioning units to align with KCDC's sustainability and energy-efficiency initiatives.

Studio Four Design served as architect for the renovation, with Gibraltar Construction Company as contractor and Management Solutions LLC as owner representative. All three companies are based in Knoxville.

RAM Clinic in Rutledge postponed

Remote Area Medical's free dental, vision and medical clinic set for Rutledge, Tenn. on Sept. 17-18 has been postponed until further notice due to facility damage at the planned clinic location.

"RAM is committed to helping our neighbors in Rutledge," Clinic Manager Vicki Gregg said. "We are talking with the local leaders and stakeholders, and we look forward to announcing new dates once we have them."

Remote Area Medical – RAM® – is a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision and medical care to those in need. The two-day clinic was set to take place next Saturday and Sunday at Rutledge Middle School, located at 140 Pioneer Drive.

Remote Area Medical thanks the community and volunteers for their time and efforts in preparing for the event. For more information, please visit www.ramusa.org/clinic-schedule/ for upcoming clinics in your area. Visit www.ramusa.org/bring-ram-to-your-community/ for information on bringing RAM to your community.

Guest Column

Hospitals Finally Face the Music on Price Transparency

By Sally C. Pipes

Two Georgia hospitals were recently fined \$1.1 million for failing to publish their prices. The facilities had also ignored letters from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services asking them to publicly disclose what they charge for procedures.

It's about time. The federal government directed hospitals to publish clear, consumer-friendly charge lists by the beginning of 2021. Six months later, just 6% of hospitals nationwide had complied, according to a study published in June in the medical journal JAMA.

Hospitals shouldn't be able to get away with flouting the law. Price transparency empowers patients and payers to shop around

for medical care -- and ultimately allows them to leverage the power of competition to extract the best value for their dollar.

The Trump administration issued the price transparency rule in 2019. It required hospitals to publish standard prices for 300 of their most common services, including rates for insurers and those for individuals paying cash. The rule set daily fines for non-compliant institutions, which the Biden administration increased in November 2021.

Since the rule took effect, hospitals have been cautioned plenty. CMS has issued more than 350 warning letters requesting compliance.

Yet transparency has

lagged. The biggest medical centers have been among the worst offenders. Just 0.5% of facilities owned by the country's three largest hospital systems were fully compliant as of early 2022, according to a report from Patient Rights Advocate.

Hospitals may be leery of revealing their prices because the results can be embarrassing. In one case, an Illinois patient received a \$15,000 hospital bill for an EpiPen. He later learned he could have purchased the same device from a pharmacy for \$320.

Or, take the recent experience of a couple in Fresno, Calif. According to reporting from NPR, the husband underwent

cataract surgery with an in-network provider that cost over \$4,000. His wife, who has the same coverage, received the same exact procedure at a neighboring clinic -- and only owed \$204. The two facilities were just a half mile from one another.

High-cost providers wouldn't be able to get away with those wide spreads in price if patients and payers knew about them. That's why a 2021 RAND Corporation study projected that improving price transparency could reduce U.S. healthcare spending by up to \$26.6 billion a year.

Of course, some hospitals may be justified in charging more than others.

Factors like quality, convenience, and reputation of doctors and hospitals always influence price. But patients and payers should be able to evaluate those factors on their own. Hiding prices deprives them of key pieces of information that help them make prudent decisions.

Opaque prices also undermine competition -- and thus help healthcare providers avoid improving quality or reducing costs in order to attract customers at the margin.

The feds did the right thing by fining hospitals that aren't following the rules. But more needs to be done to make hospitals around the country do what businesses in every other

sector do every day -- tell potential customers what they can expect to pay.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is "False Promise, False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All" (Encounter 2020). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes. This op-ed originally ran in the Chicago Sun-Times.

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DAWN MARIE JONES, Plaintiff,
v.
RONALD EUGENE JONES, Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint for Divorce, which is verified, that the Defendant, Ronald Eugene Jones, is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.
IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant, Ronald Eugene Jones, file an answer with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or the same will be taken for confessed as to Respondents and judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before the Circuit Court for Union County, Tennessee 901 Main Street, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 17 day of August, 2022.

