

Wreaths Across America events planned for December 17



Each grave in Knoxville's three veteran cemeteries is decorated with a wreath in December. The ceremonies this year begin at noon on December 17.

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Each year Knox County's three veterans cemeteries take part in Wreaths Across America when hundreds of local veterans, their families, and involved citizens gather to decorate the graves of those men and women who served.

Be it at the Knoxville National Cemetery, the

New East Tennessee State (Lyons View) Veterans Cemetery or the New East Tennessee State (Gov. John Sevier) Veterans Cemetery, donated wreaths will be placed at each grave. Last year more than 18,000 veteran graves were decorated to remember and honor each veteran.

The volunteers are to assemble at each cemetery at noon, Saturday, December 17, to begin unloading

the wreaths and walking into the graveyards to distribute the wreaths. Some wreaths go on the graves of a family member, some on veterans the volunteer knew, some are decorated simply in honor and some wreaths are placed for veterans who have never been identified.

Fundraisers are held each year prior to purchasing the wreaths. Each cemetery coordinates the

wreath ceremonies and each wreath costs \$15.

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide effort that started in 1992. Donations locally can be mailed to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 50054, Knoxville, Tn. 37950 or sent online at knoxwreaths.org. Information on volunteering to help place the wreaths is available at each cemetery.

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Will Aramark lose its UT beer permit?

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A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for today (Dec. 5th) at 10 a.m. that will lead to a decision on whether or not Aramark will continue to serve beer at some UT functions. The hearings are dealing only with Neyland Stadium's beer permit and apparently, would not involve Aramark's beer sales at the Thompson-Boling Arena.

City council attorney Rob Frost confirmed that today a hearing officer will be appointed and that attorney would eventually decide if the agreement between Aramark and the city could be dismissed, suspended or revoked.

UT's football season is over but other events at Neyland could be subject to a ruling. The sale of beer at the stadium began in 2019 after a change in the state legislature. Knoxville City Code requires revocation or suspension of a license following more than three violations in a two-year period.

Three violations at the stadium were reported this year causing Aramark to make several changes to its policies for beer sold at concerts and sporting events.

Larry Cox Honored



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Emerald Youth Communications Director John Crooks and Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon reveal the new plaque at Christenberry School's Athletic Field Friday honoring Larry Cox. The long-time city council member and former vice mayor is recovering from a stroke and thanked the fellow former coaches, officials and friends present for the honor. The plaque reads: LARRY COX FIELD - Larry Cox served on Knoxville City Council from 1984 until 2003 and has deep ties to North Knoxville. A Fulton High School graduate, he connected youth to baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football and softball for more than 30 years through his leadership of Knoxville Falcons Youth Athletics.

UT business class awards grants to non-profit organizations

By Ken Lay

Five non-profit organizations received grants last week thanks to a class offered by the University of Tennessee's Haslam Business School Wednesday night.

UT and Professor Dr. Alex Miller offers a class each fall, Learning Through Giving, which instructs students and puts them in roles of tendering grants to non-profit organizations.

The class, taught each fall semester, has students determine how to disperse grant money.

Non-profit organizations apply for grants and the class's students determine which organizations receive the money and how much

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Five area non-profit agencies received grants from UT's Learning Through Giving Class. The course allows students to screen applications and reward money to such entities.

Removing vaccine requirement for state military on county agenda

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In different resolutions in its work session agenda for next Monday, the Knox County Commission will be asking the state to step up and agree with the county. A resolution sponsored by Commissioners Gina Oster and Terry Hill is on the work session agenda that asks the governor and the state attorney general to take action "to protect the medical freedom of those serving in the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard and Tennessee State Guard."

Vaccines for anyone serving in the U.S. military have been routinely required but there's growing opposition to requiring COVID-19 and flu shots.

The second resolution, sponsored by

Commissioner Rhonda Lee, regards increasing the membership of the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District Board. Lee, a critic of the three-member state-authorized board, is asking the commission to urge the Knox County Legislative Delegation to support increasing the board to seven members. The matter has been discussed for several months and was deferred from the October and November agendas.

The Knox County Health Department is asking that the ambulance service agreement with Rural Metro be extended until January 31st of 2024 and, at the same time in a separate resolution, asking that the current contract with the ambulance provider be ended at that date. Response time limits are

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Environmentalists Want To Force People To Drive Less

From a distance



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My Dad told me many years ago – probably in the 1980s – that there were more cars in most high school parking lots than there were at UT when he started there in 1939.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the number of households with two or more vehicles has increased from 22% in 1960 to 60% today.

Only about eight percent of U.S. households have no vehicles, and these families or individuals probably live in big cities and travel by some form of mass

transit.

Those on the left have always seemed to love the word masses and have pushed hard for more funding for mass transit. Conservatives think more in terms of the individual.

Extreme environmentalists who control most of the Democratic Party today want fewer people driving and less personal freedom and ownership of vehicles.

They want gas prices to go much higher so people will be forced to drive less. You can rest assured that if the Democrats maintain control of the White House and retake control of Congress after the 2024 elections, gas prices will slowly go to five or six dollars a gallon or even higher.

Radical environmentalists almost always come from wealthy or very high-income families, so they are not hurt by the high prices that really hurt poor and lower-income people.

They have for years

supported something called the Wildlands Project, or now the Wildlands Network. They want so much more land kept wild – free of people – it would be the death blow for many already struggling small towns and rural areas.

These environmentalists almost always live in big cities and seemingly are anti-development and want to force people off the land. They seem to think it would be good to force everyone to live in big apartment buildings or townhouses.

Jamming large numbers of people together, however, creates even more crime, more mental and physical health problems, and even more traffic problems until they get more people out of personal vehicles.

It has been said that Americans have a love affair with their cars, and now their pickup trucks and SUVs. Leftists do not like that. They think the

U.S. should be more like the socialist countries of Europe where gas has always been double or triple what it is here.

Dr. Michael Coffman, Ph.D., writing about the Wildlands Project, said: “Rural landowners who desire to use their own property are shocked when they learn new regulations increasingly restrict them from doing almost anything.”

He added: “These regulations are usually developed by planners or other professionals who have no real-life experience in rural living. Because they have no real understanding of what is required to develop natural resources, they establish idealistic, arbitrary rules that make farming, ranching and timber growing increasingly difficult and less profitable... and owners are forced to sell their property at a greatly reduced value...”

There are now 423 units in the National Park

System, 63 of which that are traditional National Parks. Unlike the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which is by far the most heavily visited, most of the 423 units receive very little visitation. Even the most famous parks like Yellowstone, Yosemite and Glacier have only about one-third of the visitors the Smokies have.

There are 2,474 state parks, and in addition, there are federal and state forests, wildlife refuges, historic sites, and recreation areas. Another estimate on Google was 6,600 state parks, and then there are so many thousands of city and county parks, it is very difficult to get an accurate estimate.

Most of these parks are very lightly used, with very few exceptions such as Lakeshore. We have created so many parks that they will not be adequately used unless our entire population figures out how to go

on permanent vacations.

Taking more and more land off the tax rolls makes it difficult to give teachers and other public employees all the raises they want and causes tax hikes on the land that remains in private ownership.

Karl Marx, the founder of Communism, called for the abolition of private property. This slow but huge decrease in private property has made it very difficult for young people to be able to afford homes. It has also forced homebuilders to build homes on very small lots, unlike the homes with big yards built in the 50s and 60s.

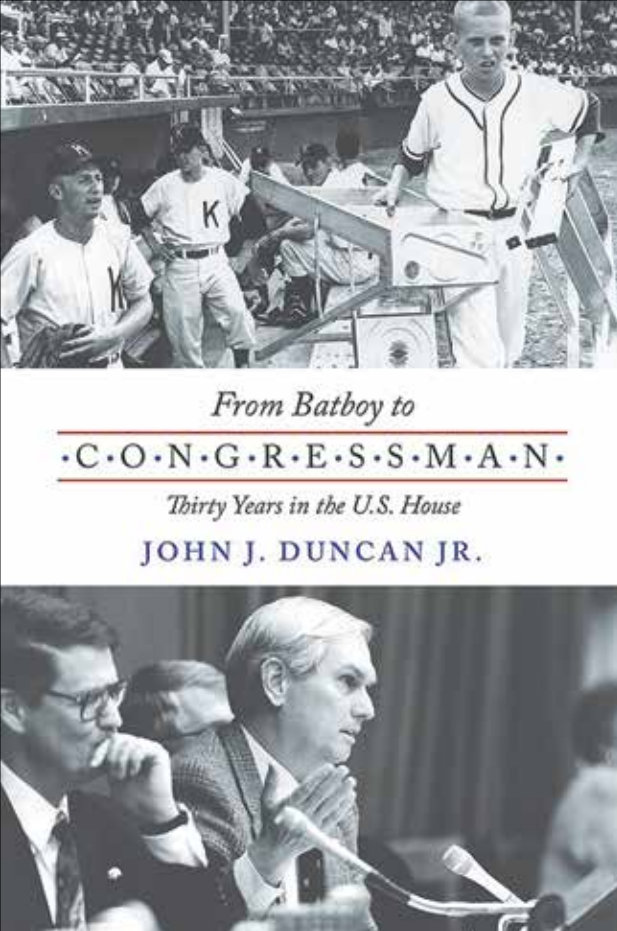
Private property is key to our prosperity and freedom. If we allow environmentalists to get even more power than they now have, our children and grandchildren will not have a standard of living even close to what most in the U.S. have now.

Booksigning at Long’s Drug Store Saturday

John J. Duncan Jr. will have a book signing at Long’s Drug Store on Kingston Pike from 10 to 12 on Saturday, Dec. 10th.

“From Batboy to Congressman: Thirty Years in the U.S. House” is a collection of Duncan’s reflections on his family, early life, and time as a lawyer and judge and how these stories figure into his public service career.


“As you will read in this book,” writes Congressman Duncan, “every job gave me strange, funny, unusual stories.”



Are Blacks Becoming Politically Irrelevant?

In this election cycle, there has been a notable swing of Latino voters to the Republican party. One reason has been abortion. Fifty-five percent of Latinos are Catholic and the shift has signified the Latinos displeasure with the Democrats’ stand on abortion. Also a shift has occurred amongst Latinos along the southern border as a reaction against the open border policies of the Biden administration. Latinos have also left the Democratic party because the Democrats are largely pandering to blacks while ignoring Latinos.

Black voters have largely remained loyal Democrats even though there has been some movement of black males to the Republicans. Polling has shown that black voters are primarily concerned with crime, inflation, healthcare, and education which should imply a more sizable shift to the Republicans. The surge in crime has occurred mainly in Democrat-run cities partly due to the low bail agenda of many Democrat district attorneys. Inflation was triggered by the profligate spending policies of the Biden administration along with its war on domestic energy. Since education is important to the black electorate, Republicans should emphasize charter schools as an alternative to the failed public school system where most black children are being held captive. That charter schools are important is illustrated by the first campaign for governor by Florida’s Ron DeSantis. He campaigned as a strong advocate for charter schools while his Democratic opponent (who was black) was


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against charter schools. The percentage of black voters who voted for DeSantis was decisive in a close election. I was amazed that every Republican candidate did not emphasize education in this campaign. Yet few did.

Inflation is an important issue to both blacks and Latinos who generally have lower incomes than do whites and are more adversely affected by price increases given that a higher percentage of incomes are spent on basic necessities. This too seems to me to be an important issue for emphasis. Placing the increase in prices squarely on the Democrats should persuade black voters to reconsider their allegiance. Certainly, inflation, crime and education impact minority populations greater than whites. Every campaign ad should stress these points ad nauseum.

