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A crocheting Mrs. Claus shared her contentment and joy of the season at Comcast Christmas at Chilhowee earlier this month.

Comcast Christmas opens the season at Chilhowee Park

By Jamie Schnell
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The city of Knoxville began its "Christmas in the City" series Friday, November 18, kicking off the holidays with the Comcast Christmas at Chilhowee Park. Mayor Indya Kincannon made a brief appearance as she and Santa together counted down to the Christmas tree lighting. Guests stood in line at the park's historic bandstand for a chance to take free pictures with Santa and share their Christmas wishes.

In addition to Santa, there were many other

photo opportunities among the holiday displays and celebrities, including Mrs. Claus, who was seen sitting comfortably in her rocking chair, crocheting her next gift. The City of Knoxville Special Events crew helped contribute to the Christmas fun by providing guests with treats such as hot chocolate, candy and candy canes, Krispy Kreme, chocolate from Kilwins, reindeer hats, and crafts with The Muse.

Area businesses in on the fun included Zoo Knoxville, Robert Zasowski and Bill Renaud from the Great Smoky Mountains



Lights sparkled across the park as the "Christmas in the City" series kicked off the holiday season at Chilhowee Park.

Curling Club, Childhelp Foster Family Services and Comcast. Knox County Health Department was on

hand with a craft table with books and rubber ducks for the children and the fire

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'The thrill of victory and agony of defeat'



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

As the last play of the game ends, West High players, coaches and fans celebrate, while Powell senior quarterback Jordyn Potts takes a while to get up after being sacked. Please see the game story of Friday night's TSSAA Class 5A semifinal battle in Sports and Recreation, Section C.

Appeals, affordable housing and restoration on council agenda

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It is unusual for the Knoxville City Council to meet three times a month in regular session. It meets every other Tuesday at 6 p.m. and November has five Tuesdays.

Tomorrow's agenda has a full council-supported resolution to honor Norwood's Mae Moody who passed away recently.

Two appeals of zoning decisions are on the agenda: one from Janice Tocher on a denial of a zoning request to use a plan review at 451 West Blount Avenue. Arlene Gnoose is asking the council to waive a denial of a 72-inch tall fence at 3934 Alma Avenue.

The mayor may be approved to apply for \$150,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for safeguarding cultural resources and fostering resilience for the African American Equity Restoration Taskforce.

The fire department is asking for \$148,000 for a remotely hosted records management system with Locality Media Inc. Fleet Services wants \$121,415 for automatic vehicle location hardware.

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Commission denies Pedigo flood funding; hears about need for more law enforcement officers

By Bill Howard

In last week's Focus, senior writer Mike Steely reported on the flooding and sinkhole problems along Pedigo Road north of East Emory Road that was discussed by the Knox County Commission at its work session on Nov. 14. The flooding from 2019 brought these issues to light.

According to Steely's reporting, Engineering and Public Works Director Jim Snowden submitted a proposal to hire Geosyntec Consultants to build two walls in the area to keep the water away, and to install pumps that area residents would have to pay for themselves.

Snowden's double-wall-and-pumps proposal had a price tag of \$117,600. At its monthly meeting Nov.

21 at the City-County Building, the price tag went to \$0: the commission voted unanimously to deny funding the project.

Commissioner Richie Beeler said that at the work session on Nov. 14, a fairly large group of Pedigo residents were in attendance to make their dissatisfaction with the project known.

"They didn't want it," said Beeler. "They wanted to handle it themselves, so it made our decision easy."

Commissioner Carson Dailey said that a major reason for the objection was aesthetics: the residents thought the walls would be unsightly and possibly decrease property values. Apparently many questioned how effective the walls would be as well. An item on the agenda

was for the acceptance on consent of new county roads under the heading of Drives and Roads. The roads in question were: Boxcar Lane, District 5; Upstream Lane, District 6; Sapling Lane, District 8; Pine Nut Lane, District 8; Garden Cress Trail, District 9; and Willow Bluff Circle, District 9. All were approved on consent.

The commission also approved on consent

Line Item Transfers which totaled about \$54,000; Budget Amendments, which for FY 2023 totaled almost \$11.8 million; and all eight items under the heading Spread of Record.

Jeff Bagwell, public information officer for Rural Metro Fire Department, gave a statistical report to the commission on the number and types of fires the department handled in the last month.

Under Public Forum, Keith Britt addressed the commission to warn them of the city and county's dire shortage of law enforcement officers. At Monday's meeting, the commission approved on consent money for overtime (for a few months) for Knox Co. Sheriff's Office deputies. According to Britt, however, law enforcement in both the city and country has a

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Democrats Still Following Biden’s ‘Basement Strategy’

From a distance



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Joe Concha is described by one online publication as “one of the most respected and hard-working media personalities in present-day America”.

He has worked in the past for the New York Times, CNN, NBC Sports, and is currently a political columnist and pop culture analyst for The Hill newspaper.

Concha wrote a column published Nov. 20th for The Hill entitled “The Basement Strategy Is Working for Democrats.”

He noted that Katie Hobbs won a razor-thin victory for Governor of Arizona by embracing “the same

strategy that served Joe Biden as a candidate and continues to serve him as President: almost entirely avoiding the media, shunning any interviewer who may ask a tough question...”

Hobbs put out a statement saying her opponent, Kari Lake, was “more interested in creating a spectacle and having the spotlight than actually having a substantial discussion about the issues.” Then Hobbs avoided any interview or public appearance in which she might have been asked tough questions.

Journalist Jonathan Swan tweeted “I say this as somebody who has tried repeatedly to get a one-on-one with Joe Biden. He won’t do it. And there’s no convening power on planet earth that could compel him to do an interview that his advisors deem to be unsafe.”

Concha wrote: “Senator-elect John Fetterman used a similar strategy. He avoided almost all interviews

outside of those where it was virtually guaranteed he would be propped up instead of challenged.”

Fetterman agreed to one debate, but only after most votes had already been cast. He performed so pitifully because of his stroke that he probably got many thousands of sympathy votes.

Concha said Gov. Kathy Hochul followed this same basement strategy as Biden, Hobbs and Fetterman. She got the New York Times endorsement without being interviewed and “avoided anything resembling challenging interviews with the local and state-based press...”

Of course, one of the main reasons so many millions think the 2020 election was stolen was because Joe Biden couldn’t even draw 500 people to a rally while President Trump was drawing 25,000 or more to rallies, even in blue states and with almost no advance notice.

Other reasons to doubt

the 2020 results are because every challenge was dismissed on technicalities, never being allowed to be heard by a fair jury, and especially because of millions of mailed ballots floating around with almost no or at least very little security.

Adam Liptak, in a news story in the Oct. 6, 2012 New York Times, wrote: “Voting by mail is now common enough and problematic enough that election officials say there have been multiple elections in which no one can say with confidence which candidate was the deserved winner.”

The story quoted Ion Sancho, elections supervisor in Tallahassee: “The more people you force to vote by mail, the more invalid ballots you will generate.”

Liptak wrote in his story: “The flaws of absentee voting raise questions about the most elementary promises of democracy.”

The Commission on

Federal Election Reform chaired by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker said in 2005: “Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.”

Now, of course, Democrats love mail-in ballots because they can easily get many of what Rush Limbaugh used to describe as low information voters to turn their ballots over to precinct captains in big city minority neighborhoods, union halls, nursing homes and senior citizen centers.

Some have said it should be easy to vote in elections but hard to steal them. The big lie about the 2020 election was not by people saying it was stolen, but because there was tremendous fraud.

A much bigger lie was that Republicans were trying to keep blacks from voting. The Democrats screamed this lie over and over simply to anger their base. It was obviously false. They used this tactic

again in 2022. In fact, the new voting rules in Georgia made it easier to vote than in blue states like New York and New Jersey and even President Biden’s home state of Delaware. Some Democrat leaders screamed to high heaven about requiring black people to get IDs. Did they not realize how racist and how false that was to imply that some blacks were not intelligent enough to be able to get photo IDs?

Every state should be like Tennessee and have 15 days of early in-person voting plus voting on election day. Absentee voting should be strictly limited to those who are out-of-state on military duty and to those who are severely disabled.

There is no good excuse for having elections in which one candidate is ahead on election night, but then loses after thousands of mail-in ballots are somehow found.

Gov. Bill Lee, First Lady Announce Tennessee Christmas Events

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and First Lady Maria Lee announced the state’s official Christmas events, including Christmas at the Capitol and “The Gift of Giving” tour of the Tennessee Residence.

“Maria and I look forward to continuing the Tennessee tradition of generosity throughout the holiday season,” said Gov. Bill Lee. “We invite Tennesseans to join us in giving back as we reflect on our many blessings and prepare our hearts to receive the ultimate gift, the birth of Christ.”

In partnership with the first lady’s Tennessee Serves giving initiative, the Lees invite guests to bring requested items to the state’s Christmas events to support the work of five nonprofits across the state. Their nonprofits are Birth Choice, Mid-South Food Bank, My Friend’s House, Mission of Hope and Boys & Girls Clubs of Chattanooga.

Christmas at the Capitol

The annual Christmas at the Capitol celebration will take place on Monday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. CT and is

open to the public. The event will feature the King’s Academy Children’s Choir, the 129th Army Band and the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The Christmas tree will be donated by Joe and Suzie Barry of Nashville.

Guests are invited to bring donations to benefit the Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home, including men’s shampoo, conditioner and body wash.

Christmas Tours at the Tennessee Residence

Tennessee Residence tours will be open to guests on December 2-4 and December 8-11. The theme for the Christmas décor, “The Gift of Giving,” will highlight the various ways Tennesseans use their time and talents to give to others. All tours are self-guided, free to the public and require a reservation.

In addition to these opportunities to give back this holiday season, the first lady will announce a statewide giving campaign later this month.

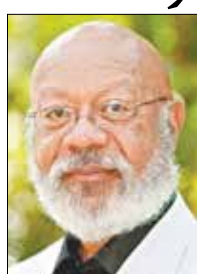
Cultural Appropriation is Mostly Nonsense

I don’t understand the term “cultural appropriation.” Sure I know that the dictionary says “adoption of certain language, behavior, clothing, or tradition belonging to a minority culture or social group by

a dominant culture or group in a way that is exploitative, disrespectful, or stereotypical.” That means that the left equates cultural appropriation with white supremacy since minorities by definition cannot culturally appropriate. So its ok for a black person to appear in

a play in whiteface or wear the tribal dress of a native American at Halloween. But whites are criticized for wearing dreadlocks – even though it’s a stunning look on certain women. But blacks speak English, and wear suits, ties and shoes without being accused of cultural appropriation. Given all the black men who shave their heads, I am surprised that the cultural police don’t condemn head shaving whites. What about all the blacks, men and women, who are sporting blond dreds? Are they appropriating white culture?

Joe Biden wants the Atlanta Braves to change their name and get rid of the tomahawk chop. Even I admit that the Braves were inappropriate early on with Chief Knock-A-Homa and his teepee in center field. I hated that caricature and the gap tooth Indian brave on the Cleveland Indians logo. But I don’t want the Braves to change



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their name even though I am more Native American than Elizabeth Warren. I don’t know which of the 157 distinct tribes but its most likely Cherokee. What about music? Should white musicians be “allowed” to play jazz? Or blues? But, of course, its ok for blacks to play bluegrass or country like Charlie Pride or The Carolina Chocolate Drops.

As Halloween approached several universities cautioned their students about wearing costumes that “appropriated” culture. Students were warned against costumes that were “racist, crude, or culturally insensitive.” I guess this means that you should not go dressed as a Mexican wearing a sombrero and a serape. Heaven forbid if that costume hinted of illegal crossing! Don’t wear feathers and warpaint unless you are a Native American. No blackface, no dreadlocks, no transphobic (dress on a straight guy). I wonder if it is ok to dress up like a nun or priest? And please don’t show up looking like you are homeless. It’s absurd because some people are going to be offended no matter what. Take for example the white chemistry professor who is being “investigated” by her university for going to a Halloween party dressed as Michael Jackson and dancing to “Thriller.” What’s wrong with that? She probably wasn’t in blackface since Jackson whitened his skin. When I went to vote, there

is a museum at the polling place and one of the workers showed up in a costume dressed like a witch. She had vivid green hair, a stovepot hat and a flowing black gown. I am sure she offended witches. But she looked wonderful. However, there are some costumes that even I would find offensive: Nazis, Klu Klux Klan, slaves, Aunt Jemima, Little Black Sambo, snaggle tooth Indians, minstrel shows.

