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Legacy Parks announces new projects at annual luncheon

New trails, new access to waterways and new partnerships were announced Friday to a sold-out crowd of more than 1,000 guests at Legacy Parks Foundation's annual Legacy Luncheon for the Parks.

Carol Evans, executive director of Legacy Parks Foundation kicked off the announcements with a big fundraising milestone. "I'm pleased to say that \$1.3 million has been raised this year to create the French Broad Veterans Memorial Park in east Knox County, and construction is set to begin in 2023.

"This beautiful 7-acre park will provide veterans, their families and the community with a gathering place for celebration, commemoration and reflection overlooking the French Broad River and the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery," said Evans.

The Luncheon Parks is the Foundation's annual fundraising event that celebrates the accomplishments of the organization over the past year.

To date, Legacy Parks has raised more than \$11 million for parks and trails, added over 600 acres of parkland in Knox County, and created over 50 miles of trails within Knoxville's city limits.

In addition to the new Veterans Park in east Knox County, Legacy Parks is creating the SoKno Rail Trail, a 1.5 mile trail along the rail line in the heart of South Knoxville's business district.

"In West Knoxville, another trail will be created at West Hills Park," said Evans. "It will be a natural surface trail will meander through the woods at this beloved community park."

Last year, Evans announced the goal to create access for all to outdoor recreation so that people with disabilities can enjoy the benefits of playing in our beautiful woods and waterways. Two great projects have since been completed. An adaptive trail was created at Dogwood Elementary in South Knoxville leading directly from the school's playground to the existing outdoor classroom, allowing all children - including those using mobility devices - navigable access to the outdoor learning space. In addition

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What's the future of planning in the city and county?

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What's happening with regulating future development in Knoxville and Knox County?

That question is ongoing but may come up again when the city council meets on Tuesday.

A few years ago the Knox County Commission discussed the possibility

of the county withdrawing from what was then the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Since then that body has changed its name to Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

The members can serve two four-year terms, get off the body for one year, and then be reappointed. Critics of the planning group claim there are too many developers and related

industry members. The county mayor names eight members and the city mayor names seven.

The commission recently voted, on the recommendation of Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, to take away some powers from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Citizens opposing zoning approvals for housing developers now must go to court rather than air

their concerns with the BZA. Proponents claim the change will streamline the approval process.

Recently Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon named former Knoxville-Knox County Planning Director Amy Brooks to her administration. Brooks was named Chief Housing Officer and Director of the City's Housing & Neighborhood Development

Department.

Long-time planning advocate Jeff Welch was named to replace Brooks with the planners.

In its last council meeting, the members learned the administration is preparing to hire a new city zoning chief and may plan to create a city zoning department separate from Knoxville-Knox County

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Come dressed in your costume and take photos to be entered to win a prize! Image courtesy UTIA.

Greenway, sidewalks and zonings on city agenda

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The \$2.6 million Baker Creek Pavilion Project may be approved Tuesday when the Knoxville City Council meets. The Department of Engineering is suggesting the contract with Design and Construction Services be approved.

That project, part of Phase Two of the Knoxville Urban Wilderness Greenway Park, will include dragging, site prep, a large concrete pad, restrooms and a pavilion.

The same firm may get an additional \$89,798 agreement for Phase II of the On-Call Sidewalk Replacement Project, bringing the total cost to \$1.2 million.

The Sevier Avenue Streetscapes Project is on the agenda with the council voting to reimburse Comcast, KUB and AT&T for all their expenses related to relocating utilities along the route.

Lancaster Drive's Sidewalk Improvement Project may see the council approving buying property for easements.

Zoning changes may include the property at 2302 Ridgecrest Drive and four properties along Clinton Highway. A lot at 6233 McIntyre Road may revert to its previous zoning prior to ReCode efforts.

Two lots are on the agenda to be sold by the city as part of the Homemaker Program. The property at 2413 Wilson may sell for \$6,000 and the 2500 East Glenwood Avenue may sell for \$5,600.

Bewitching Beasts back at the UT Gardens

Food Allergy-Friendly Event for Children and Families

Bewitching Beasts is back for another year at the UT Gardens, Knoxville! Join us for a wildly fun drop-in program to learn about creepy crawlies and strangely cool plants. This year, Bewitching Beasts will be on Sunday, October 30, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Families can stop by different booths to play games and learn fun

facts about bewitching beasts and plants, which are beasts in their own right. This event is food allergy-friendly meaning that there is no food present. Please come dressed in your costume and take photos to be entered to win a prize!

Pre-registration is required, and admission is \$8 for UT Gardens members and \$10 for non-members. Register online at tiny.utk.edu/bewitchingbeasts by Sunday, October 23.

For directions, more information

and a full calendar of fall events at the UT Gardens, visit utgardens.tennessee.edu.

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Supreme Court On Prayer And Bible Reading II

From a distance



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Last week I wrote about the U.S. Supreme Court cases in the 1960s which banned prayer and Bible reading in public schools. In the prayer case, all three levels of the New York Courts – trial, appellate, and supreme – had ruled in favor of allowing non-denominational prayers, but they were reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court. That decision in 1962 and one the next year went contrary

to several earlier Supreme Court opinions. In *Zorach v. Clauson* in 1952, the court said, “We find no constitutional requirement which makes it necessary for government to be hostile to religion and to throw its weight against efforts to widen the effective scope of religious influence.” That opinion was written by the super-liberal Justice William O. Douglas. He added that it was ridiculous to believe there should be a separation of church and state in every conceivable way: “A fastidious atheist or agnostic could even object to the supplication with which the court opens each session: ‘God save the United States and this Honorable Court.’” One of the things I enjoyed the most when I

was in Congress was showing people around the Capitol when I had time. I was always grateful for my job and I loved (and still love) history. In fact, I took most of my electives at UT in history and could have had a degree in history if I had been in the College of Liberal Arts. I remember one anti-communist physics professor at UT who told me he had voted to change the name of that college to the College of Arts and Sciences because he was “neither a liberal nor an artist.” People were frequently surprised when I told them every session of the House and Senate was opened with prayer. They were even more surprised when I showed them the prayer room just off the rotunda

in the center of the Capitol and told them that there were House and Senate prayer groups that met each week in the Capitol when in session. I had the privilege of sitting on the platform during eight presidential inaugurations, and everyone had both opening and closing prayers. I think it is sad that we give our national leaders the privilege of prayer and Bible reading in the nation’s capitol but we don’t give that same privilege to the nation’s school children. Also, it seems to me that the problems of this country have grown bigger just about every year since prayer and Bible reading were banned in our public schools. I know that most children probably didn’t pay much

attention or get much out of it when hearing prayers or Bible verses in school. But it sent a very important message to children that there was a higher power in charge or who was there to help during tough times later in life. And who could know when a child might have come to school hurting in some way because of an argument between parents, a divorce, or a death in the family who might have been comforted by a prayer or a Bible verse? We have had great technological progress since the ‘60s, but in many personal, moral, and human ways, we have often regressed. We certainly have much more crime (murders, violence, etc.), more family breakups, and more personal breakdowns.

In 2nd Chronicles 7:14, the Bible says: If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land.” We need healing in this country today, both as individuals and as a nation. And we need more prayer – in our government, in our schools, and in our homes. I remember hearing a prayer by my friend John Wood, the former pastor of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. He prayed for everyone there, of course, but then added that he was praying especially for those who were not there and who thought they didn’t need prayer, “and thus needed it most of all.”

Music for Seniors 2022 presents Brand New Box of Matches

Bluegrass duo Brand New Box of Matches will perform Tuesday, October 18, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 at the South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike, as part of Music for Seniors 2022’s free concert series. Elizabeth Sherman (vocals and bass) and Ryan Hardison (guitar and banjo) are sure to entertain with their repertoire of bluegrass and classic country tunes as well as originals. Elizabeth’s lovely vocals shine on haunting ballads and beautiful waltzes, while Ryan’s hot banjo picking will have your toes tapping and hands clapping. Their debut album “Strike One” was released in March of 2022 and has been featured on WDVX radio and enjoyed by fans in East Tennessee and beyond!

Why some schools are teaching Critical Race Theory

Critical race theory (CRT) is being used in many public-school systems as an excuse to deflect from their inability to teach our children how to read, how to spell and how to do math. We have a system - the Education Industrial Complex - in which only the teachers care about teaching the children and they are handicapped by having to rely on methods that are a proven failure. The textbook authors, publishers, colleges of education, teachers’ unions, accreditation boards and sadly our local school administrators and PTAs don’t care about teaching students. If they did, they would not accept the dismal reading and math proficiency scores in our schools. It is embarrassing. Instead of correcting the problem – and there are well established methods that can do so – many school systems have trotted out CRT as an excuse. CRT asserts that systemic racism in the public schools is the reason for the poor academic performance of black children. Even if that were true, then what excuse is given for the poor academic performance of white children? As a friend of mine who teaches physics in a major southern city has said “What do I tell my white students who are struggling?” That racism once existed in public education is undeniable. Black schools in the segregated south were woefully underfunded. In K-12 I never had a text that did not have some white school’s name in it. Local school boards were generally all white as were virtually all of the school system administrators. It could be inferred that any difference between black and white student achievement could be the

result of systemic racism stemming from the inequality of facilities and equipment. However, the overt systemic racism of the past is gone. Is the racism of the past so deeply embedded in our schools that the differentials in achievement persist even though many urban school systems have significant numbers of black teachers and black administrators? The basic reason that most kids – regardless of race - struggle in school is highly correlated to economic status. Poor children often find themselves in classrooms where they do not speak the same language as the teachers and other students. In essence, they have to learn English as a foreign language while at the same time trying to master the schoolwork. It is a daunting task for most and many simply fail to catch up. In grades 1-3, students learn to read and thereafter, read to learn. Some years ago I approached the then Knoxville school superintendent with a proven program that catches up students who have reading deficiencies and asked to implement it in our worse performing schools. He rejected it because the accreditation board would not approve it because it contained too much reading! I kid you not. The Education Consumer Group (<https://education-consumers.org>) has produced charts showing that in certain schools, poor children perform as well or better than in schools where there are few disadvantaged students. These may be charter schools or schools that have rejected the standard teaching method employed in most public schools.

The reading scores for American students are abysmal. Nationally less than 34% of fourth graders read at grade level. Less than half of Tennessee’s third graders read proficiently. In Boston, fewer than 25% of black children are proficient readers, yet I bet you they are proficient in CRT, gender identity and climate change. The poor reading results cannot be explained by claiming systemic racism nor can they be corrected by teaching Critical Race Theory. I defy its proponents to show me one study that demonstrates that reading proficiency is improved in those schools where CRT is taught. That evidence does not exist. Systemic racism cannot explain racial disparities in student proficiency. Those disparities have more to do with economics than with race. Systemic racism is being used by our public school “educators” as an excuse to mask their failure to teach our children. Importantly, parents can take matters into their own hands and catch up their kids themselves. A proven method, Funnix, is available online. I know it works because I along with several retirees used it to teach second graders to read in an after school program at one of the lowest performing Knoxville schools. It is highly recommended (<https://education-consumers.org/computer-based-instruction-produces-catch-growth/>). Lastly, if any school system institutes instruction in CRT, I encourage all parents, regardless of the achievement level of their children, to organize to replace the entire school apparatus, except the teachers. Fire the entire school administration, vote out the PTAs and the Board of “Education”. They do not have the children’s interests at heart and need to be replaced.



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Bewitching Beasts

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Visiting Monterey

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Every small town in our region has its own attractions or special features. One of them, just off Interstate 40 on the Cumberland Plateau, has more things than you probably expect.

As you top the mountain headed west from Knoxville you'll pass by interesting places like Crab Orchard and Crossville before coming to Monterey. Many people think of that little town as a gas stop but there's much more to it just north of the interstate.

In the early 1800s the Cherokee signed a treaty and that area was sold to the United States. Monterey developed as a stagecoach and traveling stop along Avery's Trace and Walton Road. Travelers



The Monterey Railroad Depot Museum is just one of the many attractions the town has, including a large RV campground, unique buildings, and some great overlooks.

along the old Indian route noted a tall 16-foot stone statue there that looked like a big gray dog. Unfortunately travelers and the railroad pass through later destroyed the monolith.

No one knows which Native American tribe built the monument but it apparently predates the Cherokee and could have been a boundary marker or a religious symbol.

Today only a small piece of that statue remains atop a special monument. It was dedicated in 1895 and continues to draw visitors to the site where a small park now exists.

Yet Monterey is more than the "Old Gray" statue. The town was formed in 1893 as part of Putnam County. The community advertises itself as "Where the hilltops kiss the sky" and for good reason. Nearby the Bee Rock Overlook gives a beautiful cliff top view of the Cumberland Mountain. Meadow Creek Park offers 90 acres for visitation and unique businesses, a depot museum, and Mennonite stores just to the north draws tourist, shoppers and diners. There is an open air amphitheatre in town along with some interesting businesses

and buildings. The town also boasts of a full hookup campground, parks and events scheduled throughout the year.

Monterey is only 88 miles from Knoxville. From there you may drive north to other small towns like Livingston or south to Sparta. To the west is Cookeville and to the east is Crossville. Anyone headed to Nashville might want to take that one Monterey exit and spend a few minutes in a special Cumberland Plateau town.

You can find lots of interesting information online or you can call the museum there at (931) 839-2111.