It has been said that black voters have generally been ignored by the Republicans and taken for granted by the Democrats. It is ironic that Donald Trump, roundly cited as being racist by the Democrats and the mainstream media, made inroads primarily with black male voters. Yet Joe Biden still garnered 90 percent of the black vote. Stevie Wonder’s “Big Brother” said it best: “I live in the ghetto. You just come to visit me ‘round election time.”

If the concerns of black voters are obvious the question is why aren’t the Republicans addressing them? They may think it is no use, that black voters will vote Democrat regardless. This is despite that while Democrats make sympathetic clucking noises, most

problems faced by blacks are a product of Democrat policies. The failing schools are in large part due to the teachers’ unions being more interested in wokeness than in education. Ninety-five percent of the union’s contributions go to the Democrats. The sharp increase in crime is tied to actions like no bail and defund the police. Inflation is squarely on the Democrats. While the Republicans have emphasized the economy in this election – and the economy is the number one issue for all groups – they have not drilled down to its adverse impact on minorities.

In a sense, both parties are ignoring blacks. The Democrats continue to take blacks for granted while the Republicans are assuming that just a small shift in those who consider the Democrats at fault will be enough to win elections. However, I think the reason is that blacks are on the verge of becoming politically irrelevant. Latinos are now the largest minority in this country and have become more important politically than blacks. Even though they are currently under-represented in the Senate, House and governorships, that will change going forward. Also where Latinos are a significant number of voters, their politicians have little interest in aligning themselves with blacks. Just like areas where there are concentrations of Jewish voters and areas where there are large Muslim populations, blacks will remain important in some cities and states where they constitute a majority or significant minority. However, their overall importance is being diminished. In the future, even the Democrats may not only “come ‘round at election time.”



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Lynne Fugate Kicks Off Campaign at Posh Reception

Former media maven Cynthia Moxley has recorded every single last tittle and jot of Lynne Fugate's reception on her Blue Streak blog in opening her campaign for reelection to the Knoxville City Council. Fugate, a former member of the Knox County Board of Education, seemed to emphasize her credentials as a denizen of Sequoyah Hills; none of that silly "woman-of-the-people"

pretense for Miss Lynne. The Fugate kick off occurred at the "bright and noisy rooftop lounge" of the Hyatt Place Hotel, as I reckon the holiday season has jump started at the country club. Just the sort of place where a hip sixty-something politician would have an event. Moxley, as always, detailed the food served to guests, which included "Wagyu beef sliders" and "chicken drumlets." Wagyu beef is Japanese beef and hideously expensive. Certified Wagyu beef can come in at \$200 per pound. No plain fare or Tennessee beef-cattle for the delicate palates of those gathering together to honor Lynne Fugate.

Moxley carefully threaded her report by gushing about how nonpartisan Fugate's event was. Of course, City elections are indeed nonpartisan, which may not be the boon to Fugate's candidacy Moxley thinks it will be. Fugate was one of two Republicans who won

election to the Knoxville City Council at-large almost four years ago. Fugate only barely managed to beat Charles Lomax and since that time hasn't done much to improve her political standing with much of anyone except Indya Kincannon.

On the Knox County Board of Education, Fugate was known for her devotion to then-superintendent Jim McIntyre, he of the imperial superintendency who managed to alienate every constituency while here. Fugate stubbornly supported McIntyre to the bitter end. Perhaps McIntyre's most controversial action was his intended outsourcing of the school system's custodians, an effort this newspaper fought with everything we had. The optics of the overpaid McIntyre (he earned more than the then-vice president of the United States and the chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court) trying to save money at the expense of those

employees who made the least was terrible. Even Indya Kincannon, then a member of the Board of Education, finally gathered what a truly awful idea it was and voted against it. Not Lynne Fugate; she stuck with Jim McIntyre. Fugate represented toney Sequoyah Hills and didn't pretend to worry about the custodians.

Fugate told people she intended to oppose Kincannon's whopping big property tax increase and then went back on her word. From there, Kincannon has moved in behind Fugate's candidacy, necessitating a new coat of paint on the good ship Fugate. In turn, Fugate has become Kincannon's self-appointed protector on the city council. Lynne Fugate takes it upon herself to try and deflect any criticisms heaped upon the mayor's sensitive brow by that self-described socialist, Amelia Parker.

Just how diverse Fugate's support is remains, like

beauty, in the eye of the beholder. From here, it looks like the remnants of the old West Knox Republican country club set of inherited or married money. It is hardly surprising to find Lynne Fugate surrounded by old colleagues from her days on the school board as it was the moneyed-interests who brought Jim McIntyre here in the first place and installed him in office.

As of this column, Fugate faces a different kind of opponent in the coming city election in Cameron Brooks. Basically, Brooks is the polar opposite of Fugate.

The one thing you aren't going to hear discussed at meetings of the Knoxville City Council is just how policies affect the people of Knoxville. What has been absent for far too long from the conversation is any consideration for the people who pay the taxes. The median income earned by working families is FAR

less than that earned by the bureaucrats who run the city government. There's no mention and even less concern that the 40% increase in property taxes sought by Kincannon and granted by a majority of the city council has had the effect of raising rents and mortgages inside Knoxville. In the meantime, the City government spends \$1.5 million on a piece of "art" and subsidizes an office to deal in art with taxpayer dollars.

The leadership of the city of Knoxville never seems to think for a moment of what it could live without, but rather is always looking ahead to spend even more. That common language spoken and understood by working families knows no partisan home, but my guess is it won't be Lynne Fugate speaking up for the least of these.

Greyhound bus stop discussed at council

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It wasn't on the agenda but the problems caused by the lack of an adequate bus stop for Greyhound Bus Lines in Knoxville dominated the council meeting Tuesday evening.

The subject came up when City Chief Operating Officer David Brace introduced a two-page memorandum from Deputy Mayor Erin Gill. The handout was given to the council and explained the city's position in the dispute with Greyhound's questionable Knoxville stop location.

The iconic Greyhound Station near the Old City closed and was sold earlier this year and since then the bus company has been using private businesses as its pickup and drop-off sites. The stops provide no shelter, bathrooms or facilities for passengers. More recently Greyhound relocated the stop to 100 Kirkwood Street where Knoxville Area Transit has a superstop.

The memo from the city administration noted there isn't enough space at the city bus stop for both Greyhound and KAT buses and their passengers. Knoxville has offered Greyhound the use of the city's Transit

Center at night at a cost of about \$600,000 per year to cover utilities, staff, security and maintenance. The offer was turned down by the bus company.

Brace said that Greyhound has "failed in its role to provide shelter" for its passengers and said that two portable toilets provided at the former temporary stop were inadequate. The company's sudden switch to the KAT superstop and shelter was unexpected by the city. The bus company has reportedly agreed to add on-site personnel at the Kirkland stop.

The city is considering taking legal action and has contacted the Federal Transit Administration as well as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regarding the situation.

Several citizens used the public forum at the end of the council meeting to address the Greyhound stop problem including Vivian Shipe, Keith Richardson, Ann Jefferson, Kent Minault and Constance Every. One speaker called on the city to provide emergency funds to provide shelter for Greyhound riders and called the current situation "an embarrassment to the city."

Vehicle tracking, solid waste and fire department records passed by city

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While much of the city council's meeting last week dealt with the Greyhound question the council also passed a number of notable resolutions.

Tracking City Vehicles

In an effort to know where their vehicles are, the Knoxville City Council passed a resolution last week to hire Samsara Inc. to confirm automatic vehicle location tracking through June of 2024 with two possible renewals. The \$121,425 per year agreement would give constant location information for any Fleet Services Department vehicle. The service would help protect the city from damage claims while providing risk management and security.

Fleet Services maintains more than 1,400 vehicles and equipment including police cars, fire trucks and even snow plows. It also operates the city impoundment lot and the auctions there.

Honoring Mae Moody

The council voted en masse, on an original motion from Councilwoman Seema Singh, to honor the late Mae Moody. Moody was a community leader, especially in her Norwood neighborhood, and was known and respected countywide for her involvement.

Fort Dickerson Pipeline

East Tennessee Pipeline LLC was awarded a \$481,559 contract for



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Arlene Gnoose lives on Alma Avenue and was successful in appealing a ruling to permit her to build a six-foot fence between her property and her neighbor's cluttered lot. The council agreed and approved the taller fence following years of problems Gnoose has had with her neighbor.

the Fort Dickerson Park Site Utilities Project on a request from the Engineering Department. The Civil War fort overlooks Knoxville on the south side of the Tennessee River just off Chapman Highway.

Fire Department records

The Knoxville Fire Department requested and was approved to contract with Locality Media for a remotely hosted records management system for \$148,000 for the initial year. Each year thereafter the cost will be \$ 132,000 per year.

Affordable Housing

Gleason Partners LP was awarded \$510,000 from the Affordable Housing Development Fund to rehab 17 affordable housing units at 7823 Gleason Drive.

Construction Waste agreement

Just over \$1 million was authorized for waste disposal services in an agreement with Knoxville Landfills. The agreement is for waste services from construction and demolition from the city's solid waste transfer facility.

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each organization receives. The class has been offered for the past several years and the 2022 fall semester was culminated Wednesday night.

Lakeway CASA received \$6,000. Special Growers and Maryville College received \$3,600. East Tennessee STEM and the Assisted Community Schools Unitive was tendered \$1,750. Emerald Youth Foundation and Centro Hispano received \$3,600 and Bridge Services, Inc. and the Center for English received \$5,050. Miller said that he came

up with the idea for the class while at a conference several years ago and he said teaching the course has been an honor.

"We offer this class through the business department and we approach non-profits as business," Miller said. "We have students from all schools on campus.

"This class always has an impact on students and the students always get their hands dirty working with non-profits and you won't believe how seriously the students take this class." The selection process was extensive and Miller

noted that the students deliberated for three nights as it determined which organizations would receive the grant money.

"I am absolutely privileged to work with the students in this course," Miller said.

Kitty Cornett wrote letters informing the organizations of their awards and, like Miller, she said that the course is a life changer for the students.

"Students often decide they want to work with non-profits," said Cornett, the Haslam College of Business's Graduate and Executive Department.

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High school students can become junior commissioners

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Now through December 23, junior and senior high school students may apply to become Junior Knox County Commissioners. The junior commissioners will work alongside current elected commissioners from their districts and take part in orientation, work sessions, commission and zoning meetings, attend public events and learn hands-on governing in a mock commission session.

Commissioner Larsen Jay came up with the idea that community engagement and civic education are important for the students and the entire commission joined him in pushing it forward. Jay said the program might inspire the county's finest students to get involved.

The junior commission program is open to full-time high school juniors and seniors in public schools, private, parochial or accredited home school programs. Each of the eleven commissioners will choose one applicant to take part.

Students will be notified, if selected, the week of January 9.

More information is available online at www.knox-county.org/juniorcommission. The webpage includes instructions on how to apply and a link to the application.



Each year veterans of all military services place wreaths on stands of their former branch of service. The Focus' Mike Steely was honored one year to be the U. S. Coast Guard representative in services at the National Cemetery.

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coordinator for Wreaths Across America, told The Focus that the need for donations is ongoing. He added that 15 to 20 veterans are buried at the John Sevier East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery each week.

Albrecht said that when volunteers come to the wreath laying, they should remember that it is to honor veterans. When placing the wreath at the gravestone the volunteers should take a step back and say the veteran's name aloud.

"People die twice, once when they pass away and once when their names

are no longer spoken," he said. He added that volunteers should arrive early and attend the ceremonies that each cemetery has before the wreath laying. Often one veteran of each military service places a special wreath in a service representing their military. Recently that military service designation has grown to include the Merchant Marines and the U.S. Space Force.

Those interested in volunteering can also visit wreathsassamerica.org to find each cemetery's location, parking instructions and ceremony information.