What about entertainment? I can’t remember the last time I saw an old Tarzan movie. Still the funniest scene was when Tarzan was in New York and got out of a cab and proclaimed the hotel valet was from some African tribe. My father loved Sanford and Son but not the old Amos and Andy shows. Could a revival of All in the Family even be considered? What about the Beverly Hillbillies or Gomer Pyle? Was the dominant culture insensitive to southern rural white folk? But the left is selective in who it criticizes. I don’t recall seeing them condemn Hillary Clinton for mimicking a black accent or Joe Biden telling a black audience that electing a republican will “put y’all back in chains.” As a country we have allowed the small minority who get offended at the least imagined slight to dictate for the rest of us. We have lost our sense of humor. To get it back, we are just going to have to stop being so sensitive and just ignore those who always bemoan “hurtful” actions that make them feel “threatened.”



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Publisher's Positions



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Kevin McCarthy Elected New House Speaker

House Republicans have officially nominated Kevin McCarthy to become Speaker of the House. McCarthy was recently asked if he would keep his promise to remove Democrats Adam Schiff and Eric Swalwell from the Intelligence Committee, as well as antisemitic congresswoman Ilhan Omar from the House Foreign Affairs Committee. McCarty didn't hesitate to say that he would. That has brought about much wailing and gnashing of teeth amongst Democrats. Of course Democrats had removed some Republicans from committees previously and haven't exactly been brimming over with good will to work together for the common good. McCarthy pointed out

that Eric Swalwell's reputed dalliance with Chinese spy Fang Fang eliminated the Californian from serving on the House Intelligence Committee. "One thing I have said from the very beginning, Eric Swalwell cannot get a security clearance in the public sector," McCarthy said on Sunday Morning Futures on Fox News. "Why would we ever give him security clearance and the secrets to America? So I will not allow him to be on Intel."

House Democrats had rejected a resolution sponsored by Republicans earlier to remove Eric Swalwell from the Intelligence Committee over the California congressman's ties to the now vanished suspected spy.

Fang Fang had raised money for Swalwell's campaign and had reportedly recommended an intern to work in the congressman's office.

Another target for McCarthy was another congressman from California, the ubiquitous Adam Schiff. McCarthy noted Schiff had "lied to the American public again and again" and who had chaired the House Intelligence Committee.

McCarthy also said he would seek to remove Ilhan Omar from the Foreign Affairs Committee because of her antisemitism. When

Omar created a firestorm with one of her comments, the congresswoman later apologized and thanked her colleagues in the House for having "educated [her] on the painful history of anti-Semitic tropes." Evidently, the lesson was for naught.

Of course, Omar retreats to wrapping herself in the cloak of anti-racism, claiming any criticism of her is naturally because of her skin color or religion. It is astonishing to overlook her own anti-Semitism and pay any attention to her poor mouthing about her being the victim.

Even the people of her district are apparently tired of Omar, as she only barely won her own primary earlier this year.

The problem with doing whatever one pleases is, the same tactics can be used against you when you aren't in the majority any longer. What goes around comes around.

Mainstream Media Bias Continues

Breaking news??? It only took CBS roughly 800 days to reach the same conclusion as the New York Times and the Washington Post, CNN and NBC that the laptop in question does indeed belong to Hunter Biden. Is anybody surprised CBS only came to that

conclusion and announced it two weeks after the midterm elections?

CBS was at the front of the pack in the mainstream media effort to sweep the laptop under the "Russian disinformation" rug. It really is remarkable how many of these type of things that the media has stoutly insisted is "misinformation" has turned out to be factual and true.

Virtually the entire media apparatus in this country went into overdrive to discredit any information connected to the laptop, literally daring people not to believe their own eyes with the disgusting pictures Hunter Biden kept on his computer.

Naturally, nobody in the media bothered much to do anything about authenticating the laptop, but much later CNN's own forensic experts verified emails as being genuine on Hunter's laptop. Most of the media's usual curiosity dried up like a puddle in Death Valley. They shunned the story.

Media types continue to vent their frustrations that the American people don't hold them in esteem, nor give them much credibility. One doesn't have to exactly be a rocket scientist to figure out repeatedly being wrong, time and again, is a recipe for either being labeled a prophet or a seer.

As it trickles out that media higher ups deliberately refused to cover a story or ignore it, the trust factor evaporates pretty quickly. The media's credibility currently resembles nothing more than a boneyard. And they did it to themselves.

Fauci Leaving and White House Reporters Muzzled

On that same topic, Anthony Fauci held what is likely his last press conference last week. White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre had a melt down when a reporter for the Daily Caller asked a question about the origins of the Corona virus. When Jean-Pierre sniffed she was "done", Simon Ateba, a journalist from South Africa, said, "You need to call people across the room. She has a valid question, she's asked about the origin of COVID."

"It's not your turn," Miss Jean-Pierre snapped. "I hear your question, but we're not doing this the way you want it. This is disrespectful . . . Simon, I'm done. Simon, I'm done with you right now. You're taking time away from your colleagues."

That won't be the end of that conversation.

Inflation Continues

Consumers paid more to feed family and friends for Thanksgiving this year. The cost of Thanksgiving dinner has risen 20% according to a new report from the Farm Bureau. Previously, the estimate for feeding 10 people Thanksgiving dinner had been a record high a year ago, but it has risen more this year. Inflation continues to grow; it is 7.7% higher than the previous October, with food prices having climbed 12.4% higher.

Welcome, Antonio! And Congratulations to Katie and Kyle

The Focus wants to wish Katie and Kyle Ward congratulations on the arrival of Antonio William Ward. "Tony" is named for his maternal grandfather, while "William" is a Ward family name. Tony arrived on November 19, arriving at a svelte 6 pounds and 5.5 ounces and standing tall at 21 inches. Mom and baby are doing fine. Tony is the first child for Katie and Kyle Ward and the Focus family all pray that the Lord will always Bless young Antonio William Ward.

Catching up with Charles Lomax

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Rev. Charles Lomax Jr. has risen pretty quickly as a Knoxville community leader. He's been named to head the Knoxville Area Urban League after serving Mayors Madeline Rogero and Indya Kincannon.

The Knoxville Focus caught up with the City's Community Empowerment Director recently and asked several questions. Lomax was an impressive candidate for city council, a member of the planning commission, and is a noted city and community leader and, as empowerment director, has overseen many programs including the Office of Neighborhoods.

Tell us briefly about your new position with the Urban League.

Beginning December 12, I will be assuming the role of president and CEO of the Knoxville Area Urban League. Phyllis Nichols, who served in the role for 22 years, is retiring and leaves behind an organization in tremendous condition and an unparalleled legacy that will shine for generations to come. The KAUL, founded in 1968, is an affiliate of the National Urban League which was founded 1910. The Urban League is about the business of providing opportunities. We're engaged in workforce development, entrepreneurship, helping people attain and stay in their homes, and building up the youth of our community. I am excited about starting this work, learning from the team at KAUL, and gleaned all of the knowledge that I can from Mrs. Nichols before she and her husband start traveling the world.

How did you initially become interested in politics and

running for office?

I've had a love for politics dating back to my high school years. Upon entering the University of Tennessee my initial major was Political Science before switching to Sociology. My desire to run for office was piqued while I was serving as a city-appointed representative on the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Are you still preaching and serving as a minister?

I've been privileged to serve as the Senior Pastor of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church for nearly 11 years. It is my hope to continue in that role as well.

During your time as Community Empowerment Director did you find any conflicts between your religion and your duties?

I never experienced any conflicts in the functions of my positions.

How do you get along with the new police chief?

Chief Noel and I have a great relationship. I've enjoyed getting to know him as he's settled into his new role.

Any advice on the operation of the Police Advisory Review Committee?

I believe PARC is in an extremely good place. Our executive director, Tiffany Davidson, has done a tremendous job of streamlining the work and has sought



Charles Lomax Jr.

ways to better engage the public. Under her leadership we have formalized our agreement with the Knoxville Police Department, and I look forward to her continued leadership in the years to come.

You oversaw the Office of Neighborhoods. Want to comment about the work there and the staff?

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment is one of the most consequential offices in the City of Knoxville. We have approximately 200 neighborhood associations, groups, watches, etc. that are on the books. We work hands on with residents where they live. We provide mediation between communities and other city departments, and developers who are desiring to build within that area. We collaborate with KPD with the Officer Liaison Program. Additionally, we lead the way in conjunction with Engineering with the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program providing speed humps in communities that desire them.

Any parting thoughts as you leave the city job?

My leaving the City is extremely bittersweet. I loved my role and the work we were able to accomplish in the three years that I spent at the City of Knoxville. I will forever be grateful to Mayor Kincannon for trusting me to fill such an important role in the function of government. More than anything, I'm going to miss my staff. I had an amazing team of men and women who were the secret to our success. I sincerely hope that my successor is able to build upon the work we've started and take it to higher heights.

Comcast Christmas

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department set up two of their trucks for the Holiday Touch-A-Truck. Music was played throughout the park by B97.5 radio station, while guests could enjoy more food options with Chuck's food truck. The evening concluded with an opportunity to walk around or enjoy a hayride around the park, enjoying the lighted view of Lake Ottosee.

The "Christmas in the City" series continues with the **WIVK Christmas Parade on Gay Street on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.** The parade will include bands, dancers, lighted floats, classic vehicles, Santa Claus and other costumed characters.

Tour de Lights, presented by Bike Walk Knoxville and Visit Knoxville Saturday,

will be on Dec. 10. This will be an all-ages holiday bicycle ride, beginning at Suttree Landing Park and ending at Market Square.

The "Christmas in the City" series will end the year and welcome a new year at **New Year's Eve at the Sunsphere** on Saturday, Dec. 31. Guests will ring in the New Year with another all-ages celebration on the World's Fair Park with a DJ, live band and a ball drop at midnight.

The **Holidays on Ice** skating rink on Market Square will be open through the season and close January 2, 2023.

For more information about the "Christmas in the City" events, visit www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/Christmas.

AREA PARADES THIS WEEKEND

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**
- Karns Christmas Parade**
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
The parade leaves from Ingles Market at 9 a.m. and travels down Oak Ridge Highway to the red light.
- Powell Lion's Club Christmas Parade**
Parade will begin at 5 p.m. at Powell Middle School as it makes its way through Downtown Powell to Powell High School.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**
- 12th Annual Gibbs Ruritan Christmas Parade**
The parade begins at Gibbs High School at 2:30 p.m. and finishes at the Clear Springs Baptist Church parking lot.

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East Tennessee is filled with a grand biodiversity of plants and animals. Our naturalist, Stephen Lyn Bales, has written three books and over 600 newspaper and magazine articles about nature and natural history. Join us on December 1 at 7 p.m. EST via Zoom for the First Thursday Nature Supper Club as Stephen shares his favorite stories about some unique and unexpected plants and animals.

Osage orange, freshwater jellyfish, rufous hummingbirds, pawpaws, 17-year cicadas, red pandas, and the return of smoky madtoms, bald eagles, and wild turkeys are a few of the interesting stories Stephen Lyn has written about in the past 30 years and will share with us. You provide your

own stay-at-home supper, and we provide the nature as Stephen Lyn teaches us about these fascinating creatures and plants.

The program is free and closed captioning is available, but registration is required to receive your Zoom link and the recording. Register at www.utarboretumsociety.org. Please contact UT Arboretum Education Coordinator, Michelle Campanis, at mcampani@utk.edu with any questions or registration issues.

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To learn more about the Arboretum Society or for questions on this program, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org



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Bearden's Christmas tree lighting was a festive event on a cold evening with those attending sharing a song together and visiting with Santa Claus.

Annual Bearden Christmas tree lighting sparks the holiday spirit

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The Sunday before Thanksgiving a hundred or so people gathered at the Everly Brothers Park just off Kingston Pike in Bearden for the annual Christmas tree lighting. Several elected officials visited with each other and the crowd on the cold November evening for the special event.

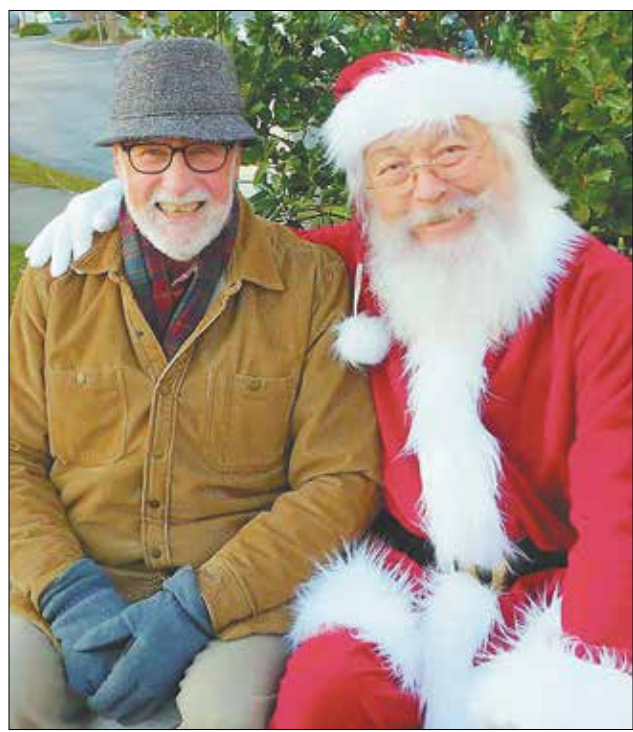
The Bearden Village Council's Dennis Owen introduced visitors, officials and many others. Elder's Ace Hardware was thanked for the donation of tree lights.

Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto delivered a brief message and Nancy Strange and Don Castle

sang Christmas tunes and those gathered counted down to the official lighting of the neighborhood's tree. The entire gathering joined in the singing of "Jingle Bells."

Warm apple cider and other drinks and snacks were served and even ole Santa Clause attended and welcomed children and adults to sit with him and tell him their holiday wishes. The warm welcome on a cold evening saw elected and veteran officeholders chat and pose for photos together.

Bearden kicked off the Christmas season in an appropriate and festive spirit.



Finbarr Saunders and Santa have a warm visit during the tree lighting in Bearden.

Top left: Red panda cubs, Spandean and Wicket, born here on July 31, 1987, and grew up together at the Knoxville Zoo. Photo by Stephen Lyn Bales

Left: Wild turkeys were once almost gone in East Tennessee. Photo by Michelle Campanis.

Appeals, affordable housing and restoration on council agenda

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An award of \$510,000 may be granted from the Affordable Rental Development Fund to Gleason Partners LP to rehab 17 affordable housing units for low-income households at

7823 Gleason Drive.

The council may approve the following appropriations: \$5,000 from Community Empowerment for seasonal clothing and holiday gifts for homeless youth; \$7,000 to YO-STEM

to support its STEM Saturday and gSTEM programs for middle school students; and \$8000 to Muse Knoxville for its apprenticeship program for East Knoxville Students to develop workplace skills.

Commission denies Pedigo flood funding

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much bigger problem looming.

The KCSO is short 399 deputies, said Britt, and the primary reason is money: the starting salary is under \$40,000.

"That means that in Knox County they can buy a home for about 98 thousand dollars," said Britt. "So what you are telling those sheriff's office employees is that this is not a career. It is a temporary job-training assignment that's gonna allow them to get very valuable skills that they're gonna take to a private agency where they'll get paid much more."

"I warned the Knoxville Police Department about this exact same concept in

2016 and now they're trying to catch up," Britt said. "At the county level we're facing a much more dangerous situation."

A grave concern, according to Britt, is an ongoing worsening ratio of officers to detainees. If it gets below a certain threshold, the Feds could step in and shut the facility down, which would affect both city and county.

"KPD depends on the county for the detention center," Britt said. "We may reach a point where we can no longer accept new detainees, or have to push some out the door to another facility. I strongly suggest you work with the Mayor (Glenn Jacobs) to increase the starting

salary of a KCSO officer to 50-thousand dollars plus."

Britt is married to a KPD officer.

Before the meeting began, Commissioner John Schoonmaker called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Brandon Gibson. A fixture on Knoxville's cultural and arts scene, Gibson was managing director of Marble City Opera, a regular in the chorus of Knoxville Opera Company productions, and a writer, actor, and composer.

This writer knew Brandon. He was truly one of those people who "knew everybody" - testifying to his extremely wide popularity - and he will be missed.

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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Winter Musings

“Sh*tter’s full.”
Cousin Eddie from National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation

These days, I have more time to reflect and write since I am no longer running to the hospital or to the office to see patients. Nor am I rushing to get home for supper with the family, helping with homework or taking children to activities. As a grandparent, my role is supportive. I have known older patients who had to take on the role of parents and raise their grandkids because of illness or tragedy. Raising children is the most important job you will ever have, but it is hard work and is best done by younger adults with more energy than seasoned citizens.

Every year The Knoxville Focus holiday schedule disrupts my writing routine. I understand the

necessity of giving staff time off for their families. And one would think that after 15 years with the paper, I would have adapted by now. But, after sending next week’s essay on Friday the 18th, the following week’s essay will be due in four days. Pressure!

I’m always looking for a story. The good news is I write about what I want to, or what interests me at the moment rather than fulfilling an assignment for a paycheck or for school. But this is more challenging in a shortened week.

It is hard to envision President Trump as a sympathetic figure. However, the weasel Merrick Garland’s appointment of another special counsel to again investigate “45” is nothing short of the actions of a banana republic. We should count ourselves lucky this guttersnipe was blocked from a Supreme

Court appointment. The Soviets often purged those out of favor, sending them to the Gulag. Recently, Chinese President Xi Jinping frog-marched his predecessor, Hu Jintao, out of the communist party congress. He’s probably on his way to Chinese Siberia by now. The Democrats are no different and have weaponized the Department of Justice and the intelligence agencies against those who oppose their tyranny.

One might think that love of country, civility and what is best for the American people would override the pathological hatred of President Trump. Apparently, Democrats and the Washington establishment see Trump as the embodiment of evil.

Personification is a concept where abstract qualities are manifest in an individual. Hence, we speak of the devil as the embodiment and personification of evil. Evil does not wear a red suit or carry a pitchfork, but it does have a forked tongue. And apparently Democrats believe Trump is the Devil, Hitler and Putin together in one body. It’s hard for me to comprehend such lunacy and such hatred. But then I’m not insane, nor can I comprehend the mind of Jeffrey Dahmer.

The only other explanation for the pathological Trump hatred syndrome is that the Democrats are afraid of Trump.

Enough said about the sorry state of our country and the world. In the scatological movie quote above, Cousin Eddie was referring to his “RV.” But it’s not hard to see the metaphorical comparison in the damage that Democrats have done in the last two years. And they promise more of the same. Apparently, “The beatings will continue until morale improves,” or until everyone bends a knee to leftist tyranny.

Although it’s a month until the Winter Solstice and the official onset of winter, it’s already winter for me. On this Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving, I’m sitting in front of a fire and basking in its warmth. We live in a woodland and have lots of trees which, like everything else, get old and die. We harvest these dead giants and burn them to warm my buns and my spirit.

Global warming... er ... climate change nutjobs like Al Gore and John Kerry would have me sit in the cold and dark. I assure you these elitists won’t share the misery of the hoi polloi. Tragically, the European nut job, Greta Thunberg, will be

freezing her keister off this winter due to the European Union’s idiocy regarding fossil fuels, hatred of President Trump and reliance on Putin. How’s that working out?

I will remain a frugal conservationist, but I will not bend a knee to leftist tyranny which is based on computer models. I’m not a computer nerd, but I know that in regard to data, “junk in, junk out.” And the data in these computer models are suspect. Heck, the weatherman can’t reliably predict whether it will rain tomorrow, let alone predict the climate in fifty or a hundred years.

Actually, I like hotter weather and would choose it over being cold. As I’ve aged I have maintained my weight, but I fear that insulating fat has moved from my extremities to my midriff. Since I now seem to be more cold-natured, one of my many blessings is an electric blanket which I use for a few minutes before I get in bed. Before electric blankets, people used copper bed warmers filled with fire embers! Yikes, no wonder fires and scorched sheets were so common.

A successful marriage depends on communication, commitment, appreciation and negotiation. Becky is less cold-natured

than me and does not use her side of the electric blanket very often. She also ascribes to the Pat Head Summitt philosophy that the first thing you do in the morning is make your bed. That way your first act of the day is an accomplishment. I don’t know about Ms. Summitt, but Becky is as persnickety as a Marine Sergeant about how the bed is made. Let’s say that I’m far less engaged in such details and we’ve decided that I should just get out of her way. The problem is the electric blanket cords are “unsightly” and someone might break into our house and be offended by cords running under the bed skirts! Years ago we “settled” on the electric blanket issue. In October, it goes on the bed and comes off in April.

So these are my thoughts four days before Thanksgiving. Perhaps my musings are a bit lighter than the times merit. But that’s OK. I am thankful for life, wife and my Lord Jesus Christ. Cousin Eddie didn’t seem to worry about Democrats and the future. Perhaps like me, Cousin Eddie ascribes to the Master’s advice of Matthew 6:25-27.

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Catching up with author Kelley Griffin

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North Knoxville’s Kelley Griffin is a very busy mother and wife, and an author of several well-received books. She doesn’t hail from Knoxville but has called it home for many years.

She has been selected as Amazon’s “#1 Best Selling Romantic Suspense Author.” The Knoxville Focus chanced across Griffin while shopping recently and discovered this very talented lady. We caught up with her last week and asked several questions.

How did you become interested in writing?

Writing for me began when my grandmother passed away. She’d been a wife, mother of four and journalist her entire life—snagging the

story, photographing the story, and typesetting the story all while the men were off to war in the 40s. When the men came back, she lost her job. She continued to write syndicated columns in some prominent papers and won a few prestigious awards. But on her deathbed, she joked that if she was ever going to write that novel, she’d better get to it. I didn’t want that type of regret, so I began writing.

How many books do you have in print and is there a theme to your books?

Currently, I have five novels in print with #6 on preorder for March of 2023. Most of my books are romantic suspense with locations in and around East Tennessee, so local Knoxvilleians will be able to see landmarks in my stories. I have one

series (The Kirin Lane Series) and three standalones, “A Mind Unequal,” “Taken for Granted” and “Binding Circumstance.” The third and final installment of the Kirin Lane Series is up for preorder and should ship in March of 2023.

Most of my novels center around women facing adversity, whether my main character is being chased by the mob for a book they believe holds clues, or another is running from the government who wants to use her powers for their own benefit, or another who is trying to outrun and outsmart the psychopath who held her captive in college to save the man she loves. For me it’s all about the hero’s journey and happiness ever after.

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Kelley Lamberson Griffin is a North Knoxville author of several novels. The wife and mother has a growing readership of her romantic suspense books.



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Grateful List

I watched a movie the other night, and although I have no idea what the title was, it made me start thinking. I'm the same way with books. Most of the time, I have no idea who wrote the novel or what the title is. If either a movie or

a book catches my interest quickly, I stay with it to the end. If not, I put it down or turn it off. One character says that he writes to the sky his daily 10 things for which he is grateful. This is the season, not just the day, that all of us should all take a little time in the morning to come up with 10 things, great or small, that raise in us gratefulness. This should be an easy project, so here goes.

I'm grateful for my immediate family. My wife is my best friend and has held that position for 48 years. Amy has single-handedly been responsible for making sure the bills are paid and that a little money is saved. Her attention to our financial well-being has ensured that we will be okay in the years to come. She's always had time to listen to my hair-brained ideas. When they are too far out, she gently reels me back to reality and logical thinking. My children, Lacey and Dallas, have given me joy for the most part. Some years were rough, but they've proven themselves to be fine individuals as adults. I couldn't be prouder of them. Grandson Madden has always made me smile. He is now a teenager, and other than when he was a toddler, I like him best at this age.

I'm grateful that God gave me a twin brother. He's been my best buddy since our lives began. As a little one, I'd tell Jim, "Get up and get me up." He'd work his bed until the side fell, climb down, and rescue me from those baby bed bars. We've fought over the years, but for the most part, we've been close. These days, we work well together to complete all sorts of projects.

I'm grateful for Sadie, our rescue pooch. She came to us at a low time in our lives, and she loved us and gave us something on which to focus our minds other than the problems that had appeared. I say she's Jesus' dog who is



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on loan to us. Amy and I are trained well and snap to attention when Sadie unloads a loud, mean-sounding bark. No night is complete without the three of us sitting on the couch together. When this child stretches out for

a nap, her snores come so loudly that we adjust the tv volume.

I'm grateful for a warm home. Fall turned to winter in the blink of an eye, but we were able to adjust the thermostat and sit in the family room and enjoy the warmth.

I'm grateful for the new winter coat that Amy found at a good price. It will come in handy on our trip to New York. That coat will come in handy around here as well. We never know what kind of weather is coming.'

I'm grateful for this paper for allowing me to write a weekly column. Having someplace to express my feelings and ideas is a blessing. This paper has been a good friend for years.

I'm grateful for my 1987 Pathfinder. We bought the car for \$10,300. For 35 years, this car has hauled baseball players, landscaping timber, and items headed for KARM. A couple of rust spots have popped up, but other than that, she's good to go. For such an old car, it has low mileage. My son knows this is part of his inheritance.

I'm grateful for my battery-operated impact drill. That tool makes driving long screws simple, and its power is a blessing to someone whose strength is slowly dwindling.

I'm grateful for my yard. The leaves are under control after 10-12 mowing times. This piece of property is small enough for me to take care of but large enough to keep folks from moving in on top of me.

I'm grateful to live in a country where individuals realized the dangers to the country and show up in unexpected numbers to save democracy. I'm also proud of all those who participated in the process.

See if you are able to come up with ten things. It might take a while, but focusing on those things makes our lives fuller. Do this for a week and see if you don't look at the world differently.