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Barbara Williams
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Travis Patterson
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Docket No. 4006
TOMMY GERALD BASLER, JR. And
LESLIE BASLER, Petitioners,
v.
ERNEST GLENN and UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF: ANDREA NICOLE MCCELROY DOB: 7/25/2009
In this cause, it appearing from the Petition filed, which is verified, that the Respondent, Ernest Glenn and Unknown Father, is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: WARREN ALEXANDER BRINDEL IN RE: MATTHEW FRANKLIN BRINDEL v. WARREN ALEXANDER BRINDEL NO. 205341-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant WARREN ALEXANDER BRINDEL, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon WARREN ALEXANDER BRINDEL, it is ordered that said defendant, WARREN ALEXANDER BRINDEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Roger D. Hyman, an Attorney whose address is P.O. Box 28072 Knoxville, Tennessee 37912 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SYLVIA R. MOORE, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SYLVIA R. MOORE, it is ordered that said defendant, SYLVIA R. MOORE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with H. Keith Morrison, an Attorney whose address is One East Center Street, Suite 310, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor

This the 30 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF RUTH ANNIE COOK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LOREN NICHOLS COOK; ADMINISTRATOR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEPHEN E EDWARDS
DOCKET NUMBER 85963-3

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
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ESTATE OF STEPHEN E EDWARDS

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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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ESTATE OF ALLIE L HARMON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ESTATE OF LOIS JANE LOHMAN

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DOCKET NUMBER 86631-2

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ESTATE OF EUGENIA DUFF PANNELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARILYN J PATTISON

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

BETHANY B DAVENPORT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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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:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the -date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 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:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 26 day of 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:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF ANDREW MICHAEL SEXTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EMILY MIRANDA SEXTON; ADMINISTRATRIX
8022 CANTER LANE
POWELL, TN. 37849

SUZANNE N PRICE ATTORNEY AT LAW
800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2001
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

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:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 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
CORRYTON, 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:
(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 30 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF KARA PRICE STREET

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEVERLY ANN CARROLL
DOCKET NUMBER 86468-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY ANN CARROLL who died Oct 23, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the

Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 6 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF BEVERLY ANN CARROLL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEITH ANDREW CARROLL; CO-EXECUTOR
2 JESTER COURT
SIMPSONVILLE, SC 29681

KEVIN ALAN CARROLL; CO-EXECUTOR
230 HERITAGE MILL DRIVE
MADISON, AL 35758

JAMES S TIPTON, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY GLENN COFFEY
DOCKET NUMBER 86646-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BILLY GLENN COFFEY who died Jun 6, 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 31 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF BILLY GLENN COFFEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARRY LYNN COFFEY; ADMINISTRATOR
6929 MACKIN LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

LYNN TARPY ATTORNEY AT LAW
1111 N NORHTSHORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STRODDY MCKENRICK CURRY
DOCKET NUMBER 86644-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STRODDY MCKENRICK CURRY who died May 13, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 31 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF STRODDY MCKENRICK CURRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ERIC DAVID FOX; ADMINISTRATOR
1108 LECONTE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES H GABBARD
DOCKET NUMBER 86659-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES H GABBARD 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 6 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF CHARLES H GABBARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA J GABBARD; EXECUTRIX
1944 WELLBOURNE DRIVE, NE
ATLANTA, GA 30324

AMANDA M BUSBY ATTORNEY AT LAW
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

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Constant Prayer

By Mark Brackney, Arlington Church of Christ

Many people pray, but there are those who pray constantly. Prayer was never meant for just a couple of times a day or as a last resort, but as a running conversation with God all throughout the day. Your life will change when you practice this kind of prayer life. In fact, it is easier to talk with God in an ongoing way. The thought of being still with eyes closed when you pray is hard for those of us with ADD. Some of us would need to be medicated regularly if this was the only way to pray. Listen to what Paul wrote: "Pray continually" (1 Thess. 5:17). When you are driving down the road, when you are shopping, when you are walking – pray. The

King James Version says "pray without ceasing." Imagine the impact we would have on our community if we prayed with our eyes open to what is going on around us on a continual basis. As we walk in our neighborhoods, we become aware of the needs of those around us and we pray for them. We pray for the neighbors we know and those we don't know. If at work we see a co-worker or a client who looks distressed, we pray for them right then and there. Imagine the impact we could have.

How about when you watch the news? Pray for the news. Seriously. Make an intentional

attempt sometime to watch the news to specifically pray for what is going on around this broken world. You don't just watch the news; you pray to the news. When you are watching the Vols play, don't just watch the game, you pray that God would smite the opposing team. Ok, that might be taking it a bit too far. But you can pray that the players stay safe in a violent game. You can pray that the players and fans will exhibit good sportsmanship. Prayer is a conversation that is ongoing with whatever you are doing.