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being exempted during the service's final year under contract.

The health department is also seeking approval to hire a consulting firm to find a new provider for the "Knox County EMS" services.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs will appoint someone to the Emergency Communications District Board of Directors. He will also name four persons to the Three Ridges Golf Board. He will name someone to the Board of Commissioners of the Northeast Knox Utility District.

Chairwoman Courtney Durrett may be reappointed to the Arena Use Committee.

Sheriff Tom Spangler is asking for \$15,000 in overtime reimbursement from the Organized Crime Drug

Enforcement Task Forces Overtime Agreement.

The commissioners may also discuss changing the Knox County Code to permit residents building homes to temporarily live in recreational vehicles, campers or other non-permanent habitation under a Temporary Use Permit. The idea is in its first reading and two readings are required.

The Finance Department will be honored for earning the "Triple Crown" of finance reporting from the government financial officers.

Bishop Billy McCool will be recognized for 65 years of service at the First Apostolic Church of Knoxville and eight new roads will be accepted in the county on the recommendation of the Engineering and Public Works Department.

City Finance Department recognized with 35th Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City of Knoxville has again been recognized by its North American peers for leading by example and effectively and openly presenting its budget. The Government Finance Officers Association has presented the City's Finance Department with its 35th Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The City has received the prestigious award 34 years in a row, dating back to 1989.

In receiving the award, Knoxville satisfied established peer-reviewed guidelines that are designed to assess how well a budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and as a means of communications.

The GFOA awards are challenging to earn. Fellow financial planners closely

scrutinize the City's work and hold the Finance Department staff to rigorous high standards.

"The GFOA is hardly a household name, but to me and my staff, this award means a lot," City Chief Financial Officer Boyce Evans said. "It's a testament to the professionalism of the Finance Department staff, but also, it speaks volumes about the City's culture and our commitment to transparency."

The award reflects the City's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting, according to GFOA. That, in turn, City officials say, promotes engagement and dialogue with City residents and stakeholders as financial decisions are made together as a community.

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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Refuge

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

John Adams

It's funny how you all of a sudden notice something. Some years ago, I noticed a tree with yellow to reddish flowers. I discovered it was an Ailanthus tree which is also known as the tree-of-heaven. (Apparently, it is not heavenly because this Chinese import is considered highly invasive.) And after my discovery, I began to see the tree everywhere.

Just prior to Thanksgiving I started seeing Christmas trees and Christmas decorations everywhere. Perhaps people needed something to cheer them up. Most of us consider the holiday season to begin at Thanksgiving. After Thanksgiving, Becky and I begin our holiday pilgrimage through our Christmas movies, even though the Christmas tree

and decorations don't go up for another fortnight.

I have watched Charlie Brown Specials on TV, but recently I "discovered" the artful depiction of how the cartoon kids hear adults, especially teachers. I can't reproduce on paper the hollow sounding and uninterpretable "Wa-wa-wa-wa." But, if you are similarly flummoxed, watch the YouTube video, "Charlie Brown Teacher Speaking."

The lovely Becky is my partner in life, and you should be thankful she edits this column. Although we are much alike, we each have different spheres of knowledge. Becky is remodeling our Townsend cabin and attempted to explain her decorating thoughts and the nuances of drapery making to me. Strangely, all I heard was, "Wa-wa-wa-wa." I'm sure I've sounded the same while expounding on ancient Mesopotamian history.

You wonder what to believe these days. I've

heard reports of children in Los Angeles afraid to walk to school through homeless encampments. I heard that the microbrew industry in Portland has been destroyed and businesses are closing because of crime, drugs, and homelessness. Since the 1960s the American population has increased by about 40%. But the number of people hospitalized with mental illness is only 1/10th the number in the 1960s. Where are these sick people going? They are now homeless, on the street and under bridges, and subject to violence, drugs and endangering others by committing crimes.

Homicides are reportedly up 40% in New York subways and the nightly slaughter continues in Lori Lightfoot's Chicago. The education of future citizens is being perverted, and not just in K-12 or college. A recent report found that more than 50% of America's top 100 medical schools (including my own) are reported as "woke" and preaching CRT to medical students. In medical school I was taught science not racial, social and environmental justice. If you wonder what medicine is becoming, scan the titles of articles in the woke NEJM (New England Journal of Medicine) and JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association).

Last week gaslighting was dubbed the word of the year by Merriam-Webster. Gaslighting is the psychological manipulation of someone to make them question their own reality. Gaslighting has become the modus operandi (method of operation) of social and elite media, leftists and even education. We are all being manipulated and shamed into accepting gender insanity, anti-American progressive CRT, sexualization of children (drag queen shows) and I could go on.

Humans are social creatures. Even introverts don't aspire to be hermits. Often, people feel uncomfortable when they perceive they are out of sync with the group. But what if the group-think is being falsely and perversely portrayed? As an example, there are two sexes defined scientifically by genetics and physiology. Men cannot have babies. You must learn to recognize and resist the manipulation and shaming (gaslighting) that demands you accept 100 human genders. We should be tolerant (to a point) of differences, but we must not be gaslighted into accepting activist falsehoods. This is insanity.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul contextually asked, "How long must I suffer fools?" I have thought about this many times. I

can deal with fools, but leftists are not fools. The chaos and fear they stoke are ideological and purposeful. (Think of the Mayhem TV commercials.) Chaos and fear bring demands for protection and order. And our dysfunctional and powerful government is unfortunately where people often turn. Government is no replacement for morality or God.

In the high Middle Ages Thomas Aquinas and fellow scholastics came up with a hierarchy of laws which I picture as a series of concentric spheres. The largest sphere is God's Universal Law (read Acts 17:24). A smaller sphere is God's Law, for example, The Ten Commandments. Then in a smaller sphere is Natural Law, describing physics or my dog's nature. The smallest sphere is Man's Law, also known as positive law. Examples are speed limits and even Constitutions. Man's Law is the lowest order of function.

The reason I digress and describe this hierarchy of laws is to demonstrate that man's laws are woefully insufficient to provide a framework for individual freedom and civil society. Man's Law does not prevent me from stealing. I don't steal because it is against God's Law and therefore unconscionable. In the law of man, there are no absolutes. I could easily justify stealing a loaf of bread to feed my family. In fact,

this is the premise of Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables." Interestingly, the Greek tragedy, "Antigone," makes the point that conscience overrides human law.

Americans are the freest and most prosperous society in the history of mankind. I live in a beautiful home with a loving wife. I am safe on the refuge of my small farm, surrounded by family and friends. Knoxville and Tennessee are oases of sanity within a troubled country and fallen world. I am blessed. I have not been forced to flee to the safety of a walled town, castle or monastery as people have been forced to do throughout history.

However, our safety, and especially our children's, is in danger. Our increasingly secular, civil society is breaking down. Make no mistake, evil walks among us and is gaslighting us. To fight for freedom, you must learn to recognize the weapons arrayed against us.

I cannot retreat to my hilltop refuge because it is no longer a sanctuary. I will not accept the false premises of the left. I will not be shamed into silence by the gas lighters. And to paraphrase the Apostle Paul, "I [will] fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith. Join me."

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Songwriters to perform free Christmas concert Dec. 6 at Fountain City Library

Members of the Knoxville Songwriters Association will present a free Christmas concert from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Fountain City Library, 5300 Stanton Road.

KSA President Randy Ott said the concert will open with familiar holiday tunes selected for audience members to sing along. Performing songwriters then will introduce original songs of the season or play holiday standards.

"We meet each week in the Fountain City Library, so we're glad our songs can be a gift to the library staff and the community that hosts our group," he

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Pictured at last year's concert at The Listening Room in Pigeon Forge are (from left) Ray Ligon (aka "Mr. Claus"), Lori Cooper, Tammie Dischner, Karen Bowles, Shelby Cline, Sheila Wade, David Lauver, Rusty Nordstrom, Larry Garland and Kevin Mahoney. KSA is excited to return to the Fountain City Library to perform tomorrow.

What was your childhood Christmas present wish?

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

The holidays are upon us and every child has a secret, or not-so-secret, wish for a Christmas present. Although traditionally the Christmas season begins right after

Thanksgiving, it seems in recent years the stores have their holiday displays up long before Turkey Day. My own wish at about 7 or 8 years old was a bicycle and I had dreamed for a new Silver Flyer or such. When Christmas came there was a bike under the tree.

Not the new one I hoped for but a small, used kid's bike that had belonged to my stepfather's nephew. I hid my sorrow and soon rode the bike all over the small town where we lived. Eventually, I got a larger new bike a few years later.

What did you want for

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My First Church

By **Ralphine Major**
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Across the region, there are many churches named Fairview Baptist. The one shown here is in Corryton, Tennessee, at the intersection of Fairview Road, Emory Road, and Thompson School Road near Harbison's Crossroads. It was my first church.

This traditional building was the new sanctuary built in the early sixties, and the old sanctuary was remodeled into a fellowship hall. The building is a far cry from the huge complex structure today. My parents were members at Fairview before I was born. I was saved and baptized in the baptistry of the new sanctuary.

Growing up in a small, rural church provided lots of opportunities for growth and leadership. As a teenager, I was asked to be the church organist. When I graduated from The University of Tennessee, the choir gave me a surprise party after Sunday night worship. I still have



Picture of Fairview Baptist Church set in snow during the seventies, by Ralphine Major.

the money tree they stuffed with dollar bills. Our choir director, the late Jeff Knisley, and his family gave me the "tree." It was made of beautiful pink blooms and came from their days serving in the military in Okinawa, Japan. It is a treasure! The church on the hill is still a reminder of Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday School and Training Union, Wednesday night prayer meetings and choir practices, Saturday morning visitations on the church bus, and youth group mission trips. It was the place where we

celebrated our parents' 25th Wedding Anniversary on a snowy Sunday afternoon. It is a place that brings back fond memories of Christmas programs and everyone singing the beloved Christmas carols. As we celebrate Christmas this year, may you be blessed with all the great traditions honoring Jesus, the Christ Child, and Prince of Peace.

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Christmas as a child? The Knoxville Focus asked that question and here are some wishes that did and did not come true...

Jered Croom: New video games. Atari, Nintendo era.

Rebecca Parr: When I was a kid there was one year that I wanted a chemistry set, and another year I wanted an Olivia Newton-John album (back when she

was sort of country/easy listening).

Vivian Shipe: When I was little all I wanted was to get TWO presents! My birthday is December 18th so I got that one Happy-Birthday-Merry-Christmas gift!!

Clayton Wood: I always wanted GI Joes.

Martin West II: Bicycles...

Kerrie Jones Clark: I didn't ask for anything because I liked being

surprised. Years later my mother told me it used to drive her crazy not having a list for shopping.

Carolyn Ann Green: Ice skates. Finally got a pair of white figure skates.

Kevin Slimp: A bicycle.

Velva Irwin: One Christmas the four of us Rhodes kids each got a pair of roller skates with the key. A great Christmas.

Christi Newman Nickle: An easy bake oven.

Tiffie Stalsworth: Only a doll house, that he totally delivered.

Pat Heatwole Mick: Always a doll - typewriter after I got in middle school.

Nancy Douglas Moses: I wanted a real live pony every year during the 1950s but never got one!!

Terry Livingston: One of those aluminum pedal cars which looked like a Chevy or a Ford.

Deanne Charlton: Not to move every 6, 12, 18 months for my dad's work. I may still not have made friends, but maybe a couple along the way?

Trudy Miller Monaco: A tiny tears doll.