Visiting the East Tennessee History Museum famous film exhibit

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East Tennessee History Museum's newest exhibit, "Lights! Camera! East Tennessee!" includes almost everything you'd like to know about movies filmed in our region and actors who called the Knoxville area home.

The exhibit follows the industry from 1895's Kinetoscope to 35mm film and on to current technology. It tells how local folks made Hollywood history and includes stories about some of those folks in their careers. And it's not all about Dolly Parton.

The exhibit is open daily in the Rogers-Claussen Feature Gallery of the History Center at 601 Gay Street.

One Knoxvilleian who has a star in the museum is a familiar face you've seen dozens of times but you may know little about him. When you see his photo you'll remember



Among the many regional superstars in movies, television and plays is the one honoring Knoxville's John Cullum. The exhibit "Lights! Camera! East Tennessee!" is new to the East Tennessee History Museum and is open daily.

him in various movies, on Broadway and on television series.

John Cullum is an actor and singer, and a two-time Tony winner for Best Actor in Musical. He was also noted for his character in "Northern Exposure," "The Day After," and various other series and often appeared in the TV series

"Law and Order: Special Victims Unit."

Born in Knoxville in 1930 as the son of a banker, he attended old Knoxville High School and the University of Tennessee, playing on UT's championship tennis team and starred in "Chucky Jack" in Gatlinburg portraying John Sevier. He married



Knoxville's John Cullum is so familiar to movie and television viewers but most folks don't know he's from our town and how well accomplished he is.

Emily Frankel, a dancer and novelist, in 1959 and they have one child, J. H. Cullum, who is also a movie and television actor.

After another John Cullum died in Arkansas in 2022, rumors of the actor's death circulated but Cullum, at 92 years young, affirmed he was still alive and working on a new stage project. He recalled that when he attended UT there was no drama department and he took speech instead.

Fall, Football and Friendships

By Ralphine Major
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For years, it has taken place on the third Saturday in October---the highly anticipated football game between Tennessee and Alabama. It is almost impossible to watch a Tennessee-Alabama game without being reminded of Beth, my longtime and dear friend.

Beth and I were classmates at Gibbs High School. In the early seventies, we were freshmen at the University of Tennessee when Coach Bear Bryant and the Crimson Tide came to Neyland Stadium for a game with the Tennessee Volunteers. UT led much of the game; but in the end, Alabama prevailed. Beth was a huge Bama fan and for good reason. Her uncle, the late Ken Donahue, was the defensive coordinator for Alabama. But for his love of football, the talented Donahue probably would have been a Gibbs graduate, too. Instead, he walked from Corryton to Central High School so he could play football and would often catch a ride. Gibbs did not have a football team in those years. Donahue went on to play for General Neyland at



Picture of (L-R): Beth Donahue, the late Edgar J. House, and Ralphine Major, by the late Ron Warwick.

UT and later served on Johnny Majors' staff at Tennessee after coaching many years at Alabama. Tennessee fans may remember the talented Donahue who designed a brilliant defensive strategy for Tennessee when they played Miami in the Sugar Bowl, and Tennessee won. Beth and I worked on the high school yearbook staff at Gibbs under the direction of the late Edgar J. House, yearbook sponsor and business teacher. Later, Beth transferred to the University of Alabama to pursue her

home economics degree and follow in her mother's footsteps as a teacher.

After losing to Alabama for 15 straight years, Tennessee was long overdue for a win. The 2022 season will long be remembered for that victory. Tennessee versus Alabama---college football at its best!

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Senator McKellar vs the CIO-PAC

Pages from the Past



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Tennessee's senior member of its congressional delegation was Kenneth D. McKellar, who had been in Congress for a total of thirty-six years; thirty of those years in the Senate. McKellar had just been handily reelected to another six-year term in the United States Senate in 1946. Contrary to revisionist historians, McKellar had long been one of the Senate's more progressive members. A newspaper in Columbia, Tennessee, had accused McKellar of being all but a socialist, while the New York Times had

accused McKellar, in his capacity as president pro tempore of the Senate and its presiding officer, of not having recognized Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, the author of the minimum wage bill. According to Paul Christopher, McKellar had instead recognized Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, who was the sponsor of the dreaded farm parity amendment. Of course Christopher ignored the fact both Georgia and Tennessee were at the time largely rural states with considerable farming interests.

labeled the Tennessean one of the Senate's most progressive members during the decade of the 1920s. McKellar was one of the very few senators who stuck with Franklin D. Roosevelt to the bitter end in the president's failed attempt to pack the Supreme Court of the United States. Senator McKellar's falling out with TVA board member David Lilienthal made the Tennessean a target for liberals in his later years.

McKellar had been an ally of organized labor throughout his congressional career, yet the CIO got cross-ways with the crusty senior senator during the 1946 election. A new CIO-PAC set out to topple the venerable Tennessean from the Senate by supporting his opponent in the Democratic primary. Edward Ward "Ned" Carmack was the undisputed son of a distinguished father of the same name. The younger Carmack was erratic and for a few years represented a threat for a myriad of elected offices. Carmack finally ran against Tennessee's junior U.S. senator, Tom Stewart, in 1942 and quite nearly beat the incumbent. Heavily promoted by the Nashville Tennessean newspaper, Carmack plunged into the 1946 primary against the formidable McKellar. It soon became quite clear the newly created CIO-PAC intended to oppose Senator McKellar. Some organized labor leaders referred to the new CIO-PAC as "the most important movement in the political history of Tennessee." The CIO-PAC representative for the Southeastern United States was Paul Christopher, a diminutive, black-haired labor organizer from Knoxville, who was something of a firebrand. President Harry Truman was threatening to veto the 65 cents an hour minimum wage bill because of a farm parity amendment which had been placed upon the legislation. Christopher told his fellow union members, "I have a story to tell you . . . a story of which I am not proud," he said solemnly. Paul Christopher said "one of our senators" had "contributed to the present sorry plight" of the minimum wage bill. Christopher

The peppery McKellar refused to take dictation from the CIO or anybody else. The senator issued his own fiery statement in response to that of the PAC. The Nashville Banner carried a headline running across the top of the newspaper blaring, "McKellar Spurns PAC Conference Proposal."

Replying to a letter from R. H. Routon, chair of a CIO-PAC subcommittee, who had suggested the senator meet with PAC members to talk about the primary campaign, McKellar held nothing back. "I see no need for a conference between us," McKellar's reply stated. "Your platform is already made and so is mine."

The senator complained he had been "traduced and abused" by the CIO-PAC who McKellar charged had made "malicious, false, and misleading" statements during the PAC convention in Chattanooga earlier in April. "Your organization states that it has 75,000 voters in Tennessee," Senator McKellar wrote. "The inference . . . is a threat that you are strong . . . that I had better come down and deal with you . . . when your organization is already working against me."

McKellar pointed out in his letter to Routon it had been made clear the CIO-PAC intended to "tax your members a dollar each or in all about \$75,000 largely to be used in an effort to defeat me in the coming primary." "I noticed in the paper also that you had one of my opponents to spend the night with you in Memphis last week," the senator added.

"I have never been nominated or elected by making deals with groups of voters," McKellar told Routon. McKellar insisted his record reflected he had voted for "more laws having for their purpose the betterment of labor than perhaps any other Senator." The senator was careful to say that his rejection of the invitation for a meeting did not mean "I do not want every laboring man's vote." McKellar wrote he was certainly a "friend of labor" and the senator believed "the rank and file of your organization would vote for me if left alone."

Nor did McKellar fail to hit



Portrait of Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth McKellar, circa 1945.

his primary opponent Ned Carmack, telling Routon, "If he makes an agreement with you to favor your Communistic, Socialistic and other 'pink' policies he will have changed a great deal since I talked to him regarding national affairs when he was seeking favors from me." "I am not a Communist; I am not a Socialist," McKellar thundered in his letter. "I am a Democrat with a record. . ."

"I intend to run as a candidate for all the people of Tennessee," McKellar wrote. "I propose to serve all the people of Tennessee." Senator McKellar released his letter to newspapers throughout Tennessee and it had the intended effect, receiving statewide coverage.

McKellar's stance was praised by many of Tennessee's daily newspapers. The Bristol Herald Courier intoned, "We believe the people of Tennessee and of the entire country applaud the position taken by Senator Kenneth McKellar when he declares in effect that he will not be dictated to or pushed around by the Political Action Committee of the Congress of Industrial Organizations." The editorial noted the CIO-PAC "exists, as its name implies, for the purpose of furthering the plans and purposes of the big labor organizations which it represents through political action."

The newspaper acknowledged it was "quite in keeping" with the CIO-PAC to invite the senator to meet with Chairman R. H. Routon to discuss the issues in the primary campaign. Yet it was also "quite in keeping" with Senator McKellar's "principles that he should tell the CIO-PAC that he does not desire its support if, in order to secure it, he must sacrifice any principle in which he believes or make any compromise with his conscience." The Bristol Herald Courier said McKellar was certainly a friend of labor and the working man, although some "labor groups have wandered off after strange gods." The editorial concluded, "If Mr. McKellar would rather not have the

Senatorial nomination than make a deal with the CIO-PAC, perhaps most of the people of Tennessee would rather not have a Senator than one who would make such deals."

James G. Stahlman, publisher of the Nashville Banner, published a front page column strongly supporting the senator's stance and attacking the CIO-PAC. Stahlman readily admitted his newspaper had not always agreed with McKellar, but also added, "The Banner respects McKellar's honesty, his courage, his unflagging devotion to Tennessee's every interest." The publisher wrote the Banner "loved" McKellar for the enemies the senator had made in standing up for his people. Stahlman wrote the Banner was for McKellar, "To the last ditch" and the newspaper wasn't going to "pull any punches when the going gets tough."

In the middle of McKellar's spat with the CIO-PAC, the senator was honored by the Tennessee Society of Washington, D.C. As the Knoxville Journal indicated, "Cabinet members and congressional leaders joined with Tennesseans in honoring the Senate's presiding officer and member with the longest period of service. . ."

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Attorney General Tom Clark (later a justice of the U. S. Supreme Court) and President Harry Truman "dropped in" at the lavish dinner held in the grand ballroom of Washington's elegant Mayflower Hotel. Photographers snapped pictures of the president and Senator McKellar shaking hands, which were plastered all across newspapers throughout Tennessee the following day. Truman greeted McKellar

playfully as "Mr. President" (as presiding officer of the United States Senate) and said he was just going by the Mayflower Hotel when he heard about the party and thought he might drop in. President Truman jokingly congratulated the seventy-seven-year-old senator on his "eighteenth birthday." Several members of Truman's Cabinet were in attendance including Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach (a former senator), Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson (a future senator), Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson (a former congressman and future chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court), and Secretary of the Interior Julius Krug. As President Truman, Senator McKellar and Attorney General Tom Clark posed for photographers, Senator Tom Connally of Texas bawled, "Goodbye Carmack!"

With Truman having succeeded to the presidency following the death of Franklin Roosevelt, the country was without a vice president. McKellar, as president pro tempore of the United States Senate, became, in effect, the acting vice president of the United States. McKellar received a higher salary, was assigned the limousine provided to the vice president and occupied the vice president's office on Capitol Hill. McKellar also retained all the rights of a senator, including voting, which a vice president could not do save in the case of a tie vote. Truman had invited the Tennessean to attend Cabinet meetings, which only enhanced McKellar's prestige at home.

E. H. Crump, the leader of the Shelby County political organization, had blasted Carmack earlier

in the campaign. Crump's scathing denunciation of Carmack was especially telling as it pinpointed much of the challenger's failings. Indeed, Crump bluntly summarized Carmack as "a failure." The Memphis Boss sneered Carmack was nothing more than the candidate of Silliman Evans, publisher of the Nashville Tennessean, a charge that was true. "Carmack sailed under the banner of his father before, and this time he sails under the banner of the Nashville Tennessean," Crump chortled. "That paper tried to get ex-Governor Browning to run, then they tried Congressman Kefauver."

"He was a failure as a lawyer, failure as a newspaper man; too heavy for light work, and too light for heavy work," Crump snapped.

McKellar's refusal to meet with the CIO - PAC had its effect and Carmack tried to blunt the damage through the Tennessean. "I have made no such tie-up. I have made no deals with anyone in this campaign," Ned Carmack insisted. The truth, at least according to Carmack, was "dew-drip clear." The challenger charged Senator McKellar

"has shown a tendency to turn 'pinkish' more than I have. . ."

The heat in Tennessee came less from the campaigns in 1946 than Mother Nature. Although McKellar had toured much of the state at the beginning of 1946, the senator remained preoccupied with his duties in Washington as he prepared to run on a "coalition ticket" with Governor Jim Nance McCord and Andrew "Tip" Taylor. There were periodic announcements McKellar intended to come home to campaign, but the summer heat was blistering that year. The senator never did make it back to Tennessee to campaign personally. Surrogates and Ed Crump largely carried the senator's campaign for reelection inside the Democratic primary. McKellar swept Republican East Tennessee where he had always been popular. Senator McKellar easily carried each of the four big urban counties. In his home of Shelby County, the senator won better than 90% of the vote. Ned Carmack fared far better in Middle Tennessee where the Tennessean was widely circulated. Still, Senator McKellar won quite nearly 62% of the ballots cast without once ever returning home to campaign against an opponent who had almost beaten his junior colleague four years earlier.