Another idea is that before you pray for your food at the restaurant, pray for your server and the cook. At the store, pray for those

around you. Often when I'm at the checkout line I am looking for the shortest line, but what if I pray for those around me? You will notice things about them and the needs they might have. God might just whisper for you to do something to help someone.

If you are like me, you make commitments that you fail to meet. You start off well, but it fizzles out. You want to spend more time in prayer, but you get distracted and you forget to pray. What was it about the early church that they stayed committed to continual prayer? As you read chapter after chapter in the book of Acts, you find they had a deep dependence on God.

As you look back at your life, when did you find yourself praying the most? It was likely during a difficult period of time. Prayer becomes easier when you have a dependence upon God. Often prayer is like a fire extinguisher. We will break the glass, get it out and use it – but only in an emergency. But the truth is, we always need God's help. We are always dependent on God; we just don't realize it.

Prayer is not something we do; it is the way things get done. Really, like worship, prayer is not something you do, but something you are. I need God. That is prayer. This is why it is continual.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DENNIS WAYNE GOODNER
DOCKET NUMBER 86413-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DENNIS WAYNE GOODNER who died Feb 23, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 31 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF DENNIS WAYNE GOODNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DENNIS SCOTT GOODNER;
ADMINISTRATOR
2010 OLD KNOXVILLE PIKE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

JASON C ROSE ATTORNEY AT LAW
611 SMITHVIEW DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37803

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DONALD C HARRIS
DOCKET NUMBER 86652-2**

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

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

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

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

This the 2 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF DONALD C HARRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DOUGLAS A HARRIS; CO-EXECUTOR
1212 GREAT OAKS WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

SUSAN M GONZALEZ; CO-EXECUTOR
1728 SOMERSBY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JACK ANTHONY HUGHETT
DOCKET NUMBER 86446-3**

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

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

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

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

This the 2 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF JACK ANTHONY HUGHETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAYNA SCOTT; ADMINISTRATRIX
910 FORDTOWN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BENNIE DUKE JOHNSTON, III
DOCKET NUMBER 86643-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of AUGUST 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BENNIE DUKE JOHNSTON, III who died Jun 9, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 31 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF BENNIE DUKE JOHNSTON, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SARAH JOHNSTON; ADMINISTRATRIX
4501 TILLERY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

ANN MOSTOLLER ATTORNEY AT LAW
136 S ILLINOIS AVENUE, SUITE 104
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SANDE LYNN HAYDUK KOPP
DOCKET NUMBER 86516-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of AUGUST 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SANDE LYNN HAYDUK KOPP who died Apr 8, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 31 day of AUGUST, 2022.

ESTATE OF SANDE LYNN HAYDUK KOPP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TANYA BELL HAYDUK DETRIK; EXECUTRIX
184 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
MIDDLEBURY, CT 06762

PATRICK MCKENRICK ATTORNEY AT LAW
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DONALD E MITCHELL
DOCKET NUMBER 86655-2**

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

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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 2 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF DONALD E MITCHELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LORIS MITCHELL; EXECUTRIX
1915 E MAIDEN ROAD
MAIDEN, NC 28650

O E SCHOW, IV ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JANIE DELORIS NEAL
DOCKET NUMBER 86653-3**

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

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

This the 2 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF JANIE DELORIS NEAL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RANDY DOUGLAS NEAL; EXECUTOR
1529 ABERDEEN DRIVE
ALCOA, TN. 37701

DALLIS H HOWARD ATTORNEY AT LAW
4820 OLD KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CATHERINE SCOTT PARKER
AKA CATHY SCOTT PARKER
DOCKET NUMBER 86519-1**

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

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

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

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

This the 2 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE SCOTT PARKER AKA CATHY SCOTT PARKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAURA PARKER SMITHEY; EXECUTRIX
538 CONFEDERATE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

JOEL D ROETTGER ATTORNEY AT LAW
900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2300
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY KITTS ROSE
AKA DOROTHY JEAN ROSE
DOCKET NUMBER 86546-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY KITTS ROSE AKA DOROTHY JEAN ROSE who died Jul 9, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 1 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022