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Since Tennessee began popularly electing United States senators in 1916, only two efforts by Republicans in the Volunteer state could be legitimately described as serious bids to win. One such effort occurred in 1916 when former Governor Ben W. Hooper contested with then-Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar of Memphis. McKellar won the general election with 55% of the vote. The second such effort came in 1948 when former Congressman Carroll Reece observed a deeply fractured Democratic Party and what appeared to be a strong Republican year. Reece was the GOP nominee for the U. S. Senate while country music legend Roy Acuff carried the Republican banner for governor in 1948. Both candidates received only about a third of the ballots cast.

1964 saw both of Tennessee's seats in the United States Senate up for election due to the death of Estes Kefauver. Senator Kefauver had died suddenly on August 10, 1963 when his aorta burst while he was awaiting surgery. Governor Frank Clement, long rumored to have ambitions to sit in the Senate, appointed a caretaker to serve until the next regular election. Herbert S. "Hub" Walters was known as "Mr. Democrat" in Tennessee. A millionaire businessman from Morristown, Walters did not seek to win the remaining two years of Estes Kefauver's term. Instead, Governor Clement and Congressman Ross Bass of Pulaski fought a bitter battle for the Democratic nomination. Bass surprised quite nearly everyone by easily beating Clement in the primary. It was the first loss of Frank Clement's political career. Like the good Democrat he was, Governor Clement offered his support to Bass in the general election.

Tennessee Republicans had nominated candidates for both Senate seats who were far more than merely respectable; they were credible candidates in a state whose voting patterns were changing. Dwight D. Eisenhower had carried Tennessee in the 1952 and 1956 elections. Even the addition of Senator Estes Kefauver to the 1956 Democratic ticket as the vice presidential candidate had not saved the Volunteer State from the GOP. Richard Nixon won Tennessee by an even bigger margin over John F. Kennedy in 1960. Former Democrats were finding it easier to support down-ballot Republican candidates after having voted for GOP presidential nominees for the past twelve years. Bob

James, GOP nominee for Congress, had nearly toppled veteran incumbent Congressman Clifford Davis in Shelby County in the 1962 election. James lost by 1,213 votes in what had once been the solidly Democratic domain of E. H. Crump. Republicans did wrest one seat in the House of Representatives from the Democrats in 1962 when Bill Brock beat Wilkes Thrasher Jr. Brock became the first Republican to win Tennessee's Third Congressional District since 1920 when the Volunteer State had seen an unprecedented sweep by the GOP.

The two Republicans nominated to run for the United States Senate in 1964 were Howard Baker Jr. and Dan Kuykendall. Baker was the son of the late Howard Baker, who had been the congressman from Tennessee's heavily Republican Second Congressional District from 1951 until his death in 1963. Howard Baker Jr. very likely could have had the Republican nomination to succeed his father in the 1963 special election, but he had his sights set on a bigger prize: a seat in the U.S. Senate. Instead, in an effort to keep peace inside the GOP, Baker urged his stepmother, Irene, to run. Irene Baker ran and won the special election to finish out her late husband's term. Mayor John J. Duncan of Knoxville and Judge Frank Qualls of Roane County fought a nip and tuck race for the Republican nomination for Congress from the Second District in 1964.

Dan Kuykendall's family had lived in Tipton County in West Tennessee before following Sam Houston (a governor of the Volunteer State and a political protégé of General Andrew Jackson) to Texas. Kuykendall had served in the Second World War before returning to Tennessee and making his home in Memphis.

Dan Kuykendall had enthusiastically supported a variety of GOP candidates including Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. Kuykendall had managed Bob James' nearly successful congressional campaign in 1962 and had been chairman of the Republican Party in Shelby County in 1963. Kuykendall had been methodically moving around the state building up support to challenge Tennessee's "Old Gray Fox," Senator Albert Gore Sr.

Gore was a formidable candidate in his own right and had repeatedly demonstrated his vote-getting ability. A youthful Gore had been the campaign manager for Gordon Browning's successful gubernatorial bid in 1936. A grateful Browning had

appointed Gore to serve as his Commissioner of Labor. When Fourth District Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell ran in a 1938 special election for the U. S. Senate, Albert Gore ran in a crowded Democratic primary and won. The Fourth Congressional District was solidly Democratic (its congressman had for years been Cordell Hull) and Gore was reelected six times. Gore challenged the first man to be popularly elected to the United States Senate from Tennessee, Kenneth D. McKellar. McKellar was (and still is) Tennessee's longest-serving United States senator, holding office for thirty-six years after six in the House of Representatives. Senator McKellar was deeply entrenched in Tennessee, but he was also eighty-three years old in 1952 and ailing. Albert Gore ran a clever campaign stressing his own relative youth (he was forty-four) for a six-year term. Gore, realizing many Tennesseans revered the old senator, campaigned without attacking his opponent and showed the incumbent considerable respect. Congressman Gore retired the venerable McKellar.

It was no fluke, but rather a demonstration of Gore's ability as a politician. Gore had played his fiddle in his first congressional campaign and, although some thought him rather aloof, the congressman was an able orator and effective on the stump at a time when television was in its infancy. Gore faced a determined challenge from the personally wealthy former governor Prentice Cooper in the 1958 Democratic primary. Some Tennesseans were unhappy with Albert Gore because, like his colleague Estes Kefauver, the senator had not signed the "Southern Manifesto." Cooper campaigned on a platform of protecting "the Southern way of life." Prentice Cooper was the only man in 100 years to have been elected to three consecutive two-year terms as governor. Still, Albert Gore once again demonstrated his ability and popularity in a bitter campaign. Albert Gore beat Cooper easily.

In 1964, Senator Albert Gore and Congressman Ross Bass tied their own campaigns to that of President Lyndon Johnson as it was becoming increasingly apparent LBJ would

win the Volunteer State. Senator Gore in particular ignored Kuykendall and focused his verbal fire upon Barry Goldwater. So, too, did Ross Bass largely ignore Howard Baker. Instead, Bass toured Tennessee and enjoyed reminding voters of "this unprecedented prosperity." "In these dangerous times, what we need is a safe President," Albert Gore told Tennesseans.

Dan Kuykendall was perceived to be more stridently conservative than Howard Baker and while that notion may well have been a small matter of degree, the Memphian had been a backer of Barry Goldwater for the GOP presidential nomination. Kuykendall had said Goldwater's candidacy was "the icing on the cake" of his own campaign for the Senate. Dan Kuykendall's strategy was to stay on the offensive throughout the campaign, in particular against President Johnson and Senator Gore. Howard Baker told Tennesseans he believed the paramount issue of the campaign was what he described as "Federal encroachment" in every respect of the lives of Americans. Baker said Congressman Ross Bass was indeed a man "committed to the principal of big Government." Baker predicted "the running tide of conservatism will carry Goldwater into the White House, and two Senators with him." When reminded the Tennessee Valley Authority was an example of big government, Howard Baker disagreed. "TVA is not an example of Federalism," Baker replied. "Governments are obligated to do for the people those things which they cannot do themselves, within the limits of financial and moral responsibility."

For his part, Kuykendall huffed the Democrats had used the issue of the Tennessee Valley Authority throughout the general election campaign as "a blackmail issue." Kuykendall thought the Democrats were "blackmailing the people of Tennessee with their light bills." "I am for TVA and the Republican record on TVA in Tennessee is spotless," Kuykendall insisted.

Both Bass and Gore remained firmly hitched to Lyndon Johnson's wagon, although Ross Bass had voted for the Civil Rights Act. "I feel that my own

election to the U. S. Senate is important," Bass said. "But more important is the reelection of Sen. Albert Gore, and more important than that is the need to elect President Johnson for a full term." Congressman Bass said he believed LBJ "stood 20 feet tall" when he said in Nashville he would never sell TVA.

Albert Gore put it more simply and in terms Tennesseans could appreciate. "I'm not just interested in winning myself . . . I want to beat the tar out of Goldwater."

Election Day brought the expected. Lyndon Johnson won 55% of the ballots cast in the Volunteer State. Both Senator Albert Gore and Congressman Ross Bass won the election to the United States Senate. Still, Republicans had much to celebrate. Bill Brock demonstrated his election was not the fluke Democrats had believed it was when he won reelection to Congress. Howard Baker won over 47% of the votes in his race; Dan Kuykendall was only a point behind at 46%. Both Baker and Kuykendall had carried Republican East Tennessee but had run well in some areas that had once been solidly Democratic. Kuykendall and Baker carried Madison County (Jackson, Tennessee) over Senator Gore and Congressman Bass. The parties had split the four big urban counties of Tennessee between them. Kuykendall and Baker had won Knox and Hamilton Counties, while Gore and Bass won Davidson and Shelby Counties. Each of the Republican candidates showed genuine strength in his home area; Baker ran better in Knox County, while Kuykendall ran slightly better in his home of Shelby County. Baker had won Anderson County, while Kuykendall lost it, but for the most part, the two Republican candidates ran well in the same counties. Dan Kuykendall lost by 77,000 votes to Albert Gore while Howard Baker lost to Congressman Ross Bass by only 51,575 votes.

The GOP headquarters in Memphis was mostly quiet, as the Republican ticket was losing. Bob James had narrowly been defeated for Congress by George Grider, who had beaten incumbent Cliff Davis in the Democratic primary. Lyndon Johnson at the top

of the ticket had helped to pull Democrats over the finish line. Perhaps it might be even more true Barry Goldwater's presence at the top of the GOP ticket helped to drag many Republicans to defeat.

After having worked so hard for so long, defeat in a campaign is oftentimes very difficult to accept. By Election Day most candidates and election workers are thoroughly exhausted. Many Republicans at the headquarters were fatigued and dejected. Still, one campaign volunteer firmly stated, "We've got a lot more work to do, that's all."

If it is indeed true that any candidate who cannot be gracious in defeat does not deserve victory, Dan Kuykendall remained positive the night of the election in 1964. "I want you to know," Kuykendall told the gathered Republicans, "I shall continue to give my every effort toward a continued strengthening of a conservative Republican Party which will insure [sic] our state of its true voice in national affairs."

Howard Baker, who is certainly one of the fathers of Tennessee's modern Republican Party, was no less positive than his friend and ticket-mate Dan Kuykendall. Baker pledged to do all he could in "furtherance of an effective two-party system for Tennessee."

"More than any other election year in Tennessee," Baker said, "the people of the state acted on their choice between issues and positions."

Both Dan Kuykendall and Howard Baker were not finished with politics or promoting the Republican Party. Both would figure prominently in the 1966 election.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

(From left to right) Claude K. Robertson, chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party, Congressman Dan Kuykendall of Memphis and Senator Howard Baker at the 1968 GOP National Convention.

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"Nourish Knoxville's Winter Farmers' Market is East Tennessee's premier outdoor holiday shopping experience for all things local," says Ellie Moore, markets manager with Nourish Knoxville.

"But it's more than that – it's a place where you can gather, slow down, and enjoy the holiday season with friends and family. Whether you're looking to shop or make memories with loved ones, you're sure to find something special at the Winter Farmers' Market this holiday season."

The 2022 – 2023 Winter Farmers' Market will be open almost every Saturday through March 25, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Nourish Knoxville will host a free children's activity on the second Saturday of each month (except in January when it will be the third Saturday, Jan. 21) and will continue to offer SNAP and SNAP doubling services every Saturday of the Winter Farmers' Market. Please note: No Winter Farmers' Markets on December 24 and 31, 2022, and January 7 and 14, 2023.

For more information about the Winter Farmers' Market, visit: www.nourishknoxville.org/winter-market/

A Furlough From Jail?

I remember the first time as an attorney I heard an individual in the jail ask me whether I could obtain a furlough for them, and I thought, "Is this person crazy? A furlough from jail? Surely this is not a real thing."

It is a real thing.

There are a few Tennessee laws that discuss furloughs for inmates, but let's start very simple.