Knox Co. improves safety at dangerous intersection in Halls

Knox County's Engineering and Public Works is putting the final touches on a project that improves safety for drivers and pedestrians at a dangerous intersection on Maynardville Pike near Halls High School.

"At the intersection of Ledgerwood Road and Maynardville Pike, we've installed a traffic signal, several hundred feet of sidewalks, and added pedestrian crosswalks," said Jim Snowden, Director of Engineering and Public Works. "This is a great project where we were able to kill two birds with one stone. This signal will make it much safer for people driving through here as well as pedestrians."

Ledgerwood Road provides access to the rear entrance of Halls High School as well as residential areas. The new signal improves traffic flow and prevents drivers from having to turn across several lanes of oncoming vehicles on Maynardville Pike.

"In the past, there have been a lot of bad car

crashes in this area. There were also some near misses with pedestrians. Kids were having to walk [on Ledgerwood Road] in the ditch line and cross the road where there really wasn't a crosswalk," said Snowden. "Now you'll be able to press a button, it'll stop traffic, and safely cross this road without the fear of getting struck by a vehicle."

The traffic signals for vehicles went online October 5. Snowden said the pedestrian crosswalks should be operational within a couple of weeks. Crews still have to finish some striping as well as paving curb ramps to provide sidewalk access for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

"This has been a dangerous intersection at a busy location where you have Halls High School and several businesses," said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. "I would like to thank the folks at Knox County Engineering and Public Works for all the work they've put into making it safer for everyone."

What's the future of planning in the city and county?



Councilwomen Lauren Rider and Lynne Fugate joke with Deputy Mayor David Brace prior to a recent meeting. Both councilwomen and other members questioned Brace and other city administration officials about possible changes in the city's planning future. Photo by Mike Steely.

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Planning. The city has limited space for future single-family housing and seems to be promoting multi-family apartments.

Several council members had questions on learning of the possible pull-out from the city-county organization. Deputy Mayor David Brace told the meeting the planning question has been a topic of discussion within the administration for about two years and, if so, might offer "one-stop shopping" for developments inside the city. The council is asking for a work session and an explanation of plans being considered by the mayor's office.

Meanwhile, Knox County is working on "Advance Knox" which does not include Knoxville or Farragut. That plan will apparently be announced next spring or summer. With lots of room for housing developments on former rural agricultural zoned properties, the county seems to favor single-family subdivision developments and making it easier to get approval.

In a planning commission meeting last week Executive Director Jeff Welch told the members the city is building a planning staff and both Knoxville and Knox County are "in a transition" that could take several months. He said "nothing is going to change how the planning commission operates."

Council members react

Several Knoxville City

Council members had questions during their recent meeting and some responded to a Focus inquiry after that session.

Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto responded, "Knoxville benefits from having a professional and independent planning department. I have been a longtime advocate and supporter of efforts to improve efficiency and customer service in both the planning and permitting process. Creating redundancy and duplicative services would appear to be contrary to these long-time goals. More detail is needed before considering any changes to the overall administration of our zoning ordinance."

"The Planning staff clearly explained big changes are underway. I'm really surprised Council didn't get as clear of an explanation. As pointed out in the PC Agenda review meeting, PC staff operate and make recommendations independent of the administration. I have a lot of questions about how this is supposed to work," Councilwoman Lauren Rider told The Focus.

"I will be speaking with Erin Gill next week for more information on this. I have

concerns and need clarity," Councilwoman Seema Singh replied.

Councilwoman Janet Terman sent the following: "There certainly needs to be a great deal more information brought to members of council before any potential next steps are taken. As it stands now, however, I feel the city and county need to work in tandem toward a cohesive and collaborative vision as we plan for responsible and sustainable growth."

"Given the sharp increase in new development, the need for additional planning resources makes sense. City plans and permitting staff do a great job with existing resources. With that said, adding a new department or significantly overhauling the City's approach to planning and development will require significant public input," Councilman Tommy Smith said.

"I do not have any firm opinion about this yet since I just learned about it at our Council Meeting. I want to hear from the administration what their actual plan is before I can begin to form an informed opinion," Councilwoman Lynne Fugate told The Focus.

The administration responds to confusion over planning's future

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"Please accept my apologies that you were caught off guard last Tuesday by conversations related to changing the City's approach to working with Knoxville-Knox County Planning staff. Communications could have been better and that's on us," Erin Gill, Chief Policy Officer & Deputy to the Mayor, wrote the City Council members last week. She forwarded a copy of that communication to The Focus.

She continued: "The Zoning Chief position is vacant. Pragmatically, we need to fill that position to fulfill its day-to-day functions. However, we also see a need for this person to have a strong planning background and AICP certification (not currently required), and we will want this person to provide executive leadership to the City team in working through the details of creating what will become the Zoning Department."

Gills said creating a new Zoning Department will require changes in the budget, to the Civil Service job descriptions and to the Zoning Code itself.

"All of those steps are still to come, and we look forward to talking more with you as we develop proposals for each. Knowing the complexity of each of these steps, it will likely be FY24 - perhaps during the FY24 budget planning process at the earliest - before we see anything further ready for a vote," she informed the council.

She said not much is changing now and added, "As you know, our City Zoning Code is quite detailed and extensive when it comes to procedures, roles, and conditions for review for various zoning-related functions. None of that is changing now, nor can it change without review by both Planning Commission and City Council."



In Memory of William "Bill" H. Wright III

William H. Wright III, 74, of Seymour passed away in Mount Juliet on October 5, 2022. William (Bill) was born in Knoxville on June 13, 1948 to Phyllis Kenny and William H. Wright, Jr. He attended Young High School and The University of Tennessee.

Bill married Luanna Allen, and together they had two children, Bradley and Lindsay. He enjoyed playing sports, fishing, hiking, camping, and attending live music events. Bill also coached various sports that his children participated in.

Bill is survived by his wife Luanna, son Bradley (Stephanie) Wright, daughter Lindsay Wright, grandson Solan, sister Cassie (Don) Zalewski, and step mother Theresa Wright. Bill was predeceased by his parents, brother Steve, sister Sara, and brother Barry. The family would like to thank all of the friends and family that have reached out during this time and provided support and love over the years. The family will notify loved ones in the future when a service is scheduled. An online guestbook is available at: www.crawfordservices.com

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Fire and Rescue Committee hears update on RFP for Ambulance Service

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The eleven members of the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee are named by the Knox County Mayor and approved by the Knox County Commission. The group, created two years ago, meets monthly at E-911 Headquarters on Bernard Avenue.

The group was scheduled to meet last Wednesday and, while most of the members attended, not enough were present to have a quorum and no vote could be taken. Dwight Van de Vate, sitting in for Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, opened the meeting.

He noted that October may not be a good month to hold a meeting because members were out during Fall Break, noting that one member was attending a government meeting in Murfreesboro and another was on a cruise.

The Focus covered the meeting and Van de Vate noted that in two years of meetings last week's meeting was the only session not to have enough members present to hold an official meeting. He also noted

that it was a meeting that included a member of the press. The comment got a laugh.

On the agenda was a discussion of the ambulance contract. The current contract with American Medical Response will expire next year and the mayor has called on taking requests for proposals for a future contract. That contract expiration may be extended until January 2024, to give a time period if the ambulance provider chosen is someone other than the current provider.

Van De Vate said that the search for an ambulance provider has gone national and is getting a good response. AMR has indicated it will also respond to the invitation for proposals. While the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee will have little input in the selection, the group is following the process. He said the request for proposals will include a closer look at the applicants including persistent response issues.

He also said that the search continues for a Public Service Director and there are 40 applicants. Those applications close on October 22.

The committee is also awaiting

a fire study now underway and discussed, briefly, the fire and rescue response to the fires in the neighboring Claxton community in Anderson County. The community has a part-time volunteer fire department but the Karns Fire Department and AMR often respond there.

Chief Jerry Harnish from the Rural Metro Fire Department phoned into the meeting and talked briefly about the effect of the Covid pandemic on first responders in the region.

"Everything is clicking along pretty well," Van De Vate told the meeting, adding that a report may be made to the Knox County Commission before the end of the year.

Members of the committee include the various chiefs of each fire and rescue organization including the Karns and Seymour Fire Departments, Rural Metro, the Knox Rescue Squad, an Emergency Communications District representative, a Knox County Commissioner, and representatives from the Emergency Management Agency, the county health and finance departments, Knox County Community Development and the mayor's office.

How long is a life sentence?

"The Defendant is sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole." [Gavel slams down] How many times have you heard something like that on a TV show or a movie?

How long exactly is a life sentence, though? Does the person stay in prison until they die? That seems the logical answer, but is that the actual answer?

Tennessee Code Annotated section 40-35-501(h)(2) and (3) state, "There shall be no release eligibility for a person committing first degree murder, on or after July 1, 1995, and receiving a sentence of imprisonment for life. The person shall serve one hundred percent of 60 years less sentence credits earned and retained. However, no sentence reduction credits shall operate to reduce the sentence imposed by the court by more than fifteen percent."

"There shall be no release eligibility for a defendant receiving a sentence of imprisonment for life without possibility of parole for first degree murder, attempted first degree murder, or aggravated rape of a child."

Okay, so reading the statute, it looks like imprisonment for life equals 60 years. If someone commits



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a crime when they are 20 years old, they will not get out of prison until they are 80 years old. The life expectancy in the US in 2021 was 76.1 years, so even very young offenders will be in prison for the entirety of their expected life.

What about those sentence reduction credits? How do those work? In prison, there is a whole range of things for which inmates can receive credits for days served. For example, when the inmates go on work detail, they can often receive an additional day of credit.

The law says that the most credits someone serving life can receive are fifteen percent of their sentence, which would reduce the time in prison for someone from 60 years to 51 years. That would mean that the best-case scenario for that same 20-year-old who is serving a life sentence would be for them to be released when they are 71 years old instead of being released when they are 80 years old.

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Legacy Parks announces new projects at annual luncheon

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to the Dogwood adaptive trail, Legacy Parks also added an adaptive boat launch on Beaver Creek at Powell High Landing in North Knoxville.

In continuation of the efforts towards access for all, Evans announced that adaptive access that will be added on the French Broad River. "Through a partnership with Knox County, TWRA and TVA, we will be enhancing Cruze Landing to upgrade the boat ramp and install a fully adaptive boat dock for all types of



paddle craft," said Evans.

Evans also emphasized excitement for the recent celebratory groundbreaking with the City of Knoxville at Morningside Park to transform it into a BlueCross BlueShield Healthy Place. Legacy Parks was awarded the \$5 million BlueCross

BlueShield Healthy Place grant in 2020 to create the multi-generational, multi-ability playspace.

A new "Play Every Day" initiative was introduced by Evans. "We are working with many partners including Visit Knoxville, Knox County, the City of Knoxville and national

consultants to enhance our community sports fields with artificial turf. This project, championed by Phillip Fulmer, could make a big impact on year-round tourism opportunities and our region's youth sports programs," said Evans.

In celebration of Legacy Parks' work, keynote speaker, Cheryl Strayed, imparted upon the hundreds of business and community leaders in attendance insights from her journey hiking more than 1,000 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail alone – a story of survival, grief and redemption.



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Absurdity

I am that I am.
God (Exodus 3:14)

Where do you go when you go to sleep? Of course, the logical answer is nowhere because you're in your bed. Arguably, your body and brain may be in bed, but where are your thoughts? If I turn off my computer where do these words go?

In antiquity, the life force was associated with breathing. Later, life was associated with a beating heart and circulating blood which carried the life force. We moderns think life resides in the integrated neural network of the brain which produces our thoughts.

Conceptually, there is a difference between one's brain, which is an organ, and the mind, composed of thoughts. We can see and touch the brain and can even measure the electrochemical neural activity

of the brain with an EEG, or electroencephalogram. But we cannot measure a thought. If you undergo general anesthesia the conscious mind is rendered unconscious and does not think, even though aspects of your brain continue to function controlling heart rate, circulation, etc.

When we sleep the brain continues to function, but the mind is not thinking. The 17th century French scientist, mathematician and philosopher Rene Descartés, coined the phrase, "Cogito ergo sum." Translated from Latin, "I think, therefore I am." So, if we don't think, are we less than a complete human being?

You might argue that you periodically dream and therefore "think" every 90 minutes or so during these dreams. However, this is far less than our conscious awareness and thoughts. I

am not a fan of Sigmund Freud, who made a big deal of the ill-defined and unmeasurable "subconscious" mind.

You may find these reflections absurd, but luminaries from many disciplines have considered these questions far longer than I have been alive. And actually, I find many aspects of our modern culture far more absurd than the questions of mind and matter.

Consider the following: I am the titular leader of a book club consisting of doctors, lawyers, businessmen, a former judge and a congressman. I shared with them my confusion over the recent notions of personal pronouns espoused by so-called progressives. My educated friends were similarly flummoxed by this modern absurdity.

While I believe anyone can choose their name or what they want to be called, pronouns are part of the English language and should not be bastardized. Case in point, if Kanye West now wants to be called "Ye" (short for Kanye?), so be it. Over the years, the musical artist Prince had more than a dozen different names. When I was a boy, I was known as Jimmy, but when I became a man, I preferred Jim. At least I know what I am. I am not gender conflicted as some seem to be

in this absurd world.