ESTATE OF DOROTHY KITTS ROSE AKA DOROTHY JEAN ROSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHEN C ROSE; EXECUTOR
7240 BRICKEY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PAUL K SHIRLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 86660-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL K SHIRLEY who died Jun 11, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 6 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF PAUL K SHIRLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELVA BELLE MAGILL-SHIRLEY; EXECUTRIX
1716 STARMONT TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HARRY Y SPARKS
DOCKET NUMBER 86657-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRY Y SPARKS who died Jul 5, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 6 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF HARRY Y SPARKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES ARTHUR SPARKS; CO-EXECUTOR
10932 SALLINGS ROAD

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

BONNIE M SPARKS; CO-EXECUTOR
10932 SALLINGS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

MISC. NOTICES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or line holders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of A1 Express Tires & Wrecker Service. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction held on OCT 3rd 2022 AT 10:00 AM at 11941 Chapman Hwy Seymour TN 37865
2000 TOYT 4RUN JT3GN87R9Y0156542
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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

1. Call to order (Morrison)
2. Roll call (Kim or Angie)
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Commissioner Schoonmaker)
4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting (Morrison)
5. Audit Committee Charter Requirement – Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Morrison) Resolution R-09-9-905 (9/22/09) "Composition", last 2 sentences, provided "Each year at its first meeting, the committee shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary from among its members. Members of the Audit Committee shall be independent of the Knox County Mayor's Office."
6. Resolution R-14-3-904 (3/24/14) revised "Composition", last 2 sentences, provided "Each year at its first meeting, the committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Secretary from among its members. Members of the Audit Committee shall be independent of the Knox County Mayor's Office."
7. Knox County Finance Department Update (Chris Caldwell)
8. Report by Knox County Schools (Ron McPherson or Chris Simons)
9. External Auditor update (Ted Hotz)
10. Discussions of transition reviews/audits conducted of newly elected constitutional offices as of September 1, 2022. Note: some cut-off items may still be pending. (Ted Hotz, Andrea Addis)
11. Internal Audit Update (Andrea Addis)
 - i. Hot Line update (Agenda Item 13 might apply)
 - ii. Staffing positions – current, open and additional requested
 - iii. Status Report (current, completed, upcoming projects)
 - iv. 2022 Audit Plan
 - v. CRE Summary
12. Dates for CY 2022 remaining scheduled Audit Committee Meetings at 3:00 PM: December 12, 2022
 - i. Consider additional meeting in October 2022 for Executive Session on Hot Line impacts
 - ii. Special Meeting(s) will be individually scheduled as needed
13. Other business
14. Vote for a confidential, nonpublic executive session under TN Code 9-3-405, subdivision (d) (1) through (d)(5). (Jim Morrison)
15. Adjournment

NOTE: ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE

Knox County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Knox County Grants & Community Development

The Knox County Grants & Community Development Department (KCCD) Public Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, over ZOOM. A link to the meeting will be located at the following URL: https://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/public_notices.php.

The Knox County Grants & Community Development (KCCD) 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) documents the County's activities and performance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV), and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs during the past year addressing specific housing and service needs of the community. The public comment period is September 12 through September 28, 2022.

Knox County residents are encouraged to share their verbal or written comments about the County's CAPER at the virtual ZOOM meeting. Draft copies of the Report will be available online or by calling KCCD at (865) 215-3945. Comments may also be emailed to Zach Waggoner at Zachary.waggoner@knoxcounty.org or by mail to Knox County Grants & Community Development, City-County Building, Suite 364, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902. The finalized version of the CAPER will be submitted to HUD for final approval on or after September 29, 2022.

Persons requiring special assistance or accommodations should contact KCCD at least three days before the public meeting.

“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.”





PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The Cable Mill in Cades Cove was the center of that Smoky Mountain community and the grinding stones inside the mill are original.

Visiting the Cable Mill in Cades Cove

You may have visited Cades Cove many times but there's probably something you didn't know about the old mill at the center of the loop road there.

The large cove nestled at the base of the Smoky Mountains contains many structures and former homes of earlier settlers, but

there's one that was the hub of commerce and socializing that is noteworthy: the Cable Grist Mill.

Cades Cove was named after Cherokee Chief Kade. The tribe called the cove "Otter Place" and soon after a treaty was signed, Hugh Dunlap settled there. Several families called the cove home including John Cable who built the mill in 1867. It provided settlers with a place to make flour for bread and to cut lumber. The farmhouse near the mill was built from lumber from the mill.

About 700 people lived in the cove

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

area and the mill was the center of public gatherings, especially on Saturdays. Water was diverted from the creek to the overshoot mill. The grinding stones on the mill are original and still used more than 150 years later. At one time there were other mills but the Cable Mill is the only

survivor.