A furlough is defined as, "a leave of absence." Meaning an inmate who is in jail can be granted a leave of absence to leave jail for a period of time and then return to jail and continue serving their sentence.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 41-2-143 discusses furloughs



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and states when furloughs should be considered, but the general rule is that all furloughs shall be made on an individual basis under reasonable conditions to inmate and are generally only given in the event of serious illness or death of a member of the inmate's immediate family.

How long does a furlough last and who is eligible for them?

A furlough will generally only be for a maximum of three days and shall be granted only to those with a record of behavior and conduct as to be worthy of the privilege.

In my experience, furloughs are almost never granted. For law enforcement purposes, it is just not worth it. To

have to process someone out of the jail for a short period of time, keep tabs on when that person is supposed to return, and then process them back in to jail, is simply too much of a hassle and runs too much of a risk of the person not returning.

So could an inmate obtain a furlough?

Theoretically, yes, but they are very rare. I think I have obtained one or two ever. If you are seeking one for yourself or someone else, the safe assumption is that the request will be denied.

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FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Early settlers along Wilderness Road IV

Indians on the Warpath

By Jadon Gibson

Jacob Lewis and his family were not allowed to stay when they arrived at Martin's Fort with his wife and seven children in the spring of 1775. He was known to have a bad reputation. He left and built a cabin on Stock Creek where he supported his family by hunting.

At the height of the Indian uprising, Lewis was advised to move his family to one of the settlements. He refused, saying the Indians would never find them

where they were living. A few months later he was proven wrong when they were all killed and scalped.

Terror was amuck along the series of forts from Cumberland Gap to beyond the Clinch. The settlers in each of the forts expected Logan and his marauding Mingoes or the Cherokees to strike them next.

"Fort Blackmore was attacked last night," a messenger said excitedly as he dismounted one morning. "Dale Carter was on the river bank when he saw the Indians. He yelled out 'murder, murder' as they overtook him. They want

riflemen to come along as they trail the Indians."

Boone along with his, son Israel, Captain Daniel Smith and thirty men hurried to Fort Blackmore where they found dogs barking, cows bellowing and the people afright. Captain Blackmore petitioned the military headquarters and Boone was made a captain and put in full command of several forts including Moore's, Fort Blackmore and Cowan's.

On one occasion when Boone traveled along the series of forts to check on their safety he visited and slept beside the grave of his son, James.

News of the attacks on Fort Blackmore and Moore's Fort spread rapidly and several alarmed settlers fled their homes for safer settlements.

Soon Chief Cornstalk was defeated on the Ohio River but the settlers remained fearful of attacks. Governor Dunsmore called a meeting of many Indian chiefs in hopes of having them sign a treaty to end the war.

Cornstalk, the chief of the Shawnee nation, charged that white people caused the war by murdering Indians at Captina and Yellow Creek. His tone of voice was so loud during

his lengthy speech that he could be heard throughout the camp.

Chief Logan refused to attend but sent his speech by an interpreter.

"I am a warrior, not a peacemaker," he said. "I fed white men who were hungry. I clothed white men who were cold and needed warmth. Even during a long bloody battle Logan remained in camp, an advocate for peace. My tribesmen pointed as I passed, calling me a friend of the white man and not of my fellow men."

"I even thought of living with the white men until

Colonel Cresap, in cold blood and unprovoked, (he) murdered all the family of Logan, my family, not even sparing my women and children. Revenge runs so deep in my veins. I have killed many. I rejoice for my brothers at the beams of peace but I cannot harbor such thoughts. Who is there to mourn for Logan? Not one."

Editor's note: Joseph Martin returns next week in *From the Mountains*. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

AREA PARADES THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Halls Christmas Parade

Parade will begin at 6 p.m. at Halls High School and travel south down Maynardville Highway to Crippen Road, ending at the U-Haul parking lot.

Seymour Christmas Parade

Parade begins at 3 p.m. at Valley Grove Baptist Church and head east following Chapam Highway and end in the Seymour Kroger parking lot.

Songwriters to perform free Christmas concert Dec. 6 at Fountain City Library

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said. "Our members have been writing some great new Christmas songs that I think everyone will enjoy."

Ott said this year's performers will include an international addition. Markiyoung, a talented violinist from Ukraine's Kyiv Music Academy, will play "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." He is currently studying violin performance at the University of Tennessee.

KSA is East Tennessee's largest and most inclusive songwriting organization. Founded in 1983, the group helps area songwriters develop their musical talents and broaden their

understanding of the music business.

KSA holds a jam session at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Library's community room, followed by a meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. that includes music news updates, writing lessons, and song critiques. After a holiday break following its December 13 Christmas party, the group will resume its weekly meeting schedule at the library on Jan. 10, 2023.

KSA's annual membership dues are \$30 (\$15 for writers under 21 years of age). Prospective members are welcome to attend up to two meetings at no cost to jam, have a song critiqued, and get to know KSA members.

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West completes historic season!



JASON CANTRELL - CADENCE CAPTURES

West High's undefeated football team with the gold football after rolling past Page 47-13 in The BlueCross Bowl Class 5A championship game Friday night at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga. It was the school's second state football title and first since the Rebels prevailed in 2014.

Rebels pull away from Page, 47-13

By Steve Williams

The West Rebels dotted the 'i' in champions and crossed the 't' in perfect Friday night. Those were the final touches as they wrapped up The BlueCross Bowl's Class 5A state championship and the first 15-0 record in school history with a 47-13 win over Page High of Franklin at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga. "I've been at West since I was a freshman and we lost in the semifinals, quarterfinals and semifinals, so we've been right on the grasp of getting that state championship all along," said Tyson Siebe, the team's talented

place-kicker and a senior leader. "It's amazing that we came here, the first year here, and won it so big." After a scoreless first quarter, the Rebels built a 26-13 halftime lead and pulled away after intermission. "I thought it was a total team effort," said West Head Coach Lamar Brown. "We were able to flip the field with some punt returns and do some stuff defensively after a couple of miscommunications. "We played really well from the second quarter on. Offensively, I thought we got in a great rhythm in the second quarter and it

carried over into the second half. "I'm really happy for these kids first of all," added Brown, with a touch of emotion surfacing in his comments. "They have put in the work to win this and done an unbelievable job." Senior quarterback Carson Jessie was named the game's "Most Outstanding Player" after passing for 286 yards and four touchdowns on 18 of 24 completions and one interception. "All the credit goes to my offensive line and the receivers who catch the ball," said Jessie. "I wouldn't be anything without them. I just put the ball out there and they make plays for me." Carson said he was "very surprised" he got the award. As for the team's performance,

Jessie said: "We played great. We came out in the second quarter and played strong. It was awesome. "Offensively (in the second half), we had them where we wanted them. We had them at their breaking point." Senior running back Brayden Latham (101 yards on 25 carries and three touchdowns) gave West a balanced attack. Brayden's twin brother Cayden also had an excellent game, catching four passes for 66 yards and one TD. He also intercepted a pass. Juniors Marshaun Bowers and Syxx Hoard each snagged a touchdown pass, while senior Ja'qurris Wrenn led the Rebels with 74 receiving yards.

Defensively, senior linebacker John Carlevato recorded two sacks and two TFLs and junior LB Anderson Smith had two tackles and three assists. DBs Wrenn and Bowers also were stoppers on the back end. Wrenn led the Rebels with 4.5 tackles and one TFL and Bowers had three tackles and one TFL. Page (12-3) led twice in the second quarter. Quarterback Colin Hurd's six-yard run and Ethan Lisman's PAT kick put the Patriots on top 7-6. Hurd connected with Max Collins for a 69-yard scoring play as Page slipped ahead again 13-12 with 4:49 to go in the first half. Hoard's 37-yard TD catch a minute later gave West the lead

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Lady Rebels hang on to edge Austin-East at home

West High's Imani Hardin dribbles as Austin-East's Lastaja Goodman defends. Hardin scored 20 points as the Lady Rebels withstood a late surge from the Lady Roadrunners in a 45-42 victory on Sutherland Avenue. Photo by Jason Cantrell-Cadence Captures.



By Ken Lay

The West High School girls basketball team notched an early season victory early last week. The Lady Rebels darted out to a quick start and opened a double-digit lead but they would have to withstand a late comeback attempt from Austin-East. West would hang on and leave the floor with a 45-42 victory Tuesday night at West High School before a packed and spirited crowd. Both the Lady Rebels and Lady Roadrunners had their share of early offensive struggles but

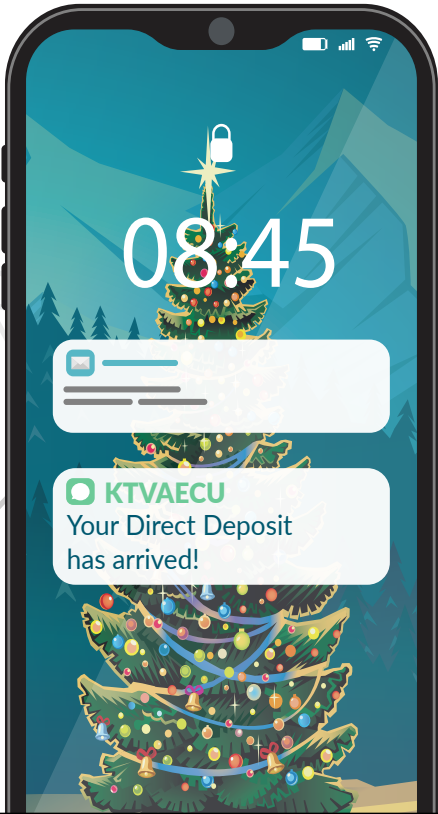
West High manufactured just enough offense to open a slim 8-5 lead in the first quarter. The Lady Rebels then heated up in the second frame and they used a 16-7 run to extend their advantage to 24-12 by halftime. The Lady Roadrunners faced a 38-24 deficit heading to the final quarter but they didn't go away. Austin-East went on a tear and battled their way back into the contest. They would pull to 42-40 with 1 minute and 18 seconds remaining in the contest when Rickia Watkins converted

a pair of free throws. Watkins scored six of her 15 points in the final frame to spearhead the Lady Roadrunners' comeback effort that came up just short. Her point total would lead Austin-East. Maggie Goins scored 11 points for the Lady Roadrunners. West High's Imani Hardin had 20 points to lead all scorers. She scored 12 before halftime to help the Lady Rebels take their big lead. Kayleigh Newman had 17 points for the Lady Rebels as she knocked down a pair of 3-point shots.

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Ambassador of Goodwill fits Moore to a ‘T’

By Steve Williams

Dave Moore found out he had prostate cancer last summer, but that didn’t stop his USA CARE Tour trip to Highland Park, Illinois, nor did it stop him from bringing some Big Orange sunshine to its citizens after the horrific shooting they had experienced at their Fourth of July parade.

Moore waited a month before going, enough time for the national media to have left, the shock to have worn off and the folks in that community to begin healing emotionally.

Seven were killed and dozens injured in the shooting.

Moore said he didn’t want any attention; he was just bringing gifts and messages from the Volunteer State to show how much his fellow Tennesseans cared.

His “Truckster” was bulging with hats, T-shirts, blankets, you name it and most were Orange and White.

What was neat and meant a lot too was that the items sent by the policemen, firemen and dignitaries in Knoxville went to their counterparts in Illinois.

Earlier this fall, for his efforts, Moore was appointed and commissioned by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee a Tennessee Ambassador of Goodwill “to carry our best wishes and the message of Tennessee’s hospitality to all people of other states and other



Highland Park (Ill.) police officers wear UT football caps as they pose with Dave Moore, aka the ‘Truckster Man’, in Moore’s USA CARE trip last summer to bring gifts and best wishes from the Volunteer State.

lands.”