Contrary to English, the Spanish language designates nouns or objects as either male or female. It was absurd when wokesters decided to change the Spanish language and use the non-sexual term Latinx. This was a dismal failure like everything liberal progressive Democrats promote.

I have developed a keen interest in the English language since I became an adult. English does not have different forms for the singular and plural pronoun "you." Hence, you can refer to an individual or a multitude with the same pronoun. We southerners get around such vagaries by saying "you all" for a group of people. In the deep south, this is often contracted to "y'all," whereas our northern and mid-western cousins use the term "you guys."

I am in a weekly Bible study group with half a dozen women, including my wife, Becky. Many times, I've asked if they object to God being referred to as He. The answer is no because the ladies understand the Bible was written during the time of a patriarchal society. I believe that women are every bit equal to men and sometimes better.

Interestingly, in antiquity, the northern tribes of Israel

called God, Elohim, whereas the southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin referred to God as Yahweh. Personally, I don't know what personal pronouns God uses or his preferred name. I don't believe that God is he or she or it. In my first novel, "Epiphany," I referred to the Creator as the vast Intelligence (Mind). Since the fourth century A.D., Christians envision the Deity as triune, comprised of the Lord God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. As a result, I pray to LJS.

It is mid-week and I have a 1000-word essay due by 9 a.m. Friday morning. You may find it absurd, but I enjoy my second career as a writer. I was a good doctor and enjoyed my career in medicine. However, during those decades of practice, I dreamed of a job that would allow time for research and reflection. It never happened. My days were filled with taking care of people and being a father and a husband. Many years ago, I saw an insurance commercial that stated that retirement is when you pay yourself to do what you really want to do. I have that time now for reflection and a second career.

The leaves are falling this afternoon like drops of silent rain before the approaching storm. I love

storms and we need rain. As I sit on my porch, I reflect on the things I love: my life, my wife and my Lord Jesus Christ. I have been blessed and I hope my journey continues. But life is fleeting (Isaiah 40:8).

Last week Becky and I had supper with a group of friends from our 1969 West High School graduating class. We are all getting older and several in our cohort are seriously ill and a number of our classmates have "passed on." I like this phrasing better than referring to someone who "passed away." Perhaps an even better vision of death is a "quantum leap into eternity." But that seemingly absurd reflection is for another time.

As the leaves swirled around me, I thought of sick friends and the wonderful book, "The Fall of Freddie the Leaf" by Leo Buscaglia. It is a children's book, but a magical story of transcendence.

All of us will one day pass on and leave younglings behind. As a writer I have learned it is best to paint pictures with words and "show rather than tell."

Buscaglia's inspirational word pictures shine like golden hickory trees bathed in the sunlight of a fall afternoon.

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Catching up with Charles Swanson

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The Knoxville City Council has two attorneys at each meeting to answer legal questions that may come

up. One of the lawyers is Rob Frost, a private attorney who serves as the council attorney, and the other is Charles Swanson, who is the Knoxville City

Law Director. The City of Knoxville is Swanson's only client and he directs a staff of seven who advise various departments and other components of the city.

Swanson has held various legal positions in the area and, for the past several years and various mayors, he has been the senior attorney at city meetings. He's also been active in various organizations and served as president of the Tennessee Bar Association as did his late wife, Pamela Reeves.

The Knoxville Focus caught up with Swanson and asked several questions.

Where are you originally from and what brought you to Knoxville?

I was born in Bluefield, West Virginia, moved to

Salisbury, North Carolina, and completed my education through undergraduate school there. I came to Knoxville in 1976 when I entered law school at UT and graduated from there in 1979. I like to say I stayed in Knoxville because I couldn't find my way back across the mountains, but the truth is my time in law school taught me that Knoxville was a beautiful place ideal for my ultimate vision of personal growth combined with raising a family. So I stayed and have been grateful for that decision ever since.

How did you become interested in law?

Two things were impactful in my decision (as a fourth or fifth grader) to become a lawyer, even

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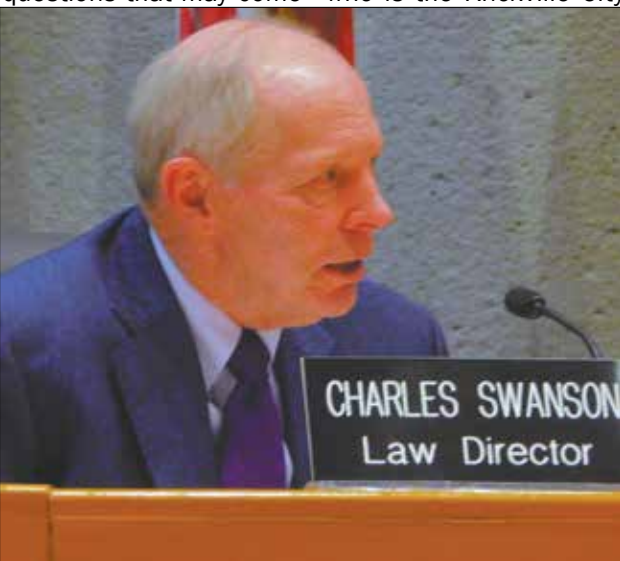


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Knoxville's Law Director Charles Swanson directs a staff of seven and advises the city departments on various legal matters. He also counsels city council meetings.

Thrive Honors Hank Bertelkamp at annual dinner

Thrive, a Knoxville-based non-profit organization that provides for the spiritual, emotional, academic and spiritual needs of more than 250 at-risk youth, honored longtime philanthropist and enthusiastic supporter, Hank Bertelkamp, at their annual dinner at Cherokee Country Club earlier this month.

Bertelkamp gives his time, talent and treasure to the program and thoroughly invests in the students who attend. He is known for his kickball pitching, working diligently to teach the students how to properly shake hands, and his generosity to the organization. His support over the years has helped the program grow to serve more youth in five communities in Knoxville.

More than 200 people attended the event, including UT basketball coach Rick Barnes, who generously provided four UT basketball experiences for the live auction. The dinner raised more than \$500,000, the largest amount raised in the program's history at the event.

"The generosity of our community towards Thrive is truly an answer to prayers. We work diligently to provide for the at-risk youth in Knoxville in our After School, Summer and Mentoring programs," said Lori McKelvy, development director at Thrive, "and with the support of our community, we are able to help students truly Thrive."



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Two ways to build muscles

The first thing I did when I reached the age of 65 was to set up my insurance and take advantage of Silver Sneakers. After a couple of years, the YMCA no longer accepted that membership, so I moved to Planet Fitness.



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Doing so was because one of their facilities was close to the house.

My appearance has changed little over the years because of my visits to the "gym." Covid managed to undo all the work I'd put in. Additionally, finding a schedule that isn't interrupted by doctor or dentist visits each week is close to impossible.

I watch the members at the gym and marvel at their gigantic muscles and the amounts of weight they lift. The serious bodybuilders use free weights, as opposed to machines. I'm a machine man because just keeping balanced the little weight that I use in exercises is difficult enough. Although most would consider me a weakling, I still have increased from my original numbers. This weightlifting stuff is supposed to be good for my health, but workouts used to be much different.

As a child, I was fat. Mother cooked and we ate; nothing was left on plates save bones or hunks of fat. My workouts back

then consisted of cutting the grass from around the house's foundation and from around rocks that lined a dozen or more flower beds. I also picked up sticks and limbs in the spring so that they wouldn't be run over by the push mower that

my older brother Dal used to mow more than an acre of grass. Jim and I were considered too wild and careless to be left with a mower. As we grew older, the expectation was that we could move rocks from one flowerbed to another and that we could pull or hoe weeds in the gigantic garden our parents planted. Our neighbor, Mr. Long, hired us to work on his farm. The work consisted of using sickles, axes, and mattocks. Few muscles developed, but plenty of poison ivy covered our bodies instead.

Not until I played football in high school did I ever hear talk of weightlifting. Coach Wells had a multi-station machine installed at the old Karns football fieldhouse. The team completed exercises on that new-fangled machine, as well as with free weights. I gave it my best shot but never much cared for the time spent lifting and squatting hunks of metal.

I left weight training to others for years. By my senior year, I'd lost about 35-50 pounds through the

use of a self-made diet. Any time I was hungry, I drank a coke and smoked a cigarette. I wasn't strong either mentally or physically.

The strongest guys in our school never lifted a weight. Engaging in something like that seemed ridiculous. Their strength came from loading hay bales on a flatbed trailer or digging holes to set fence posts. Farm work develops strong young men quickly. No, their bodies weren't ripped with muscles; none of the guys I recall had a six-pack set of abs. However, our lines in football were manned by boys who lived on farms in Hardin Valley and Solway. We called them "Hardin Valley Hogs," and they could defeat the men across the line by using those hay-baling muscles. During my years at Karns High, the football team's only losing season was my freshman year. The rest of the time, country boys blocked, tackled, and ran with speed and power.

None of us will find more hogs that play football. Hardin Valley has turned every farm into a giant subdivision. However, no one is concerned because plenty of weights and machines are in a dedicated area. Instead of hauling hay and grubbing stumps, boys are working out year-round to become bigger and stronger. As for me, I'm just trying to keep mobile and strong enough to take care of chores at home after my workouts.



Picture of the outdoors ceremony raising the giant 100-foot American flag, courtesy of Clear Springs Baptist Church.

Clear Springs Baptist Church Celebrating 125 Years! (Part 2)

It was a beautiful ending to the morning service at Clear Springs Baptist Church in Corryton, Tennessee. The 125th Anniversary celebration inside the church was packed with special moments including comments by Congressman Tim Burchett and special music featuring the church choir and Maddox family.



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Outdoors, the celebration continued with the raising of a giant 100-foot American flag and two 80-foot flags. "They stand well high enough for all of the Gibbs community to see," Pastor Justin Pratt said. "The church wants them to be a perpetual reminder for all who see of their love for God, America, and their community," he added. It is worth noting that all the men and a few

of the ladies (approximately 80) standing at the base are the Clear Springs' veterans and current military who did the initial raising of the flag. "It was a beautiful moment," Rev. Pratt shared. "We also informed the church on that day and gave them an artist rendering of a history wall we are building in the church that highlights 125 years of ministry to be completed by November," he added.

While the 125th Anniversary may be a climax in the history of Clear Springs, their work continues. "We also are beginning construction at the first of the year of our 700-seat balcony and also adding a new Sunday school wing this fall/winter," Rev. Pratt continued. Clear Springs Baptist Church, truly a light in the community---serving God and ministering to others.

Words of Faith: Clear Springs' inspiring theme verse from the Book of Psalms bears repeating. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Psalm 118:23 (KJV).

'Ada's Journal, Emma's Letters, and Charley's Novel: 1800s East Tennessee History Brought to Life'

East Tennessee Historical Society will host a Brown Bag Lecture with speaker and author Andy Peck on Thursday, October 20, at 12:00 p.m.

Peck will share his story of discovering previously unpublished writings from the Pecks of Mossy Creek (Jefferson City) and the rich stories they contain. After publishing "Ada's Journal and Emma's Letters: The Civil

War Era Journal and Letters of Emma Peck "during the COVID pandemic, Andy discovered and published an epic 1879 serial called "Charley's Novel: Mary Anderson and Peacock the Mineralogist, the Bad Luck of a Young Southern Girl." His family members, Emma and Charley Peck, wrote prolifically from 1853-1900, and these books tell their incredible stories. Stagecoach rides,

steamboat journeys, and travel on the iron horse await the reader of these colorful books. These writings are great resources for family researchers, time-period historians, and also teachers/students seeking to learn history using primary sources.

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Georgia Lusk of New Mexico

Pages from the Past



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Like anyone fascinated with history, I always take special note of “firsts”; for instance the first person ever to be popularly elected to the United States Senate from Tennessee was also our longest-serving senator, Kenneth D. McKellar. Georgia Lee Lusk is also a “first,” being the first woman ever elected to Congress from the State of New Mexico. Admitted to the Union on January 6, 1912, politics in New Mexico was usually rough-and-tumble and tumultuous. Practicing politics in the Land of Enchantment was never for the fainthearted.

The first United States senators from New Mexico were Albert B. Fall and Thomas B. Catron, both of whom were Republicans. Fall was an especially adept politician, a rough-as-a-cob crusty rancher who was a tough partisan. When President Woodrow Wilson was ailing and partially paralyzed (a fact largely unknown to the members of the U.S. Senate and the public) Fall was one of two senators to call at the White House to observe the president’s condition. Fortunately, it was one of Wilson’s good days and the surprised Senator Fall told the president he had been praying for him. Woodrow Wilson was still nimble-minded enough to inquire, “Which way, Senator?”—leaving Fall speechless.

Albert Fall achieved his greatest notoriety as the corrupt Secretary of the Interior under President Warren G. Harding. Offices in New Mexico were hotly contested between the two political parties and the Republicans’ most popular officeholder was Senator Bronson M. Cutting, a progressive. Cutting fought a bitter and close race for reelection in 1934 against then-Congressman Dennis Chavez. Senator Cutting was the apparent winner of the race, but Chavez contested it. Cutting was killed in a plane crash flying back to Washington to gather evidence for the hearing on the contest. Cutting’s fellow progressive Republicans, including Idaho’s William E. Borah and Independent George W. Norris of Nebraska and FDR’s Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, blamed Dennis Chavez personally for the death of their friend. Chavez was appointed to fill Cutting’s seat in the United States Senate, and he was shunned for years by those in official Washington who had esteemed Bronson Cutting. Chavez, the winner of at least a couple of questionable elections, remained in the Senate until his own death in 1962. The first person of Hispanic descent to be elected to the United States Senate was also from New Mexico;

Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo had been elected in a 1928 special election for a short term. Larrazolo was also a Republican and the champion of Hispanics in New Mexico.