Kenneth McKellar continues to hold the record in the Volunteer State for length of service. McKellar served forty-two years in the House and Senate.

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Left, last week members of the Roughneck Motorcycle Club gathered donations for Christmas care packages to send to service members stationed overseas. Lt. Gov. Randy McNally (center) speaks with Lt. Col. Hurst after helping load the truck. Over 400 boxes will be sent overseas this, the fifth, year of the Roughnecks' drive.

May I Have a Moment?

When you watch legal tv shows and movies the lawyers are almost always depicted as having incredible ability in the courtroom. They hammer away at the witnesses without a moment's hesitation. No word is ever mispronounced. If the witness gives an answer the lawyer was not expecting, the lawyer immediately pivots with a new set of questions without a second of hesitation. It's incredible to watch. And when I was in the process of becoming a lawyer, it was terrifying to think that I had to get to that level of courtroom ability.

Fortunately, it is not quite like that. While there are some lawyers who do possess incredible courtroom abilities and are able to question witnesses with little to no preparation and handle any curveballs thrown at them, most lawyers are not quite there.

One tactic young lawyers should learn quickly (as should any individuals who end up representing themselves without a lawyer) is the phrase, "may I have a moment." What does this phrase mean in the legal setting? What does it accomplish?

Whether a witness is in the middle of being questioned or there are arguments being made by the



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lawyers, saying, "may I have a moment," signals to the judge that you need a pause on what is currently occurring to either consult with your client, review your notes, or gather yourself to continue with the proceeding. This is not a chance to

step out of the courtroom, or to phone a friend. This is a break of approximately 30 seconds to 2 minutes, tops. What can you do with this little bit of time that could possibly be helpful? Taking a deep breath might be a good place to start. Courtroom proceedings are stressful, even for seasoned lawyers. Often this brief break is used to consult briefly with your client and whisper to them, "I do not have any more questions for this witness unless you have something you want me to ask them." Or it could be to go through your file to locate a document you would like to ask the witness about.

It feels unusual and uncomfortable to ask, "for a moment," the first time, but I have never had a judge deny the request. If you are a young lawyer or representing yourself in a courtroom and you are starting to feel overwhelmed and need a second to gather your wits or think through your next question, do not be afraid to ask, "for a moment," to do so.

Catching up with author Kelley Griffin

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How would someone order a book?

My books are available at all major retail outlets, Barnes and Noble, Kobo, Google Play, Amazon, IngramSpark. They're currently available inside West Town Mall at The Urban Market until the end of November, and I'm also in negotiations with Fable Hollow, a new Fountain City bookstore, to carry my entire line. I also attend 8-10 craft fair events each year, such as the Lenoir City Arts and Crafts Festival in June and the Wears Valley Fall Festival in October. On December 3, I'll be at Smithview Pavilion in Maryville and on December 17, I'll be at Mast General Store doing a book signing.

Tell us about your family.

I've been married to a marine for 28 years and we have five sons. We've lived in North Knoxville for 23 of those years. My boys are the light of my life and the reason that I write. They all attended St. Joseph School, where I currently work as the librarian and then three of them went on to Central High School, while one (so far) graduated from Knoxville Catholic High School.

How did you come to Knoxville or are you a native?

I was born in California to Michigan parents, but have lived in Knoxville since the early 1980s. This is home. My kids were born in the same hospital as my husband and all raised here.

Who is your publisher or are you self-published?

I'm a hybrid. I was originally published by Champagne Book Group after two publishers came after me for the book "Binding Circumstance." I went with CBG and finished my contract of three years with them. The rights were recently reverted to me once the contract was fulfilled. So now, I have full publishing power of all my titles.

Who is your favorite author?

I love any type of small-town romance that pulls at my heartstrings or makes me laugh. My favorite author is Jill Shalvis as I always see myself in her imperfect characters and I always laugh.

What does "Amazon #1 Best Selling Romantic Suspense Author" mean?

It means that in June of 2021, I received the coveted orange tag of being #1 in my genre for the first book in the Kirin Lane Series,

"Entangling, Book One of the Kirin Lane Series."

What are your hobbies or interests?

Other than writing suspense novels, hanging with my kids and husband, and

enjoying an amazing career as the quirky librarian for the best school on the planet (St. Joseph), I enjoy camping with my family and friends and inhaling campfire smoke.

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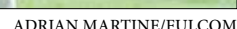


West pulls out 28-21 win to reach state finals

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Watching Jackson play was fun and exciting

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Fulton's Marcellus Jackson and the Falcons lost 72-54 in an offensive shootout at Carter in the regular season finale on Oct. 28.

Lily Wilds signs with Piedmont University

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Farragut Middle School took first place in Jazz and third place in Pom at the TMSAA State Dance Championships on Nov. 5 in Murfreesboro.

Farragut and Bearden earn state dance titles

“It is an absolute privilege for us to represent the Farragut community and I am abundantly proud of these 26 dancers and their hearts, dedication

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selection was based on regular season results.

Marcellus received six votes in the balloting – three more than Karns' De'Sean Bishop, who finished his career as one of the state's top all-time running backs. Brayden Latham, the leader of West's unbeaten team, got one vote, as did Webb School quarterback Charlie Robinson and Powell junior defensive end Steven Soles.

Fulton had a 4-6 record in the regular season, but Bearden Coach Josh Jones said: "They're 0-10 if he (Marcellus) isn't on the team. Not one player made a difference to their team like him. He's the best player with the ball in his hand in the entire area; it's not close."

Last week, Jackson was named a Top 3 finalist for the Tennessee Titans' Mr. Football award in Class 4A.

His offensive stats (1,420 yards rushing and 17 touchdowns plus 1,874 yards passing and 23 TDs) played a big part in Marcellus being named the All-Knox County first-team

quarterback. His 3,311 total yards compute to an average of 331 yards per game.

Jackson also played on defense and had 57 tackles, two TFLs and two sacks. He returned two interceptions for touchdowns plus caused three fumbles, recovered three and returned one fumble for a TD. He broke up 13 passes and blocked two kicks, too.

"To have someone like him who can do so many things with the football and competes the way he does, it's always fun to coach those kind of kids," said Fulton Head Coach Jeff McMillan, who added that "Marcellus always has a big smile on his face and enjoys playing the game and being around the other kids."

McMillan went on to say: "Nothing is going to stop him from accomplishing what he wants to accomplish and the drive he has to be successful. All the great athletes have that. He kind of takes it to another level."

Jackson has overcome his small size with ultra



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Fulton quarterback Marcellus Jackson, The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year, battles against Class 6A Farragut in a 63-24 loss. Jackson also faced top playoff teams like Anderson County, West and Bearden this season.

speed and quickness.

"He's going to play on the next level; it's just a matter of where," said McMillan. "He's got offers from NCAA Division 3, Division 2, Division 1 and NAIA."

Coach McMillan assumes Marcellus will play on the next level as "a slot receiver, a kick returner, that kind of

thing."

McMillan said he doesn't expect Jackson to play quarterback in college. "He's special with the ball in his hands. Of course, we've been lucky enough to snap it to him and put it in his hands every play, but I think he'll probably be a slot and return guy in college."

McMillan expects Jackson to eventually play basketball this season. "He was pretty banged up when we got finished in football. He's still having some shoulder issues and trying to get those taken care of. As tough as he is, he got banged up pretty good toward the end of the year."

Jackson is a good student, said McMillan, and has over a 3-point average when weighted with his AP and dual enrollment classes, which earns him college credit.

"It's just been a pleasure to be around him for four years and watch him grow and develop into what he has."

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Carter notches comeback win in Thanksgiving tournament

By Ken Lay

Carter High School has one of the most experienced boys basketball teams in the area. So you wouldn't expect the Hornets to be bothered by adversity.

And they certainly kept cool early last week as they erased a big first-quarter deficit and notched a 66-62 victory over Morristown East in the Farragut Thanksgiving Tournament on Monday, Nov. 21 at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

"I'm proud of my guys and proud of their fight and proud of the way they handled themselves," Carter coach Tyler Cate said after watching his team erase a 17-4 deficit and storm back to knock off the Hurricanes (0-4). "We just kept trying to play."

"We try not to let our guys get down on themselves. We just told them to stay the course and keep playing hard and continue to do the things that we're supposed to do."

They did, and it was the third consecutive win for the Hornets (3-1), who lost their season opener at Kingston before notching three consecutive wins over South-Doyle, Farragut and Morristown East.

Carter fell to the Yellow Jackets on the road by two points before bouncing back to take down the Cherokees and the Admirals.

"When we went to Kingston, that's a really good team, they shoot the ball well and that's a tough place to play," said Cate, who recently began his second season as the Hornets' head coach. "That's a tough place to play, but we've turned it around with wins (against) what I think are very well-coached and well-respected teams."

Carter, however, fell behind out of the chute as the Hurricanes opened a 17-4 lead with 2 minutes, 50 seconds remaining in the opening frame.

From there, it was an uphill battle but the Hornets, who trailed 36-27 at halftime and faced a 55-51 deficit heading into the final frame. But Carter and its veteran and savvy players answered the bell for what turned out to be an early-season heavyweight slugfest.

Nick Ellis, who scored 14 points in the contest, had six points down the stretch, including four free throws in the final 40 seconds, to lift the Hornets to another big early-season win.

Junior Zane Brown also scored three points in the final frame and his basket with 2:14 to go, knotted the game, 59-59.

Morristown East took a slim 60-59 lead when Carter Gilliam converted a free throw a short time later before the Hornets took the lead for good on a bucket by Ellis at the 1:15 mark.

Ellis was one of three Carter players to score in double figures.

Dalton McNew led the way with 16 points and Blake Smith, who knocked down four 3-pointers finished with 12 points.

Hot shooting nets short-handed Powell first win of the season

By Ken Lay

A short-handed Powell High School boys basketball team earned its first victory of the 2022-23 season Tuesday night. The Panthers were missing multiple players, including starters, who are still playing in the Class 5A State Playoffs.

But it didn't seem to matter on this night as Powell used some hot shooting to run past Anderson County 89-61 at PHS's Jeff Hunter Gymnasium.

"We had better shot selection tonight than we had in our two games (opening) week," Powell coach Gary Barnes said. "We did a good job moving the ball around and we got a better quality of shot tonight. The quality of shot was just better."

The Panthers, who travel to South-Doyle today (Nov. 28), wasted little time taking control of the contest against the Mavericks (1-3) as Powell opened an 18-12 lead in the first quarter and just kept building on its advantage throughout the night.

"This thing got away from us on the first possession," Anderson County first-year head coach Jordan Jeffers said. "They shot the ball well but it's easy to shoot when you get wide-open shots."

"Eventually, you've got to decide that you're tired of losing and you've got to defend. You've got to have a toughness about you and we don't have that right now."

The Panthers (1-2) did just about everything they wanted to against the Mavericks. Powell made eight shots from beyond the 3-point arc and had four players post double figures in the



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD.

Powell's Kaleb Walker goes up for a shot in the Panthers' 89-61 win over Anderson County Tuesday night. Walker had a game-high 26 points.

scoring column.

Kaleb Walker had a game-high 26 points and scored 18 after halftime while Bryce Jardret scored 18 of his 25 points over the first 16 minutes of the contest. Noah Brewer added 16

points and Neyland Dugger finished with 12 for Powell, which extended its advantage to 45-33 at halftime.

Ryan McGhee led the Mavericks with 16 points. Brandon Dake scored 11 and Cade Russell had 10.

Lady Panthers notch 'big win' over Anderson County

By Ken Lay

Coming into the 2022-23 season, Powell High School girls basketball coach John Fisher knew that depth would be an issue.

And things got a little worse for the Lady Panthers early in their game Tuesday night, but lack of depth didn't stop Powell from picking its first victory of the new campaign Tuesday night.

"We came in here tonight with eight players and then we had one of our starters get hurt early in the first quarter," Fisher said after the Lady Panthers defeated Anderson County 51-37 at Powell's Jeff Hunter Gymnasium. "That happened early and we already had a lack of depth, but this

was a big win for us."

The Lady Mavericks (1-3) had nearly a full roster but sickness had been an issue out of the gate and Anderson County posted a lackluster performance after opening a slim 11-8 lead in the opening frame.

"We had some girls who have been sick," Lady Mavericks coach Mitch Cupples said. "We weren't in school today, so we had some girls who slept a lot trying to get better, but we don't make any excuses."

"You have to come ready to play every night."

After falling behind Powell (1-2), proved resilient and bounced back and opened a 24-18 lead by halftime

and never trailed again.

Starting guard Adisyn Smith suffered a leg injury and returned to the gym on crutches.

But fellow guard Krysta Madison carried the bulk of the offensive load for the Lady Panthers as she scored 12 of her 19 points after halftime. She scored seven points in the fourth quarter as Anderson County attempted to mount a comeback. Reese Rolan added 12 points while Anna White scored 10 and Alaina Schroeder finished with nine.

Shelby Kelly scored 10 points to pace the Lady Mavericks while Lydia Meldrum and Emily Mustard had seven points apiece.

The sideline of choice

Does it matter which side of the football field your favorite team stands on?



By Tom Mattingly

It's a tough question. The argument goes like this. If your bench is on the east side (opposite the press box), your team is in the sun, regardless of the time of year. If your team is on the west, or press box, inside, it's cooler, whether the game is played in September, October, or November. There may also be some element of tradition involved in the choice of bench area. Whether under the tutelage of Gen. Robert R. Neyland, Bill Britton, John Barnhill, Harvey Robinson, Bowden Wyatt or Jim McDonald, the Vols occupied the east sideline area of Shields-Watkins Field. That was the sideline closest to the Tennessee dressing room, at that time located under the east stands at midfield. It was a matter of convenience. The visitors were headquartered on the west side. That bench configuration allowed Bill Battle to have

stood on the west side of the field as an Alabama player in 1960 and 1962 and as Vol head coach from 1970 through 1976. A great many things happened in the intervening seasons to make that possible. Here's another consideration. When a game is on television, the coach on the east sideline can find himself in the camera shot a great portion of the game with a minimum of effort. Rumor has it that Bear Bryant used his sideline position opposite the press box to great advantage. Doug Dickey moved the Vol bench area to the west side in 1964, allowing the team to enter the field area through a large "T" formed by the band. He and Dr. W J Julian made that happen, and "Doc" suggested there would be an uproar of monumental proportions if, for some reason, it didn't happen. Moving the Tennessee dressing room to the north end in 1983 caused a few logistical problems. From the LSU game that season through the 1992 Kentucky game, the Vols ran through the "T" and turned right to the west side. Tennessee's bench area moved back to the

east side in 1993, thanks to an SEC crowd control directive prohibiting home team students from sitting directly behind the opposing team's bench. From the 1993 season opener to the 2009 season finale against Vanderbilt, there was a left turn required after coming through the "T." In 2010, the Vols moved back to the west side. It also required another right turn as the Vols came onto the field at game time. Here's another historic angle to the entire bench area issue. At Alabama, it was an article of faith during the Bear Bryant, Ray Perkins, Bill Curry, Gene Stallings, and Mike Dubose eras that the Alabama bench would be on the east side of either Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa or Legion Field in Birmingham. That was seemingly ordained from on high, revered by a great many from the Alabama fan base. Then came Dennis Franchione ("Coach Fran"), who had a cup of coffee in Tuscaloosa and left for supposedly greener pastures in College Station, Texas. During his time as head coach, the Tide bench moved to the west side of Legion Field



At the kickoff of the 2002 MTSU game (and well beyond), the Vol bench area and the expanse of Shields-Watkins Field was a sea of orange.

and Bryant-Denny Stadium, with Mike Shula and Nick Saban following suit. Tide purists might not have endorsed the idea of some opposing coach, a mere mortal, walking on the same turf Bryant and the others walked on, but that's what happened. Not only did Alabama change sidelines, but the Tide also stopped playing at Legion Field as well. Not just for the "Iron Bowl," but for every other game traditionally played there as well,

including the "Third Saturday in October" game with Tennessee. The capacity crowds left the stadium on Graymont Avenue and moved to campus venues in Auburn and Tuscaloosa. The former "Football Capital of the South" seemed to be a shadow of its former self. What Birmingham civic leaders considered a divine right yielded to the economic reality of increasingly larger stadiums on each campus. Somehow playing a "home game"

nearly 50 miles from Alabama's campus and at least 100 miles from Auburn's seemed foolish. In large measure, the location of the team bench or even the game venue, for that matter, did not seem as important to fans on either side as what was happening on the field. The location may have changed, but the intensity of the contest in the stands and on the field has not diminished in the least.

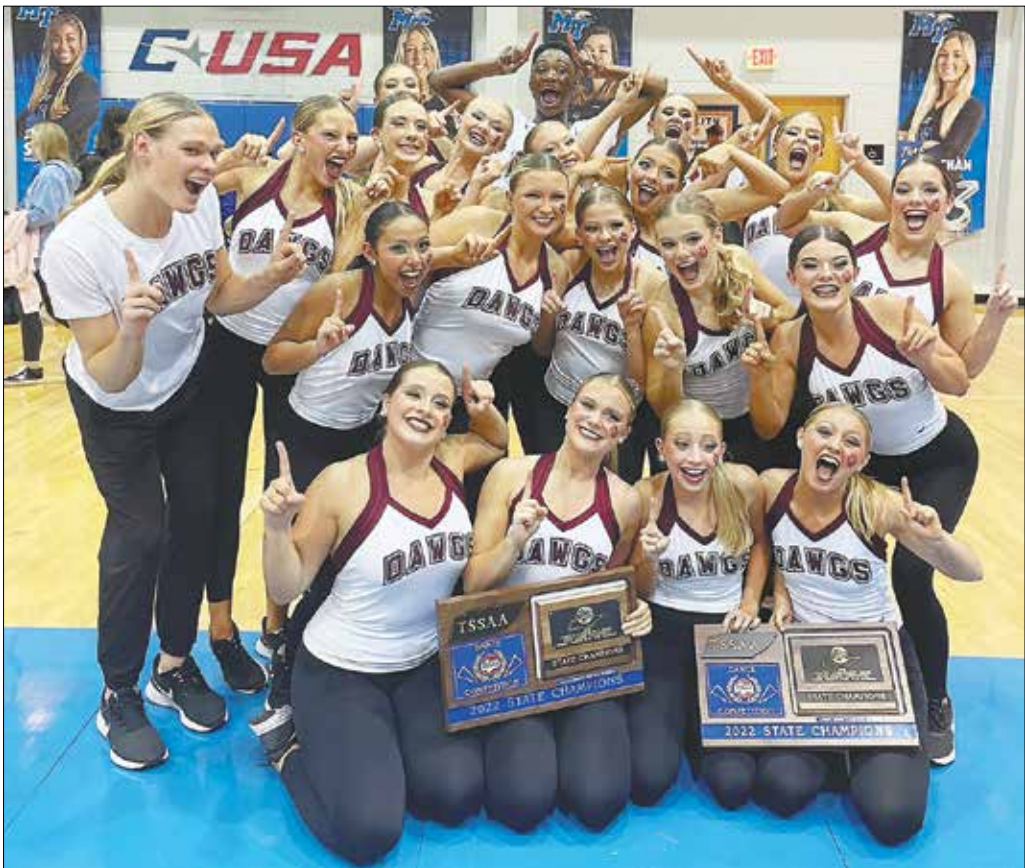
A Trip to Appalachian State... Ruined!

By Mark Nagi

Regular readers of my articles know that I'd rather be at a ballgame than watch them on TV. There's something about the buzz of the crowd, the sound of the sport and the smell of the concessions that make the experience so much fun. It was the reason why I became a sportscaster in the first place. I wanted to go to the games. The lack of opportunities to get to cover those games in person was one of the reasons I quit. Ironically, it took me leaving my job as a sportscaster to get to attend more football games. Back in the day, I'd be watching the Vols most Saturdays on a 13-inch TV. Not fun. A couple of months ago I had the idea to go see a game someplace I'd never been. So, me and my friends Michael and Jim jumped in the car and made the three-hour drive to Boone, NC to watch Appalachian State take on Old Dominion on November 19th. Earlier this season, Appalachian State upset Texas A&M. Old Dominion upset Virginia Tech. It felt like this matchup between the host Mountaineers and the visiting Monarchs was going to be a huge game in the Sun Belt Conference. Well, it didn't turn out that way. Appalachian State entered this game at 5-5 with Old Dominion coming to town at 3-7. No, my friends, ESPN College GameDay did not set up shop in Boone this time around. If you've never been, Boone is worth the drive. It's a neat little town that loves its Mountaineers. The tailgate scene might not be SEC caliber, but that doesn't matter. There are just enough bars and restaurants on King Street to give you a place to spend some time before kickoff. Before the game, we paid close attention to the TCU game against Baylor and the Michigan contest against Illinois. Losses by TCU and/or Michigan would help Tennessee's chances of getting into the College Football playoff. We were probably the only people in the bar that cared about those games. Sadly, the Horned Frogs and Wolverines each won on last second field goals.

It wouldn't be the only time that the college football gods failed to smile on the Volunteers that day. Kidd Brewer Stadium is a tight-knit building with one end zone tucked into the hillside. 32,096 saw the home team jump out to a 27-0 lead, on their way to 27-14 win. My favorite moment occurred in the fourth quarter when Appalachian State faced fourth and long from the Old Dominion 34 while leading 27-0. They punted. From the 34. That made me smile. Anyway, after the game we headed by the house we rented to watch Tennessee play South Carolina on ESPN. Had the Appalachian State game been a Noon kickoff, we considered leaving Boone and driving to Columbia. We would have gotten there in time but alas, the Appalachian State game started at 2:30 p.m. So, we settled in, expecting to watch Tennessee roll up on a South Carolina team that couldn't score a single offensive touchdown the previous week against Florida. The Vols' offense was a machine. The Gamecocks were not, and they'd also be without their top two running backs. The only question would be how many points the Vols would win by...

That was supposed to be the plan. As you know, South Carolina, a three-touchdown underdog, destroyed Tennessee 63-38. We watched this game in complete disbelief, as I'm sure Vols fans across the country did. On our drive back, we talked about the loss, still failing to comprehend how that could have happened. Our time in Boone... ruined because of something that happened 185 miles to the south. One of the great things about college football is its unpredictable nature. Even Alabama doesn't win the national title every year. That makes the sport so fun... Until it happens to your team. But for real, check out a game in Boone.



The Bearden High Dawgs' dance team celebrates at the 2022 TSSAA State Championships following two first-place finishes.

Farragut and Bearden earn state dance titles

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and drive," she said. Members of the Farragut High team are Molly Stokes, Madelyn Snow, Whitney Gohn, Saige Derr, Carson Kraemer, Makenna McDonald, Addison Fink, Mary Elizabeth Noble, Cassidy Stickley, Natalie Mahoney, Drew Patterson and Mary Aspin Scott. Dancers on the Farragut Middle School team are Lydia Finnegan, Sydney Derr, Caroline Seagraves, Sadie Floyd, Piper Belcher, Cameron Simmons, Maggie Barber, Cate Fowler, Natalee Mack, Mary Ella Wendell, Sarah Shoup, Lydia McCurry, Emma Kate Kilpatrick and Ella Marie Lambert. Assistant coaches for the Farragut dance program are Laura Warrington and Victoria Ogier, while Elizabeth Wilson and Amy McWhirter are the program's sponsors.

A FIRST FOR BEARDEN: Bearden High's dance team captured state titles in Large Varsity Game Day and Large Varsity Pom. "It was our first-ever state win in Game Day!" said Rebecca Nutter, the team sponsor. Bearden's head coach is Hannah Keathley. Meanwhile, Seymour High placed second in the state in Small Varsity Pom and Halls came in third in Small Varsity Hip Hop. **WEST VALLEY SHINES:** The Lady Wolves' dance team took state runner-up honors in



Farragut High's dance team poses with its state championship plaques from this year's TSSAA competition at MTSU.

Middle School Game Day and Pom. Halls Middle placed second in Hip Hop. **OTHER PARTICIPANTS:** Competing in the state high school cheer competition were Grace Christian Academy, Carter, Karns, Halls, Seymour and Hardin Valley. Seymour Junior High competed in middle school dance, while South-Doyle, Gresham and Powell competed in middle school cheer.



‘Big Powell’ has a big season, going 16-4

By Steve Williams

Kaylin White wanted a name that better fit his team, so he came up with “Big Powell” last year.

His team pretty much played like Big Powell this season too – its first in the new YAC, which moved away from John Tarleton Park and played its games on Saturdays at high school fields.

“We are a recreation team, but not your typical recreation team,” said White last week after his team wrapped up its season by playing three games in the Battle in Rocky Top youth tournament.

White’s team won the YAC 9U division this season by going 9-0 through the regular season and league playoffs and outscoring its opponents 258-7. Big Powell shut out Oak Ridge 7-0 in the title game.

“We travel if we can make our schedules work and have played teams from all over the state and some outside of Tennessee,” said White. “Our boys and the most amazing group of parents are a family and a handful of us have been together since the boys were merely 5 years old playing flag football. That’s part of what I feel that makes us unique.”

Big Powell started its season in the Kickoff Classic and went 1-2 with a win over the Knoxville Falcons and losses to Asheville, N.C., and the Roadrunners.

Big Powell also went 2-0 in the Battle of P Town, which was held in Portland in the Mid-State area.

White’s team played the Roadrunners again in what was like the old “City vs. County” title game before the Knox Metro Youth Football League was organized. Big Powell lost 14-0 to the Roadrunners in the Viking Bowl.

Big Powell also notched wins over the Knoxville Falcons at Grace Christian and Clinton at Powell before

finishing the season with a 2-1 record in the Battle in Rocky Top tournament. Playing in the National Division, White’s team blanked Plainfield, Ind., 13-0 and beat the Colerain Cardinals of Cincinnati 8-6 before bowing to the West Virginia Dawgz 7-0 in the finals.

Big Powell ended the season 16-4 overall.

“It was a great season for us to place second in the Rocky Top, be the YAC champions and the Battle in P Town champions. I couldn’t be more proud of this team. We took our regular roster to this (Battle in Rocky Top) tournament with no pick-ups from other teams and still was just a play or two away from winning it.”

Elsewhere on the YAC scene:

GIBBS 8U TEAM turned their program around this year after going 2-5 last season, said Head Coach Eric Smith. This season Gibbs ended up 7-2, with big wins over Central, Halls and Powell in the last games of the season to win the 8U YAC championship.

Coach Smith said his kids really worked hard and it paid off in a big way for them. All the coaches are extremely proud of them.

Smith’s assistant coaches were John Baumann, Dustin Moore, Chaz Ramsey and Justin Pratt.

GAVE IT THEIR ALL: “Wow, these kids were unbelievable this year,” said Halls 7U Coach Dustin Black. “They gave it their all for our team. Most of these kids have never played football, but they bought-in to what we were teaching.”

“We weren’t just teaching football 101, but we were teaching them life lessons and that showed on and off the field. I’d like to thank the kids, parents and my great coaching staff for all the hard work.”

“My biggest saying this year was: ‘We aren’t



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HALLS 7U YAC CHAMPIONS



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HALLS 10U YAC CHAMPIONS

teaching just about football, but we are teaching life lessons.”

In Halls’ 7-6 title game win over Oak Ridge, “They scored, then we scored before halftime and made the extra point,” recalled Coach Black. “Then in the second half, it went back and forth. They made a good drive and we stopped them on fourth-and-one.” After that, Black said his team took a knee with 50 seconds left.

HALLS BEAT Powell 20-14 to cap off an undefeated season and win the inaugural YAC championship in 10U. Halls only gave up three offensive touchdowns all year in the 12-team league. Teams were represented from all across Knox County and Oak Ridge.

“We aren’t a big team but we have a ton of athletes, a roster of 29 kids,” said Head Coach Don Starnes. “Most of our kids have been around for four years

and our boys are very physical. They love to hit.”

Assistant coaches were Chis West, Dave Miller, Josh Lee, and Jason Overton.

A FIRST FOR HV? Hardin Valley won the 6U Flag title by defeating Carter 20-12 and it is believed to be the first-ever youth football championship for Hardin Valley.

“These boys came together in July - many of them not knowing each

other and some had hardly touched a football. All season they worked hard, had fun and not only built a strong team but became a family. This all showed on the field - and the championship was just icing on the cake for what they created. It was an honor to coach them. We look forward to continuing to build this program and creating a winning culture.” -- Co-Head Coaches Melvin C. Jackson III and PJ Brown.



Roadrunners hit the road and play in Atlanta league

By Steve Williams

The Roadrunners' youth football program remained strong from top to bottom despite a mass exit of programs from the Knox Metro Youth Football League this season.

Mark Andrews, the Roadrunners' commissioner and 9U head coach, and three other Roadrunner teams even played in the Atlanta Youth Football League this season in addition to playing in the KMYFL at John Tarleton Park.

"The AYFL was played on the weekends," said Andrews. "We had two home games and three away games, which were played every other week. The parents were fully committed and responsible for getting players down to Atlanta when we had away games. We had to play a minimum of five games in order to be eligible for the playoffs."

Back home in Knoxville, Andrews' team won their third championship in a row in KYMFL and also was undefeated.

His team also went

undefeated in the Atlanta Youth Football League's regular season and lost in the championship game that was played at Georgia Tech.

Andrews' team did not play in the recent Battle in Rocky Top youth tournament due to his team making it to the "Super Bowl" in the Atlanta Youth Football League.

"I wanted them to experience playing on a Division 1 college field on a bigger stage," said Andrews.

The Roadrunners' commissioner also recapped how other Roadrunners teams did this season in the KMYFL and elsewhere.

"We had two 7U teams (Red and Blue)," said Andrews. "Red was an all true 7U and Blue was an all true 6U, which just

happened to play up in the 7U division in league play but played 6U in our travel league.

"Our 8U team played with my 9U team in Knox Metro but played 8U in travel games. We had some 10s to play on the 11U team as well due to KYMFL doing double age groups in certain divisions.

"And our flag division did pretty good as well, with 4 and 5-year-olds," said Mark.

"Our 12U team lost in the championship game to Catholic by one point. We did not have a 13U group this year until they came back together for the Battle in Rocky Top tournament."

The Roadrunners' 6U team, guided by Head Coach Charlie McCaleb, lost in the semifinals in 7U



NEW BREED 6U FLAG KMYFL CHAMPIONS

to our own 7U team, said Andrews. "But they won the 6U American Division in the Rocky Top tournament (the strongest division)."

Coach Brandon Strickland's 7U team went undefeated in KYMFL and repeated as champions of that division.

Chuck Holland's 10U-11U team went undefeated and captured its fourth championship in a row in the KMYFL.

McCaleb and Holland's

teams made the playoffs in the Atlanta league but opted out.

CATHOLIC defeated the Roadrunners 7-6 in the KMYFL's 12U finals.

The Roadrunners' 11U team posted a 14-7 win over the Falcons' 10U team coached by longtime youth coach Ricky Jones, who had a strong team playing "up" against the older opponent.

NEW BREED won the 6U Flag championship by upsetting top-seeded Falcons Gray 20-0.

"This team played with great heart," said New Breed Commissioner LaTonya Henry. "They are a very talented and respectful group. I'm excited to see what their future holds! Thank you coaches: LaTasha Washburn, Kiera Smith and Charles Lawrence. Thank you parents for your support."



CATHOLIC 12U KMYFL CHAMPIONS



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KMYFL SCORES	
Championship Games	
6-Under Flag	New Breed 20, Falcons Gray 0
7-Under	Roadrunners Red 6, CCYSP 0
9-Under	Roadrunners 28, Catholic 6
11-Under	Roadrunners 14, Falcons 7
12-Under	Catholic 7, Roadrunners 6
YAC SCORES	
Championship Games	
6-Under Flag	Hardin Valley 20, Carter 12
7-Under	Halls 7, Oak Ridge 6
8-Under	Gibbs 6, Powell 0
9-Under	Powell 7, Oak Ridge 0
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KYLE LOGAN AYERS -Vs- LISA ANN LUNDY AYERS
Docket # 155279

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant LISA ANN LUNDY AYERS is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon LISA ANN LUNDY AYERS.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by KYLE LOGAN AYERS, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with STANLEY R. BARNETT, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 108 E. BROADWAY AVE. STE B, MARYVILLE TENNESSEE 37804, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on

the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 27TH day of OCTOBER, 2022.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE H ALLEN
DOCKET NUMBER 86571-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LOUISE H ALLEN who died May 6, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 9 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE H ALLEN

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ESTATE OF JEANNE L ALLEY
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ESTATE OF JEANNE L ALLEY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN SUE TROUTT ARMSTRONG
DOCKET NUMBER 86726-1

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MORGAN BROWN AYRES, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86401-3

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ESTATE OF MORGAN BROWN AYRES, JR.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA VEIGH BAKER
DOCKET NUMBER 86965-3

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

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ESTATE OF LINDA VEIGH BAKER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK DONALD DAVIS, II
DOCKET NUMBER 86951-1

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ESTATE OF JACK DONALD DAVIS, II

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHEILA DAY
DOCKET NUMBER 86600-1

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ESTATE OF SHEILA DAY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN G HARRISON
DOCKET NUMBER 86946-2

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ESTATE OF KATHLEEN G HARRISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ESTATE OF BARBARA J HOBBS
DOCKET NUMBER 86957-1

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ESTATE OF BARBARA J HOBBS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE JENNINGS MCAFFEE, JR.
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ESTATE OF GEORGE JENNINGS MCAFFEE, JR.

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West pulls out 28-21 win to reach state finals

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JaQurius Wrenn's 48-yard punt return and Marshaun Bowers' interception return of over 100 yards out of the Panthers' end zone gave the Rebels their 21-6 lead in the third quarter.

But the Panthers kept fighting.

Potts' 3-yard touchdown run and 2-point conversion run cut the deficit to 21-14 with 3:46 left in the third quarter.

After Potts' second TD run tied the score, West running back Brayden Latham went to work on the ground. A pass

interference call on Powell moved the ball to the Panthers' 18-yard line with 1:07 remaining.

On the next play, Latham rushed for five yards and a facemask penalty by Powell on the play moved the ball to the 7. On first-and-goal, Latham gained two yards to the 5. After a Powell timeout with 0:52 on the clock, West scored on Jessie's pass to Brooks.

With under a minute remaining, Potts was able to connect with Gianni Magdos for a 19-yard gain to the Powell 39. But on the next play, Potts was hit hard by the Rebel defense in the backfield

and fumbled. West recovered the ball at the Powell 32 with nine seconds on the clock and took a knee to end the game.

Latham totaled 175 yards rushing on 31 carries, with 145 of those yards coming in the first half.

Potts finished with 252 yards and one touchdown through the air. The Tennessee Tech commit also ran eight times for 56 yards and two TDs. He was sacked four times for 27 yards.

Powell RB Connor Wheeler was limited to 45 yards on 14 attempts by the West defense. He also

caught three passes for 27 yards.

Greene led Powell's receiving corps with six catches for 108 yards and one touchdown. Magdos added 62 yards on seven receptions.

"Congratulations to West," said Powell Coach Matt Lowe. "They did what they needed to do to win it."

"I feel terrible for our kids. There were some opportunities we had that certainly didn't go our way. Unfortunately, that's part of ball. It was a great football game. I just feel terrible for our kids and some of the things that went against us."

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her about Piedmont.

"The campus is really pretty. It's right on the Chatahoochie River and there's plenty of fishing and things to do in the outdoors," she said. "They have great facilities for all their sports."

The school is located approximately three hours from Knoxville, which was another factor in Wilds' decision to attend there.

"I wanted to be close enough that I could come home on a weekend," Wilds said. "It really depended on where I could play."

Maryville College is in the Lions' conference, meaning

that Wilds will be able to play in East Tennessee at some point in her collegiate career.

A top player in Lady Bobcats' soccer history, Wilds was a leader and versatile player in Fountain City, according to head coach Bill Mize.

"Lily also gives 100 percent," Mize said. "She's a versatile player. She can play in the back, she can play in the middle or she can play up top. It's always 'Yes, Coach.'"

"She does it all and she does it with a smile. She always takes it personally when she gets beat to the ball and she'll be missed."

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONDON EDWARD PAYNE
DOCKET NUMBER 86956-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CONDON EDWARD PAYNE who died Aug 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF CONDON EDWARD PAYNE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BERTHA SUE ROBACK
DOCKET NUMBER 86950-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BERTHA SUE ROBACK who died Aug 24, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 10 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF BERTHA SUE ROBACK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY LOU SEWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 86958-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY LOU SEWELL who died Sep 6, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF BETTY LOU SEWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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7717 NICHOLAS DRIVE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANITA ROSENBALM JENKERSON
AKA ANITA ROSENBALM THOMAS
DOCKET NUMBER 86962-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANITA ROSENBALM JENKERSON AKA ANITA ROSENBALM THOMAS who died May 27, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 15 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF ANITA ROSENBALM JENKERSON AKA ANITA ROSENBALM THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEVE A THOMAS; ADMINISTRATOR
7618 HODGES FERRY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATIE VEST
DOCKET NUMBER 86955-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATIE VEST who died Aug 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 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF KATIE VEST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA DAVIS; CO-EXECUTOR
3709 MARYVILLE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

BARBARA BRIGHT; CO-EXECUTOR
7831 PEDIGO ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEON FRANKLIN VINEYARD
DOCKET NUMBER 86967-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LEON FRANKLIN VINEYARD who died Sep 4, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 16 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF LEON FRANKLIN VINEYARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CONNIE V EDMONDSON; CO-EXECUTOR
7333 DIXON SPRINGS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

MARK L VINEYARD; CO-EXECUTOR
9720 NORRIS FREEWAY
POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANDRA L WILSON
DOCKET NUMBER 86797-3

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

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

This the 16 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF SANDRA L WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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6785 BAREFOOT COVE COURT
DENVER, NC 28037

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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VARNELL V WOLFENBARGER
DOCKET NUMBER 86964-2

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

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

This the 15 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF VARNELL V WOLFENBARGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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279 WOLFENBARGER ROAD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KAREN F FROST
DOCKET NUMBER 86983-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAREN F FROST who died Jul 23, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 18 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF KAREN F FROST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TOMMY L HUTTON, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86979-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TOMMY L HUTTON, SR. who died Sep 17, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 18 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF TOMMY L HUTTON, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
LISA HUTTON; EXECUTOR(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERMA ELIZABETH BREWER AKA ERMA L PRATHER
DOCKET NUMBER 86639-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERMA ELIZABETH BREWER AKA ERMA L PRATHER who died Jun 21, 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 17 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF ERMA ELIZABETH BREWER AKA ERMA L PRATHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN PRATHER; CO-EXECUTOR
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JENNIFER MCGILL-PRATHER; CO-EXECUTOR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAY A PROFFITT, SR
DOCKET NUMBER 86985-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAY A PROFFITT, SR who died Aug 21, 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 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF RAY A PROFFITT, SR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDITH LEE SHANKLES
DOCKET NUMBER 86978-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDITH LEE SHANKLES who died Nov 27, 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 18 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF EDITH LEE SHANKLES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
CHARLES THOMAS SHANKLES; CO-EXECUTOR
8716 MILLERTOWN PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

DANNY JOE SHANKLES; CO-EXECUTOR
8712 MILLERTOWN PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BONNIE SPENCER
DOCKET NUMBER 86971-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BONNIE SPENCER who died Aug 5, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 16 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF BONNIE SPENCER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
JAMES ALAN SPENCER; EXECUTOR
4324 STRONG ROAD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON DIANA WOMACK
DOCKET NUMBER 86976-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON DIANA WOMACK who died Mar 11, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 17 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF SHARON DIANA WOMACK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DUSTIN DEWAYNE WOMACK; ADMINISTRATOR
2430 EMORILAND BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

GAIL F WORTLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

MISC. NOTICES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on December 16, 2022 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Rd Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2012 Chevy Impala 2G1WB5E35C31144200 (William Sapp)

2011 Kia Forte KNAFUA623B5447264 (Shawn Pierson)

2005 Scion XB JTLKT324950189941 (Jennifer Bowles)

2003 Nissan Altima 1N4BL11D63C277705 (Darrell Hull)

2005 Nissan Titan 1N6AA06AX5N058053 (Deangelo McCreynolds/Mckee Credit Union)

2018 Nissan Maxima 1N4AAGAP1JC370542 (United American Auto)

2007 Toyota Tacoma 3TMU42N07M009290 (Jeffrey or Sharon Johnson)

2006 Kia Rio KNAFE121265286904 (Jennifer Miller/Landmark Financial)

2008 Honda Civic 1HGFA16518L006661 (Pedro Andres/Capital Motors)

2000 Toyota Camry 4T1B622K9YU657569 (Matthew Henry)

2000 Plymouth Neon 1P3SE46C1YD648587 (Kristy Bentley)

2011 Infiniti G37 JN1CV6AP8BM301417 (Courtney Butsko)

2015 Nissan Sentra 3N1AB7AP7FY330058 (Jennifer Acuna)

2006 Nissan Altima 1N4AL11D46C210231 (James Adkinson)

1992 Ford E350 1FBJS31H7NBH38992 (Mitchell Wlazio)

2002 BMW 745i WBAGL63482DP52450 (Pamela or Mike Clabough/World Finance Corp)

2008 Toyota Camry 4T1BE46K68U235822 (Clay Kyle)

2008 Ford Ranger 1FTZR45EX8PB03857 (James Morgan)

2009 Infiniti G37 JNKCVC61E89M302376 (Stacy or Joshua Kroeger/Onemain Financial)

1998 Jeep G.Cherokee 1J4G278Y1WC249030 (Britney Miller)

2003 Toyota Sienna 4T3ZF13CX3U523625 (Francisco Juan)

2005 Niss Eclipse 4A3AK24F29E027710 (Robert Mcclary)

2003 Honda Civic 1HGEM21533L054591 (Oscar Hernandez)

2008 Hyundai Elantra KMHU46D48U491468 (Anthony Sparto)

2012 Nissan Altima 1N4AL2APOCC211551 (Nicole Hensley/Knoxville TVA CU)

2014 Ford Focus 1FADP32F1E1378668 (Bland Jackson)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on December 16, 2022 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2003 Toyota Corolla 1NXBR38E132067070 (Geraldina Adams)

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Family histories can be confusing

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

I recently had a question from a reader, Fallin McCoy, about a mystery in his family history. McCoy was referring to a column I wrote about Rocky Top, Tennessee, which had been known as Lake City and prior to that as “Coal Town.”

Coal Town is best known for the battle there between coal miners, the coal company, and the state militia. That bloody battle is recalled in the Coal Creek Miners Museum in present-day Rocky Top.

McCoy inquired about a Cherokee forefather named John Calhoun Morris whose death place has remained a mystery in that family. My research led me around in circles and I found two men of the same name and of overlapping time periods. I passed that along to McCoy.

I found some records indicating that John Calhoun Morris died in Coal Town, North Carolina, in 1866. He is buried in the Wilmington National Cemetery.

That record shows him born in the “Cherokee Nation East” in 1826, son of Gideon Franklin Morris and Rebecca Ka-ta-dihi Morris and husband of Erroman Parker and Caroline Morris. His children were Erroman Parker Morris, Eliza Pletener Morris, Louisa and Elizabeth Morris.

It indicates he was on the Civil War Roll of Honor, Regiment 130 Indiana Infantry Company E.

Another record shows a John Calhoun Morris being born in 1770 in Watauga County, North Carolina, and dying in Morristown, Tennessee, in 1843 at age 72. It has him buried in the Morris Family Cemetery in Morristown, Tennessee.

That account gives his parents as Gideon and Janette Riggs Blyth.

I informed McCoy that our Coal Town in Tennessee developed as a town probably too late to have been the place of death for either candidate.

Anytime you try to trace an ancestor, especially if they are Native or African American, you can run into problems. There are some rolls including slave records and tribal removal records, but details are sketchy and sometimes don't exist at all beyond fairly current history.

Searching the internet for genealogy or family records often runs into as many questions as answers. My family history was passed down in stories from my grandmother and aunts with little actual records to go on. Like McCoy's family, my DNA indicates 30% “Native American” although the genealogy isn't there to make the connection. While I do have Native American blood in my family it isn't direct but in one of my “non-blood” aunts who married one of my mother's forefathers.

Surprising to me is that my youngest son had his DNA ran and showed no Native American genes at all.

Often tracing family history finds only rumors that lack verification. I am basically Scotch-Irish and Northern European. Tales of my birth father being of French descent are backed up a bit by his great-grandmother who had a French last name at birth.

My mother's family traces back to Surrey County, North Carolina, in the 1700s with hints of Scottish heritage. From there to me are marriages pretty well documented but there's a catch. Sometimes the lineage of a spouse is given as “White” when it suited the needs of a family. Native or African American blood was sometimes concealed because of public opinion.

Often when I'm in a conversation about heredity I simply sum up a family bloodline by replying, like my own questionable genealogy, that we are “Americans.” All of us.

Old North Knoxville Home Tour is Back

The Old North Knoxville Victorian Holiday Home Tour is back for the 32nd year. Several Old North neighbors have decorated for the holiday season and will open their historic homes to guests.

Homes will be open for a candlelight tour on Saturday, Dec. 3, 4-9 p.m. and an afternoon tour on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1-5 p.m.

Homes on the tour were built in a variety of traditional architectural styles, such as Queen Anne, Craftsman/Bungalow, Neoclassical Revival, and American Four Square style.

Guests are asked to park at St. James Episcopal Church (1101 N. Broadway) or Rose Funeral & Cremation (1421 N. Broadway). Tour shuttle buses will pick up and drop off at both lots and houses on the tour.

Additional information and tickets are available at the Victorian Holiday Home Tour website www.victorianholidayhometour.com/. Advance tickets are on sale now for \$15, and group package rates are also available.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Early settlers along Wilderness Road III

Life was tense in the 1770s

Isaac Crabtree witnessed and survived the massacre in which Daniel Boone's eldest son was killed near Ewing and Rose Hill, Virginia. He developed an intense hatred of the Indians and attacked all that he encountered. He was persuaded to join the border guard in order to avert further troubles.

On June 27, 1774, Daniel Boone and Michael Stoner bid their families goodbye as they set off down the Pellissippi River which is the Indian name for the Clinch River.

The remaining Boone family was already worried so much about Indians that they could hardly sleep. When they did fall asleep they would often be startled awake by the barking of the dogs or by the screaming of a distant panther or other wild animals.

Cries of joy welcomed Daniel and Stoner when they returned on August 27. All of the Boones gathered around as they hugged and kissed the tired Daniel following his perilous 800-mile trip on foot.

“I put in a claim for land when I found them,” Boone told his family as he rubbed his aching feet. “And I took time to build a little log house for us to stay in while we get started. We've got land and a home in Kentucky. Someday we'll go there.”

“Goody, goody,” daughters Jemima and Lavina intoned as they danced around the cabin.

Most of the men were gone when Daniel Boone and Michael Stoner returned from warning surveyors in Kentucky of the Indian uprising. It was 1774 and the men had departed

for the Ohio River to help quell an Indian uprising.

Within a few days, Daniel organized a small troop of men and proceeded northward to fight Chief Cornstalk and his warriors. Boone's group was soon overtaken by a messenger with orders to return. They were needed to defend the area fortifications, particularly Moore's Fort.

Efforts had been made to strengthen Moore's Fort when word came that Logan, the chief of the Mingoes, had ravaged Fort Blackmore and killed two men and a number of cattle. Daniel Boone, his son Israel, and several of the men went 20 miles down the river to help them.

Captain Blackmore showed Daniel a Cherokee war club that was left behind during the ambush. The war club indicated to Daniel that the Cherokees had joined the warring Indian nations to the north.

“Men this means war right here on the Clinch,” Blackmore said. “Martin's, Mump's, Moore's - all of the forts are in danger. We have only 11 men here. We need more. We need a captain over all of our forts. Boone, will you take our command?”

Boone sat silently before saying, “If you need help, call on us. We'll come. You must always stay alert. Put out sentries and keep a close watch in every direction.”

They returned to Moore's Fort and found everyone within the stockade hungry and frightened. The women and children were afraid to go outside and milk the cows and the men had abandoned their hunting in the woods in fear of Logan's warriors. They only made short trips outside to set and check animal traps.

Logan was a mighty

hunter, an excellent marksman and a “friend of the white man for many moons.” He was liked and respected for his honesty and loyalty by whites and Indians alike. He was kind to women and children and treated everyone with dignity.

Logan expected his courtesy to be returned but several of his relatives had been killed by settlers years before. He put that behind but on April 30, 1774, a company of nine Indians including several of his family left his camp to visit a man by the name of Greathouse.

Greathouse proceeded to get the Indians drunk and then he and his associates cruelly murdered them. Chief Logan was crushed. It was more than he could stand.

He began at once to raid settlements with small bands of Indians. On the first series of raids he took thirteen scalps, six of the number being children.

In July of 1774, the Mingoes captured William Robertson and condemned him to be tortured at the stake. Logan offered his freedom in exchange for assisting him in writing a letter to Captain Cresap who he blamed for the death of his family members. Robertson gladly complied in order to save his skin although he had to rewrite the letter three times. Each time the angry chief wanted the message to be more stern. Logan then visited the Cherokees and induced some of the bloodthirsty young warriors to join him.

A few days later a messenger arrived at Fort Blackmore telling of Logan's warriors attacking the Holston settlement.

“They struck John Robert's home and killed all

but one,” the message read. “All of the dead were scalped.”

“To Captain Cresap,” began a letter Logan left behind.

“Why did you kill my people on Yellow Creek? The white people killed my kin a great while ago and I forgot about it. But you killed my kin again on Yellow Creek and took my cousin prisoner. I then decided I must kill too. Logan's mark concluded the statement.

Boone spent more time on the watch and changed the sentries frequently in an effort to keep them alert. The women and children stayed inside the fort except for short trips to fetch water. The trips taken by the men were short as well, mostly to set traps and to check them periodically.


“Logan and his men are in the woods,” one of the trappers yelled as he hurried back into the fort one day. “He shot John Duncan. We have to hurry if we are to save him.”

When Daniel and the men arrived at the scene they found Duncan dead. He had been scalped. Boone and the men pursued the Indians cautiously and diligently deep into the night but they were not to be found.

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