The Great Smoky Mountain Association runs the mill each year through October. You can watch the mill grind corn and then buy freshly ground cornmeal to take home with you.

My wife and I visited Cades Cove and the mill recently and watched children playing in the stream. The sluice that carries the mill water starts far above and uses gravity to bring the water down. There's an 11-foot "overshoot" water wheel. The water strikes the top of the wheel, turning the wheel and powering the

grinding wheel inside. The mill got a new water wheel in recent years.

Near the mill are the Cades Cove visitor center, restrooms, a large open farmhouse, a smokehouse, other outbuildings and a cantilever barn. The parking lot on weekends is usually full and there are handicapped parking spaces. As you round the loop you'll find a campground off to the right as well as the large picnic area, where a stream flows by the tables. My wife and I often stop there to picnic in the shade and listen to the creek flow by us.

On your way back you might want to stop at some of the historic country homes along the loop road but watch for slow traffic, especially when wildlife is active. Coming back toward Knoxville you can stop at two welcome and visitor centers in Townsend or the railroad museum. The little community also sports convenience stores and several good restaurants and campgrounds.

You can find Cades Cove and the Cable Mill online or you can also call the Visitor Center at (865)-436-7318.

Davis Family Cabin to be dedicated September 29

The Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center is thrilled to announce an official dedication ceremony for the newly-reconstructed Davis Family Cabin is planned for Thursday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m.!

An accomplishment 18 months in the making, this tangible piece of Smoky Mountain history will officially join the Heritage Center's collection of historic structures and be opened to the public. The beautiful, one-room cabin was donated to the Heritage Center for permanent display and preservation by the Davis Family of Seymour. Although the original construction date is not known, the cabin is believed to be approximately 200 years old.

A painstaking process of disassembly was begun in March of 2021 with all salvageable material brought to Townsend for storage until the reconstruction process could begin. That process started in October of 2021 and was completed just last month. The Heritage Center's long-range plan is to establish the Davis Cabin as a focal point for living history demonstrations, including hearth cooking, gardening, husbandry, and much more.

GSMHC anticipates having several members of the Davis Family in attendance for the dedication, and all GSMHC members, friends, and supporters are encouraged to participate.

Mabry-Hazen House Museum to celebrate its 30th Anniversary with a garden party

The Mabry-Hazen House Museum is turning 30 years old, and it is throwing a swinging garden party Friday, September 16, to celebrate!

While the historic house is well over 160 years old, the museum opened to the public in 1992. The museum is inviting everyone to join friends, board members, and museum staff of Mabry-Hazen House to celebrate three decades of service.

The dressy-casual garden party takes place on the grounds of the historic house. Enjoy the sunset over Sharp's Ridge from the top of Mabry's Hill while sipping a delectable signature cocktail from Knox Whiskey Works or a local wine (virgin cocktails and infused water are also available). Dance on the lawn while the Old City Buskers play swinging

tunes from the gazebo. Take a self-guided tour of the historic house. Then join them under the spacious lighted tent for delicious hors d'oeuvres from Sister South Fine Foods and view the items offered in a silent auction!

The museum is raising funds to support a restoration of the historic house interior, including new wallpaper, paint, and plaster repairs. Proceeds from the event and silent auction will go towards this restoration.

Tickets are \$30 and include food, a tour and one drink. Additional drinks will be available for purchase. For more information visit www.mabryhazen.com/30th-anniversary.

View the Silent Auction at 32auctions.com/mabryhazen30. The auction will conclude at the end of the evening on September 16.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Pearl Bryan didn't deserve it! Part 2

Sheriff Jake Plummer of Campbell County in Kentucky had a busy morning on Saturday, February 1, 1896. A young lady had been found brutally murdered in his jurisdiction, near an orchard just outside of Fort Thomas. Detectives Crim and McDermott, investigators from Cincinnati, showed up to assist and began scouring the crime scene for clues.

News of the horrific murder traveled quickly and gawkers soon began arriving and entering the area before the Covington officers expelled the curiosity seekers. Then they joined the other officers in searching for the head of the deceased as she had been decapitated. It would not be found.

Soon the sheriff's officers closed down the traffic past the crime scene area and admitted only emergency personnel.

Smaller police departments such as Sheriff Plummer's didn't have the resources to handle major cases in that era. In situations such as this it wasn't uncommon for larger units to offer assistance. Sheriff Plummer needed help and was relieved when they arrived.