In addition, Moore was honored by the Tennessee Senate with a Proclamation saluting his lifetime achievements and for being named a Tennessee Ambassador.

The goodwill part of Dave’s award fits him to a T as he has

been caring for others for over 20 years.

Moore established the Truckster USA Care Tour in 2019 and has visited 12 states, with a 10-year plan to visit all 50 states, representing the state of Tennessee and the volunteer spirit.

Moore was an East Tennessee teacher for 35 years and a head football coach 24 of those years before retiring.

After the Columbine High School massacre in 1999, Moore founded the School CARE program. In 2002, he founded CARE

365 and the Careacter Star Athlete Program.

When Moore, 68, returned home from Illinois in August, he told his grown children about his health issue with prostate cancer. At first, he said he didn’t want to make it public. But his two sons and daughter reminded him of the “power of prayer” he had taught them when they were young, and Moore agreed that they were right.

“It’s harder to receive than it is to give,” Moore admitted.

“I don’t pray for myself, because God knows my condition, but I pray for others.”

Moore now wants to use his health issue as a “platform” to encourage young men in their 30s and 40s to be checked for prostate cancer.

Moore has had surgery to remove his prostate and is continuing the battle.

In the meantime, he has not slowed down. He said the Christmas Care Program has reached a point this year that it can’t offer anymore help, but Moore’s Christmas Vacation Truckster is still “going miles and making smiles.”

Just this past weekend, Moore and his Truckster were in the Knoxville Christmas Parade Friday night and the Karns and Rocky Hill Christmas Parades on Saturday.



Carter bowlers after competing in the girls’ Section 1 state qualifying event earlier this season. From left to right: Loren Chamberlain, Maddie Lewis, Hallie Lane, Belle Gibson, Kayla Rucker and Gracie Miller.

Carter bowlers eye District 3 sweep

By Steve Williams

Carter High’s girls bowling team has clinched the District 3 regular season championship and the school’s boys team is in the driver’s seat for a title, too.

The Hornets defeated Oak Ridge 17.5 to 5.5 Thursday at the Oak Ridge lanes to break a tie between the two teams.

The Carter boys are 13-1 going into this week’s action, while Oak Ridge is 12-2 in the standings. Karns also is 12-2.

Carter Coach Ray Wynn said his boys team has two games left and will bowl against L&N STEM Academy and Karns Tuesday at Fountain Lanes, starting at 5.

The Carter girls team is 7-0 in the district, while Gibbs is 5-3, Oak Ridge 3-4, L&N 3-3 and Career Magnet Academy 0-7.

Following the Carter, Oak Ridge and Karns boys teams in the standings are Hardin Valley 9-5, L&N 7-5, CMA 4-10, Gibbs 3-10, Central 2-12 and Bearden 0-15.

District 3 tournament play gets underway Dec. 13 at the higher seed, with the

final rounds on Dec. 14 at the Oak Ridge lanes, starting at noon.

“The girls remain steady and strong and are looking to duplicate last year’s State tournament run,” said Coach Wynn. “They are led by seniors Hallie Lane and Belle Gibson. The girls are all fierce competitors.”

“Our district is tough and on any given day one of the teams can jump up and spring an upset.”

The girls’ Top 6, according to average, are junior Gracie Miller (153.2), senior Hallie Lane 150.2, junior Kayla Rucker (148.1), senior Isabelle Gibson 141.9, sophomore Madelyn Lewis (125.3), sophomore Loren Chamberlain (124.5) and junior Aaliyah Gentry-Foye (117.0).

Wynn said his boys team has a rotation of seven bowlers who are all close in average.

Seniors Blake Thornhill (181.8 average) and Nick Johnson (160.4) lead the way, followed by sophomores Micah Taylor (150.4), Seth Stallings (141.2), Carson Lewis (135.1), Brandon Hernández (134.9) and Ethan Lewis (134.4).

“The boys have had a great season,” said Wynn. “This season we only had two returners from last season’s District tournament runners-up team. They compete well and really support each other.”

“Nick and Blake are our first two four-year players and have done a great job of leading the team. We have 13 players – two seniors, eight sophomores and three freshmen.”

DISTRICT 4 TOURNEY

action will start on Dec. 12 and 13 at higher seeds and the semifinals and finals will be at Pigeon Forge on Dec. 15 at 10 a.m., 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Sevier County’s boys are currently unbeaten (15-0) in District 4 after defeating William Blount 19.5 to 3.5 Thursday.

On the girls’ side, William Blount is on top with a 12-0 record.

THE REGION 2 tournament

will be held at Pigeon Forge on Jan. 10, said Region 2 director Dixon Brown, with games starting at 10 a.m.

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Young-Williams Animal Center

ASHA is an active, 2-year-old pit bull mix. Her foster parent says she’s like the Energizer bunny – always on the move! She loves being pet, zooming around outside and playing fetch. Asha enjoys cuddling, too, so a home with a soft bed and blankets is a must. Her energy is best suited for older children and adults. Fill out a foster form at young-williams.org/adopt to meet and adopt Asha!

Sugar, spice and everything nice – that’s what this adoptable dog is made of! **SUGAR AND SPICE** is an 8-year-old pit bull mix, who is hoping to find a forever home where her sweet and spicy sides are appreciated. She would do best with a patient adopter who lives with other adults or older children. Dogs and cats are just fine with her! Sugar and Spice and other adoptable pets are available at Young-Williams Animal Center, 3201 Division St.

Meet **TERRY**, a 2-year-old pit bull mix. He still has puppy playfulness and enjoys running, jumping and shaking his toys. He could benefit from basic training to calm his puppy behaviors, but he’s eager to learn! Terry already knows how to sit and is happy to show off his skills for tasty treats. He would do best in a home without young children. Adopt Terry or another pet at Young-Williams Animal Center, 3201 Division St.

TOOT is a hoot! He’s a friendly cat who enjoys being held and meows for attention every time someone walks by. He gets along well with other cats and might be lonely without a feline pal. Shelter staff say he’s is playful and has great litter box manners. Toot and other adoptable pets are available at Young-Williams Animal Center, 3201 Division St.

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“Who might be among the most fascinating personages in all of Tennessee athletics?” was the question raised at a recent civic club speech.



By Tom Mattingly

Most recently, I remembered a phone call from John Majors two or three weeks before he died. He was headed to Nashville and was somewhere on I-40 between Crossville and Cookeville. It was on a Sunday afternoon, and I could hear the trucks whizzing by. It was a fascinating discussion and was the last time I had the opportunity to talk with him.

Where Majors was concerned, I remember several of us standing with him in the north end zone at Notre Dame Stadium on a Friday afternoon in early November 1991 listening to his remembrances of games with the Fighting Irish while he was at Pittsburgh. He once said that the grass at the stadium “reminds me of a Kansas wheat field.”

None of us present could have imagined that, less than 24 hours later, the Vols would capture a win for the ages. The Vols dug themselves into a 31-14 halftime deficit, yet rallied for a 35-34 win in the 300th game at the famed arena.

I'll also remember Majors “working the crowd” in the rear of the charter flight home from the Memphis State game in November 1992, sharing special



Andy Kozar (86, with ball in hand) scored twice in the fourth quarter of the 1951 Cotton Bowl to give the Vols a 20-14 victory over Texas.

thoughts with each staff member in a style no one else could duplicate.

Colonel Tom Elam was a “one question interview” in June 1988 about his time with Gen. Bob Neyland in his days as a student in the Hill and his lifetime of involvement with U.T. as a trustee and athletics board member. He settled two legal cases on the phone while we were talking.

Walking with Elam in downtown Union City was nothing short of amazing. Everybody seemed to know him, and he seemed to

delight in speaking to each one he met along the way.

Lindsey Nelson was something special, recounting all kinds of stories not only about his time at Tennessee, but about the whole world of sports as well.

At Lindsey’s funeral, there was a poignant moment just before the service when 1956 Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung walked down the aisle to visit with the family. Hornung had been Lindsey’s partner on the syndicated Notre Dame replay.

Marvin West is equally a treasure trove of information. He has a seemingly unlimited supply of stories at the ready from years of sports coverage. He covered the Tennessee scene for years and didn’t miss much during that time. He is still writing and was recently inducted into the East Tennessee Writers Hall of Fame for Lifetime Achievement.

There was a series of special moments at Stokely Center during the Ray Mears years. Many times, there were discussions at

the scorer’s table with the officials, coaches, timer Sid Hankins, and official scorer Russ Bebb. When that happened, Marvin quietly left his seat on press row and stood behind the confab, notepad at the ready.

Bebb was a sports writer for the Knoxville Journal, and Marvin, then with the Knoxville News-Sentinel, wasn’t about to let Russ get any type of edge on what was happening in those moments when every eye in the arena was focused on the conversation at the table.

John Ward was always delightful. That famed voice was always in full flower, recounting the famous moments in Vol football and basketball history. There is a fond remembrance of a trip after a hoops game at Vanderbilt with Ward, Bob Gilbert, and driver Ed Ball-off. It was fascinating time, with Ward counting down the miles to the Watt Road interchange in deep West Knox County near the Ward home.

There was a quick stop at the Waffle House in Cookeville, with Ward letting everyone know that the travel party would be there exactly “18 minutes.” They had made this trip many times before, and Ward knew the drill. In fact, we were there almost exactly 18 minutes.

Former Vol fullback Andy Kozar wrote two noteworthy books, one on the sculptor R. Tait McKenzie and the other on Neyland’s journals that were assembled over the course of his Tennessee coaching career. He was a major influence on my “Tennessee Football Vault’s” development, and we discussed the craft of getting words on the computer screen on more than one occasion.

It wasn’t really part of an interview, but working with Ward and Bill Anderson on the Vol Network, Tom Hammond (Notre Dame 2001) and Charley Jones (Penn State 1992) on NBC, and Bob Bell and Randy Smith on the Comcast replay, was definitely an education.

They’re all good guys who made life with the Vols exciting and fulfilling.

Bama bias is real

By Mark Nagi

At this point, I’m surprised the College Football Playoff committee doesn’t simply turn this into a five-team playoff with Alabama getting an automatic berth while playing the winner of the 2 vs 3 game.

If you haven’t been paying attention, Tennessee is ranked one spot below Alabama in the College Football Playoff rankings. This article is written before the final rankings come out on December 4, but there’s no reason to believe that order will change.

It makes no sense... except that this is Alabama, a football program given advantages that other programs simply don’t get.

Let’s look at the facts, even if the committee didn’t.

Tennessee and Alabama are both 10-2. Tennessee beat Alabama 52-49 back on October 15. In terms of common opponents, the Vols destroyed LSU 40-13 in Baton Rouge on October 8, while Alabama lost at LSU 32-21 on November 5. Both the Vols and the Crimson Tide beat Vanderbilt easily.

Strength of schedule is in Tennessee’s column. The Vols have two wins over teams ranked in the top 20 (LSU and Alabama), while Alabama has one with Texas at 20.

The Vols’ negatives are a 25-point loss at 19th-ranked South Carolina and the fact that quarterback Hendon Hooker tore his ACL and won’t play in the bowl game.

The Crimson Tide negatives, which I’ve detailed earlier, also include needing a stop from the 2-yard line on the final play of the game to beat a lousy 5-7 Texas A&M team.

But somehow, with all this information readily available... the committee finds Alabama to be more attractive.

Was the South Carolina loss bad? Yeah! It was! But that loss doesn’t look as bad after the Gamecocks also beat

Clemson the following week.

What really bothers me is how the committee apparently is penalizing Tennessee because Hooker is hurt. They are saying that because he won’t be playing, the Vols have a decreased chance of winning.