By the decade of the 1930s, New Mexico had become a solidly Democratic state, although there remained a strong Republican presence. Governor Clyde Tingley, an Anglo Democrat, was heavy-handed, insisting the political affiliation of those receiving relief from the federal government and New Deal programs in the Land of Enchantment be known to the state administration. Tingley made no apologies for his partisanship in administering programs in New Mexico and flatly said his intention was to make the Democratic Party the majority in his state.

Georgia Lee Lusk was a native New Mexican, having been born in Carlsbad. She attended college, which was not at all common for women at the time and graduated from the New Mexico State Teacher’s College (Western New Mexico University today) in 1914. Georgia Lee Witt married Dolph Lusk, who was a successful banker and rancher, and continued to teach school in Eddy County. The couple had two sons and Mrs. Lusk was pregnant in 1919 when her husband died. After her husband’s sudden death, she added the responsibilities of managing the ranch to those of raising three small boys and teaching.

Women in New Mexico were energized by the candidacy of Adelina Otero-Warren, who was the first woman to be elected to New Mexico’s House of Representatives. Mrs. Otero-Warren ran a hard race to be elected to Congress from the First Congressional District, which was ultimately unsuccessful. The U.S. Mint announced last year Mrs. Otero-Warren will be one of the women whose image will adorn the reverse of quarters in the series of “American Women.”

While Adelina Otero-Warren was a Republican, Georgia Lee Lusk was a Democrat. As Mrs. Otero-Warren was running for Congress, Georgia Lusk was running to become superintendent of Lea County Schools. Unlike Mrs. Otero-Warren, Georgia Lee Lusk was successful and remained in office until 1929. Mrs. Lusk had made an unsuccessful campaign for New Mexico’s popularly elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1928. New Mexico’s state offices were elected every two years and Georgia Lusk tried again in 1930, which proved to be a better year for Democrats. She won



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION. AP WIREPHOTO

Women members of the U. S. House of Representatives gather for lunch in 1947. (Left to right) Katharine St. George of New York, Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, Georgia Lusk of New Mexico, Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts, Frances Bolton of Ohio, Mary T. Norton of New Jersey and Katherine Kennedy Brown, Vice Chair of the GOP National Committee.

and was reelected in 1932.

Georgia Lusk was also the first woman ever to serve as a delegate to the 1928 Democratic National Convention, which nominated New York Governor Al Smith for president.

Georgia Lusk left office in 1935 when her term as Superintendent of Public Instruction expired and left politics for a time, concentrating on raising her children. Mrs. Lusk could not leave her interest in education for long and served as a supervisor for rural schools in Guadalupe County for a year from 1941-1942. In 1942, Mrs. Lusk was once again running a statewide campaign to be reelected to her old post as Superintendent of Public Instruction. She won both the primary and general elections and was reelected in 1944. During her third and fourth terms, Mrs. Lusk was quite successful in her determined bid to reform education in New Mexico. Among her accomplishments was convincing a recalcitrant legislature to make some significant changes, including funding a program for school construction throughout the state. Georgia Lusk also was successful in pushing the state to give students free textbooks in school, as well as increasing pay for teachers and providing a pension plan for educators.

New Mexico was electing its two congressmen at-large rather than from districts. In 1946, Georgia Lee Lusk became a candidate for Congress in the Democratic primary. One of the contestants seeking election to the House of Representatives that year was incumbent Congressman Antonio M. Fernandez who had first been elected in 1942 and would serve until his death in 1956. The real contest in the 1946 Democratic primary was for New Mexico’s second seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. The competition was fierce and included Lieutenant Governor James “Jawbone” Jones, Secretary of State Cecilia Tafoya Cleveland and Joe L. Martinez. There were no fewer than eight candidates for two seats in the House.

Georgia Lusk pitched her campaign on the basis that she was a native-born resident of the Land of Enchantment and she was intimately acquainted

with the issues confronting the people of New Mexico having been an educator all her life, as well as a rancher. Lusk also stressed her interest in and support of veterans, who she recognized were coming back to New Mexico in large numbers after having fought in the Second World War. Lusk had worked with numerous young men and women who were returning veterans and interested in continuing their education.

Fifty-three years old in 1946, Georgia Lee Lusk had a somewhat matronly appearance and resembled the stereotype of a school teacher at the time. The crowded Democratic primary was settled with Congressman Fernandez running first with 25,091 votes. Georgia Lee Lusk was second with 16,622; James B. “Jawbone” Jones was third, trailing Mrs. Lusk by just over 1,200 votes.

1946 was the best year Republicans had enjoyed since the onset of the Great Depression. New Mexico saw Republicans fared reasonably well and the race for the United States Senate between Senator Dennis Chavez and Republican Pat Hurley was so close it necessitated a recount. Georgia Lusk ran at the head of the Democratic ticket in the races for the House of Representatives. Mrs. Lusk was the top vote-getter in the general election, winning 1,178 votes more than Congressman Antonio Fernandez.

Georgia Lee Lusk went to Washington, D.C., in January of 1947 to take the oath of office as one of seven women elected to serve as members of the U.S. House of Representatives. For the first time since 1930, Republicans were in the majority in both the House and the Senate, meaning Georgia Lusk came to Congress as a freshman in the minority party. Lusk won a coveted appointment to the Veterans’ Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. Throughout her two years in Congress, she was a supporter of the administration of President Harry Truman. One can hardly be surprised Mrs. Lusk was a strong proponent for a national Department of Education.

In 1948, despite having demonstrated her personal popularity by running at

the head of the Democratic ticket in the 1946 general election, Congresswoman Lusk encountered problems inside her primary in her bid for reelection. The announcement of former governor John E. Miles likely doomed Congresswoman Lusk’s candidacy from the start. Miles had been elected governor in 1938 and reelected two years later. Miles had later become chairman of the New Mexico Public Service Commission and had been elected Commissioner of Public Lands, which is a statewide post in the Land of Enchantment. Miles was well-liked and popular with the electorate. To that point in his career, John Miles had never lost a statewide election. Many of Georgia Lusk’s enemies inside New Mexico’s Democratic Party believed the former governor was popular enough to deny her renomination in the primary. That surmise proved to be correct with John Miles running first, followed by Congressman Antonio Fernandez running more than 2,000 votes behind the former governor in the primary election. Congresswoman Georgia Lusk was third, running more than 4,500 votes behind John Miles.

There were some hard feelings following that bruising primary. John Miles also served only a solitary term in Congress, preferring to try and reclaim the governorship in 1950. Much to his surprise, and that of most everybody else, Miles lost unexpectedly to Republican gubernatorial candidate Edwin L. Mechem. Miles never again was elected to public office.

After serving one term in Congress, Georgia Lusk had been defeated by her fellow Democrats. Still, Mrs. Lusk made some friends while serving in the House of Representatives and even though only a freshman representative, she was appointed to serve on the War Claims Commission after her term expired by President Harry Truman. Georgia Lusk continued to serve on the commission, which paid as well as a seat in Congress, until she and the other Democratic members were fired by incoming GOP president, Dwight Eisenhower in 1953.

Georgia Lee Lusk came home to New Mexico

and promptly announced her candidacy for Superintendent of Public Instruction once again. The former congresswoman won the general election and resumed her old post for a fifth term. Mrs. Lusk won a sixth term in 1956. Following her reelection, Mrs. Lusk told the press, “This is my swan song. I do not plan to run again.” Georgia Lusk’s announcement was her declaration of her intent never to run for public office again.

By 1960 Georgia Lusk was still on the campaign trail, albeit not for herself. The former congresswoman was busy campaigning for her son, Thomas E. “Gene” Lusk. Gene Lusk was a member of the New Mexico State Senate and had served eight years and was then Majority Leader. Gene was a candidate for Congress in the Democratic primary against incumbent Joseph Montoya. Georgia Lusk had been quite popular in much of the district with one reporter noting she had set records for majorities in some of the counties.

The former congresswoman’s last political hurrah was in 1966 when her son Gene was the Democratic nominee for governor, the pinnacle of political success in New Mexico. Mrs. Lusk accompanied her son when he made a triumphant return to her birthplace of Carlsbad. Gene lost a close race to Republican David F. Cargo. Gene Lusk died in 1969.

Georgia Lee Lusk died in an Albuquerque hospital on January 5, 1971. She was seventy-seven years old. Mrs. Lusk remained the only woman to represent New Mexico in Congress until the election of Heather Wilson in 1998.

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What did you want to be as a child?

We all had childhood dreams of what we might do or be when we grew up. I remember that I wanted to be an archeologist after reading books like "Treasure Island" and watching

adventure movies on television and at the local movie theater. I got into that interest also because

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

I discovered caves and relics or carvings on the walls left behind by previous visitors.

I'm not sure when that desire to dig into the past faded but I know that a typing class in high school

turned me into a writer rather than an explorer. But the research it takes to create a story is similar to

the research it would take to uncover an archeology find.

Some of us grew up to become what we wished as a child or close to it. One of my first cousins wanted to be a comic book artist and is, in fact, a political cartoonist and sketch artist.

Curious about what other people wanted to be "when you grow up" led me to ask the question on the internet a while back and I got some really interesting answers. You may recognize a sample of the more than 70 people who responded.

Some of the answers will surprise you.

Madeline Rogero: Race car driver. My Dad, a plumber, had race cars that he worked on (while I handed him the tools) and he had young guys do the driving at the Dana Soehn and Orlando speedways. (I remember him saying that the boys from TN and WV were the best drivers.)

Monte Seymour: National Park Ranger

Justin Biggs: Clothing designer

Mike Cohen: Architect
Georgiana Vines: I would

like to have worked for the National Park Service like my dad but he didn't encourage me. Felt I wouldn't have much of a future as a woman. The perfect job for me would have been the one Dana Soehn has at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Kevin Slimp: Chef
Vivian Shipe: Air force navigator

Cameron Brooks: Coaching the Las Vegas Raiders

Ronnie Collins: Teacher
Becky Roberts: In retrospect, I would have been

involved in theater (backstage, set design, lighting, costumes) or movie animation (Pixar!). When I was a child, I wanted to be a choreographer! But now I know my knees would have made that impossible by 40 y/o.

Lisa Vineyard: Nurse
William Padoll: Sports Writer

Carson Dailey: Park Ranger or History teacher

Ed Marcum: When I was a child I either wanted to be a psychiatrist or a firefighter. Ended up as a newspaper reporter. Go figure.

Catching up with Charles Swanson

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though I don't think I ever knew any lawyers until I got to law school and certainly had no family members of the legal profession. The first was the movie "To Kill A Mockingbird" which led a whole generation of young lawyers to consider the potential for doing good things, as well as the right thing, by taking up a career in the law. Secondly, in my youthful years I was a voracious reader and many of the books I read contained a lawyer who was a central figure to the resolution of the conflict around which the book revolved. I wanted to be the hero of my own book!

Tell us about your family.

We are a family of four and I am without question the least consequential lawyer of all four! My late wife, Pamela Reeves, who died on September 10, 2020, was a truly remarkable person. She taught me and my whole family both the importance and the ability to care about and love everyone with whom you come into contact, whether you agree with them or not. She was so gifted in that way and passed that gift on to so

many. She was the first woman to serve as chair of the Knox County Election Commission, the first woman to serve as president of the Tennessee Bar Association, the first woman to be appointed to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. We have two children, Reedy Swanson, age 32, and Amanda Swanson, age 30. Reedy and Amanda were both salutatorians at West High School, both graduated from undergraduate school as well as law school from the University of Virginia. Reedy has served as a judicial clerk in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the Fourth Circuit Court, and the United States Circuit Court for the District of Columbia. He currently is working as a lawyer in the District of Columbia in the appellate division of the Hogan Lovell's law firm where he works primarily on federal appellate work including a number of cases pending in the United States Supreme Court. Amanda served

as a judicial clerk in the Eastern District of Virginia and is currently serving in the Honors Program of the Department of Justice, where she is a prosecutor in the Fraud Section of the Criminal Division. Her job is based on what they call "Main Justice" in D.C.

Is there a memorable legal event in the city during your career?

There have been a multitude of memorable legal events over the forty years I have been connected with the City. They include the city's decision to no longer maintain a separate school system and to let the two separate systems be united under the Knox County Schools. The City has undergone two full and comprehensive revisions of its zoning code during that time. Local governments across the state became much more sensitive to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act following the legal case arising out of the Black Monday situation a number of years ago in Knox County. There have been a bunch of legal cases which I found fascinating but probably are only of real interest to other attorneys!

Have you and Rob Frost ever disagreed on an issue? If so, when?

Rob Frost is an outstanding attorney who was also one of my clients when he was a member of city council and I was the council's attorney. I respect him as a professional colleague and value him as a personal friend. We are both lawyers first, though, and over the course of the past 10 years, there have been a few, very few, times when we have disagreed on behalf of our respective clients. In those cases we have respectfully agreed to disagree. He has advised his client as to his opinion of what the law is and I have done the same with my clients. We work very hard to not allow those differences to stand in the way of both of us representing the interests of the City in a positive, rather than a negative fashion. Consequently, I am going to decline to describe for you any of our specific disagreements.