After the coroner was satisfied with his preliminary investigation, he asked the sheriff to send for a wagon to take the body of the deceased to White's Mortuary in nearby Newport. He didn't have any idea of the victim's identity. A small crowd of citizens was

already present when the wagon arrived with Coroner Tingley and the body at the funeral home. Newport police officers soon began showing up with loved ones of the missing daughter. They knew the process and hoped they wouldn't be able to identify their daughter. No one could perform the task, made more difficult in that the head of the victim was missing. Meanwhile, Sheriff Plummer was sifting through missing person reports.

Two days later Coroner Tingley gathered with a team consisting of Carothers, Pythian and doctors Fishbach, Jenkins and Schofield to conduct the autopsy. The clothing was removed and bagged for the sheriff's examination. The clothing had normal usage but the shoes were found to be new. They had been stamped with a serial number of sorts.

The young lady had not been raped as Coroner Tingley suspected in his cursory exam at the crime scene. Ligature marks on her neck seemed to have been caused by human hands. Her neck was cut cleanly by a very sharp instrument while her fingers were nearly severed by her defensive efforts made to save her life. There was a small wart on a finger of her right hand and three toes of her right foot were fused together. These could possibly help in her identification.

Upon dissecting the body, they found she was about five months pregnant and they determined it

would have been her first child. They removed the fetus for later examination. Her stomach was sent to the Medical College of Ohio after removal to check its contents. Her age was estimated between nineteen and twenty-two.

Following the post-mortem, Carothers told the sheriff that the shoes she was wearing were relatively new and could possibly be traced to the manufacturer. He gave Carothers permission to take the shoes to L. D. Poock, a local shoe merchant.

"I'm not aware of the different manufacturers but I know a lot of folks in the shoe business," Mr. Poock told the sheriff. "I believe I can find someone who can help you with this." He received authorization to find out what he could.

"They look very much like shoes manufactured by Drew, Selby and Company in Portsmouth, Ohio," he was told.

East-west trains ran regularly between the cities and beyond. Soon L. D. Poock was rumbling along the tracks toward Portsmouth.

"Yes indeed, those are our shoes," the manager of Drew, Selby and Company affirmed upon his arrival. "They are one of our most popular brands, especially with the young ladies. The code on this shoe, 22-11, is the number of the size three shoe form that was used in the manufacturing process."

Upon checking on that

particular order it was learned the pair of shoes was part of twelve pairs made for Louis and Hays Department Store in Greencastle, Indiana. Mr. Poock telegraphed Sheriff Plummer back in Newport of his findings and was soon leaving from the Portsmouth, Ohio train station, destined for home.

The sheriff was tired, getting practically no sleep since the body was discovered early Saturday morning. The telegram gave him renewed energy. He called the train station to learn the expected arrival time of Poock's return and for the next departure to Greencastle. He planned to meet Mr. Poock to retrieve the shoes upon his return and then leave as soon as possible for Greencastle.

He followed that up with calls to Cincinnati detectives Crim and McDermott. He was pleased to learn they would accompany him to Greencastle as they may have to do a lot of legwork finding the buyers of the shoes.

Sheriff Plummer didn't know who the victim was or what she looked like but he knew more than before. Later that evening he met with the detectives and boarded the train for Greencastle. After exchanging information with the other officers, he retired to a Pullman sleeper. They would be at the Louis and Hays Department Store in Greencastle the next morning. He knew he needed rest.

Sheriff Plummer felt strange

traveling overland by train in a Pullman sleeper, tracking down leads to an inane murder back on his home turf. Upon arriving in Greencastle, Indiana he and the two Cincinnati detectives, Crim and McDermott, set out for the Louis and Hays Department Store hoping to solve a piece of their puzzle.

When the sheriff entered law enforcement he didn't know it would often be like working a jigsaw puzzle, hardest at first but getting a little easier with the connection of each piece. He hated rape-murder cases and this one bordered on that. He couldn't wait to get more pieces put together of the puzzle put together.

They arrived at the Louis and Hays Department Store soon after the doors were opened for business. The salesmen readily recognized the shoes just as though they were part of the family. Sheriff Plummer finally had the first two pieces put together. That gave him new hope.

Editor's note: This thriller continues soon in The Knoxville Focus. Jadon Gibson is a freelance writer from Harrogate, TN. His stories are both historic and nostalgic in nature. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.