Are they right? Well, Hooker was one of the best quarterbacks in the nation, so not having him on the field is a negative for UT.

But what the committee is doing here is giving more importance to what might happen in some hypothetical game in the future, as opposed to what we’ve seen with our own eyes. You know, the fact that the Vols beat Alabama... in an actual football game... a football game that Alabama was favored to win by over nine points.

Using this logic, that means if Alabama quarterback Bryce Young were to get hurt before their bowl game, then the Crimson Tide should be demoted.

For decades, fans have decried the seemingly endless benefit of the doubt that Alabama gets from pollsters, the SEC and NCAA offices and now the College Football Playoff committee.

You look at a situation like the one that we are in now, and it’s tough to argue against it.

Bama bias is real.

There is absolutely no chance that if the roles were reversed, with Alabama beating Tennessee and everything else we have detailed, that Tennessee would be ranked ahead of Alabama.

None.

No matter what happens in Tennessee’s bowl game, the Vols have proved that they are back in the national landscape. They snapped long-losing streaks to Florida, Alabama and LSU. They went undefeated in Neyland Stadium and energized the program and their fans at a level not seen since the early 2000s.

It’s just sad to see that the powers that be refused to do the right thing.



Central senior Hannah McFalls, accompanied by her family, signs her National Letter of Intent to compete in cross country and track at Tennessee Wesleyan.

Hannah McFalls signs with Tennessee Wesleyan

By Ken Lay

A Central High School student-athlete recently finalized her college plans.

Hannah McFalls, a senior cross country standout and distance specialist for the Lady Bobcats’ track and field team, signed her National Letter of Intent and will continue her athletic career and athletic pursuits at Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens.

She’ll compete in both track and cross country at the school after signing at a ceremony at the Central High School library Wednesday afternoon with family, teammates, classmates, coaches and school administrators in attendance.

McFalls said she intends to major in Elementary Education and minor in Sports Medicine.

She said that she chose Tennessee Wesleyan because she wanted to remain relatively close to home.

“I’m a family person,” she said. “I really wanted to stay close to home because I love my family.”

The small class size and the campus appealed to McFalls. She also enjoyed meeting her future teammates.

“It just felt like one big family,” she said. “I really liked the campus and I liked the small class size.”

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West completes historic season!

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for good. Tight end RJ Brooks tacked on a 21-yard scoring reception 16 seconds before intermission to stretch the margin to 26-13.

The Latham brothers produced all three of the Rebels' second-half touchdowns, with Brayden scoring on runs of eight and 33 yards and Cayden getting past the Page secondary for a 36-yard catch-and-run for the game's final score with 6:43 remaining.

Page Coach Charles Rathbone felt West's "speed on the edge" was the difference in the game.

"We weren't able to wrap up their speed on the edge," he said. "They were tough to tackle. 'I felt we played pretty well inside,'" added Rathbone, whose team lost to Powell in last year's state title game.

"West had a good game plan and we didn't execute well on offense. But credit to them, they did a good job.

"Yes, I would say they are the best team we have played (this season)."



JASON CANTRELL - CADENCE CAPTURES

West senior quarterback Carson Jessie eyes his receiver and gets protection from junior offensive lineman John Whitesell in The BlueCross Bowl Class 5A state finals against Page High. Jessie was selected the "Most Outstanding Player" in the game as the Rebels won, 47-13.

West's state title produces joy and sadness

By Steve Williams

Lamar Brown wasn't quite quick enough to escape the classic Gatorade treatment.

"It felt cold and it felt very good," said the West High head football coach after his Rebels defeated Page 47-13 in The BlueCross Bowl Class 5A state finals Friday night in Chattanooga. "I thought I dodged it making my way onto the field. I thought I beat it, but the kids got me. I've got to figure out who that was."

Kind of sounds like there could be some laps to be run this week, but most likely just some pats on the back for a memory Coach Brown will never forget.

The splashdown was just the beginning of the post-game celebration, which also included the playing of "We are the Champions" ... West players running over to the stands to include the students in the special moment and thank them for their support ... and the traditional team photo with the gold football.

does an unbelievable job leading our school. Football is important at our school. And our community, they've backed us through the good times and the bad times and been right there by our side. It was a great crowd tonight. I'm so happy for our whole One West Family."

West coach applauds students' support

"The student section tonight took up about a whole section of the stadium," said Coach Brown in his post-game comments. "We had three pep buses. We started out with one, added a second one on Tuesday and a third one on Wednesday.

"The student body at West is unbelievable. You talk about a diverse crew that loves each other and actually started the One West hash tag and it's so true."

Tears flow even in victory

The West football team was enjoying the moment after its state title win, but it was a little sad for some, too.

"Man, on that last extra point, nobody could see it because they're in the stands, but the tears were



JASON CANTRELL - CADENCE CAPTURES

Jameiyes Mills, West senior defensive lineman, and Head Coach Lamar Brown celebrate the state title moment with a hug Friday night at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga.

flowing," said senior place-kicker Tyson Siebe. "I ran back over and my punter Jones Bolig always hands me my tee and I hugged him and we were crying, because I knew it was going to be my last time kicking off."

Sendoff for team had West Walk, high-fives

A sendoff for the West team was put together and began a little after 12 noon Friday at the football field and continued with a stop at Bearden Elementary School.

West principal Ashley Speas recalled the experience following Friday night's state title victory.

"The sendoff was excellent," she said. "Our school went out there, supported, brought posters and everything that we needed and really pumped up our kids.

Knox vs. ET All-Star Game Saturday at AC

This year's Knox County versus East Tennessee All-Star high school football game will be Saturday night (Dec. 7) with kickoff time set for 7 at Anderson County High School.

The game will include many top senior players from Knox County and the East Tennessee area, including De'Sean Bishop of Karns, Brayden Latham of West and Jordan Harris of Alcoa, just to name a few. There are 50 players on each team.

David Meske, longtime Webb School coach who is retiring this year, will be the head coach of the Knox County team, while Anderson County's Davey Gillum will direct the ET team.

Knox County won last year's game 20-13.

The event also features many outstanding high school marching bands.

And with it being played at AC, expect a lot of fireworks, too!

The game will be on TV on WBXX, which is the CW affiliate.

MARCELLUS JACKSON, Fulton quarterback, will be playing in the East-West All-Star game Friday night at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville.

- Steve Williams

"The kids were lined up and created like a Vol Walk, but we called it a West Walk and cheered them on as they got up on the bus. The band was there, cheerleaders, lots of community people, parents, teachers, and staff. It was just a phenomenal event."

The sendoff continued ...

"We left West High and went down Sutherland Avenue, then on to Kingston Pike and made a little short detour to Bearden Elementary," said Speas. "And they (Bearden Elementary students) were outside with all their posters, cheering and jumping up and down. It was just a great environment. Our seniors got off the bus and gave high-fives all the way around. It was wonderful."

Balanced scoring attack spells victory for Rebels against Austin-East

By Ken Lay

When West High School's boys basketball team began the 2022-23 season, coach Aubin Goporo knew he would be a bit short-handed as he and his squad were awaiting the arrival of football players while the Rebels made a deep run in the Class 5A football playoffs.

But the West hoopsters have been even more short-handed as they've battled illness and injury.

But the Rebels took the court at home Tuesday night against Austin-East and had as many players as it had all season and they toppled the Roadrunners 66-52 at West High. "We played well," Goporo

said after the Rebels used a balanced offensive attack against Austin-East. "We got scoring from all over the place and this is the first time that I've had (almost) all of my guys together.

"I'm still waiting on one guy from football and he's hurt too, I'll probably get him back sometime in January."

The Rebels started fast and opened an 18-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and they would extend their advantage to 31-17 by halftime.

The young Roadrunners, under first-year head coach Denard Bertram, struggled out of the gate, but they would answer the bell after the break. Austin-East

rallied in the third frame and pulled within 47-41 during the stanza.

"We're a young team. We're basically playing two seniors and a bunch of sophomores and juniors," Bertram said. "We battled back and we had it down to about five or six and then we started having what we call 'game slippage.'"

The Roadrunners' Jawaan Troutman had a game-high 34 points and kept Austin-East within striking distance throughout the night and his effort was impressive to both Bertram and Goporo.

"He's young but he's a big physical presence," Bertram said.

Goporo called Troutman

'a super star.'

"We let them back into the game and they're a really good team," he said. "They have a great player over there. I mean, he's a superstar."

The Rebels had four players in double figures as Devin Martin scored 17 points. Jalon Hill added 14. Kevin Jack had 12 and Hunter Hudson finished with 10.

West High's Maurice Clark goes for a layup as Austin-East's LaShaud Holloway attempts to block. The Rebels toppled the Roadrunners 66-52 Tuesday night at West.

Photo by Jason Cantrell-Cadence Captures.



Seize the Day

We have likely heard the expression: “Seize the Day.” It is an idiom that has its roots in the Latin language. The Latin version is “Carpe Diem”. It dates as far back as 23 BC in book 1 of Odes, a work by the Roman poet Horace. The phrase is part of the longer “carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero,” which can be translated as “Seize the day, put very little trust in tomorrow (the future).”

“Seize the day” is one of the oldest philosophical mottos in Western history. This phrase has inspired songs by Metallica and Green Day and films such as Dead Poets Society. It can mean different things to different people. For some, seizing the day means grabbing opportunities. For others, it means being more spontaneous. For others, it connects to hedonism. For still others, it refers to being present in the moment. For most, it means looking at death in the face.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

We know death is coming, but we don’t have to let that rule our lives. We can be fully present in the moment. To seize the day, don’t let the past rule you or the future scare you.

Paul told the Philippian church, “Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead” (Philippians 3:13). Paul did not let his past dictate his future. Paul looked forward to the future, both a future home realized in the new heavens and new earth, and in the present where he could live for Christ. I believe God wants us to do the same - to dream big, and to live life with a purpose. This is the story of the Bible. The Bible is full of people who saw what life could look like in God’s Kingdom and then live in faith promoting those kingdom values. Consider these examples:

Abraham dreamed of a great nation when he was still without a child at an advanced age.

Moses dreamed about a nation of free people when the Jews were still enslaved and making bricks.

Joshua dreamed about a conquered promised land.

David had dreams about a beautiful temple, a house for God.

Nehemiah prayed and dreams about the walls of Jerusalem being rebuilt before one stone was laid.

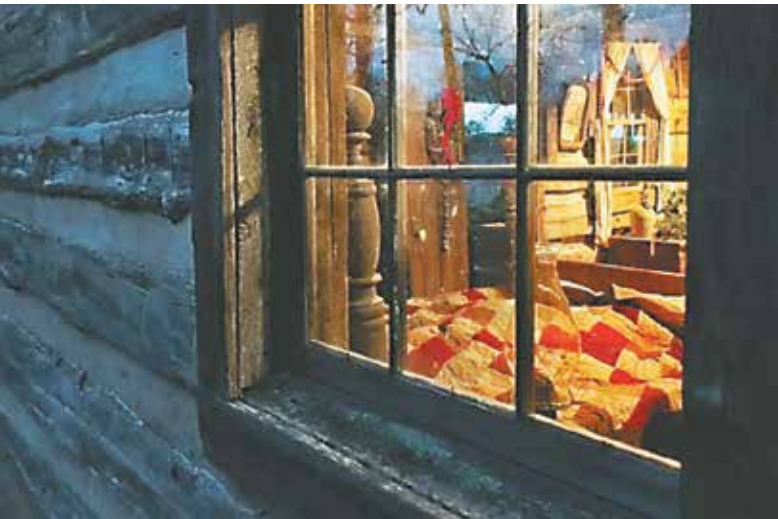
Daniel had visions and dreams about a future kingdom with the Son of Man on the throne – Jesus.