What are your hobbies or interest?

I have been an enthusiastic sports fan my whole life. I have spent shameless amounts of money and time following the Vols and the Lady Vols in whichever

sport is in season at the time. My favorite sport is baseball but I love 'em all! Generally, I now follow sports on TV rather than in person and spend most of my travel time with my kids in D.C. or other places.

How would you like to be remembered?

It would be pretty presumptuous of me to expect to be remembered at all outside of my circle of family and friends, although I am proud to say that is a pretty large circle! If I am remembered I would like to be remembered as a person who genuinely cared for others. For doing what was right rather than merely convenient. For being a problem solver rather than a problem causer. For taking the high road when it was tempting to do the opposite. For being perhaps the luckiest man who ever lived to have had professional mentors and partners who were among the best and for loving and being loved by a family which without question was the very best a person could ever hope to have.



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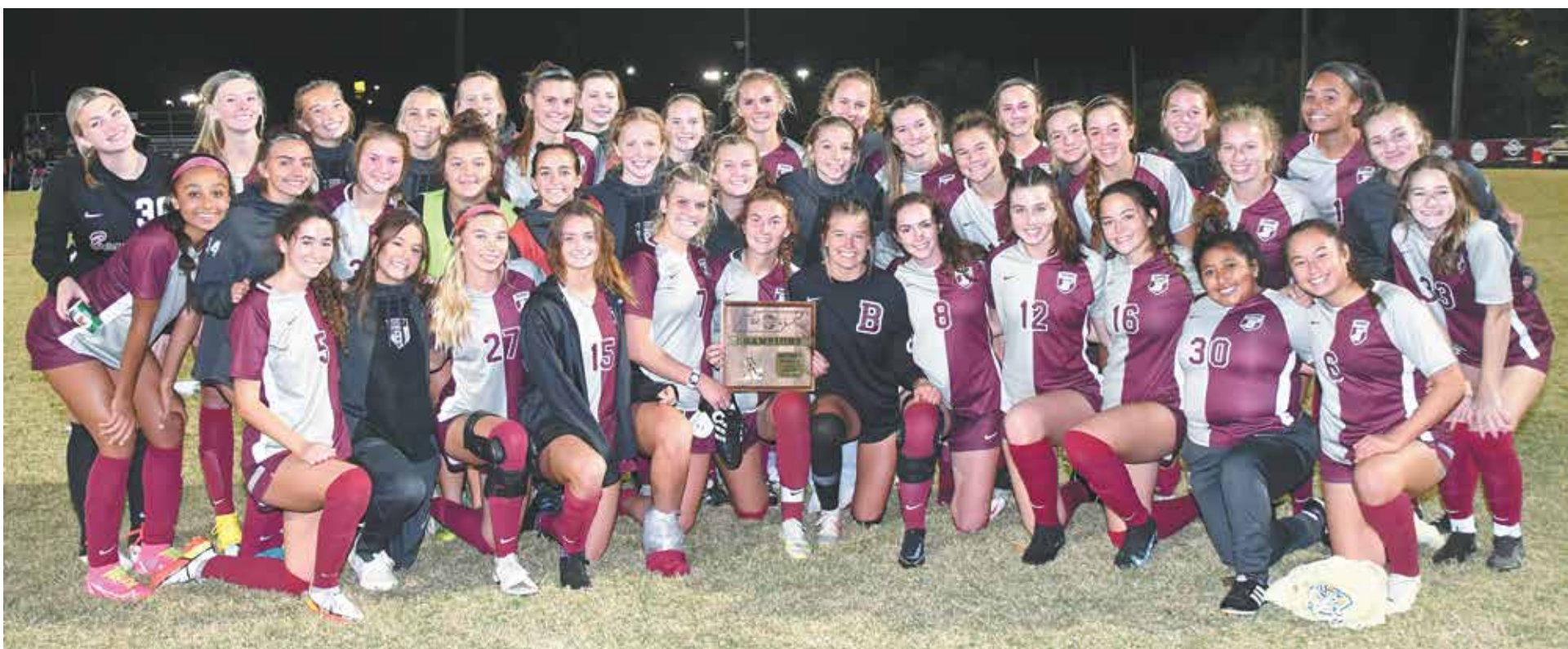


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Bearden's girls' soccer team celebrates its District 4-AAA championship Thursday night after defeating Hardin Valley 4-0. Senior All-State player Brinley Murphy scored her 100th career goal. The defending state-champion Lady Bulldogs play Powell Tuesday night in the Regional.

Behemoth Bearden

Lady Bulldogs take District 4-AAA title over HVA, set sights on another state championship

By Bill Howard

Bearden High School's girls' soccer team's perfect season rolled on last Thursday night as the Lady Bulldogs captured the District 4-AAA championship by defeating Hardin Valley. The 4-0 win improved Bearden's record to 18-0-0, and was the Lady Dogs' 16th shutout. For the season Bearden has now scored 103 goals and given

up a mere two. Since the beginning of last season, Bearden is 41-0-1. Lady Dogs' coach Coach Ryan Radcliffe was pleased with his team's improved play from their 2-1 semifinal win over Farragut on Tuesday. "Great rebound from Tuesday night," Radcliffe said. "We didn't play well in that district semifinal. We played a real ugly game and had to find a way to

win. I thought it was a great rebound, focusing on us and our style. We wanted to make sure we were playing our best soccer and I thought we had moments of that tonight. " "We definitely were out of sorts," said Jessica Stephens, coach of the Lady Hawks. "We were not organized tonight. We struggled on things that we probably should have been a lot tighter on. We just did not

play well. I think we were a little awestruck, given who they are and what they do. We gotta get our legs back under us and get ready for an elimination game on Tuesday." The Lady Bulldogs, the No. 1 team in the nation according to the website unitedsoccercoaches.org, got two goals in each half, and dominated time of possession. Of their 20 shots, 13 were on goal. Hardin

Valley had but two shots for the entire match, one on goal. Bearden took a 1-0 lead with 28:03 left in the first half when freshman Jayla Blue scored. The goal was assisted by her older sister, junior Nyla. "We've been practicing working through the back," said Jayla Blue. "We broke lines and we usually score on breaking lines. So my sister played me a great

ball and I just was able to finish." With 10:49 left in the half, Alivia Stott gave the Lady Bulldogs a 2-0 lead on a penalty kick. Teammate Brinley Murphy was the recipient of the infraction. Murphy, the Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year, put the match long out of reach at the 20:59 mark of the second half when she scored her 31st goal of the

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Chargers unstoppable in 62-14 win over GCA

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian Academy's latest football foe was scary good with its best player appropriately named Boo Carter. With Boo scoring three touchdowns and setting up two more, the Chargers from Chattanooga Christian School were unstoppable in the first half of Friday night's pivotal Division II Class AA East Region game at GCA and handed the Rams a 62-14 setback. The loss left Grace Christian at 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the region, while CCS (7-1 and 5-0) returned home in first place. Phil Massey, who is in his first year as head coach at Chattanooga Christian after previously being at Baylor for 16 years, said this team will play Webb for the

region championship next week in Knoxville. Like the Chargers, the Spartans (7-0 and 4-0) are undefeated in region play and have qualified for the title game, following their game this week against Boyd Buchanan (6-2 and 2-2). The good news for the Rams is they still have playoff hopes but plenty of work to do. Grace will host Silverdale Baptist Academy (5-3 and 2-2) this Friday and travel to Boyd Buchanan for its regular season finale on Oct. 28. "Just too many turnovers, too many mistakes," said GCA Coach Justin Long, citing the difference in the game. "They are a really good football team. It always goes back to the little things. You know, you got to do those right when you're playing against a

good team." Long said Chattanooga Christian is one of the best teams he has seen this season. "We've played a lot of good teams this year and they are definitely one of the best teams in our region for sure." But Coach Long added that his team has two more region games and still has a lot to play for. "I just hope our guys are willing to come to work and put this one behind us," he said. "That's one thing about this game - when you win them you got to be able to move on and when you lose them you got to be able to move on. "It's frustrating because it's a very tough night, but moving forward there's a lot to play for and hopefully we can bond together as a team and go get something

"Just too many turnovers, too many mistakes. They are a really good football team. It always goes back to the little things. You know, you got to do those right when you're playing against a good team." - GCA Coach Justin Long

done this year. There are playoff opportunities out there if we go take care of business." Javoris Havis started the scoring on Chattanooga Christian's opening possession with a 28-yard touchdown run on third-and-10. Lane Travis added his first of eight extra point kicks. Carter got his first TD of the night on a 30-yard scamper as he

displayed his quickness around the left side. Boo then had a 41-yard run on the last play of the opening quarter to set up QB Jordan Gile's 29-yard TD pass to A.J. Wallace. Travis missed his only PAT when he hit the left upright and it was 20-0. The Chargers began scoring

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Grainger 28, Seymour 7	Notre Dame at CAK
Fulton 48, Scott 14	Gibbs at Clinton
West 64, Cocke County 0	Fulton at Farragut
Maryville 42, Hardin Valley Academy 6	Webb (B. Buckle) at TKA
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Pigeon Forge 30, Austin-East 14	Silverdale Baptist at GCA
	Central at Halls
	Boyd Buchanan at Webb
	Maryville at West
	South Greene at Seymour
	HVA at William Blount

Chargers unstoppable in 62-14 win over GCA

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quickly in the second period, tallying immediately after intercepting back-to-back passes on first down. Then after a GCA punt, they scored on first down again as Javoris Havis raced 65 yards down the right sideline to make it 41-0.

Shortly after that, Grace Christian avoided what appeared to be a serious injury to quarterback Weston Edmondson. After a few minutes, the sophomore was helped up and looked to be a little woozy as he walked off the field. He did not return to the game.

Carter scored his third touchdown on a 9-yard run following a 40-yard punt return by Dre Martin.

The Rams’ Bobby Lewis gave his team its best field position in the first half when he recovered a fumble at the 49 on a CCS punt return, but Riley King fumbled the ball back when he was hit by Devoris Havis.

Boo caught a 34-yard pass to set up the Chargers’ final TD of the first half.

A running clock began after intermission and many Chattanooga Christian reserves got in the game.

King scored on a 13-yard quarterback keeper and passed 22 yards to Ronen McCarthy for GCA’s two touchdowns in the second half. Lucas Hollifield added the two PAT kicks.

The game’s final score came on a 95-yard kick-off return by the Chargers’ Tyler Wise-Bridges.

Coach Massey said the key to the win was his players being focused.

“This was a big game for us to be able to try to reach the goals this team has set for themselves,” he pointed out. “This was a huge region game and I wanted our focus to be on getting here and taking care of business.”

Now that’s what the Rams have to do.

Will West end Maryville’s streak vs. Knox County teams?

By Steve Williams

Maryville may have seen its region win streak of over 21 seasons come to an end this year with its 28-24 loss at Cleveland, but it still has its streak going against Knox County teams.

Maryville’s 42-6 win over Hardin Valley Academy Friday night made it 115 in a row over Knox County teams since 2000.

Many local prep fans think unbeaten West will put an end to that streak this Friday at 3300 Sutherland Avenue in the Battle of Rebels. They point to a couple of facts: Alcoa won at Maryville 27-14 in Week 4 and West won at Alcoa 29-26 in Week 6.

It’ll be a non-region game attracting a lot of interest for sure.

Through Week 8, West was ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 5A by The Associated Press, while Maryville was ranked No. 4 in Class 6A.

In the Sonny Moore Computer Power Ratings of all Division I and II teams in the state through Week 8, West was rated No. 2 with a 149.46 rating and Maryville was rated No. 16 with a 139.53 rating. That’s a difference of 10 points plus Moore adds two more points for being the home team.

Halls was the last Knox County team to beat Maryville, posting a 21-14 win over the Rebels in 2000.

Bearden qualifies for playoffs; AC is next

An impressive nine-minute, 19-play march to start the second half propelled Bearden to a 34-24 win at Cleveland in Region 2-6A action Friday night.

“It was a great team win,” said Josh Jones, the Bulldogs’ first-year head coach. “The offense played well. The defense had a slow start but came



Karns standout DeSean Bishop looks for running room in a loss against the Oak Ridge Wildcats Friday. The Beavers are off this week and will play their regular season finale at home against Clinton on Oct. 28.

on strong as the game went along.”

Highlights included a Daniel Kinney 44-yard field goal that gave Bearden a 20-17 halftime lead.

The offense rushed 54 times for 268 yards and QB Drew Parrott was 18 out of 26 for 226 yards passing.

Defensively, Sam Nicaud had nine tackles and two TFLs. Sam Tummins had an interception - his sixth this season - and also forced a fumble.

“This win put us in play-offs,” said Jones. “We’re excited for our kids and staff. We’ve all worked hard.”

The Bulldogs have a big non-region test this week at undefeated Anderson County.

Admirals sail past Bradley Central 31-10

Farragut jumped out to a 17-0 lead in the first period en route to a 31-10 at Bradley Central. The win kept Coach Eddie Courtney’s Admirals (6-2, 3-1) in a tie for first place in Region 2-6A.

Elijah Gibbs carried the ball 22 times for 219 yards and three touchdowns plus he had two catches for 16 yards.

Jack Alley led the

Farragut defense with 12 total tackles (10 solo) and a fumble recovery.