Peter had dreams of the coming Kingdom of God as well, and was selected as the spokesman when it came on the Day of Pentecost.

Paul had dreams of a global mission where people from all nations would come into the Kingdom of God.

John had visions of a New Heaven and New Earth, where Genesis 1 and 2 would be fully realized and lived out.

These dreamers from thousands of years ago still inspire us today. God had dreams for His people then, and still today. The Bible talks about the power of a dream: “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). Can you picture/envision God’s next step for your life? What does God want to do through you in 2023, and the years after that? Start dreaming and seize the day!



Museum of Appalachia presents a Candlelight Christmas

On Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10, the Museum of Appalachia will host its seventh annual Candlelight Christmas—a winter celebration that captures the beauty and simplicity of a pioneer Christmas. The event will begin each evening at 4:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

The centerpiece of this holiday experience is an evening tour of the museum’s pioneer village. Old-fashioned Christmas decorations will adorn the interiors of the Museum’s authentic log cabins—many of which will be festively lit for the occasion.

Candlelight Christmas will also feature traditional musicians performing throughout the grounds, local artisans and craftspeople, and

a variety of family-friendly activities, including wagon rides, visits with farm animals, popcorn stringing, Christmas storytelling, and more. Blacksmiths, spinners, weavers, and other demonstrators will be on-site for historic demonstrations.

Tickets are available for purchase at museumofappalachia.org. Tickets will also be available for purchase on-site during the event.

Ticket Prices:
Family (2 adults + kids) – \$45
Adults (13 years and up) - \$20
Children (6-12) - \$10
Members – FREE
For more information, call 865-494-7680, or visit museumofappalachia.org.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: HOMER RAYMOND HILLARD

IN RE: AMANDA ADELE HILLARD v. HOMER RAYMOND HILLARD

NO. 205660-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant HOMER RAYMOND HILLARD, 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 HOMER RAYMOND HILLARD, it is ordered that said defendant, HOMER RAYMOND HILLARD, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joshua W. Leach, an Attorney whose address is Potter, Foster, P.C. 8 Emory Place Knoxville, Tennessee 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of November 2022.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CIARA BROOKE JOHNSON AND UNKNOWN AND UNNAMED FATHER

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF BENTLEY JAMES JOHNSON, MICHAEL SHANNON BLAIR AND MINDY RENEE BLAIR v. CIARA BROOKE JOHNSON AND UNKNOWN AND UNNAMED FATHER
NO. 205751-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CIARA BROOKE JOHNSON AND UNKNOWN AND UNNAMED FATHER, 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 CIARA BROOKE JOHNSON AND UNKNOWN AND UNNAMED FATHER, it is ordered that said defendant, CIARA BROOKE JOHNSON AND UNKNOWN AND UNNAMED FATHER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jennifer L. Chadwell, an Attorney whose address is P.O. Box 4038 Oak Ridge, TN 37831 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of November, 2022.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MARK SCHOENSEE and ROBERT JACKSON MESSAMORE

IN RE: ADOPTION OF SUNNY KATHRYN MESSAMORE by STEVEN AND BEAU BLASINSKY vs MARK SCHOENSEE and ROBERT JACKSON MESSAMORE

NO. 205730-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MARK SCHOENSEE and ROBERT JACKSON MESSAMORE, 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 MARK SCHOENSEE and ROBERT JACKSON MESSAMORE, it is ordered that said defendant, MARK SCHOENSEE and ROBERT JACKSON MESSAMORE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Theodore Kern, an Attorney whose address is 706 Walnut Street, Suite 500, P O Box 377, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of November, 2022.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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:

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

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

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

This 18 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF KAREN F FROST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

WILLIAM L CATHCART ATTORNEY AT LAW
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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; EXECUTRIX
7204 CHARTWELL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

WILLIAM R RAY ATTORNEY AT LAW
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

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 17 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF ERMA ELIZABETH BREWER AKA ERMA L PRATHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN PRATHER; CO-EXECUTOR
43 MCKENZIE STREET
MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457

JENNIFER MCGILL-PRATHER; CO-EXECUTOR
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PHILADELPHIA, PA 19148

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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P.O. BOX 12217
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

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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
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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)
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4324 STRONG ROAD
MASCOT, TN. 37806

ADAM STRACHIN ATTORNEY AT LAW
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES A BAILEY
DOCKET NUMBER 87002-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES A BAILEY who died Aug 26, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 28 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF FRANCES A BAILEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THOMAS W BAILEY, IV; EXECUTOR
4020 JIVY BLUFF TRAIL
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27106

JON MCMURRAY JOHNSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JO ANN HAYNES
DOCKET NUMBER 86995-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JO ANN HAYNES who died Aug 9, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF REBECCA SUE MANIS

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BOULDIN ALCORN MARLEY, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86737-3

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

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 28 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF BOULDIN ALCORN MARLEY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MINETTE M TOWNSEND; ADMINISTRATRIX
5341 HICKORY HOLLOW ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARROLL T MINOR
DOCKET NUMBER 86761-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CARROLL T MINOR who died May 23, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 28 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF CARROLL T MINOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHELLE M RULE; EXECUTRIX
400 LAKEWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

KEVIN DEAN; ATTORNEY AT LAW

550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL WILLIAM PRESLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 86693-1

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

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 28 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF PAUL WILLIAM PRESLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EDVIE RAMAGLIA; ADMINISTRATRIX
3413 WEXGATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOLA LOUISE RODGERS
DOCKET NUMBER 86694-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOLA LOUISE RODGERS who died July 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.

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF LOLA LOUISE RODGERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANGELA BERRY; EXECUTRIX
7728 APPLECROSS ROAD

CORRYTON, TN. 37721

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DAVID TYLER
DOCKET NUMBER 86998-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of NOVEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM DAVID TYLER who died Sep 24, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 23 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DAVID TYLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHELL Y BAKER; ADMINISTRATRIX
1340 PANDORA ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

FIONA F HILL ATTORNEY AT LAW

550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA K WALKER
DOCKET NUMBER 86720-1

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

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

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

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

date of death.
This the 28 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARTHA K WALKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONALD AARON WALKER;
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
304 HIGH STREET
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

P ANDREW SNEED ATTORNEY AT LAW

217 E BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 3350, Janitorial Services for Head Start Centers, due 1/5/23

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

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

THE OWNERSAND/OR LIEN HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE HERBY NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PAY ALL CHARGES AND RECLAIM SAID VEHICLES BEING HELD AT THE STORAGE LOT OF B & M AUTOMOTIVE & DIESEL FAILURE TO RECLAIM THESE VEHICLES WILL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF SAID VEHICLE AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON DEC 12, 2022 AT 7301 MAYNARDVILLE PK, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938.

2007 JEEP WRANGLER SAHARA-1J8FA516L217402

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday December 22nd, 2022 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

2003 ACURA 19UUA56893A013659
2005 FORD 1FAFP53U95A289212
2006 PONTIAC 1G22H578464256317
2007 MAZDA JM3ER293270145269
2004 CADILLAC 1G6DWB77950160376
2007 MAZDA JM1BK32F471671231
2006 CHEVY 2G1WC581469164208
1999 TOYOTA 4T1BF28K8XU080963
2015 CHEVY 1G11C5SLXFF182451
2013 HONDA 19XFB4F26DE002224
2007 KIA KNDMB233076117582
2015 HYUNDAI 5NPE34AF3FH042634

1988 FORD 1ETEE14Y0JHC18620
2006 FORD 1FMPU16576LA42728
1998 TOYOTA JT3HN87R5W9016629
2006 LEXUS JTHBC96S975001432
2009 MAZDA 4F2CZ027X9KM03093
2008 MERCURY 4M2EU37EB8UJ12301
2001 LINCOLN 1LNHM86S82Y628063
1994 DODGE 3B7HC16Y3RM566418
2002 CHEVY 2G1WH55K129187809
2000 FORD 1FMZU77E91UB01050
2007 FORD 2FAHP71W07X139119
2004 LEXUS JTHBA30G45004553
2004 FORD 1FTPX14584N875823
2000 HONDA 1HGGC5667YA139079
2005 NISSAN 3N1CB51D45L546352
2007 VW WVDWA71F77V035514
2009 NISSAN 3N1BC13E9L450858
2003 FORD 1FTNX12L63E855388
1998 FORD 1FAFP6638WK230284
2006 HYUNDAI KM8SC13D86U072811
2009 NISSAN JN8A318U29W023642
1999 FORD 3FAKP1138YR102182
2011 TOYOTA JTDKN3DU4B1411357
1997 TOYOTA 4TANL42N2V3302580
2003 TOYOTA 2T1BR32E43C156576
2000 NISSAN 5N1ED28Y2YC593561
2015 NISSAN 3N1AB7AP9EY341609
2003 MITSUBISHI JA4LX41G33U066903
2002 MERCEDES WDBKK49F52F262466
2005 LEXUS JTHBA30G45107064
2005 KIA KNDMB233866018796
2004 JEEP 1J4GXA8S24C381453
2009 INFINITI JNKCVC66E09M721136
2000 HONDA 1HGGC565XYA141755
2003 HYUNDAI KMHND46D54U749195
2014 HYUNDAI 5NPEB4A8C8EH833426
2008 GMC 1GTC5199X88148250
2002 FORD 1FMRU15W62LA35749
2000 FORD 1FAFP4045YF248484
2008 FORD 1FMRU19528LA34451
2000 DAEWOOD KLAVB89241B292000
2001 BUICK 2G4WS52J211127440

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

1) 03 FORD EXPLORER 1FMZU72KX3UA23796
2) 06 CHRYSLER PACIFICA
3) 13 CHRYSLER VAN 1C3CCBB0DN595685

4) 03 HONDA VAN 5FNRL18543B058574
5) 99 TOYOTA VAN 4T3ZF13C4XU102120
6) 06 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER JTEEP21A760145061
7) 15 DODGE DART 1C3CDFB8F6D286980
8) 03 NISSAN FRONTIER 1N6E029Y23C462574
9) 02 HONDA VAN 5FNRL18602B034800
10) 14 NISSAN FUSION 3FA6POH71ER372788
11) 11 NISSAN CUBE JN8A22KR9B1209955
12) 06 LEXUS JTHCH96S060014474
13) 09 NISSAN VERSA 3N1BC13E49L377589
14) 99 GMC JIMMY 1GKDT13W6X2534315
15) 12 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP3H26CL318422
16) 11 INFINITI G35 JN1CV6AP7BM301439
17) 12 HY SONOTA KMHEC44XCA028159
18) 17 KIA SOUL KNDJP3A52H7488821
19) 05 CHRYSLER P.T.C. 3C4FY58B65T578572
20) 10 JEEP PATRIOT 1J4NT46B8AD539630
21) 05 SAAB YS3F4B5S851028420
22) 07 GMC ACADIA 1GKEV2378J133741
23) 10 DODGE CHARGER 2B3CA3C4V4H124371
24) 08 LINCOLN MKZ 3LNHM26T98R607557
25) 03 FORD TAURUS 1FAFP55U13A135457
26) 10 LINCOLN MKT 2LMHJ5FR8ABJ28036
27) 04 FORD F150 1FTPW14544K874592
28) 13 KIA 5XXGNA476D6167373

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, house Bill 379. The sale will be held at Volunteer Towing Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below, not bearing a VIN/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).

1) 04 FORD MUSTANG 1FAFP40694F214446
2) 05 KIA AMANTI KNALD124755069329
3) 10 CHRYSLER 300 2C3CA5CV8AH203931
4) 06 JEEP LIBERTY 1C4NJRF64GD511987
5) 13 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 5NPEB4AC9DH772912
6) 99 FORD MUSTANG 1FAFP4045XF160551
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