Hawks and Governors to battle for first win

Hardin Valley Academy and William Blount each will carry a 0-8 record into Friday’s game in Blount County.

In other notable Week 10 games, Central plays at rival Halls in Region 2-5A and Powell goes to Knoxville Catholic.

Koho is longtime stat man for Central

Robin Koho started keeping football stats for Central High when his good friend Joel Helton became the Bobcats’ head coach in 1984.

Many years later, when Helton left CHS, Koho retired as statistician. But Robin answered Bryson Rosser’s request to come back after he became the Bobcats’ head coach in 2014.

Robin is still at it. In fact, when press box personnel changed this season, Koho started keeping both offensive and defensive stats again instead of the defense only.

At Central’s game against South-Doyle on Oct. 7, Robin’s wife, Martha, brought a chocolate cake

to the press box to mark her husband’s 80th birthday on Oct. 4. Martha, by the way, also kept stats in the early 2000s before retiring.

“I try to give as many assists (to defensive players) as I can because they are trying,” said Koho, a 1961 West High graduate who was a quarterback and linebacker for the Rebels plus played basketball and ran track.

“I still love sports and if I can help anyway at all I want to do it,” he said.

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Orange and white or orange and gray?

When the announcement came the week before the LSU game that the V o l s w o u l d wear their “Smokey Gray” uniforms at B a t o n Rouge instead of the traditional orange and white, skittish Vol fans wondered how that decision might affect the game’s outcome.

For Vol fans, the history of the “Smokey Gray” uniform has always seemed problematic, given that it began under the reign of former coach Butch Jones, who seemed enamored with the prospect of the Vols wearing “alternate uniforms,” at home or away from Neyland Stadium.

Since the days of Gen. Bob Neyland, the idea of the Vols wearing orange jerseys in an opposing venue seemed akin to a divine right. One picture makes that point abundantly clear. The cover photo on the Oct. 30, 1967, issue of Sports Illustrated shows Tennessee’s Mike Jones in orange and Alabama’s Dennis Homan in crimson battling for the ball in the game at Legion Field. It was football the way the gods had ordained it.

Over the years, many fans have wondered openly why a school whose colors were orange and white would want (or need) to wear anything else. In early 1971, things changed irrevocably. The SEC mandated the choice of jersey color for the home team. That meant the visitors had to, in most instances, don white shirts.

The Vols had worn the white shirts in games away from Knoxville in the 1953 Cotton Bowl (Texas 16, Tennessee 0), the 1963 Alabama game at Legion Field (Alabama 35, Tennessee 0), and the 1969 Cotton Bowl (Texas 36, Tennessee 13). Those results had caused Vol fans to worry, perhaps excessively, and consider the white jerseys to be a “jinx.”

Tennessee head coach Bill Battle voted against the new SEC policy. “You’re dadgum right I did,” Battle said in a 2005 interview. For those of us who know him, the term was as close as he would ever come to using bad language.

One impetus toward this change in policy may have come in the 1969 Tennessee-Vanderbilt game at Neyland Stadium. On a sunny November day, the long-time rivals squared off in the season finale. The

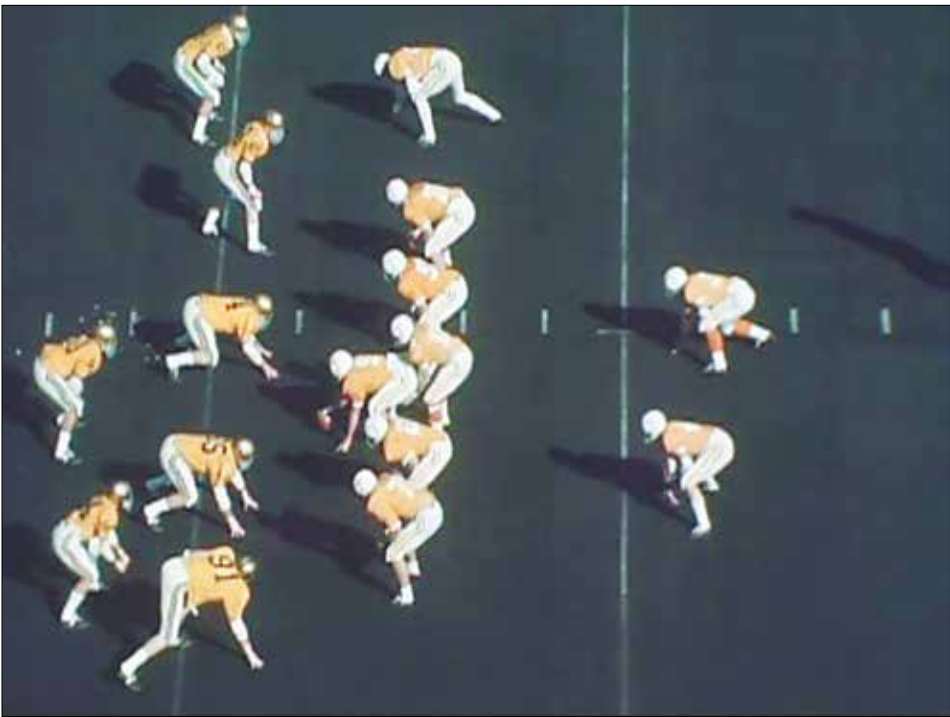
Vols won 40-27, clinching their second SEC title in three seasons. Vandy wore bright gold jerseys, and the Vols wore their traditional orange.

However, the only way fans could really tell the teams apart was that Vanderbilt wore gold helmets, and the Vols wore their traditional white helmets with the “Power T” on each side.

Vanderbilt head coach Bill Pace, later a Tennessee assistant coach, noted that it appeared Tennessee would wear white jerseys at Dudley Field the next season. “Appeared” may have been the operative word, since the Vols did show up in their orange jerseys, much to the relief of Tennessee partisans.

In 1971, when Tennessee made its first trip to Gainesville since 1955, the Vols wore white jerseys with orange collars. Florida coach Doug Dickey, the Vols’ head coach two years earlier, was aware of the “jinx” and outfitted the Gators in their orange jerseys, leaving Tennessee in the white shirts.

That night, the Vols huffed and puffed their way to a 20-13 win, needing a 99-yard touchdown drive led by quarterback Phil Pierce to break a



In the 1969 Tennessee-Vanderbilt game, things were confusing when the Commodores wore their gold jerseys matched against Tennessee’s orange.

13-13 halftime deadlock. They would wear these uniforms on the road over the next three seasons, with a record of 5-3-0 (.625).

The Vols donned white shirts and white pants for road games in 1974. That lasted until John Majors arrived in 1977. Those jerseys were only worn twice over those three seasons and were nothing to write home about.

In that first season, Majors swung for the fences, adding a splash of white to the home orange

jerseys, mainly on the sleeves, and a touch of orange to the white road jerseys. Then came a special touch that caught Vol fans’ attention. When the Vols played Alabama that season, the team ran onto Legion Field dressed in white shirts... and orange pants.

Later that season, when the Vols played the season finale against Vanderbilt, the team entered Shields-Watkins Field from its east side dressing room dressed in orange shirts and orange

pants. Players said after the game that the new look gave them an extra motivational edge. The final that day was 42-7.

When push came to shove at LSU earlier this month, the “controversy” over the “Smokey Gray” didn’t seem to matter. The final score was Tennessee 40, LSU 13, and it wasn’t that close. The color of the jerseys didn’t seem to matter as much as the talents of the players who were wearing them.

Smith enjoys a ‘cool’ moment on way to KIL win

By Steve Williams

The most important part of the race was crossing the finish line, but Keegan Smith experienced a “cool” moment long before he got there.

After repeating as the KIL cross country champion this year, the Knoxville Catholic sophomore was asked if anything unusual happened in the race.

“Nothing much, but the Farragut football team was at the other end cheering us on, so I thought that was cool.”

The Admirals were really out there for Farragut senior Trevor Coggin, who ended up placing second behind Smith.

“Yeah they were (cheering for Trevor) but it was still funny seeing other sports come and support us,” said Keegan.

And their cheers for Coggins actually helped Smith a little.

“They let me know how far Trevor was behind me,” said Keegan, “because I passed them and 10 seconds later they were like ‘Go Trevor go!’”

Smith crossed the finish line in 15:03 at the Sequoyah Hills Park course Oct. 8 and Coggins covered the 5,000-meter distance in 15:13.

A respectful Smith took time to compliment his long-time competitor after the race.

“I’ve been racing and training with Trevor for a long time now,” said Keegan. “Back in elementary school, we started, and he’s come a long way.

“Today was a very big day for him. I think he definitely PR’d and that’s saying something for this course because this isn’t as fast as some of the other courses he’s run. But he’s a good competitor and he’s really turned the corner this year. Recruiters



PHOTOS BY BARRY HOUGHIN

Zach Vickers, Webb junior, and Catholic’s Keegan Smith shake hands at the KIL Cross Country Championships. Zach and Keegan have run “private” workouts together under Coach Tony Cosey and known each other since elementary school years. Vickers is sidelined for the remainder of the cross country season but plans to be back for the indoor track season. Smith repeated as the KIL champion and will be defending his TSSAA state title in early November.

will start looking at him for colleges next year.”

As for Smith, one can easily see his physical growth over the past year. He may have “grown one or two inches,” but his success hasn’t changed him.

Smith, who won the TSSAA state title as a freshman last fall and is one of the top prep harriers in the nation, is scheduled to race in Scottsboro, Ala., this week. “That’s just kind of a tune-up race before state,” he said. “And then we start post-season.”

Sanders Ferry Park in Hendersonville will again be the site of this year’s TSSAA meet Nov. 3 and 4.

When asked about his future in the sport, Smith said the summer after his sophomore year is when colleges start recruiting. “But a lot of my friends that are

juniors and seniors, they all are talking and I’m excited ...”

What is he looking for at the next level?

“I just kind of want to go somewhere different, do something new and hopefully find a team with good teammates and a great coach,” he said.

Smith currently has two

coaches. “One is my school coach (Sean O’Neil at Catholic) and then I have a private coach (Tony Cosey, who trains young distance runners),” he said.

Rounding out the Top 5 in this year’s KIL boys meet were Bearden sophomore Cade Crum (15:29) and Farragut’s Matteo Tonnos (15:32) and Braden Ebbert (15:33).

ADMIRALS PREVAIL: Coach Chelsea Osborne’s Farragut boys, with five of her runners finishing in the Top 10, took the team title with the lowest score of 27 points. Catholic was runner-up with 63 points.

The Top 5 teams also included defending champion Hardin Valley Academy (100), Bearden (142) and Webb School (143).

TIMES ADJUSTED: Webb freshman Jazzlyn Garmer’s official winning time in the KIL girls’ race was 18:13 and other girls’ times also were adjusted. Webb teammate Anna Graves, a junior, was the runner-up at 18:16.

The Top 5 also included Maddie Archdale of Hardin Valley (18:28), Karns’ Hannah Kramer (18:31) and Calysta Garmer, Jazzlyn’s twin sister, in 18:38.

Webb, led by Head Coach Bobby Holcombe, claimed the girls’ team title with the lowest score of 38 points. Farragut placed second with 56 points, followed by Hardin Valley (71), Catholic (78) and Bearden (121).



Cross Country is not just about running and competing. It includes visiting and making friends, too. Anna Graves (Webb), Kennedy Reynolds (Farragut), Kaylee Estridge (Catholic) and Maddie Archdale (Hardin Valley) share time together at the KIL Championships.

KIL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Top 25

5000 METER RUN FINALS AT SEQUOYAH HILLS PARK

VARSITY BOYS

Place	Name	School	Class	Time
1	Keegan Smith	Catholic	soph	15:03
2	Trevor Coggin	Farragut	sr	15:13
3	Cade Crum	Bearden	soph	15:29
4	Matteo Tonnos	Farragut	jr	15:32
5	Braden Ebbert	Farragut	jr	15:33
6	Harrison Cunningham	Farr.	jr	15:52
7	Colin Eckerman	Webb	jr	15:54
8	Radek Molchan	Catholic	fr	15:59
9	Carson Long	HVA	jr	15:59
10	Riley Hanson	Farragut	sr	16:10
11	Quinn DeGuira	Farragut	sr	16:21
12	Tony Ortega	Catholic	soph	16:26
13	Evan Beeler	Farragut	soph	16:28
14	Thomas Polen	S-Doyle	sr	16:30
15	Cash Coggin	Bearden	sr	16:31
16	Joshua Cross	CAK	jr	16:40
17	Garrett Hawkins	HVA	soph	16:41
18	Nicholas Burke	West	fr	16:43
19	Jayden Brabson	S-Doyle	sr	16:55
20	Evan Deichert	Catholic	sr	16:56
21	Rowen Moser-Bryan	Karns	so	16:59
22	Will Spierdowis	Gibbs	jr	17:05
23	Gonzalo Vela	Catholic	soph	17:10
24	Sam Brophy	HVA	sr	17:18
25	Gabriel Allen	HVA	soph	17:19

VARSITY GIRLS

Place	Name	School	Class	Time
1	Jazzlyn Garmer	Webb	fr	18:13
2	Anna Graves	Webb	jr	18:16
3	Maddie Archdale	HVA	jr	18:28
4	Hannah Kramer	Karns	soph	18:31
5	Calysta Garmer	Webb	fr	18:38
6	Rylee Gifford	Karns	jr	19:01
7	Kennedy Reynolds	Farragut	sr	19:15
8	Kaylee Estridge	Catholic	sr	19:27
9	Millie Lovett	Bearden	soph	19:33
10	Melanie Hayman	Farragut	jr	19:46
11	Lauren Davis	Webb	jr	19:56
12	Eileen Loebner	Catholic	soph	19:56
13	Stuart Ann Leath	HVA	soph	19:57
14	Kenzie Lefler	Farragut	soph	20:13
15	Lakin Gettelfinger	Bearden	soph	20:32
16	Lydia McFall	Farragut	soph	20:39
17	Brianna Cisneros	Catholic	fr	20:41
18	Madeline McColl	HVA	sr	20:50
19	Caroline Fagot	Farragut	fr	20:52
20	Cora Esquivel	Farragut	soph	20:58
21	Elizabeth Wolski	Catholic	fr	21:00
22	Ryann Winterbotham	HVA	jr	21:05
23	Elise Legault	HVA	jr	21:07
24	Alyssa Johnson	GCA	sr	21:08
25	Avery Krishnan	Webb	jr	21:09

Notes from the scorecard

Region tournaments open Tuesday

By Ken Lay

Division I high school girls soccer district tournaments are now complete and several teams have advanced to region tournaments opening Tuesday night.

Seymour, Halls, West and Bearden all won district championships Thursday. Carter, Gibbs, Powell and Hardin Valley Academy all qualified for regional competition as district tournament runners-up.

In Division II-A, Christian Academy of Knoxville and Concord Christian School remain alive in the state playoffs and both will be on the road Tuesday.

The Lady Warriors will play at Evangelical Christian School and the Lady Rams will travel to either Battle Ground Academy or Franklin Grace. BGA and Franklin Grace played Saturday.

In Division II-AA: Knoxville Catholic and Webb School of Knoxville each saw their respective campaigns end on Oct. 8 in the East Region Tournament. The Lady Irish fell to Chattanooga Christian School, 6-2, and the Lady Spartans lost to Chattanooga Baylor 3-0.

In District 4-2A: Halls upset regular-season champion Gibbs 5-1 to win the district tournament championship. The Lady Eagles claimed the No. 1 seed in the tournament by defeating the Lady Devils 3-2 in overtime.

In District 3-2A: Seymour, the top seed blanked Carter 7-0 to claim the tournament title.

In Class 3A: Bearden (District 4) and West High (District 3) survived semifinal scares Tuesday night.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated No. 4 Farragut 2-1 at Turner-Allender Field on the strength of a header that found the back of the net by senior forward Brinley

Murphy.

Murphy, Bearden's all-time leading goal scorer, earned an assist on the game's first goal, scored by Morgan Hellman in the fifth minute of the contest.

The Lady Admirals pulled even on a marker by Annabelle Ekern in the 57th minute. Ekern's tally was only the second goal surrendered by the Lady Bulldogs all season.

Bearden, which has outscored opponents 104-2 in 2022, would go on to claim the district title with a 4-0 win over Hardin Valley Academy Thursday. The Lady Hawks advanced to the title match with an upset of second-seeded Maryville, 2-1, Tuesday.

Meanwhile, West toppled Powell 5-1 to win the District 3-3A Tournament Thursday at Bill Wilson Field.

But the top-seeded Lady Rebels fell behind Oak Ridge Tuesday night. The Lady Wildcats scored first, in the 76th minute, but West would get the equalizer two minutes later and score the game winner in the seventh minute of extra time to claim a 2-1 victory.

Tuesday's region matches: Region tournaments open Tuesday with elimination semifinal matches.

In Region 2-2A, Seymour will host Gibbs in a battle of Eagles and the Lady Devils will entertain the Lady Hornets.

In Region 2-3A Bearden, the nation's top-ranked team, will host Powell and HVA will travel to Sutherland Avenue to take on the Lady Rebels. The Lady Hawks defeated West 1-0 recently in the regular-season finale.

Tuesday's winners will advance to the region finals and to the state sectionals, which will be contested Saturday.

Catholic punches another ticket to state volleyball semifinals

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School has been a regular at the state high school volleyball championships in Murfreesboro for nearly a decade.

The Lady Irish are headed back to the Mid-state again in 2022 as they punched their ticket with a victory over Brentwood Academy Thursday night. Catholic swept the Lady Eagles 25-19, 25-9, 25-20 in the Division II-AA state quarterfinals at Catholic High School.

With the win, the Lady Irish have a chance to defend their 2021 state title. Catholic will seek its third state title in school history. It also won the Division 1 Class 2A state title in 2016.

Lady Irish head coach Brent Carter has led his

team to seven consecutive state titles and has ended every season of his tenure on the state's grand stage.

Although his squad swept Brentwood Academy, Carter said his team's most recent ticket to state didn't come easily.

"It's really big for us because Brentwood Academy came to play," Carter said after his team improved to 26-11 with the win over the Lady Eagles, who conclude their season with a 13-9 record.

In the match, the Lady Irish picked up a big contribution from a player, who has been in and out of their lineup due to injury.

Bellamy Parker finished the teams hitting attack with 17 kills.

She also got plenty of help from a stellar supporting cast. Kennedy

Holley finished the match with 12 kills while Blair Cherry added eight kills in addition to serving up a pair of aces.

Catholic libero Alyssa Adams came up with 14 digs and three assists. Senior setter Devyn Dunn was the Lady Irish's leading passer as she dished out 32 assists. Defensively, she posted 13 digs.

Brentwood Academy started fast as it opened a 17-13 lead in the opening set. But the Lady Irish rallied to score 12 of the final 14 points to claim the set and take a 1-0 advantage in the match.

Catholic would cruise in the second set after scoring the first six points of the game.

The Lady Eagles bounced back in what would turn out to be the

deciding set and the game was knotted, 18-18, before Catholic closed out things on a strong note, scoring seven of the last points in the match.

In the Class 2A state sectionals: Tennessee High swept Gibbs in Bristol. The Lady Vikings defeated the Lady Eagles 25-16, 25-18, 25-18 in Bristol Thursday night.

Gibbs went undefeated in its district and won the District 4-AA regular-season tilt. They lost both the district and region tournament championship matches to longtime league rival Anderson County, which also lost in the sectionals late last week.



Behemoth Bearden

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season on a header, set up by a corner kick from Stott. It was Murphy's 100th goal as a Lady Bulldog.

"Yesterday (against Farragut) we came out a little too cocky I feel like," Murphy said. "Today we were 'we're gonna win every single ball.' We just put everything out there today."

"That's really amazing," said Murphy - who is committed to play soccer for the University of South Carolina - of her 100th goal. "I never thought that was gonna happen. I always thought as a freshman I might get the record someday but I never knew if it was gonna come true. I'm

so happy right now."

Becca Ross's goal with 12:37 left completed the scoring.

Tomorrow night (Oct. 18) at home, Bearden will play Powell High School in the Regional round. The Lady Panthers lost to West 5-1 in the Region 3A final Thursday night. Hardin Valley will play West on the road.

Last year Bearden went 23-0-1 and won the 3A state championship. The Lady Bulldogs will obviously be a strong contender to repeat.

"That would be amazing," said Murphy. "That's our goal. We're not gonna leave here without doing that."

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Praying for Healing

It has been a year and a half since my dad passed away. After a long battle with dementia and other health issues, dad went home with the Lord. On one hand, I was rejoicing that dad's good shepherd had come to carry him through the valley of the shadow of death, as Psalm 23 proclaims. But on the other hand, Psalm 22 was also on my mind, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1). It almost seems irreverent to pray those words, that is until I am reminded that not only did David pen those words in a moment of anguish, but Jesus quoted them on the cross.

Death is a reality we must all face. You can eat healthy, exercise, and get plenty of

sleep, but you will still get sick and one day die unless the Lord comes first. When you are going through sickness, thankfully we have a place to turn. The Lord, who is our shepherd, will journey with us. But, will he? "My God, my God, why?" When good, loving, God-fearing people die prematurely, it doesn't make any sense to us. We see some evil people live long lives while some God-fearing people who have devoted their lives to helping others die in the prime of their lives. It feels like we all have been forsaken.

This leads to some questions. Why is it we pray for physical healing for some and they get better, yet others get worse and end up dying? How do we explain the when and why of God's physical healing? One of the things we discover about God is that He wants things back to the way they were in Genesis 1 and 2, the world before sin.

Jesus came to usher in

that world through His ministry. Paul talks about this picture of wholeness: "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23). God wants a complete restoration of our lives. Everything God saw in the garden of Eden was good – body, soul, and spirit. But then came the Fall as sin entered the world and everything changed (Romans 5:12).

Sin and sickness are cured by the same source – Jesus. Isaiah talked about this when he prophesied about the coming Messiah who would take care of both our sin and physical illness (Isaiah 53:4, 5). Jesus bore our sin and physical pain on the cross. When Matthew witnessed the large number of healings in Galilee, he remembered the prophecy of Isaiah: "This fulfilled the word of the Lord

through the prophet Isaiah, who said, 'He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases' (Matthew 8:17). Jesus wants our body, spirit, and souls healed and made whole.

The timing of healing comes in three ways. In some cases, Jesus heals instantly when we ask (Matthew 20:29-34). At others times, it is a gradual healing (Mark 8:22-30). But the greatest healing of all is the ultimate one, the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life and the hope of a resurrected body in the life to come. Take your physical struggles to God in prayer, and I pray that God will heal you instantly, but He may choose to heal you gradually. I know one thing for sure. The believer has experienced an ultimate healing, and when that day comes when we take our final gasp of air, like my dad, the next moment we will experience wholeness like God planned. Come Lord Jesus.

InterFaith Health Clinic to Host Annual HalloWingo Fundraising Event

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By Mike Steely
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Winter is coming and not everyone has warm clothing.

The Knoxville Focus was contacted recently by a member of the

Mascot Clothing Drive coming

Mascot Lodge 738 about an upcoming annual clothing drive. Vito A. Sagliano said the lodge is asking for clothing donations for the community for a clothing drive on November 5th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"We are asking for assistance through donations of clothing. We will be at the lodge on most

Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. or people can leave clothing under the covered front porch. We'll be regularly checking throughout the day," he said.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

No. 1-285-21
JURY DEMANDED

LAURA SLOAN RUPE and MICHAEL RUPE
Plaintiffs
vs.

LEIGHTON JOSEPH WOOD
dba Wood Construction and Remodeling, LLC

JEFFREY A. SABINS
dba Wood Construction and Remodeling, LLC

JOSHUA ALAN SANDERS
dba Wood Construction and Remodeling, LLC

EVAN NILES
dba Wood Construction and Remodeling, LLC
and

ODJ CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING, INC.
Defendants

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that from the verified matters set forth in the Motion for Publication, the return of service, the Affidavit of petitioner H. Stephen Gillman, and statements of counsel that service by publication upon defendant Leighton Joseph Wood pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-204 is appropriate and authorized,

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by Tennessee law. Said notice shall appear in the Knoxville Focus with the following text, with a copy of the first proof of publication forwarded to this court or counsel for the Plaintiffs:

LEIGHTON JOSEPH WOOD, a Complaint bearing Docket No. 1-285-21 has been filed against you in Knox County Circuit Court and involving a claim for damages against you.

Upon the Complaint, a Motion for Publication and the Affidavit of the counsel, in which it is sworn that Leighton Joseph Wood may no longer be a resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, but that his last known whereabouts were in Tennessee and service was attempted there but he was not found and as ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, it is ORDERED that Leighton Joseph Wood file a response under oath with the Knox County Circuit Court and with H. Stephen Gillman, plaintiffs’ attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 870, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901 (telephone number: 865/522-4191), within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing ex parte before a Judge of the Knox County Circuit Court, 400 Main Street SW, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This Notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

No. 1-285-21
JURY DEMANDED

LAURA SLOAN RUPE and MICHAEL RUPE
Plaintiffs
vs.

LEIGHTON JOSEPH WOOD
dba Wood Construction and Remodeling, LLC

JEFFREY A. SABINS
dba Wood Construction and Remodeling, LLC

JOSHUA ALAN SANDERS
dba Wood Construction and Remodeling, LLC

EVAN NILES
dba Wood Construction and Remodeling, LLC
and

ODJ CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING, INC.
Defendants

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that from the verified matters set forth in the Motion for Publication, the return of service, the Affidavit of petitioner H. Stephen Gillman, and statements of counsel that service by publication upon defendant Leighton Joseph Wood pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-204 is appropriate and authorized,

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by Tennessee law. Said notice shall appear in the Knoxville Focus with the following text, with a copy of the first proof of publication forwarded to this court or counsel for the Plaintiffs:

EVAN NILES, a Complaint bearing Docket No. 1-285-21 has been filed against you in Knox County Circuit Court and involving a claim for damages against you. Upon the Complaint, a Motion for Publication and the Affidavit of the counsel, in which it is sworn that Evan Niles’ whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, but that his last known whereabouts were in Tennessee and service was attempted there but he was not to be found and as ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, it is ORDERED that Evan Niles file a response under oath with the Knox County Circuit Court and with H. Stephen Gillman, plaintiffs’ attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 870, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901 (telephone number: 865/522-4191), within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing ex parte before a Judge of the Knox County Circuit Court, 400 Main Street SW, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This Notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

ENTER this 19th day of August, 2022.

JUDGE E. JEROME MELSON

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
H. STEPHEN GILLMAN
Pryor, Priest, Harber, Floyd & Coffey
Two Centre Square, Suite 600
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Knoxville, Tennessee 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RANDALL KEITH ADAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 86783-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RANDALL KEITH ADAMS who died Apr 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.

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

This the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF RANDALL KEITH ADAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KENNETH W ADAMS; ADMINISTRATOR
244 W MAIN STREET
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE TAYLOR BEGLEY, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86679-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE TAYLOR BEGLEY, JR. who died Jun 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 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 4 day of OCTOBER, 2022

ESTATE OF JOE TAYLOR BEGLEY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

J T BEGLEY; EXECUTOR
742 VALLEY GLEN BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

BRUCE HILL ATTORNEY AT LAW
248 BRUCE STREET, SUITE 4
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JONELDA WILLIAMS BLALOCK
DOCKET NUMBER 86601-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JONELDA WILLIAMS BLALOCK who died Jun 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.

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

This the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF JONELDA WILLIAMS BLALOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ATLANTA, GA 30327

KEVIN NEIL BLALOCK; CO-EXECUTOR
2998 LITTLE LAUREL ROAD
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

JULIE KAYE BLALOCK; CO-EXECUTOR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA T BONDURANT
DOCKET NUMBER 86780-1

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

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

This the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF DONNA T BONDURANT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHERINE B ODOM; EXECUTRIX
12207 AMBERSET DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS WAYNE CROSBY, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86088-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOUGLAS WAYNE CROSBY, SR. who died Sep 5, 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 29 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS WAYNE CROSBY, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHERRI ROBINSON CROSBY;
ADMINISTRATRIX
1924 SAXTON AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37915

GLEN RUTHERFORD ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 1668
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATSY ALINE HARDIN
DOCKET NUMBER 86638-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PATSY ALINE HARDIN who died Mar 19, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF PATSY ALINE HARDIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GINA HOBSON; ADMINISTRATRIX
4153 DEER CREEK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THEODORE EARL HAWKINS, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86676-2

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

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This the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF THEODORE EARL HAWKINS, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMI RENAE HAWKINS; EXECUTRIX
P.O. BOX 56
DUPONT, OH 45837

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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERESA DIANNE HOGAN
DOCKET NUMBER 86700-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TERESA DIANNE HOGAN who died Jul 8, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF TERESA DIANNE HOGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AUTUMN SEATON; ADMINISTRATRIX
201 N MOLLYBRIGHT ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN DEAN HUBBARD
DOCKET NUMBER 86790-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN DEAN HUBBARD who died Jul 15, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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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This the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2022

ESTATE OF CAROLYN DEAN HUBBARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL J HUBBARD; EXECUTOR
113 E THIRD AVENUE
WATAUGA, TN. 37694

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHILLIP JARNAGIN
DOCKET NUMBER 86248-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PHILLIP JARNAGIN who died Mar 31, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the 28 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF PHILLIP JARNAGIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MERRY L JARNAGIN; ADMINISTRATRIX
3900 MCKAMEY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERALDINE B KEEN
DOCKET NUMBER 86666-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GERALDINE B KEEN who died Jul 16, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF GERALDINE B KEEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THE TRUST COMPANY OF
TENNESSEE; EXECUTOR
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

KATHRYN WADDELL ATTORNEY AT LAW
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GOPAL PURSHOTTAM KIRPEKAR
DOCKET NUMBER 86536-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GOPAL PURSHOTTAM KIRPEKAR who died Nov 4, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF GOPAL PURSHOTTAM KIRPEKAR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SWATI KIRPEKAR; ADMINISTRATRIX
9332 GEORGE WILLIAMS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

HEATHER A QUINN-BADER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
408 WINDHAM HILL ROAD
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERRA LEAH LAWLESS
DOCKET NUMBER 86581-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TERRA LEAH LAWLESS who died Apr

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Pearl Bryan didn't deserve it! Part 6

By Jadon Gibson

Scott Jackson felt suspicious of the way other prisoners glared at him the first evening after being incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail. Area citizens were nearly up in arms at the way Jackson slaughtered and beheaded Pearl Bryan and this spilled over to the jail population.

On the night of her demise, Pearl could tell they were in a very remote area. She immediately realized that Scott's plan wasn't really for an abortion but to kill her. She bolted, trying to get away. Back on the road, the taxi driver's premonition was being realized. He knew things weren't right and didn't want to have anything to do with it, even thinking that his life could be in danger. He immediately fled from the scene.

Meanwhile, Jackson caught Pearl and attempted to force her deeper into the orchard. She continued to resist...scuffling. Jackson hadn't planned on dealing with any resistance. He pulled his knife and proceeded to attack the diminutive Pearl who grabbed the blade in defense, cutting her fingers. When she jerked her hand loose Pearl grabbed his arm to keep him from cutting her with the knife. When he pulled his arm away two of her fingernails scratched deeply into his arm and tore a sleeve from his shirt. It made him drop his knife.

As he sought to find the knife in the darkness Pearl began crawling away but Scott found his knife and caught up with her. He pulled her head back by her hair and committed his ominous deed. He wrapped her head in his coat before removing her bodice, corset and undergarments, perhaps to make the crime seem like a rape. Others suspected he was looking for any incriminating letter she may have concealed on her person. Before leaving the scene he threw the skirt up over her torso, picked up her head wrapped in his coat and walked out of the orchard.

When he returned to the taxi the driver was absent, nowhere in sight or earshot. Alonzo Walling, Scott's roommate, led the horse-team taxi back to Cincinnati with Scott in the riding compartment, wiping the blood off with his handkerchief. Once finished he threw it and Pearl's hat which was still in the taxi, out the window onto the side of the road.

It was after three 3 a.m. when they arrived back at their boarding house. Scott put Pearl's head and his knife into one of her pieces of luggage. She had left it with him in anticipation of being incarcerated for a period of time. At Scott's direction, Alonzo got rid of the pieces of luggage in sewers around Cincinnati except for the valise carrying the head.

"We are all in trouble," Scott wrote in a letter to Will Wood, Pearl's cousin back in Greencastle, the following day. "I made a mistake. Don't say nothing to nobody about this. Stand by your old friend and I'll do the same for you sometime. Go ahead and burn this letter after reading it."

Scott took the muddy, blood-stained clothing he wore the previous evening to the Dental College he attended in Cincinnati and put it in his locker. Next, he took the valise with Pearl's head inside Legner's Tavern and asked that they hold it for him.

"What'cha got in here...a bowling bowl?" the bartender asked after picking it up.

"Yes," Scott answered with a laugh. "Hey, you got it right on your first try."

He stopped by the following evening to retrieve it. He then walked down Elm Street and onto the Covington Suspension Bridge. Upon reaching the center with no one around, he dumped Pearl's head out. It fell into the cold, muddy Ohio River never to be seen again. As he walked back up Elm Street he went into a tavern where he was unknown and left the empty valise, asking the bartender to hold it for him. Scott never returned for it.

Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling attended their classes and went about their normal activities for the next several days. During the morning hours of February 5, 1896, Cincinnati police Chief Deitsch received a telegram from his

men in Greencastle, Indiana, with the results of their investigation. After reading it he ordered three of his detectives to find and arrest Scott Jackson, a student at the dental college.

On Jackson's first night in the Hamilton County Jail he must have felt like a lamb amidst a den of wolves..... like the innocent Pearl Bryan must have felt when she was viciously attacked, causing her death. He asked if the jailer or guard would sit next to his cell. It would help him feel more comfortable.

The jailer moved a chair next to the bars of his cell, sat down and resumed working on his paperwork and scribbling. Soon the prisoner began chatting and became quite talkative. At first, it was unimportant but then the small talk led to a question that surprised the jailer.

"Has Alonzo Walling been arrested yet?" he asked. The jailer couldn't believe it. He stayed put and continued chatting with the prisoner in case he said more. When Scott went to sleep the jailer left to call Police Chief Dietsch and tell him that Jackson asked about Alonzo Walling and if he had been arrested. Walling's name had come up earlier in the case and Chief Deitsch knew it was important. He immediately sent three men out to arrest Walling. It was one of those occasions in law enforcement when everything goes right.

They learned about Walling at an early morning hour and readily found and arrested him. Walling was back in a cell before 3 a.m. Jackson and Walling were both incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail on suspicion of murder but their cells were intentionally far apart.

Will Wood, Pearl Bryan's long-time friend and cousin, was a wealth of information to the police after he was arrested in South Bend, Indiana, where he was in medical school. Will Wood gave full disclosure of his participation in the whole affair leading to his cousin's death.

Scott Jackson wrote Wood instructions to destroy incriminating letters he had written. Wood had burned the letters but told Police Chief Phillip Deitsch about what they said. After interrogating Jackson, Walling and Will Wood the investigative team had a better idea of what happened but still had to nail down supporting evidence.

Cincinnati Mayor Caldwell wrote the postmaster in South Bend requesting that he forward to him any mail addressed to William Wood. Almost immediately a letter from Jackson to Will Wood arrived. It demonstrated the ilk of Scott Jackson. In the message he instructed Wood to "write a letter to Pearl's mother as though it is from Pearl, saying she is tired of living at home and has found a job in another town." Scott was still doing what he could to influence the situation.

Residents near Cincinnati were talking about the murder. A saloon owner at the corner of Ninth Street and Central Avenue in the city recalled an odd event that happened near the time of Pearl's murder. Someone with a physical description similar to Scott Jackson's came in and left a valise. He said he would come back for it but never did. Mr. Kugel, the bar owner went into his office, retrieved the bag and took it to city hall where he turned it over to one of the detectives. Jackson stuck to his claim of innocence even after hearing the evidence against him. When the detective entered with the valise however his eyes immediately focused on it.

"Mr. Jackson, is this the piece of luggage that held the young lady's head?" he was asked.

"It probably is but I wasn't the one carrying it," Scott answered.

Cincinnati Police Chief Deitsch stepped out of the room momentarily and soon returned with Mr. Kugel. It was like Scott Jackson had seen a ghost.

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



Reserve your seat for 'A Victorian Séance Experience' at Mabry-Hazen

From 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. on October 27-29, 2022, Mabry Hazen House will host A Victorian Séance Experience inside the front parlors of the 1858 historic house. For the fifth year, Mabry-Hazen House will exhibit this macabre, yet fascinating cultural moment during their immersive Halloween program. Under the guidance of a "Victorian medium," the séances will reenact a nineteenth century Spiritualist seance filled with "mysterious and startling wonders." Joining an "exposer of Spiritualism," sitters will investigate historic "demonstrations" of mediumship. Relying on primary sources from the nineteenth century, these sessions reenact a Victorian séance and give you an immersive experience to investigate them.

Séances occur every 20 minutes starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at

10:30 p.m. Sitters must select a specific date and time to reserve a seat at the table. Each session is limited to seven sitters and strongly recommended tickets be purchased in advance, and all sitters must be 10 or older. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$15 for children (ages 10-16). Sitters should arrive at least 15 minutes before their reservation. Tickets can be purchased at www.mabryhazen.com/seance. Service fees apply for online purchases. Payments with cash or check are available. Call 865-522-8661 to arrange payment.

In addition to the séances, the House of Tarot will return where fortune tellers, astrologers, and tarot card readers will perform their craft for interested parties. Tickets for a fortune reading will be available at the door. "We want

people to have a sense of the past and present through this event," says Patrick Hollis, Executive Director of Mabry-Hazen House, "Spiritualism in the United States didn't go extinct. It evolved into and merged with other religious denominations and beliefs that alive to this day." Vendors will also have holiday items available for sale inside the House of Tarot. Halloween-themed silent films will also be shown outdoors on the lawn (weather permitting).

These sessions use the traditional tools of the Victorian séance to educate about the history of Spiritualism. These seances are for educational and entertainment purposes. This is not a demonstration of mediumship or a way to contact the deceased. It is not recommended for the recently bereaved.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAUIDIE W RUCKER
DOCKET NUMBER 86816-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SAUIDIE W RUCKER who died Sep 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:

(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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF SAUIDIE W RUCKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
ANDREA REBECCA LEE; ADMINISTRATRIX
2808 MOSSEY OAKS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 86814-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH SMITH 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAURANCE OSARO; EXECUTOR
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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 NOV 7TH 2022 AT 10:00 AM at 11941 Chapman Hwy Seymour TN 37865

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner/ or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and claims being held on the storage lot of Ogles Wrecker Service located at 4401 Asheville Hwy. Failure to claim these vehicles will be a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to sell vehicles.

1B3HB78K27D331632
1996 DODGE RAM 3500
3B7MC3350TM142643

LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

Bid 3334, Work Zone Equipment, due 11/16/22

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

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

5a. Don Gallo, 1600 Choto Rd.
Mr. Javier Zendejas, owner (1st offense) May 24, 2021
(2nd offense) September 19, 2022
District 5, Beer Permit issued February 2, 2017

5b. Country Burrito, 10634 Hardin Valley Rd.
Mr. Martin Cobian, owner (1st offense) September 19, 2022
District 3, Beer Permit issued August 2, 2019

5c. Casey's, 2801 John Sevier Hwy.
CGS, Stores, LLC, owner (1st offense) September 19, 2022
District 9, Beer Permit issued February 2, 2022

6. ADJOURNMENT: