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## 865 Academies to prepare Knox students for careers, success

By Bill Howard

"Why do I have to learn this? When will I ever use this?"

Ask any public school teacher if he's ever heard this from his students, and he'll likely laugh in recognition.

Knox County Schools has a plan to try to give those students an emphatic and satisfactory answer. If it proves successful, graduates from Knox Co. high schools will be much better prepared to meet the workplace challenges of the future. Last Thursday morning at Central

High School, KCS unveiled The 865 Academies, an attempt, according to KCS Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk, "to re-imagine high school. We can't do high school like we did 30 years ago"

"Gone are the days when a kid is either smart or good with their hands," Rysewyk went on. "Today you have to be smart and have the technical skills to go into the workplace."

According to the press release, the initiative is to create career-themed academies that seek

three primary objectives: provide authentic, work-based learning; create opportunities for job shadowing and career exploration; and offer guidance from professionals in their field of interest.

"It's a reframing or refocusing," said Assistant Superintendent of Academics Dr. Keith Wilson of the Academies' purpose. "In the past, we really had kids who either said 'I'm gonna be on a college path or a technical path.' What we wanna do is be more intentional about getting

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Gordon Heins, president and chairman of AG Heins Co. Inc., a building materials company, addresses the crowd Thursday at Central High. The event launched The 865 Academies, whose goal is to better prepare students for real-world careers. Heins, a CHS alum, praised the program's potential for enabling students to be workforce-ready after graduation.

## The end of an era Longmire brothers retiring from Midway IGA

By Ralphine Major

It is a landmark in Gibbs Community. Coming from Knoxville on Tazewell Pike, the Midway IGA is located on the left soon after passing through the gap. For those coming by way of Harbison's Crossroads where Tazewell Pike intersects Emory Road, the anchor tenant of Gibbs Center at 7345 Tazewell Pike is on the right across from the entrance to Clear Springs Baptist Church. I recall that the land where the store is located was once a hayfield before Joe and Dale Longmire purchased it in 1995. The Midway IGA, commonly referred to by locals as "the IGA," was built in 1997. According to Joe, "it is the biggest independent grocery store this side of Nashville in Tennessee."

Aside from the produce, frozen foods, and dairy products, the IGA is more than just a grocery store. The big, modern store is a gathering place in the rural



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**Thanks to Joe and Dale Longmire for friendship and support of the Gibbs and Corryton Communities!!**

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## County increases yearly lease cost for Concord Yacht Club

By Mike Steely

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The cost of an agreement between Knox County and the exclusive Concord Yacht Club was pumped up last week during the county commission meeting.

Since 1951, the private non-profit has been a sailboat haven for more than 200 dues-paying members, some of whom are not county residents. Located on Lakeshore Drive at Concord Park, the yacht club offers sailing instruction, hosts events and races, and manages docks for members' sailboats.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker described the facility as one of the most valuable pieces of property owned by Knox County and voiced criticism of the club's

policies and its exclusive nature.

"They wrote the lease agreement," he said of the lease renewal resolution before commission. The proposed resolution would have extended the lease for 10 years at only \$1,000 per year and give the club a renewal option at the end of the agreement.

Commissioner Carson Dailey suggested a five-year agreement at \$5,000 per year and added "no renewal" when the lease expires.

Knox County Chief of Staff Dwight van de Vate said that Dailey's agreement will include quarterly reports on activities, a higher membership cost for non-residents, and a move to open up a discussion for space at the club for

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## City Council: Chained dogs must be supervised

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Is it fair to chain or tether a pet dog in your backyard without being out there to watch the animal?

That was the question debated for two hours Tuesday in the Knoxville City Council meeting, a discussion that split the council into a tie vote. Options for the total ban on unattended tethering were offered but, in the end, the council decided that one must be in the yard watching the pet when it is on a tether starting in July.

The issue has been discussed for more than a month and pitted the Young-Williams Animal Center against some other local humane organizations. Considerations within the new regulation debate included the effect on the understaffed animal control department, possible warnings or fines, the safety of the animal, and the duties of the pet owners.

Councilwoman Janet

Testerman, director of the Young-Williams Animal Center, sided with the unwatched tethering idea, citing that being present while an animal is tethered outside is unfair to people in poverty. She said that many people own more than one dog and deserve equal treatment.

Councilman Tommy Smith offered an amendment that would permit pet owners to be inside for 15 minutes to do chores while the animal is chained outside. Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto countered that the 15 minutes means animal control officers would have to wait that long at a house before taking action.

Several council members voiced differing opinions and Mayor Indya Kincannon described the proposed amendments that failed as "the devil in the details."

Councilwoman Lauren Rider noted many cities have tethering regulations that work and Testerman said the change to require

an owner present when tethering was punitive and that everyone should be treated equally.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie noted an option of issuing a warning or fining an owner at the opinion of the officer but added, "This is going to be drive by a neighborhood dispute."

"We should monitor this and see how it works," said Councilman Charles Thomas.

Reportedly animal control received 34 calls about uncontrolled animals on the day of the council meeting and more than 10,000 calls last year. Smith said requiring owners to be outside with a tethered dog would increase the number of calls about the animals.

The final vote on Smith's suggested 15-minute break option led to "Yes" votes from Lynne Fugate, Smith, McKenzie and Testerman. Voting "No" were Seema Singh, Roberto, Rider and Thomas.

The approval of the

original motion, to require watchful tethering, passed with only one "No" vote, from Testerman. Councilwoman Amelia Parker abstained from the votes.

**IN OTHER ACTION**, the council voted to require posting variances and appeals prior to city Board of Zoning Appeals meetings, acquire property for greenway projects, renew KUB's tax break, hire a firm to audit KUB, and give the Community Action Committee \$260,000 for emergency services to help with loss of federal funding.

The council also heard Police Chief Paul Noel describe a new position with the department to oversee the Internal Affairs division.

### Can the Knoxville mayor break a tie vote of council?

Following a tie vote of the Knoxville City Council last week, the question came up if Mayor Indya Kincannon

could have broken the stalemate by voting.

Councilwoman At-Large Janet Testerman told The Knoxville Focus the mayor could have chimed in and broken the tie. It was a 4-4 vote on a motion by Councilman Tommy Smith to permit pet owners a 15-minute break inside their homes while watching their dog secured with a tether outside.

With Councilwoman Amelia Parker abstaining from the vote, the tie vote meant the Smith motion failed under the city code.

So, can a Knoxville Mayor break a tie vote?

"The mayor has the option of breaking a tie vote but she is not required to do so," City Attorney Charles Swanson told The Focus.

"The mayor shall preside over all meetings of the council, but shall not have the right to vote, except in the event of a tie, [and] then the mayor shall have the right to cast the deciding vote upon the question then before the council," according to the city code.

Testerman lamented that Mayor Kincannon didn't choose to vote and break the tie.

"It was a tie and too bad


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# Antifa Demonstrators Are Spoiled Rich Kids

From a distance



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The recent arrests of far-left demonstrators in Atlanta and Boston have shown that most of these Antifa protestors are mostly a bunch of spoiled rich kids. Antifa is supposed to be a shortened version of anti-fascist, but the tactics they have been using show that they are the true fascists. Democrat officeholders throughout the country have been on a two-year drumbeat demanding jail time for everyone who was at the U.S. Capitol on

January 6, 2021. I said in the first column I wrote after that demonstration that anyone who broke into the Capitol and/or destroyed property should be prosecuted. But the great majority of the January 6th demonstrators were patriotic Americans who simply walked around the Capitol after going through doors held open for them by Capitol Police. The young Antifa punks, however, have assaulted police and burned police vehicles and other property. One who was arrested in Boston was Riley Dowell, 23, the “daughter” of the new Minority Whip of the U.S. House, a far-left Congresswoman from Massachusetts, Rep. Katherine Clark. I put quotes around the word daughter because Dowell is so mixed-up and

confused that she (he) identifies as non-binary, meaning not identifying with either sex. Rep. Clark put out a statement calling Dowell her daughter, and most stories referred to her as a daughter. However, one report called her Clark’s son, and the young woman appeared in court with a very short haircut and wearing clothes making her appear to be a young man. Rep. Clark, now the second most powerful Democrat in the House, has made speeches bragging about the fact that she has a non-binary child, making herself appear as kind, loving, open, and not the least bit prejudiced. In the Democratic Party today, a person has a better chance to win in a primary if they are black, brown, gay,

lesbian, bi-sexual, transsexual, non-binary, or even more than one of these categories. I wish we could get back to a day when one’s sex life was totally private, and people were not made to be heroes if they were part of some sexual minority. The Democrats have gone so far to the left, they have never criticized or demanded prosecution of all those who destroyed billions of dollars worth of property, or robbed or looted during the summer of the Black Lives Matter riots. And they have not criticized these recent demonstrations in Boston and Atlanta. Rep. Clark’s daughter assaulted a policeman and sprayed graffiti such as ACAB, the code of Antifa saying All Cops Are

Bastards. The U.S. edition of the British newspaper The Daily Mail referred to the Atlanta rioters as “The woke, spoiled children trying to set fire to Atlanta.” The Daily Mail said one was a Maine millionaire’s son who grew up in a mansion in Kennebunkport, Francis “Frankie” Carroll. Young Mr. Carroll had been charged a month earlier for domestic terrorism at the Atlanta Public Safety Center. Another was Madeline Feola, who looks like a young woman but is a trans, non-binary activist who uses the name Henri. She, he or it is from a wealthy suburb of Portland, Oregon. Almost all the others arrested were young, white children from wealthy families from other states, most in their 20s.

The Daily Mail article said, “The arrests indicate Antifa organizers are recruiting activists from across the country to commit violence...(and) the violent thugs, several who were brought up in wealthy households, believe that police forces should be scrapped.” They had called for a “night of rage” against police in Atlanta. There is such a double standard of justice today among Democrats: hatred and jail time for Trump supporters; not even a word of criticism for Antifa kids. It is hard to understand why such privileged young people should have such hatred for this country. However, Michelle Obama said once that she never felt proud of this country until the night her husband was elected president.

## 865 Academies

**Cont. from page 1** students the opportunity to see what they’re good at and interested in, and then plugging them into an industry.” The current school year’s freshmen have participated in Freshman Academy, a program to help them try to discover their interests and talents, in order to put them on a more focused career/academic pathway for their final three years. The 865 Academies then allow their curriculum for grades 10 to 12 to be more aligned with their career aspirations, by taking classes in fields

of their interest. Regular state requirements - english, math, history, etc. - remain part of a student’s curriculum. Visiting college campuses and job sites will be an integral part of the Academy student’s experience. The first cohort this year includes eight high schools: Austin-East, Central, Fulton, Karns, Bearden, Farragut, Hardin Valley and L&N Stem. South-Doyle and Carter plan to sign on next year. Each school’s Academy has its own set of curricular programs, and they range widely across

schools. All but one - L&N - have a program focusing on health sciences. Business is also a common curricular theme. The idea of a career-centered curriculum has been around for many years. Wilson attended a conference on the subject about five years ago and planted the seed for Knox Co. upon returning. Various members from the school board and city council were in attendance, along with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and an ensemble of CHS band members. Also in attendance was CHS senior and class president Justice Hayes, who started a clothing business called Blended. “I’m blessed to be a part of Knox. Co’s Schools,” Hayes said. “It has been my honor to help build and support something that will impact our current and future generations.”

## Speaker McCarthy

Rather than saying take this job and shove it, after 15 ballots Kevin McCarthy finally became Speaker of the House of Representatives. There was much gnashing of teeth from conservative commentators about the process. Most condemned the 20 conservative Republicans from the House’s Freedom Caucus who demanded certain concessions from McCarthy. It was apparent that at least three members, Matt Gaetz of Florida, Andy Biggs of Arizona and Lauren Boebert of Colorado were never going to vote for McCarthy. Rather in the end, they voted “present” so McCarthy could be elected with a simple plurality. I found the whole kerfuffle to be amusing. First, most of those critical of the twenty holdouts whined that since 90 percent of the Republican representatives were voting for McCarthy, that he should be elected over the objections of the 10 percent. Wasn’t this how democracy was supposed to work? Huh? Did these critics forget that this country is not a democracy but a representative republic established to protect the rights of the minority? Sean Hannity sounded like a whining leftist who bemoans the Electoral College and the unrepresentative structure of the Senate. Whether you agreed with Matt Gaetz or not, he and his cohorts embodied the spirit of the Founders. Moreover, the holdouts were representing the Republican base which for the longest has felt disrespected and ignored by the Republican establishment and McCarthy embodies the establishment.

Second, what were the concessions that McCarthy was forced to make? They were: - No more voting on omnibus spending bills. Rather, each one of the 12 appropriation bills must be considered separately. Sounds like a good idea to me and one concession that McCarthy should have readily agreed to implement. - Cap discretionary spending at 2020 levels in order to balance the budget within 10 years. Again, a no brainer but one not likely to pass the Senate. - Create a committee to investigate the “weaponization of the Federal government.” Again, a no brainer given the actions of Merrick Garland’s Department of “Justice”. - The reinstitution of the law allowing for reductions in the salaries of government officials. I have long contended that Federal salaries should be the average of salaries for similar positions in the private sector instead of exceeding them. Again, a no brainer. - Keep McCarthy’s super PAC out of open House races for “safe” seats. - Appoint members of the Freedom Caucus to the House Rules Committee. - Give the House 72 hours to review legislation. - Require a vote to raise the debt ceiling. - Hold a vote on term limits. - Hold a vote on border security. - Allow one member rather than five to start the process to remove the speaker. McCarthy should not have had a problem with any of these except for the last one. This was likely a

conflict just to show who was going to blink first. That McCarthy would not readily grant these concessions indicates that this was a classic “p……ing contest” which is defined as a “competition between rivals to determine superiority, predominance or leadership.” The election of McCarthy also ends the January 6 nonsense. That so-called “insurrection” was more like a frat party than an insurrection. To see the real thing, just look at what is happening in Brazil and Peru. Finally, McCarthy’s acceptance speech sounded more like Jim Jordan than Mitch McConnell. He promised to fight for lower energy prices, to repeal the funding for the new 87,000 IRS agents, to cut the regulatory burden on business, to stop the rising federal debt and to secure the southern border. With an agenda like that, he should have been elected unanimously on the first ballot. The best part of his speech was almost universally ignored by the media. He talked about the diverse makeup of the remarkable Massachusetts Marblehead Militia who rowed Washington and his 2,400 troops across the Delaware. They were stout fishermen and were Scottish, black, Native American and immigrants. But they were all brave Americans who would have faced awful deaths had they lost. The image of a diverse crew rowing the same boat for the same goal should be inspiring for all Americans. Instead, the media ignored it because it did not meet their new narrative of a fragmented, compartmentalized America made up of suffering individual groups being oppressed by white supremacy and soulless capitalism.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Tethered Dog Ordinance Approved

The Knoxville City Council recently approved an ordinance making it illegal for people to chain their dogs up outside unattended. The change was adopted after a sometimes pointed debate, but the ordinance ultimately passed with only one dissenting vote. Known for making the odd random comment, Councilwoman Lynn Fugate said it was sad people contributed to things involving dogs more

than they do girls. Girls? What happened to boys or even people? The answer likely has something to do with the fact that Fugate is the director of the Girl Scouts of East Tennessee and she failed to explain why one was mutually exclusive of the other. My guess is, when one considers all the spending done by the government, spending on people - - - and girls are people - - - that spending far outweighs whatever individuals donate to the welfare of dogs and animals. I also guess Lynn is well-paid in her role for the Girl Scouts and I doubt they have to take up a collection for her at church as she seems pretty comfortable in Sequoyah Hills. If there are any poorer sections of Sequoyah Hills, I don't know where they are.

Having both a daughter and a son, I always felt the people of Knox County were pretty generous with their time and money for youngsters. Fugate's opponent, Cameron Brooks, was a

prominent supporter of the proposed ordinance and is a well-known advocate for animals in general and dogs in particular.

## Burchett Appointed To Additional Committees

Congressman Tim Burchett has kept his place on the House Committees on Transportation & Infrastructure and on Foreign Affairs, but has also been assigned to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

"I've been pushing for our government to be more transparent and accountable to the American people since I came to Congress," Burchett stated. "I'm thrilled to serve on this committee, and I'm looking forward to shining a light on all the shady dealings in Washington that have been swept under the rug for too long."

Burchett has, along with Memphis Congressman Steve Cohen, reintroduced

the Tennessee Valley Authority Transparency Act. The bill would make TVA's decision making more transparent to the public. The bill requires the TVA Board of Directors meetings to be held in public and contains a provision requiring TVA to "provide public notice of no fewer than 6 calendar days" before any meetings. The bill sponsored by congressmen Burchett and Cohen also requires TVA to make the minutes of those meetings, along with summaries, accessible to the public.

"The TVA has recently been working to improve its transparency, and I was proud to introduce this bill last year to ensure those efforts continued," Burchett said in a statement released by his office. "TVA transparency is no less important this year than it was last year, so I'm happy to bring this bill back to the House as part of our efforts to improve transparency across the board."

## Pace Surfaces

Last week a good-sized crowd attended the Three Rivers Republican Club, which is a combination of the 8th & 9th Commission Districts. For the first time, at least as far as I know, Randy Pace, the former chairman of Knox County's Republican Party, showed up. Pace, well known for his ability to talk a stump to death, was more subdued and had little to say. Nor did Pace receive an especially warm welcome.

## McCarthy Boots Democrats

Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, has kept his word and booted three Democrats off the committee they sat on; Eric Swalwell and Adam Schiff were booted off the House Intelligence Committee, while Ilhan Omar was put off the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Swalwell's relationship with a Chinese

Communist spy disqualified him from service on a committee that hears classified and sensitive information. Schiff's lying and leaking disqualified him from the Intel Committee. Ilhan Omar remains the most vocal antisemite in Congress. Of course this is also a matter of what goes around, comes around as the Democrats started the notion of putting congressmen they didn't like from having the committee assignments of their choice or even any at all.

## Lee Sworn In To Second Term

Last week Bill Lee took the oath of office for the second time after having been reelected last November. Governor Lee made an eloquent address at his second inauguration. We send our best wishes and prayers to First Lady Maria Lee for a speedy and complete recovery from her illness.

# The end of an era City Council

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community. Whenever I go there it is almost certain that I will see someone I know from the neighborhood or someone I knew from years ago at church or school. An expansion in 2004 provided customers with a much larger produce section and bakery. It also gave patrons the pleasant addition of a deli with several booths where they can sit and enjoy a meal. A meeting room for gatherings was also added near the deli/bakery. This "new" IGA provides a much-improved shopping experience from the "old" IGA that once occupied the corner at Harbison's Crossroads where Home Federal now stands. The store was much smaller and had no bakery or deli. Yet, it served the area for many years.

I had never met the Longmire brothers until the store opened, but I knew of the Longmire name. When I started taking piano lessons from the late Jewel Harris Atkins in 1965, my mother and I would stop in at Longmire's Grocery in Corryton after my lesson. The store was located near the railroad tracks and across the street from the depot that houses the Corryton Library today. Longmire's was a huge store that carried everything! I was fascinated that the grocery store had a fabric department.

The Longmire brothers and their wives all graduated from Gibbs High School (Joe in 1964; Dale in 1968) just a short distance up the road from the store. My brother, Wayne, worked with Dale's wife at the Department of Human Services in Knoxville. She was known as "Peggy" to her co-workers, but Dale told me she is called Ellen at home. Many from the high school may remember her maiden name as "Bates." Joe's wife, Becky, was the popular English teacher and librarian at Gibbs High. She also volunteered as the football trainer, mock trial judge, and sponsor of the scholar's bowl. Becky even chaperoned students during the summers to Europe.

When the Longmire brothers first opened the IGA, I often saw their late parents, Claude and Ruby, stocking shelves very early in the day. Their sister, Leesa Beeler, still works at the store. The Longmires did not have to go far to find a manager in Kevin Graves. As a 16-year-old, Kevin started working at the store as a bag boy when he was a junior at Gibbs High School. He has now been there 24 years! Kevin also comes from an outstanding family. His late grandparents, Clay and Virginia Graves, were well known not only in the Gibbs Community but at the Tennessee Valley Fair where they were recognized for their work in the rabbitry. Kevin shared that three generations of his family including him, his grandparents, and his late father were members of the National Honor Society at Gibbs High School. His father, Danny, was in the graduating class behind me.

Wayne and I have had several book signings for our children's picture books at the IGA and have never been charged a table fee. We take donations for the Corryton Food Pantry, a charity that is dear to the Longmire family. Numerous times upon entering the store, I have seen a grocery cart parked in the lobby for pantry donations. For ten years, the Longmires also donated bread to the Kingswood Academy in Grainger County. During our book signings, we met customers who came from West Knoxville to shop at the rural store. One lady drove from Asheville Highway area to the IGA because they provide the invaluable service of taking groceries to the customer's car. Some customers even come from

neighboring counties. Dale reminded me that if a customer cannot find a particular item, they will special order it. On at least two occasions over the years, the Longmires have ordered special items at my request. Joe shared that the store also began delivering groceries long before the pandemic.

When the IGA opened, I thought of it as just a grocery store in our community. I have learned since then that it is a special place. It is a place where The University of Tennessee football games can be heard throughout the store over the radio on Saturday afternoons, and hymns can be heard on Sunday mornings. It is a place where spectators line the parking lot to see the Gibbs Ruritan Club Christmas Parade of which the IGA is a proud sponsor and the place where some parade floats make their final stop. It is a place where the MEDIC Regional Blood Center bus can be seen periodically in the parking lot. It is a place where groups often set up in the parking lot to sell their goods, such as the Clapp's Chapel United Methodist Church Christmas trees that I have seen there for several years during the Christmas season. It is a place that sells the best potato salad and slaw! Joe once told me the slaw is made from their mother's recipe. It is a place with boxes at the entrance for collecting grocery receipts for Corryton Elementary and Gibbs Elementary Schools to help purchase computers. There seems to be no end to the worthwhile causes the Longmire brothers support in the community. The IGA is also a place where I usually pick up our copies of The Knoxville Focus each

week!

"We really want to say, 'thank you' and show our utmost appreciation to our customers and staff," Joe said. "Without either, nothing would have been possible. The community has been super." As the Longmire brothers leave the business, it is truly the end of an era. They will certainly be missed. However, the brothers will still be around for a while as the store transitions to a new owner. Joe will still be active as president of the Nicholas Gibbs Historical Society and will still serve on the board of Northeast Knox Utility.

On Sunday, February 5, from 2 until 4 p.m., Rutherford Memorial United Methodist Church, where the Longmires have been lifelong members, will host a reception for Joe and Dale. Thank you, Longmires!! Our communities have been blessed by your kindness and generosity. God bless you both in retirement as you begin a new and well-deserved chapter in your lives.

Words of Faith: "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32 (KJV).

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the mayor wouldn't cast in favor of the amendment. It's also too bad she wouldn't support the three agencies she appoints, oversees and funds," Testerman told The Focus.

"I know my dad did in 1985 or 86 on a budget vote if I recall correctly, but surely it's been done since," she said, referring to the late former Mayor Kyle Testerman.

The Knoxville Focus asked Mayor Kincannon's office to comment.

"Last night's vote was on

a Council-led initiative and the Mayor does not feel it would have been appropriate for her to weigh in and ultimately decide an issue that Council has been discussing for nearly a year now. Please keep in mind, the Mayor has never exercised her right to break a tie," replied Kristin Farley, director of communications.

"She does not take that power lightly, and will exercise her right to do so when she feels it is warranted," Farley said.

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# Local company ready to customize your home’s bathroom

By Ken Lay

For customers looking to upgrade their bathrooms, a local company is willing to help. Knoxville Tub To Shower Conversions was founded two years ago on the premise of providing a better product for a better price, in a niche market dominated by regional companies selling cheap acrylic products for exorbitant prices. “For tub to shower conversions we have simplified the design process to three simple steps,” said sales manager John Baucom. “Choose a base, then choose the wall panels and then the plumbing options. “The presentation takes about an hour, because we have 28 different wall panel styles, the 100% waterproof panels look and feel like real tile and stone with

indented faux grout lines and aluminum edge trim.” The inaugural step in the process is selecting a low-profile curb shower base—the low-profile base is important to bathroom safety. Choosing shower walls is next and the final step is picking plumbing options so the shower is plumbed to meet your individual needs. The company, which has been in existence for two years, has yet to open a showroom location, however, one is coming in the near future. “That’s coming about six months to a year down the road,” Baucom said. “We’re actively looking for a centrally located space. We’re currently working out of our office location in Halls for administrative duties and offering free in-home design consultations where we assess the bathroom

and show our products. “The one thing that we want people to know is that we are a local company and we believe that supporting local business ends in a higher customer satisfaction rate. “The owner had the idea to do this because he was working in the industry and saw that these ‘big brands’ were charging (customers) a lot of money for a product that he felt wasn’t a good value for the money,” Baucom said. “He had the idea and figured he could save people money and at the same time provide a better product.” While the company takes pride in its local roots, Knoxville Tub To Shower Conversions is part of a nationwide dealer program offering 28 styles that are in stock and usually installed in a couple

of days within just two to three weeks after placing an order. Baucom said, “I think we have the fastest turnaround time on our projects because they are already in stock.” “The wall panels are made in Norway by Fibo, a company founded in 1952. The wall panels are suitable for use in any wet location and carry a lifetime warranty!” Baucom said. He noted that 30-40 percent of residential bathrooms in Europe are constructed with Fibo panels. The product was introduced to the U.S. market in 1977. While bath to shower conversions are the focus of the company, KTTSC also does full bathroom remodeling for a complete bathroom make-over. Baucom said, “As far as I know we are the only company offering tub to shower

conversions as part of a complete bathroom remodeling system! We also offer a full line of high-quality accessories like niches, benches and shelves.” In addition, Knoxville Tub to Shower Conversions system is different from its competitors as the wall panels are often used as a wainscot outside the shower, kitchen backsplashes and accent walls in any interior space. Baucom also noted that a good portion of the company’s business comes from those seeking to remedy safety concerns as many people with mobility issues are looking to change to walk-in bathing facilities such as tub to shower conversions and walk-in safety tubs. “That’s about 75 percent of our business right now,” he said.

## Ridgecrest development decision postponed until May

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John Bolton’s drive from Evansville, Indiana, apparently ended with a surprise in Knoxville where he learned many people on Ridgeview Road were opposed to him building two homes per acre on property he owns in Knox County. That’s what he said last week at a zoning meeting. Bolton, who said his family has owned the land since 1984, appeared before the zoning session of the Knox County Commission. Although the planning commission voted for a density of one house per acre on four lots, Bolton’s request, to change the zoning from Agricultural to Planned Residential, calls for two houses on each acre. Bolton said that meeting with neighbors about the rezoning request has been difficult because of his Indiana residence. He said he sent ten letters to neighbors. Ridgeview Road runs northwest off Tazewell Pike in North Knox County.



John Bolton, a Ridgeview Road property owner who lives in Indiana, talked with Knox County residents opposed to his idea of building two houses per acre on several parcels he owns there. Photo by Mike Steely.

Kevin Murphy and Dr. Nancy Scott spoke against two houses per acre with Murphy noting there have been no major changes to the area. Scott urged the commission to wait until the health department reports on a per test of the soil there. Commissioner Richie Beeler said he supports a change to the Sector Plan amendment and Commissioner Kim Frazier said it is unnecessary to

change the zoning. Frazier also said that a concept plan will need to be filed with planning. Resident Russell Cooper said the area would need septic tanks for the proposed homes and the existence of a pond on the property. Beeler then suggested postponing the decision “until a date certain” and a 120-day postponement, until May’s planning meeting, was approved.

## Concord Yacht Club

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Schoonmaker then offered a substitute motion to charge \$15,000 per year for the five years with no renewal option, saying the proposal is very reasonable for a club with \$400,000 in its reserve funds. Commodore Dana Dawson responded that the large increase proposed was a “surprise” and amounts to about “five percent of our annual budget.” Dailey suggested incremental increases over the years of the agreement. Commissioner Kim Frazier didn’t feel the changes appropriate. “We’ve discussed this and (CYC) is a valued community partner.”

Commissioner Terry Hill said the commission should not consider last-minute proposals that are not warranted. Hill described the yacht club as “unique” and added, “We don’t want them to go away.” Commissioner Larsen Jay warned the commission not to set a precedent. Schoonmaker replied that the lease agreement has already been amended and moved for the five-year, \$15,000 annual agreement. Only Schoonmaker and Dailey supported the idea and it failed 9-2. Commissioner Kyle Ward then moved to permit the 5-year, \$5,000/year cost and only Schoonmaker voted “No.”



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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
Dr. Jim Ferguson

### Scofflaws and the Sublime

Consensus is the absence of leadership. Margaret Thatcher

A friend observed how gloomy the weather has been lately with overcast skies and “southern cold.” I know what she means. I no longer ski, but I remember riding lifts to 12,000 feet in the Rocky Mountains and schussing down snowy glades. And yet the cold was not as penetrating as it seems to be in Knoxville. The low humidity of western climates must be the reason. Our southern higher humidity transmits cold more readily to the bones. Brrr!

Years ago Becky and I came to a marital agreement. I am more cold-natured than she is, and I get cold in late October and often don’t warm up until April. Through negotiation, she agreed to allow our dual-controlled electric blanket to go on the bed

between October and April. I don’t know how women can stand sandals or open toe shoes in the winter. My feet would be a block of ice without socks, and I doubt I’d survive winter nights without an electric blanket.

I thought about mountain winter snow as I watched World Economic Forum (WEF) elites traipse around Davos during their yearly pilgrimage to the Swiss Alps. These preening climate hypocrites arrived on more than a thousand private jets to hobnob while sipping wine and nibbling caviar canapés and then lecture the rest of us about global warming...er climate change. I object to John Kerry and Al Gore types who will never have to sit in the dark or be cold to “protect the environment.” And why were Democrat Senators Joe Manchin, Chris Coons and Kirsten Sinema in Davos? And

who paid for their travel or admission tickets which cost tens of thousands of dollars?

I see little benefit from such a wasteful conference, although it does help the local economy. And reports say prostitutes who flock to Davos also do a booming business during the conference. Lastly, the Chinese who help fund Davos benefit because they are able to justify their increasing coal usage as “necessary” for their economic development.

But Klaus Schwab (founder of the WEF) and the Davos crowd aren’t the only self-serving repro-bates. We have a dearth of scofflaws in Washington, D.C. The FBI is tainted and needs to be purged or reimagined. The CDC has become politicized and is no longer trusted. The Department of Justice has become an Orwellian oxymoron. The Department of Transportation can’t manage ships, planes or trains. And the Department of Homeland Security has surrendered our borders to narco traffickers and promoted invasion by a horde of over four million in the last two years plus nearly 300,000 “got-aways” in just the last four months.

However, the biggest scandal of our time is not Biden’s mishandling of

classified documents; it is what’s in those documents. The FBI raided President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago home, staged photographs of documents, which were under lock, of which Trump had the authority to declassify. We know nothing of the classified documents Biden put in the University of Pennsylvania think-tank, the ones in his garage, cabinet and the two other tranches of documents. There is substantial information from various sources, including Miranda Devine of the New York Post, Tucker Carlson of Fox News and radio’s Dan Bongino, questioning whether Hunter Biden was using the information in those documents to make deals with China and Ukrainian energy companies. I now wonder if the Ukrainian phone call which caused the impeachment hoax was orchestrated to block Trump from inquiring about the Biden family’s dealings.

I don’t know the truth, but a coverup of a political burglary at the Washington Watergate complex brought down President Richard Nixon. And the allegations of the Biden family’s business dealings are far more serious. Given the institutional deception and lies of Washington DC, I’m not optimistic that we’ll ever

learn the truth. However, there is a good argument that Biden’s plan to run for reelection in 2024 has become a problem for Democrats. Are we watching another soft coup d’etat analogous to the one that brought down President Trump? One wonders if we have become Venezuela.

I’ve just finished reading two thought provoking books which I regard as sublime. The first is Henry Kissinger’s “Leadership” chronicling Konrad Adenauer, Charles de Gaulle, Richard Nixon, Anwar Sadat, Lee Kuan Yew and Margaret Thatcher. It is a remarkable book written about influential leaders of our time, by a ninety-nine-year-old scholar whose grasp of history and leadership is compelling and whose prose far exceeds my own. However, this is not a “beach book.” It is a serious work that will be discussed long after Dr. Kissinger and I have “shuffled off this mortal coil.”

The second book is “Irresistible” by Andy Stanley. This Christian apologetic is very readable and has been impactful to me. Stanley presents two important concepts. The first is that Jesus ushered in the New Covenant and therefore his followers are not bound by Old Testament regulations.

Nonetheless, Jesus said he came to fulfill scripture, not abolish it (Matthew 5:17).

Stanley then offers the metaphor of vertical and horizontal axes to describe our relationship with God (vertical) and with each other (horizontal). Although I seek God’s guidance and wisdom, and pray for strength and courage, I reside in this world. Consequently, I am to do justice, have mercy (Micah 6:8) and love my neighbor as myself (Mark 12:31). It’s difficult at times because some of my “neighbors” are confused, and others are just scofflaws and would benefit from some tough love in the woodshed with this feisty Doctor.

A month ago I wrote an essay entitled “Twilight Zone.” Twilight can be “a period of decline” or refer to the time after sunset. However, the diffusion of light before dawn is also a twilight zone. Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble” (John 16:33) and we certainly have trouble. However, I pray that we are at a turning point. Hopefully the truth will come out, justice will be done and we will experience the dawn of a new America.

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## Mike Brown’s 82 years of memories and humor

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Former Knox County Commissioner Mike Brown is 82 years young, still active, and still as humorous and contrary as ever. He’s retired now, keeping busy with taking care of his home and wife, and is full of memories and opinions.

The Knoxville Focus caught up with Brown recently and chatted with him.

Known for his humor he said he has a bad habit of “running my mouth before my brain is engaged.” Brown admitted that he has a few regrets over things he may have said.

Many people don’t know that before Brown was a commissioner he once played minor league baseball and was on two fast-pitch softball teams at the same time while working a full-time job.

“A few years ago, Knox County Commission had a softball tournament against the city, the school board and the MPC. I was the pitcher and

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Mike and Jan Brown

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# Veterans invited to FREE breakfasts

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Each Saturday morning all military veterans are invited to a free breakfast with fellow service members at several locations in our area.

Chris Albrecht, president and information officer of the United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, is urging every veteran to attend the events for fellowship and the honors of being recognized for their service.

Albrecht said that some breakfasts are well-attended while other locations need to boost attendance. “For example, the breakfast on the first Saturday of each month at Elks Lodge is a huge success, as is the third Saturday of the month at the Heiskell Community Center in Powell,” he said, adding, “the others not so much.”



**Why not join your fellow veterans for a free breakfast on Saturdays? Several locations invite you and the coffee and meal is free to honor your service to our nation.**

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Oliver Springs DAV, 530 Kingston Avenue, Oliver Springs  
DAV 2600, Holbrook Drive, Knoxville  
Louisville VFW, 2561 Hobbs Road, Louisville  
Dandridge United Methodist Church, 121 Meeting Street, Dandridge

# How Much Alimony Will I Get?

One of the questions that I often navigate with people who are going through a divorce is, “how much alimony will I get?” Or perhaps it’s the opposite of that question, “how much alimony will I have to pay?”

The Tennessee law on alimony (it can also be called spousal support) is very long-winded and confusing and can be found at Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-5-121. Even if you read that law, you will still have no idea how much alimony is going to be awarded.

What I tell people is that there is no formula for how long alimony is awarded for or for what amount, but here are some general guidelines as to whether alimony is on the table for discussion and the length for which it may be awarded:

1. Alimony is typically not going to be awarded if you have been married less than seven years
2. Except in extremely long-term

marriages (30 years or more), alimony is typically only awarded for one-third the length of the marriage, at most

3. Is there a significant difference in the income of the parties? If the parties make the same amount of money, or close to it, alimony is not typically going to be awarded

As to the amount, Tennessee law states that the two primary considerations in determining the amount of alimony awarded are: the need for alimony by the person requesting it and the ability to pay alimony by the person from whom it is being requested.

How do we determine what is needed? A monthly budget is put together for the person requesting it to see how short they are on their monthly bills. Their monthly deficit is their need for the purpose of requesting alimony. Will that person always get the amount of their deficit? No, of course not but that is the starting point for what the amount of their monthly alimony request will be.


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# Being dumped

My car radio is tuned to the '60s and '70s channels. The morning drive-time show



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features the songs I love best, although most music from those years sparks a memory of some kind. The last couple of mornings, the tunes have reminded me of some of the hardest times that teens experienced. Breaking up with a girlfriend or boyfriend was no fun.

I’m an authority on being dumped. It happened on a consistent basis in high school and the first years of college. Only when I quit dating did the dumping cease. Then I found Amy, or maybe she found me, and she gave me even more love than I deserved.

Being dumped used to follow a standard set of actions. First came arguments. (Since I’ve never been a female, this piece is from a male point of view.) The spats began over anything the boy does or said.

When the boy called his sweetheart, she didn’t answer. At other times, the busy signal echoed across the airwaves. When he questioned her about the phone the next day, she declared that her mom left the phone off the hook. His suspicions were alerted, but he accepted the lie.

Between classes, she ignored her boyfriend as she chatted up some other guy. During another break, he found her in a huddle with friends in the locker bay. Before long, this teen wondered why his girl was ignoring him. She denied any accusations and turned a cold shoulder to him.

After a few weeks of fights, cold shoulders, no phone calls, and less affection, the big talk came. The couple went out

on a date, but neither was at ease. The car rolled to a stop on a dark road located in a half-finished subdivision. The male asked what was wrong with the girl, and she answered “Nothing.” He then asked why she was acting differently, but she sat in silence. The anger boiled below the surface as his girlfriend stared through the windshield at nothing. Then she turned to look at him and, for a second, pitied him. She told him that their relationship was crumbling and that they both needed to see other people. Tears flowed, begging began, and in the end, she removed his class ring from the chain around her neck and handed it to him. She whimpered to go home, and when they arrived, the former girlfriend sealed the break-up by saying, “We can still be friends. I really care about you.” It was brutal, and the next few months were torturous for the broken-hearted boy.

I’m not sure about young couples these days and how they manage to end relationships. Both individuals are so involved with cell phones and video games and social media that they don’t seem to have time for each other. How do they even know if they are a couple? Do they talk or text each other? If they do communicate, about what do they talk? When they break up, do they do it in person or through zoom or facetime?

I might be out of the loop. So much in life is different from when I was a teen. If a girl tried to break my heart now, I might not understand that the girl dumped me. Wouldn’t that be a mess? I like the old ways of being cut loose. The girls in my life always made it abundantly clear that I’d been kicked to the curb. At least they did it face-to-face. Even some of the bad things from the old days are better than the new ones.

# Mike Brown’s 82 years of memories and humor

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the county commission won all the games” he recalled.

Brown spends his time keeping his home and property up and keeps active in his local homeowners’ group, his church and the South Knox Republican Club.

He talked about his wife, two daughters and son, and laughed as he said, “My wife Jan and I are Baplics— I’m

Baptist and she is Catholic.”

Mike Brown resides on the same land that was granted to his family back in 1788 before Tennessee was a state. He talked about the two Brown family graveyards nearby and the slave graves at one end of the cemetery.

When Brown was on the Knox County Commission you could always hear him emphasize “Under God” in the pledge to the flag. “I’ve always believed in God and I’m concerned about our country. I’m not sure we can turn it about but we’ve got to remind people of our principles and keep trying”

he said. He was a leader in getting the Knox County Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission established and served on the committee.

“I hope people will remember me as an advocate for the little guy and for truth and justice. I’ve made all my decisions on those ideas” he said.

Brown added a joke during our chat:

“Evangelist Billy Graham was leaving an event and told his driver he’d like to drive the car. The driver got in the back and Rev. Graham sped down the highway going about 90 miles an hour. A policeman saw the speeding car and pulled it over. He walked to the driver to ask for his license but turned around and went back to the squad car. He called his supervisor and said he needed help because the chauffeur is Billy Graham so the passenger must be really important.”

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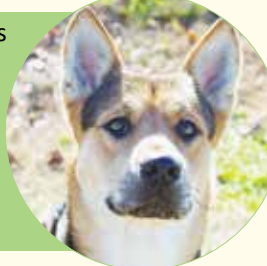


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# Tennessee's Modern Republican Party

## Dan Kuykendall *Part VII*

### Pages from the Past



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No Republican had represented West Tennessee in Congress since Reconstruction yet Dan Kuykendall was making a spirited challenge to incumbent George W. Grider to represent Memphis in the House of Representatives. Kuykendall, a native of Texas whose family had left Tennessee to follow Sam Houston to the Lone Star State, had come to Memphis for work with Proctor & Gamble. Later Kuykendall said "on a whim" he had begun volunteering to work in campaigns for Republican candidates. Dan Kuykendall had worked on behalf of GOP presidential nominee Richard Nixon in 1960 and had been the campaign manager for Republican Bob James who ran against Congressman Clifford Davis in 1962. James had shocked not only Congressman Davis but the entire political establishment when he came within 1,200 votes of upsetting the veteran representative who was the last vestige of the old Crump machine.

Memphis and Shelby County had once been the political domain of E. H. Crump, but when the Boss died in 1954, his machine began to disintegrate. Many of those who had backed Crump and his machine began drifting away from the Democratic Party. Even Crump had bolted it in 1948, refusing to support President Harry Truman, preferring instead States' Rights candidate Strom Thurmond. Shelby County gave 26,396 votes to Thurmond, 23,854 to Truman, and 14,566 to Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

Crump had lived long enough to see Tennessee vote for Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard Nixon in 1952, albeit quite narrowly; even in Shelby County the Democratic presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson won 71,779 votes to 65,170 for Eisenhower.

Eisenhower once again carried Tennessee in 1956 with Tennessean Estes Kefauver running as the vice presidential candidate with Stevenson. Richard Nixon won the Volunteer State decisively in 1960 over John F. Kennedy. Lyndon Johnson became the first Democrat to carry Tennessee since Harry Truman in 1948.

While Tennessee had boasted the occasional Republican governor, the Volunteer State had never voted to elect a GOP candidate to the United States Senate since popular election had chosen the state's senators. Only twice had Tennessee Republicans really offered serious candidates for the U. S. Senate. The first instance occurred

with the first popular election in 1916 when former Governor Ben W. Hooper faced Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar. Hooper's 45% of the vote remained the high mark for a GOP candidate for the United States Senate until 1964. The second effort by Republicans to win a seat in the Senate had occurred in 1948 when former GOP National Chairman and congressman Carroll Reece thought it would be a banner year for his party. Virtually everyone but Harry Truman believed Tom Dewey would be elected president and the Republicans would sweep Congress. Reece was the GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate while country music legend Roy Acuff was the Republican nominee for governor. Reece and Acuff drew tremendous crowds, which frightened the Democrats but the GOP ticket won only a third of the ballots cast in the general election.

With both of Tennessee's seats in the Senate up for election in 1964, Howard Baker and Dan Kuykendall won more votes than ever before received by GOP candidates for the U. S. Senate. Baker was running for the Senate once again in 1966 while Dan Kuykendall was the GOP nominee for Congress against freshman Democrat, Congressman George W. Grider.

Lyndon Johnson had won the election in 1964 in a landslide against GOP candidate Barry Goldwater. Numerous Republican incumbents had been swept out of office that year. The success of LBJ and the Democrats was beginning to tarnish, especially with inflation beginning to seriously affect Americans' cost of living. GOP candidates across the country were pounding the hell out of the Johnson administration and Democratic incumbents over inflation. The GOP candidates in Tennessee were no different. Howard Baker hammered the Johnson administration, although his opponent in the general election, Governor Frank Clement, had not been in Congress to support LBJ's agenda. Dan Kuykendall enthusiastically campaigned against the Johnson administration and labeled Congressman George W. Grider as a rubber stamp for the president.

Grider had some reason to be confident; he had received more than 42,000 votes in the August Democratic primary while Kuykendall had gotten a paltry 6,500 in the GOP primary.

As the possibility of a tax increase was considered by the Johnson administration, Dan Kuykendall



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*Congressman Dan Kuykendall and his wife Jackie on the night of his defeat for reelection in 1974.*

snapped, "I'm not going to bail out the Great Society with a tax increase." The Nashville Congressman Grider, while saying he didn't think a tax increase was necessary, stated he would vote for it if all else failed. Then as now, Democrats argued wages were running ahead of prices. Democrats insisted a smaller percentage of the average family's budget was spent on food than at any time previously.

The race for Congress from Tennessee's Ninth District overshadowed every other race on the ballot in Shelby County in the general election. The Memphis Commercial Appeal labeled the congressional race as "the hottest contest on the November ballot." Congressman Grider and Dan Kuykendall differed on virtually every significant issue facing the people of Shelby County at the time. Basically, it could be boiled down to a single issue: Grider's support for the administration of President Lyndon Johnson and Dan Kuykendall's opposition to the "Great Society." Grider attempted to downplay inflation, which was an issue with many American households and, not surprisingly, a real concern to many housewives who managed family budgets. Congressman Grider acknowledged inflation was "annoying", but dismissed it as a major problem for Americans. Kuykendall pointed to the Johnson administration's free spending on the domestic front while financing the war in Vietnam. Kuykendall said the spending policies of the Johnson administration had caused a decline in the purchasing power of families.

Grider had cause for concern when some Democrats openly defected to support Dan Kuykendall. Former Judge Beverly Boushe was the nominal head of "Democrats for Kuykendall." Two former state senators, J. Weldon Burrow and Harry Scruggs, endorsed Kuykendall for Congress, as did former state Representative John Maxwell.

Boushe claimed to never have supported a Republican candidate before but said he was supporting Dan Kuykendall "because I think it my duty to do whatever I can to stop this downhill rush to centralized government and socialism." "I hope other Democrats who feel as I do won't be afraid to stand

up and be counted," Judge Boushe added.

The Nashville Tennessean, the state's most vociferously Democratic newspaper, accused Kuykendall, "the Goldwater image in 1964," of attempting "to whip up a white backlash" and "whatever else against U. S. Rep. George Grider, who has built an image of serving Memphis' best interests." The Tennessean claimed GOP hopes of electing Kuykendall had once run high but had diminished over time.

The Memphis Press-Scimitar declared one statement made by Dan Kuykendall its "quote of the week" in the middle of October. Both Kuykendall and George Grider had served in the Second World War; Kuykendall had been a pilot while Grider had commanded a submarine. "I'm not a military expert," Kuykendall said. "The airplane I flew in World War II is out of date. And I believe my opponent's submarine is out of date too. So I don't think he is a military expert either."

On October 23, 1966, the Commercial Appeal issued its endorsements for West Tennessee congressional races. The endorsement of Robert "Fats" Everett could have surprised exactly nobody. The Commercial Appeal endorsed Governor Frank Clement for the United States Senate over Howard Baker. In the race for the Ninth Congressional District, the Commercial Appeal endorsed incumbent George Grider. The editorial stated the election of Kuykendall "would mean lost time and doubtful outcome as the new man feels his way in unfamiliar territory."

"I want to be remembered when I die that I was a member of the Education Congress, the 89th Congress," George Grider said. The congressman praised the Johnson administration's anti-poverty initiatives and claimed Congress was heading towards its goal of "breaking the hereditary cycle of poverty." Congressman Grider sounded confident as Election Day approached. "I'm going back up there (to Washington) next year to continue these programs."

On October 27, 1966, the Memphis Press-Scimitar endorsed the congressional candidacy of Dan Kuykendall. While the Press-Scimitar

readily admitted George W. Grider was an honest and honorable man, as a congressman the newspaper concluded his record was "hurting this community and the rest of the nation." The editorial went on to make the case against Grider, as well as a case for electing Dan Kuykendall. The Press-Scimitar openly disliked "the national Democratic Establishment's philosophy, which has spawned an ever-growing, ever more powerful federal bureaucracy" which cheerfully ignored the increasing national debt.

That same day Gerald Ford, the Minority Leader in the House of Representatives, came to Memphis to campaign for both Dan Kuykendall and Julius Hurst.

The last week of the campaign was hectic for both candidates. The fifty-three-year-old congressman reiterated his support for the Great Society and President Johnson. The forty-two-year-old Dan Kuykendall heralded his support for free enterprise, law and order and fiscal restraint.

"When a man says he's going to do a job and then he goes to Washington and does it, I think the people will agree to give him a second term," Congressman Grider opined the day before the election. Grider saw little or no difference between the campaigns of Bob James and Dan Kuykendall; the congressman described both Republicans as "Goldwater obstructionists." Grider thought Kuykendall's campaign was motivated by the same "negativism and fear of the Federal Government" which had been the primary issue championed by Barry Goldwater in the 1964 presidential race. While campaigning, Grider ran into a woman who, as it turned out, informed the congressman she was from California. Grider asked who her congressman was and the lady replied she couldn't remember, but said he was a Republican. "No wonder you can't remember," Grider replied. "He's probably never done anything."

Another woman "haughtily refused to accept" the congressman's campaign brochure but immediately engaged Grider in a conversation to seek his help in obtaining her husband's war record from the

Department of Defense.

Kuykendall's picture was liberally plastered all over the Ninth Congressional District and many people who had never met the GOP congressional candidate nonetheless called him "Dan." One fellow asked, "How's it going, Dan?"

"Well, we think we're going to make it this time," Kuykendall replied. "I'll tell you, I'm tired of coming in second. I've decided moral victories are immoral." The Republican candidate concentrated on personally meeting voters during the last week of the election, meeting and shaking hands with approximately 1,200 people daily. Kuykendall said of Congressman George Grider, "My opponent believes in what he's doing, he's fighting for what he believes in and for his political life. Should I lose, I would thank my people and wish him well, and hope he will have the same feeling toward me if he loses. I know he is sincere, and I consider him a gentleman."

November 8, 1966, was Election Day in Tennessee and around the country. At a time when there was no early voting, voting by mail or the like, voters trooped to the polls to cast their ballots.

Most observers had thought the race between Congressman George W. Grider and challenger Dan Kuykendall would be close and it was. 1966 proved to be a very good year for Republicans across the nation and Tennessee was no exception. Dan Kuykendall led in the returns and the faces at the Grider headquarters reflected dismay and worry. Dr. Tom Stern, a strong supporter of Congressman Grider, tried to reassure his friends. "These are all strong Republican precincts in East Memphis."

Dan Kuykendall bested George Grider with 47,489 votes to 43,553. Grider had only picked up 1,383 votes from his total in the primary election. Kuykendall had picked up 40,933 votes in the general election.

At 10:30 p.m. Congressman Grider climbed atop a table and the old submarine commander said, "Every time we sink we always surface later."

Dan Kuykendall had just become the first Republican ever to be elected to Congress from West Tennessee since Reconstruction.



# Taking the Luttrell Loop

If you are tired of being cooped up with the rain and winter weather, you may want to take the family for a brief drive and visit some of the smaller communities that surround Knoxville.

Just north of Knoxville are several interesting communities including the Union County town of Luttrell.

The incorporated little town shares its name with James Churchwell Luttrell Jr., an attorney who served longer than any other

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

as Knoxville Mayor in the 1800s. He was mayor during the Civil War and also served as the state comptroller and in the state Senate.

On a sunny and cold winter day recently, my wife and I drove through Fountain City to Tazewell Pike and

headed northeast up the route through Gibbs and beyond. The feel of the land along the road beyond the Gibbs schools soon became very rural and much like the old East Tennessee I grew up

in along the road marked Highway 131.

We were surprised at the number of Dollar General Stores along our drive. It seems that if any community has a gas station and a dozen citizens, it has a dollar store.

Just beyond the Corryton Road intersection is the little incorporated town of Plainview, complete with its own community center, a few shops and churches. The town is pretty spread out along the road and borders the city limits of the slightly larger Luttrell.

We turned south on Highway 61 and drove into the spread-out "downtown" Luttrell area,

stopping at the town hall to take a photo.

Luttrell has a post office, its own utility district office, and about 1,100 citizens. Originally called "Cedar Ford," the town developed around a lime kiln and marble quarry. After the railroad came through, the town became a shipping center and was incorporated in 1925. Marble from Luttrell was used to help build the Tennessee Capitol and various buildings in Washington, D.C.

The hometown of both Chet Atkins and Kenny Chesney, Luttrell proudly proclaims both with signs at the town hall. The city has a school, community center

and park. It also has a variety of shops, a fireworks store, churches and a grocery store.

Turning back toward Knoxville we took Highway 61 south to Blaine and then followed Rutledge Pike home. You may take Highway 61 north to Maynardville and return to Knoxville by way of Maynardville Highway, Route 33.

Coming back by way of Blaine you might want to stop by the House Mountain State Recreation Area.

The Luttrell municipal building is located at 3514 Highway 61, on Main Street, and information may be obtained by calling the mayor's office at (865) 992-0870.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

## The Kentucky River Giant II

By Jadon Gibson

Following the Civil War, Martin Van Buren Bates had a great chance of success in the outside world. Carnivals, circuses and traveling shows wanted him because he was so unique. He joined an exhibition traveling throughout the United States and Canada. In 1870 Judge H. G. Ingalls, a well-known promoter, asked him to come to Elizabeth, New Jersey, and join a company he was organizing for a European tour. Bates accepted his offer in time to join the entourage. Ingalls billed him as "the Kentucky River Giant" and the giant's strong features, good manners and immense size resulted in his acceptance wherever he appeared.

Meanwhile Anna Swan who would become a

female giant was growing up and up and up in Nova Scotia off the coast of New Brunswick. Anna was the third of 13 children born to her parents who were Scottish immigrants. Anna surpassed her mother in height by age six and became a seven-footer at age 15. Like Martin Van Buren Bates, she drew a lot of attention wherever she went.

"I heard about Anna Swan through a Quaker who came to my office one day," Phineas T. Barnum, famous U.S. showman of Barnum & Bailey fame, wrote in his autobiography which was published in 1869. "He said she was the tallest girl in the world, a wonderful 17-year old girl and he lived near her. I told him to obtain her exact height. He did and sent it to me. I sent an agent at

once and he came back with Anna Swan."

P.T. Barnum had a popular museum in which he exhibited wild animals and unusual characters of the time. After two disastrous fires he decided to take the show to the people as the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

"Anna Swan was an intelligent girl and by no means ill-looking," Barnum wrote. "During the long period she was in my employ she was visited by thousands of people. After the burning of my second museum she went to England where she attracted great attention."

Martin Van Buren Bates met Anna Haining Swan through Judge Ingalls and it was almost like love at first sight. The seven-foot eleven-inch Scottish lass from Nova Scotia and Martin Bates had a lot in common so a courtship began.

In April 1871 Judge Ingalls' company sailed for England. The two eight-foot tall sweethearts became an instant hit with the British public and on June 2, 1871, Queen Victoria commanded their appearance at Buckingham Palace. Bates, Swan and the queen became lifetime friends.

A wedding is in the works for you to read about next time...

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## Oakwood Senior Living

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TMSAA BASKETBALL TOURNEY TIME

Vine’s crown comes with a Cherry on top

By Steve Williams

With the outcome still up for grabs, Vine’s Condis Cherry missed two key free throws in the final period of the TMSAA Class AA Area 3 finals against Holston last week.

Cherry, however, redeemed himself moments later when he scored on a reverse layup and Holston’s 6-6, 225-pound Jayden Dubose picked up his fifth foul. It was the Play of the Game.

The old fashion 3-point play gave the Golden Bears a five point lead with 1:56 left and Vine went on to prevail 44-39 to take the title.

Cherry finished with a game-high 22 points.

“I love that kid,” said Coach Jadarius Suber outside a happy locker room. “I’ve been with him since he was 12 years old. He’s special. The sky is the limit for him.”

Incidentally, Shane Cherry, who has been a standout on Austin-East’s high school team this season, is Condis’ “big brother,” said Coach Suber. “Good genes.”

Antonio Stewart added 12 points to the Vine total.

Holston got 13 points from Mason Laster, 12 from Nick Steen and 10 from Dubose, who by the way wears a size 16 shoe.

“The key tonight was just who wanted it more, who wanted to be grittier, who was hungry,” said Coach Suber. “We were hungrier coming in at halftime. We were down four (20-16).

“I told them, ‘We got 12 minutes to go. It’s whatever you all want to do. It’s 12 minutes. Leave it all out on the court.’”



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Vine Golden Bears celebrate their 44-39 championship win over Holston in the TMSAA Class AA Area 3 finals at South-Doyle Middle School.

The two teams swapped mini runs in the third period and Holston led by two (31-29) going into the fourth.

After Cherry’s big play in the final period put Vine in front by five, he added two more free throws with 50 seconds left to make it a seven-point command (41-34).

“Vine is a great coached team,” said Holston Coach Tony Cooper outside of his team’s locker room. “It was a great atmosphere. Both teams know each other very well and are very competitive. It’s just sometimes the ball don’t bounce your way. Hat’s

off to Vine and their program.”

But Cooper added: “My team wants another shot at them before this year is over.”

It’s possible that could happen in Cleveland, where the Class AA Section 1 tournament was scheduled to begin this past Saturday and continue this week.

“We ain’t finished yet,” said Suber, who is in his second season as head coach at Vine. “We’re still going. We’re still hungry. We’re trying to prove that we are the best team in the state of Tennessee.”

Red Devils get revenge, region title on the mat

By Ken Lay

The returning members of the Halls High School wrestling team have long memories and they had nearly an entire calendar year to stew about what happened at the 2022 Region 2-A Duals in Corryton last season. It was then when rival Gibbs defeated the Red Devils to win a championship.

The Red Devils and Eagles again took to the mat Tuesday night in Halls and the home team took out nearly 365 days of frustration in a 51-25 victory and claimed a regional dual title.

“Our guys absolutely remembered what happened last season,” Halls coach Shannon Sayne said. “And for the last month, we’ve battled adversity but we have depth.

“It’s a good time to be a Red Devil right now.”

The Red Devils wasted little time erasing the sour taste from last year as they darted out to a 24-0 lead as Harlan Hunley (138 pounds), Trevor Sexton (145), Barrett Whaley (152) all won via the pin and Briar Whaley,

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VanAcker delivers late to help Farragut win county title

By Ken Lay

For nearly 24 minutes, Powell Middle School’s girls basketball team silenced one of the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference’s top scorers.

But you can’t keep a sharp shooter out of the scorebook for long. And Farragut Middle’s Gabby VanAcker found her way into the scoring column when her team needed her most.

She knocked down a crucial 3-point shot with 7.6 seconds remaining in the regulation to send the game into overtime.

But she wasn’t finished.

She had a steal and a transition basket late in the extra frame to seal the Class AAA tournament title for the Lady Admirals, who culminated a comeback with a 43-38 win over the Lady Panthers Wednesday night before a spirited crowd at South-Doyle Middle School.

“I joked with her and I told her that it was better late



The Farragut Middle School girls celebrate a KCMSBC tournament title Wednesday night. The Lady Admirals came from behind to edge Powell 43-38 Wednesday night at South-Doyle. Photo submitted.

than never,” Farragut coach Devan McIntyre said. “She had five points and those five points were really huge. They were ones that really counted.”

It was McIntyre’s first county tournament title as Farragut’s coach and culminates an undefeated KCMSBC campaign.

The Lady Admirals, however, have made the

sectionals every year since Knox County Schools have played on the state stage.

“It feels good to finally be on the other side,” McIntyre said. “This one would’ve been a hard one to get over, to have an undefeated season and then lose it in the county tournament.

“Last year, we lost in the county tournament and we never recovered in the

sectionals.”

VanAcker was just as elated as her coach.

“I’m glad I made that and I’m glad we won,” she said. “I’m glad we kept playing and I’m glad we had each other’s backs.”

The Lady Admirals prevailed but it wasn’t easy as the Lady Panthers had a 10-7 lead after the first quarter and held a slim

19-18 lead at halftime.

Farragut rallied in the third frame and had a 27-26 advantage heading into the final eight minutes and the roller coaster ride began in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Admirals led by as many as three points twice late and Powell had a three-point edge after Emyrson Mayes made a pair of free throws to make the score 38-35 with 18.2 seconds left in regulation. VanAcker sent the game to overtime a short time later.

The Lady Admirals then won the title from the free throw line and their defense didn’t surrender a point in the extra frame.

Reagan Sheridan made three foul shots in overtime and VanAcker had the game’s final field goal and Farragut celebrated a championship.

Powell coach Steve Waugh commended his squad’s effort.

“We had a three-point lead and Farragut steps up

and sticks that three and sends the game to overtime,” he said. “I’m proud of the girls. They gave it all they had.”

The sectional tournament opened Saturday at Powell and Waugh (who also coaches Powell’s boys) had two teams in action in the first round.

“Now, we get to play at home and we’re fortunate to have a community that supports boys and girls middle school basketball and we’ll have a full gym of fans waiting for us on Saturday morning.”

Farragut had a first-round bye and was scheduled to play Tuesday at Powell. Game time and opponent were not determined at press time.

In the county finals, Sheridan had a game-high 19 points and Farragut’s Trinity Curry added 10.

Payton Richmond and Izy Wilds led the Lady Panthers with 10 points each.

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Farragut High player Lukas Buckner and his father Matt Buckner were recently honored by the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association.

## Pember sets school scoring record

By Steve Williams

Former Bearden High and UT player Drew Pember poured in a school record 48 points last week to power UNC-Asheville to an 88-80 overtime win over Presbyterian.

Now a senior, Pember collected 12 rebounds and blocked two shots in addition to his scoring production.

### Media alert: KFOA posts 'unofficial' start

It's time to put a Summer Date on your calendar. The Knoxville Football Officials' Association has slated the "Unofficial Start" of High School Football season 2023 for Friday, July 14 at Three Ridges Golf Course Pavilion. The event will run from 8 am to noon.

Harold Denton, a TSSAA Supervisor in the KFOA, expects between 30 to 40 area high school football coaches and their top two athletes to attend.

The Media Day and Scholarship Golf Tournament are the primary means from which the KFOA earns money to fund scholarships for players, managers, trainers and spirit squad members for the schools it serves.

Since 1983, the KFOA has awarded 88 scholarships worth \$177,000 to 27 schools.

### Oak Ridge names Rang its new head coach

Over 50 applicants sought the Oak Ridge head football coaching position and Derek Rang won the job, OR Athletic Director Joe Gaddis announced last week.

Rang succeeds Scott Cummings, who reportedly was forced to resign or be fired after his first season at Oak Ridge last year.

Rang has been a head coach previously at Powell, Dresden,



Gatlinburg-Pittman and Lewis County. He won a TSSAA Class 1A state title in 2016 at Dresden.

His nine-year head coaching record is 87-29.

### Bearden basketball girls keep rolling

After its Class 4A state title in 2021-22, Bearden's Lady Bulldogs are ranked No. 1 in the state by The Associated Press with a 22-0 record as of Jan. 23. Bradley Central is No. 2 at 21-0 and No. 6 Heritage is 18-2.

In other girls' state rankings, Jackson South Side is 19-0 and No. 1 in Class 3A, while Westview is No. 1 with a 21-0 record in Class 2A and Wayne County tops Class 1A with a spotless 21-0 record.

In Division II-A girls, CAK (19-5) is No. 3 in the latest AP poll.

On the boys' side, Independence is No. 1 in Class 4A, followed by William Blount at No. 4, Hardin Valley at No. 6 and Oak Ridge at No. 7. Fulton is No. 6 in Class 3A.

In Division II-AA, Webb ranks No. 5 in the state and Catholic No. 6. The King's Academy is No. 4 in Division II-A.

### Admirals' father and son earn state honors

Farragut's Lukas Buckner was named the 2022 Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's Class 4A Tennessee High School Baseball Player of the Year on Jan. 21 in Franklin.

It was a double celebration as Matt Buckner, Lukas' dad and the Admirals' head coach, was inducted into the TBCA Hall of Fame on the same day.

## TMSAA BASKETBALL TOURNEY TIME

# Cullom sparkles as Wolves edge Farragut and claim title

By Ken Lay

Damian Cullom propelled the West Valley Middle School boys basketball team to a Knox County Middle School Class AAA Tournament Championship Wednesday.

Cullom, a post player for the Wolves, scored 17 points and made five clutch free throws in the fourth quarter to help West Valley outlast rival Farragut, 37-36, before a packed and boisterous house at South-Doyle Middle School.

Next stop for the Wolves is the sectional tournament at Powell Middle. There, they will be joined by the Admirals and the host Panthers, who edged South-Doyle, 32-30, in Wednesday night's county consolation game.

Powell and Farragut played Saturday but results were not available at press time.

West Valley (24-3) had a first-round bye and will open sectional play Wednesday night.

Wolves' coach Noel Landrum and his team lost just once this season to a Knox County opponent, dropping a close contest to Holston, but things haven't been easy.

"A lot of our games have looked a lot like this," Landrum said. "These guys play good defense and then we get just enough offense. This team plays good defense and we have to find offense."

"The team we had last year (which made a run to the state tournament in Middle Tennessee) was



West Valley Middle's boys won a county tournament championship Wednesday night in South Knoxville. The Wolves edged rival Farragut 37-36 in the championship game.

a better offensive team. I had a lot of guys this year this year that played on that Bearden (Middle School) county championship team."

That obviously translated to the hardwood as the Wolves held the Admirals (17-3) to just 36 points.

"We faced a good Farragut team and (coach) Lynn (Allen) does a great job with his guys," Landrum said. He runs schemes and he runs sets."

Cullom did not play football although with his physical stature, he could and the Admirals' lack of a true post presence made the big man difficult to guard, as he scored nine points after halftime, including seven over the final eight minutes.

His two foul shots with 11.5 seconds remaining gave the Wolves the victory.

"For Damian, it's all about basketball," Landrum said. "We run our offense through him and he's my most consistent

ball handler against the press and he shoots 2/3 of our free throws.

"I'm sure that the coaches will try to get him to play football in high school, but he loves basketball. He works at basketball. Every day after practice, he goes to the (YMCA)."

Allen was also impressed with Cullom.

"He's just a great player," Allen said.

While the big man shouldered the bulk of the offensive load, he picked up some help from a supporting cast that included guards Cooper Jones and Brendon Murphy. Jones finished with nine points while Murphy had eight.

Guard Ethan Farhat scored 16 points to face Farragut, which battled shooting struggles all night long. Matthew Dickens had nine points on the strength of three long-range jumpers.

"We just couldn't by a bucket and this just wasn't meant to be," Allen said. "But the thing I'm the most

proud of is the way our kids battled on a night when we couldn't buy one.

"They played good defense and we had the lead with about 30 seconds to go. Any time you have Farragut and West Valley, it's going to be a war and Noel does a great job."

The Admirals were facing an uphill battle all night and they trailed, 29-23, heading into the final frame. Farragut took its first lead of the fourth quarter when Connor Everley made it 34-33 with 1 minute, 35 seconds remaining in the contest.

Cullom answered with a pair of free throws to help West Valley regain the lead a short time later before Farhat made a pair from the line with 37.7 seconds to play to give Farragut a 36-35 lead.

Landrum lauded Farhat's effort.

"I know Ethan is coming off an injury, but he's just tough," Landrum said.



The Holston Hurricanes hold up the gold basketball after roaring past Gibbs 37-27 to win the TMSAA Class AA Area 3 title. Photo by Steve Williams.

# Holston girls shake off Gibbs with defensive play

By Steve Williams

A full-court press got the Holston Lady Hurricanes back in the game and then carried them to a pull-away 37-27 victory over Gibbs in the TMSAA Class AA Area 3 basketball championship game last week at South-Doyle Middle School.

Tymirrianna Brown led the way by scoring all 17 of her points in the second half. Teammates Ja'Onna Witt and Ja'Rya Winton added six points each.

Gibbs got 12 points from Annie Buckner, including a pair of 3-pointers. Peyton Hargis contributed five points.

Both teams earned berths in the Class AA Section 1 tournament, which was scheduled to start this past Saturday in Cleveland.

But the Holston girls had to dig out of a 10-point hole before they could celebrate

a 10-point victory.

"Our girls were having a hard time making any points," said Holston Coach Melinda Burch. "We talked at halftime and after that they all played real well together. And I think continuing to work hard and talking to each other really helped."

Trailing by 10 points (17-7), Brianna Pettit sank a free throw with 4:15 on the clock in the third period and then Brown hit a free throw for her first point of the game.

The Lady Hurricanes' press turned the ball over and Brown scored inside to close the gap to six, forcing Gibbs Coach C.H. Qualls to quickly call a timeout at 3:57.

The TO helped as Buckner scored and Gibbs converted two foul shots to restore its 10-point

advantage.

But Holston then went on a 12-point run that extended into the final period and gave the Lady Hurricanes a 23-21 lead with 4:40 remaining.

Buckner once again stepped up for Gibbs and drilled back-to-back 3-pointers to give her team a 27-23 lead. But those would be Gibbs' last points. Brown ignited a 14-0 run with a 3-point shot at the top of the circle and her rebound basket put Holston ahead for good (28-27) with 2:20 to go.

The Lady Hurricanes' press really kicked in as it forced a traveling violation and then got a steal. Leading by seven, they started holding the ball, forcing Gibbs to foul.

"We have a really athletic bunch and they are really good on defense,

so anytime we need a few points I'm like 'Okay girls, let's press,' and we usually do pretty good at that," summed up Coach Burch after the game. "It worked this time and we were happy with the outcome."

**WV GIRLS ADVANCE:** West Valley's girls rolled past host South-Doyle in the second period and coasted to a 39-21 win over the Lady Cherokees in the Class AAA Area 3 consolation game to earn a berth in the Section 1 tournament.

The Lady Wolves, who outscored S-D 20-4 in the second period after trailing 10-7, got a balanced scoring attack from Jaylen Drazkowski (11 points), Riley Hunt (8) and Cali Motley (7). Gigi Komeshak tallied eight in a losing cause.

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# The view from the visiting team’s dressing room

Procuring a post-game comment from opposing coaches at Neyland Stadium and Thompson-Boling Arena was always an exciting pastime.



By Tom Mattingly

All kinds of things happened under the stadium’s south end or down a distant corridor under the northeast side of TBA that have never made the light of day.

Until now.

Opposing coaches and fan bases are fascinating people.

When Kentucky came to TBA, there were times the entire population of Hazard or Maysville might try to beat a path to the dressing room area. Many of them made it in. Many more griped about being left out.

There was always a great deal of fun there, even if the guys around Rick Pitino wearing Armani suits or the ones wearing blue blazers with “UK” emblazoned on the breast pocket would look at outsiders suspiciously.

When John Brady was coaching hoops at LSU, he once spent a great deal of time post-game arguing with a writer from Tiger Rag about something written in the publication that didn’t meet Brady’s exacting standards. Never mind about the game. The game just played was secondary to whatever they were



Rick Barnes meets the media at Thompson-Boling Arena after a Vol basketball game.

arguing about.

A Mississippi State player’s mother once got by security at the dressing room door to complain that her son didn’t make it into the game. Rick Stansbury explained patiently he had been hurt and hadn’t practiced, but that didn’t calm things down at all.

Stansbury seemed more impressed that the Bulldogs had won. The mother’s rant didn’t particularly dazzle him, and he made that fact known to anyone who would listen.

South Carolina’s Eddie Fogler once sat down in the corridor, back against wall, berating himself for an ill-timed technical that cost

the Gamecocks the game. “Dumb, Eddie, dumb,” he said, over and over. Once he got over that fit of pique, he did his interview as if it had never happened.

When Richard Williams was the head coach at Mississippi State, the Bulldogs felt victimized at TBA by a foul call in the final moments and ended up losing. State announcer Jack Cristil asked Williams about it on the post-game show. Somehow one question wasn’t enough, and the foul call dominated the show.

On his post-game show in 1996 after the Bulldogs had lost to Tennessee, Georgia head coach Jim

Donnan once berated loyalist Loran Smith for having dinner with Archie Manning the night before the game, suggesting he might have spilled the beans on the Bulldog game plan.

That colloquy happened during commercial breaks of Donnan’s show. When the lights went on and the two were live on the air, things were all hunky-dory.

During the commercial breaks, however, things were different. It was no place for faint hearts.

Dennis Franchione was in the interview room in 2002 after the Tide had dismantled the Vols, 34-14. While there was tumult in the dressing room next door

(with Franchione urging the assembled media to ignore some salty language therein), “Coach Fran” looked like the Maytag repairman, the loneliest man in Neyland Stadium. That was likely because he was headed to supposedly greener pastures to coach the Texas A&M Aggies.

That brought back memories of Bear Bryant leaving College Station to go to Tuscaloosa. “Coach Fran” was going the other way.

After the 1990 Cotton Bowl, head coach Ken Hatfield was holding court in the media room after Tennessee had dispatched Arkansas 31-27. Hatfield was extolling all things

Arkansas in nearly reverential tones. A long and glorious relationship seemed in the offing.

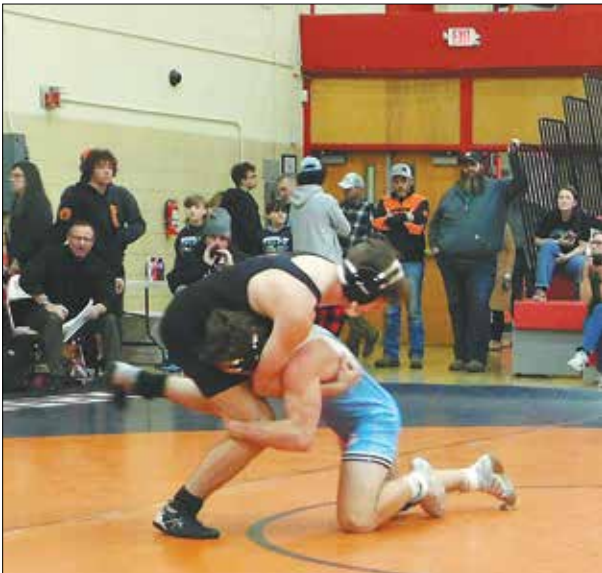
As time passed, nothing could have been further from the truth. Two or three days later, news reports indicated that Hatfield was leaving Fayetteville, Ark., on his way to Clemson, S.C.

When Syracuse came to TBA in the Allan Houston days, Jim Boeheim sought out Ray Mears at Mears’ seat location near the entrance to the visitors’ dressing area.

There was immediate conversation between the two coaches, who had competed fiercely in the first round of the 1977 NCAA Tournament in Boeheim’s rookie season and what turned out to be Mears’s finale as head coach at Tennessee.

No one present except the two coaches knew exactly what was said, but there appeared to be great emotion, maybe a tear or two involved. During the time Ray attended Tennessee games, opposing coaches took great pains to talk with Ray on their way off the court, showing great respect and deference.

There are not quite as many stories near the visitor’s dressing room as there were in the “Naked City” television series, but the stories you can tell are pretty good.



Gibbs High’s Hunter Abner goes for the takedown against Clinton’s Riley Silk in Tuesday’s Region 2 semifinals. The Eagles defeated the Dragons to advance to the championship match where the lost to host Halls 51-25.

## Red Devils get revenge, region title on the mat

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who competes in the 160-pound weight class, picked up a forfeit victory.

Hunley pinned Owen DeLuca in 3 minutes, 38 seconds. Sexton defeated Hunter Abner by fall in 3:36 and Barrett Whaley stuck Lucas Thompson at the 1:16 mark.

In the 171-pound weight class, Gillman Reed won a major decision over Halls High’s Sean Foxton to make the score 24-4.

At 182, Elijah Stowell came from behind to edge the Eagles’ Benji Angola 6-5. During that bout, Gibbs lost a team point when coach Tim Pittman was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The Eagles won at 195 when Elijah Hubbs claimed a major decision against Matthew Cook with a 20-8 victory.

Halls’ Bull Goodman returned to the lineup Tuesday night and picked a pin at 220.

Gibbs heavyweight Landon Brooks scored a pin to pull the Eagles to within 33-13.

The Eagles won at both 106 and 113 as Blake Allen and Ezra Finstad scored pins.

The Red Devils rounded out the night with three consecutive wins as David Cook (120) and Jordan Sexton won by fall and Samuel Hutchinson won by forfeit in 132-pound division.

Even in defeat, Pittman said he was pleased with his team’s effort.

“We battled and we’re not done,” he said. “Halls is a better team than us this year.

“We had some guys out with injury and you can’t do anything about that.”

Gibbs and Halls each advanced to the state sectionals, which were contested Friday. Results were not available at press time.

## Tennessee Opens the Purse Strings

By Mark Nagi

The University of Tennessee’s athletics department has finally figured it out. After a decade and a half in the wilderness, their teams are worthy of accolades.

Recently, Tennessee teams won SEC titles in women’s soccer, women’s swimming and diving and men’s basketball. The baseball team won the SEC’s regular season and tournament titles.

The football program, seemingly stuck in purgatory, won 11 games for the first time since 2001, with victories over Alabama, Florida, LSU, plus an Orange Bowl victory against Clemson.

For the first time, Tennessee won the USA Today Network SEC All-Sports Trophy. They also placed 13th in the LEARFIELD Directors’ Cup, their best finish in 15 years.

Last week, UT rewarded two of the guys that have played a huge role in Tennessee’s success, football coach Josh Heupel and athletics director Danny White.

The football program drives the engine of an athletics department. When the Vols have been bad, the entire AD suffers.

Since taking the UT job two years ago, the Vols have gone 18-8. They’ve beaten seven nationally ranked teams and finished the 2022 season ranked 6th in the country.

Tennessee wanted to make sure that Heupel’s compensation is at a level which keeps most programs looking for a coach at bay. Heupel’s contract is now extended through January 2029, and pays him an annual salary of \$9 million, plus incentives.

“Our staff takes great pride in representing the Power T, and it’s something

we never take for granted,” said Heupel. “We will continue to work tirelessly to build a championship program that all of Vol Nation and all VFLs can be proud of... Most importantly, our players are the people who deserve all of the credit for our resurgence on Rocky Top. Over the last two years, they believed in us and poured their energy into every single day with hard work, leadership, cohesiveness, and consistent habits. I am proud to be their coach.”

In 2022, the Vols had the top scoring offense at 46.1 points per game. They also had the number one team in total offense with 525.5 yards per game, plus passing efficiency (181.4) and total touchdowns (79) for the first time in program history. Tennessee also set 15 program records during the

2022 campaign.

Heupel’s new deal was announced on January 24th. The next day, the guy that hired Heupel got his raise and contract extension. Danny White’s new deal starts at \$2.2 million annually, with a six-year rolling term.

“Danny White’s strong and innovative leadership of our athletics department has created a championship culture and excellence across all sports in record time,” said UT Chancellor Donde Plowman. “He’s built the best team of athletics administrators in the country, a team committed to our student-athletes’ well-being and to winning with integrity. He has set audacious goals for Athletics and is exceeding every milestone. I appreciate his leadership, his vision and his commitment to making

the University of Tennessee the very best.”

White said, “The passion of Vol Nation gives us a unique opportunity to build the very best athletics department in America. We’re just getting started on Rocky Top. I can’t wait to see what’s next!”

Obviously, these are large financial numbers, but to play at this level, you can’t go cheap. Tennessee Athletics had its highest-ever single-year operating revenue of \$154.5 million in Fiscal Year 2022. Those numbers are expected to increase.

Tennessee wasn’t selling out the UT-Martin game with Jeremy Pruitt as head coach and Phillip Fulmer as AD.

Keeping Heupel and White happy should keep the good times rolling for years to come.

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# Bowling is a ‘real gift’ for Michael Collins

At the end of bowling’s regular season I learned Bearden High senior Michael Collins was receiving some special honors. I also figured out Hedy Collins, the new Bearden coach, was Michael’s mom.

I thought that might make an interesting feature so I set up an interview with them and we met one afternoon at the Western Avenue Strike & Spare Bowling Lanes, which just happens to be Michael’s favorite place.

Michael is a special needs student at BHS and a lifelong bowler. I had met him a couple times before in his high school career and did a story on the Bulldogs’ 2020 Unified bowling team that Michael was a part of his freshman year when their team placed second in the TSSAA state tournament.

I also had talked to Hedy about that time about the bowling lane the family built in their yard for Michael to practice on and enjoy in between trips to the bowling alley. So I was curious too to find out how Hedy had become the head coach.

The interview lasted about an hour and I learned quite a bit about Michael and coach/mom. It included funny moments and near tearful ones too.

The interview started with Michael calling me Clark Kent, The Daily Planet newspaper reporter that Superman disguised as before flying off to make a rescue. I laughed and told Michael I was a reporter but not a Superman. But his knowledge of the powerful fictional character who I knew when I was a high school kid bridged our generation

gap and I would later find out Michael and I had even more in common.

I congratulated Michael on receiving the “Spirit of Sportsmanship Award” from the coaches in District 3. “I feel proud about myself getting that award,” he said. He’s also been nominated for the “Spotlight Award” in the achievement category that will be presented this coming Saturday by the Smoky Mountain USBC (United States Bowling Congress) in Sevierville.

Before I left the Western Avenue Strike & Spare Lanes after the interview that day I asked Wendy Cox, the manager there, to comment on Michael, as she also is on the Board of the Smoky Mountain USBC.

“He is a gem,” said Wendy. “Michael Collins is the sweetest kid and bowling is his passion. I’ve never had a youth bowler more excited to walk in here and bowl than Michael. He knows anything and everything about bowling – bowling balls, pro bowlers. He studies it and he loves it.” Collins’ scores have gotten much better since getting a Track Stealth bowling ball for Christmas. He started scoring in the 130s and 140s and had a 151. His season average was 109 and his best game ever he said is a 163.

One of the things I asked Hedy about in the interview was how she came to be the Bearden coach. “Being a bowling coach is something that never crossed my mind, and when I found out there wasn’t a coach, I knew for Michael’s sake I had to do it,” she said.

Michael would later tell me, “She did pretty good coaching bowling for the first time,” adding that she treated everyone

equally, like “family equally. Because mom is the coach and me and the guys and the girls are brothers and sisters, kind of like having a bowling family. And she was fair.”

Bearden sophomore Olivia Hailey, who Coach Collins accompanied to the recent state tournament, also was asked to comment on the new coach. “I think she did really well actually, given that we thought we were going to have two separate teams (boys’ and girls’) and then we ended up with a coed team.”

Michael and his dad, Terry Collins, often bowl together and last year placed third in a doubles tournament. When they are bowling together Michael said his dad likes “to try to beat me,” but “it’s just the opposite. I always beat him.”

Michael added that he and his dad have the same competitive rivalry as pro bowlers Jason Belmonte and Sean Rash.

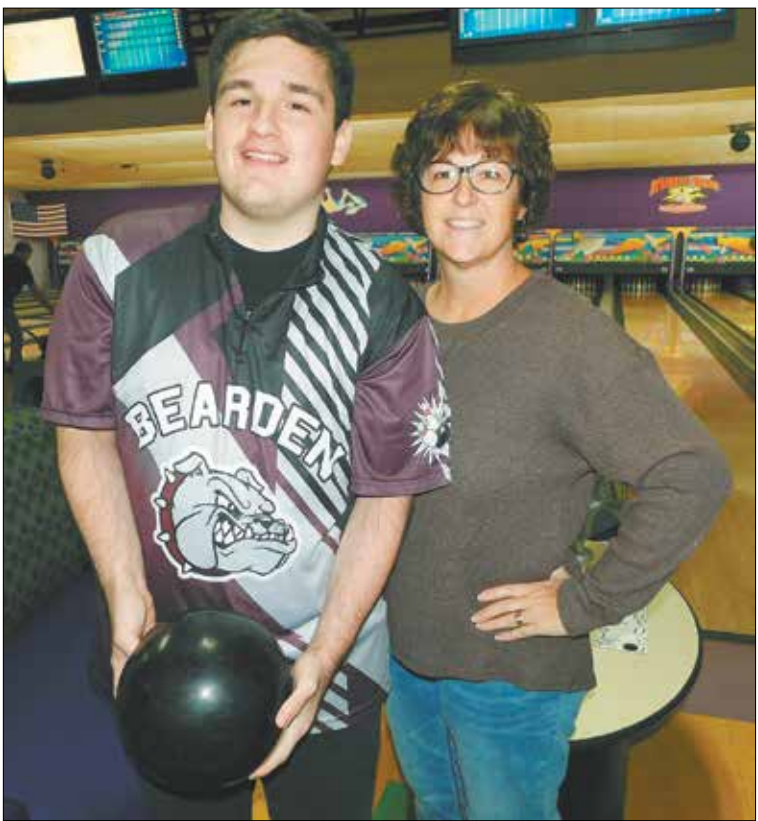
Maxwell Collins, Michael’s younger brother, sometimes comes and bowls but is more into theatre and drama at Bearden.

I told Michael during the interview that I was from the Earl Anthony era.

“He’s a lefty,” Michael quickly said, revealing his knowledge of bowling that extends even back into the 1960s when Dick Weber and Carmen Salvino were standouts on the pro tour.

I asked Michael if he ever watches some of the old PBA matches on YouTube, and before he could answer, his mom said: “That’s all he watches at home!”

Michael, when he was six years old, even met Salvino, “the grandfather of the PBA,” in Indianapolis. “Salvino taught Michael the proper follow-through technique,” said Hedy, showing how



Michael Collins with mom/coach Hedy Collins at the Western Avenue Strike & Spare Bowling Lanes, Michael’s favorite place.

“the thumb goes to God and then to your ear.”

Part of the interview dealt with some health issues. “We had a health scare with Michael,” said Hedy. “He was losing a lot of weight. That was almost two years ago. So I had to quit teaching (fourth grade at West Hills Elementary) to stay home and care for him. He was diagnosed with Crohn’s disease. But we’ve got the right medicine now and we’ve got that all under control.”

Since then, however, Hedy said Michael is “the sixth person in the world diagnosed with a rare disease that includes movement disorder, intellectual disorder, epilepsy and global developmental delays. The tremors in his

entire body make it difficult for him to do a lot of things. However, those tremors don’t bother him when he is bowling.

“Bowling is a real gift. He loves it and it’s something he can do that his disease doesn’t bother.

“That’s why we use the word perseverance with Michael,” continued Hedy. “It’s because he has had more challenges than most 18-year-olds. But he keeps on trying and he keeps on smiling and he keeps on bringing joy to everybody.

“As his parents, our goal is to allow him to live everyday like it’s the best day he’s going to have. And in our bedtime prayers, we just ask God for one more day together.”

## CAK TEAM MANAGER SALUTED FOR HIS SERVICE

By Steve Williams

Christian Academy of Knoxville Head Coach Travis Mozingo said last week that Alden Troutt is a remarkable member of the school’s football program.

Troutt started out as a team manager for CAK’s middle school team and has continued in that role at the high school level and is an 11th grader this year.

“Alden is one of the best examples of a servant-leader that I have ever witnessed,” said Mozingo. “He consistently serves our team in any way, shape or form, and does so while not seeking the accolades or recognition from others.

Coach Mozingo went on to say: “His servant’s heart is one of genuine pleasure in meeting the needs of anyone, in any way.

“He’s an example for me, our coaching staff, and our players.”

Troutt is one of 222 players who were recognized as Careacter Star Athletes on their teams in the 2022 football season.

Dave Moore started the

Careacter Star Athlete program in 2001 and the Tennessee football and women’s basketball teams, coached by Philip Fulmer and Pat Summitt, respectively, were the first teams to come aboard and the program started including the high schools after that.

In 2017, The Knoxville Focus was asked by Moore to recognize the CSAs in its Knox County and Seymour coverage area, and Focus Editor Marianne Dedmon replied: “I am very excited to begin offering recognition to our deserving Careacter Star Athletes. A little recognition can go such a long way in encouraging these teens and I am thrilled that The Focus can help.”

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CAK’s Alden Troutt, one of the Warriors’ Careacter Star Athletes, snaps the football in this summer practice drill.





# On turning 76 years old

I was born in December of 1946, one year after WWII ended. Harry Truman was president, serving out the term of Franklin D. Roosevelt. I've lived through Presidents

Truman, Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald

## More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump and Joe Biden.

It seems our nation swings back and forth between liberal and conservative administrations yet the nation continues to progress despite being tugged

opposite ways.

I've served my country and have worked for various newspapers and media companies. I have been married to the same person since 1966, fathered two sons and have two grandchildren. My family and I have gone through the years being almost destitute and doing pretty well.

As I get older, I'm thankful my mother's family were long-livers. I'm thankful for Medicare and the Veterans Administration for health care. I'm thankful for Social Security for both my wife

and me, and for still working as a journalist for The Knoxville Focus.

The recent pandemic years have been difficult but both my wife and I have boosted up on our vaccines and, although other family members have had Covid, we've been safe from it. Our medical issues today are typical of others in our age group.

I was raised with dogs as pets and my wife was and is a "cat person" so I've adapted to that and have one of my own now. I realize now that having a young

cat or kitten can be stressful and frustrating for older folks.

I have friends going back to my childhood and some of us stay in touch on holidays with cards. Several of my old friends are on the internet, like Facebook, and we visit and talk there. I've lost a few very good friends over the years due to deaths and now I just have memories.

I was fortunate that my family moved to Florida in my junior year in high school. It was a cultural shock but I and my sister

and brother adjusted. I met my wife in St. Petersburg while we were both in high school. But I still call Jellico, Tennessee, and Williamsburg, Kentucky, home.

At 76 I'm slowing down a bit, wrestling with normal aches and pains, and after 26 years in Knoxville, I have got to know many people including elected officials, neighborhood leaders, business owners, and many casual acquaintances.

My wife and I like to camp and explore places

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# On turning 76 years old

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like our many state parks. We also play board games with the family and occasionally dine out. My office at home has many mementos and awards from years in the media including one first-place Tennessee Press award. But nothing is better than getting a Thank You card from someone or some group I've written in The Focus.

I've found that most local public officials talk freely with me, knowing that when I say it's "off the record," the conversation is just that and won't be repeated in print. I've kept my political opinions out of print and can interview just about anyone.

Journalism has changed over my many years. Nowadays many people consider themselves to be reporters and load the internet with their opinions and questionable "news." I've tried not to do that and have passed, now and then, on sharing my political opinions.

I've changed my own personal politics over the years swinging back and forth and trying to vote for the person and their position and not their political party. My family now teases me as being a "Republican."

I've run afoul of smaller county sheriffs now and then with my stories, changed jobs as a younger man for the opportunity



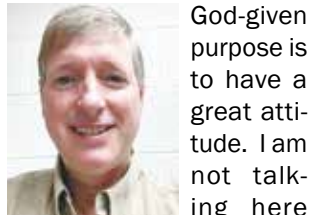
*I'm 76 years old and still reporting the news as I have for more than 50 years. I have a few good years left in me and thought I'd share some memories with you.*

to cover different areas of the county, and moved my family through several states.

I am so grateful for The Knoxville Focus for the freedom to report I am granted and hope I have a few years left of sound mind and a healthy body. And thanks to you, our readers, for picking up this free community newspaper and commenting now and then on my stories.

# Joyful Optimism

Something that can really help you in achieving your



**By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ**

God-given purpose is to have a great attitude. I am not talking here about the power of positive thinking per se. I am not a "name it and claim it" preacher. We don't preach a gospel of "health and wealth" nor a message of "if it's going to be, it's up to me." But there is truth that God wants us to be positive, joyful, and hope filled in our lives. We can be optimistic about our future as a Christian due to our faith.

The apostle Paul was someone who had a positive, optimistic attitude due to his relationship with Christ. Despite hardships, Paul was able to live an amazing life for his present and his future. So, where did Paul's optimism come from? Paul's positivity started with his convictions.

A conviction is a belief that lodges in the center of your mind and heart. It is important that your convictions are correct. Paul knew what it was like to have both correct and incorrect convictions. At

first, Paul was persecuting followers of Christ and thus Christ himself. But Paul's eyes were first blinded by the light and then opened to see the truth. His convictions changed and Paul's letters give us a good look of his belief system. Paul's core convictions are what drove him.

One of those core convictions was Paul's belief that God loved him. When you believe in an all-powerful, all-loving, eternal God, you have a basis for optimism in your life. Paul believed that nothing can separate you from God's love (Romans 8:38-39). When you look at this world today, there is little hope because people are either ignorant or reject God's love.

God's love for you is something you can't quantify. Due to God's love, God wants you to overflow with joy, with optimism. Say these words with me: "God is very fond of me." If the NFL team you are pulling for loses or the Vols don't win a championship, or your boss gets mad at you, or you are having a rough day – saying and believing these words changes everything. God is very fond of you and me.

Paul not only believed that he was loved by God, he was also optimistic about his future. Paul could face his tomorrows with enthusiasm. Paul was

always putting his past behind him. He was excited about what lay before him. Even while Paul was in jail, awaiting execution, he had excitement and anticipation about his future. The last known letter we have from Paul is 2 Timothy. This letter was written from Rome while Paul awaited his execution. I love these words of hope: "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Paul was not afraid to die.

The future can really motivate your actions. When you are positive about the future, it changes your outlook and perspective. Paul was curious about the future: "For because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be" (Romans 5:2 - TLB).

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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## FORECLOSURE NOTICES

### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 23, 2023 at 11:00AM** local time, at the north door, Knox County Courthouse, City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by John T. Cade, to William H. Curtis or Gordon C. Curtis, Trustee, as trustee for Curtis Mortgage Company, Inc. on March 29, 1999 at Book 3565, Page 781; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Knox County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Trust Bank, formerly known as Branch Banking and Trust, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: **2772 Selma Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914**  
Parcel Number: 082KN013

Current Owner(s) of Property: John T. Cade  
This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, through or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: Advanta Financial Corp; SLSLT Underlying Trust 2020-1.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of John T. Cade, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and

shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title. This office may be a debt collector. This may be an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.

LLG Trustee TN LLC  
Substitute Trustee  
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File No. 22-122429

## COURT NOTICES

### ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

QB REALTY TEAM, LLC, Plaintiff(s),

v.

**THE HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF ROBERT DILLS, RONALD DILLS, MICHAEL DILLS, JOTHAM DILLS, OSCAR DILLS, SCOTTY DILLS, PATSY MAY, DIANE NICHOLS, MARY DODRILL, JUDY JONES and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, Defendant(s).**

No 206071-3

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

This cause came to be heard on the prayer by Plaintiff seeking service of process by publication on the above-named defendants and/or their heirs or successors (collectively, the "Dills Heirs"), who may be persons interested in the subject matter of this action, as well as those defendants identified herein as "The Heirs and Creditors of Robert Dills" and as "all unknown persons who may claim any interest in the subject matter of this action" (collectively, the "Unknown Defendants") (hereinafter, the Dills Heirs together with said Unknown Defendants shall be referenced collectively as the "Defendants").

Based on the sworn Affidavit and related Motion for Service by Publication, statements of counsel, and for other good cause shown, service of process upon said Defendants by publication is hereby ORDERED, and Defendants are hereby required to appear and Answer or otherwise defend against the Verified Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and to Quiet Title filed herein by the above-named Plaintiff, QB Realty Team, LLC ("Plaintiff"), whose attorney is E. Richards Abraham, III, Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, 550 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, exclusive of said last date of publication; otherwise, default judgment may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint. It is further ORDERED that this notice shall be published in the manner prescribed by T.C.A. Section 21-1-203 and Section 21-1-204, in The Knoxville Focus, a daily newspaper of general circulation, once weekly for four consecutive weeks beginning January 16, 2023.

This 11th day of January, 2023.

Christopher D. Heagerty  
Chancellor

J. Scott Griswold  
Deputy Clerk and Master

## SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the Eastern District of Tennessee

Cavalry Brokerage, Inc. Plaintiff(s)

v. Robert Jones Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00356-TAV-JEM

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If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.  
10/7/2022

LEANNA R WILSON  
CLERK OF COURT

## NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNTING

IN RE: The Estate of Mary Wanda Alexander Case No. P-15-761222

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the Estate of Mary Wanda Alexander:

Please take notice that the Final Account of Thomas Alexander, Administrator of the Estate of Mary Wanda Alexander is set to be heard on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 9:30 am in the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee.

Glen A. Kyle, Esq.  
Franklin & Kyle Elder Law, LLC  
4931 Homberg Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
865.588.3700

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE ANDERSON DOCKET NUMBER 871168-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD LEE ANDERSON who died Nov 25, 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 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CRISTI STEVENS; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH R BACHMANN DOCKET NUMBER 87184-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH R BACHMANN who died Aug 31, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH R BACHMANN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
EVAN EVANS; EXECUTOR  
1432 CLEAR BROOK DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN W BAILEY, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 87185-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN W BAILEY, JR. who died Nov 28, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

date of death.  
This the 12 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN W BAILEY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEPHEN D BAILEY; EXECUTOR  
7801 CHEROKEE SPRINGS WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY E BURNETTE DOCKET NUMBER 87190-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY E BURNETTE who died Sep 8, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF NANCY E BURNETTE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HOME FEDERAL BANK; EXECUTRIX  
500 MARKET STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHESTER E DAILEY DOCKET NUMBER 87178-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHESTER E DAILEY who died Aug 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 11 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHESTER E DAILEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CARSON DAILEY; EXECUTOR  
7508 GOVERNMENT FARM ROAD  
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STUART CASSELL ATTORNEY AT LAW  
707 MARKET STREET  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANGELA DIXON DOCKET NUMBER 86029-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANGELA DIXON who died Jan 15, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 12 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ANGELA DIXON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SAMUEL B DIXON; EXECUTOR  
113 LUTTRELL ROAD  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF J HAROLD FLETCHER DOCKET NUMBER 87181-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of J HAROLD FLETCHER who died Sep 18, 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 12 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF J HAROLD FLETCHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NINA L FLETCHER; EXECUTRIX  
6734 KOHLSTON ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CHARLES MICHAEL GALLAHER DOCKET NUMBER 87172-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES MICHAEL GALLAHER who died Nov 25, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 10 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF CHARLES MICHAEL GALLAHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARK STEVEN GALLAHER;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
2400 ASHBRIDGE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

MELINDA BUCK BROWN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
136 S ILLINOIS AVENUE, SUITE 206  
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BOBBIE JEAN GOODIN DOCKET NUMBER 87183-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BOBBIE JEAN GOODIN who died Oct 29, 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 12 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF BOBBIE JEAN GOODIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VONDA JENNINGS; CO-EXECUTRIX  
1780 TATER HILL ROAD  
BEAN STATION, TN 37708

PAULA ROBERTS; CO-EXECUTRIX  
1906 WAYSIDE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LUCY RIEDER JONES DOCKET NUMBER 86775-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LUCY RIEDER JONES who died Jun 21, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF LUCY RIEDER JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHRYN ALBRIGHT; EXECUTRIX  
13050 SW IRON MOUNTAIN BLVD  
PORTLAND OR 97219

JONATHAN D REED ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O BOX 2047  
KNOXVILLE TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF SARAH JANE SMITH PRATER DOCKET NUMBER 87167-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SARAH JANE SMITH PRATER who died Oct 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 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF SARAH JANE SMITH PRATER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MILTON O'NEAL WALSH; EXECUTOR  
6324 BERTHA DRIVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

DAVID LUHN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
310 N FORST PARK BLVD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES ALLEN ROBERTS DOCKET NUMBER 87188-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES ALLEN ROBERTS who died Sep 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 13 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF JAMES ALLEN ROBERTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TACITA S SCOTT; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
154 N JEFFERSON CIRCLE  
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830

JANELLE A ROBERTS; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
320 MCFEE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

BARBARA CLARK ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2415 E MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF GAIL L RODMAN DOCKET NUMBER 86553-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JANUARY 2023, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of GAIL L RODMAN who died Jun 1, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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.

This the 11 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF GAIL L RODMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
REBECCA NOLAN; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA  
7613 BUSH LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ANDREW P HARRISON ATTORNEY AT LAW  
8517 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF HIROKO ELIZABETH SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 86575-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HIROKO ELIZABETH SMITH who died Jun 1, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 10 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF HIROKO ELIZABETH SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANDREW CHARLES SMITH; EXECUTOR  
4323 EDENFIELD DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF TERRY C SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 87173-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TERRY C SMITH who died Oct 26, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 10 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF TERRY C SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DONNA ANN SMITH; EXECUTRIX  
7942 COUNTRY SCENE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

ALI P TIPTON ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 642  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN. 37807

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ED BARHAM DOCKET NUMBER 87197-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ED BARHAM who died Nov 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 17 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF ED BARHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
W PATRICK BARHAM; EXECUTOR  
2985 CLARY HILL PLACE NE  
ROSWELL, GA 30075

ANNE MCKINNEY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF KAREN T BEAN DOCKET NUMBER 87220-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAREN T BEAN who died Oct 23, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 23 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF KAREN T BEAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVE E TARWATER; EXECUTOR  
8528 PRATT ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF EDWARD AUGUSTINE BROWN, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 87225-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EDWARD AUGUSTINE BROWN, JR. who died Oct 21, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 24 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF EDWARD AUGUSTINE BROWN, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARY K MCDAVID; ADMINISTRATRIX  
165 PARK BRIDGE LANE  
ROSWELL, GA 30075

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE CATER DOCKET NUMBER 87191-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BOBBY JOE CATER who died Sep 8, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 17 day of JANUARY, 2023

### ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE CATER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAMELA THOMPSON; EXECUTRIX  
1629 BRAHMAN LANE  
SEYMOUR TN 37865

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DORA ELIZABETH WELLS CAYLOR DOCKET NUMBER 86725-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORA ELIZABETH WELLS CAYLOR who died May 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and 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 13 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF DORA ELIZABETH WELLS CAYLOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAMELA GAIL MILLS; EXECUTRIX  
300 W FORD VALLEY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BOBBY DWAYNE DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 87218-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BOBBY DWAYNE DAVIS who died May 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 23 day of JANUARY, 2023.

### ESTATE OF BOBBY DWAYNE DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERESA J DAVIS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
11030 MCKINNEY ROAD  
MASCOT, TN. 37806

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) – RESPONSE SUBMITTAL

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Emerald Charter Schools is looking to partner with a professional architecture firm to provide design and engineering services for the renovation and enhancement of restroom facilities at Emerald Academy, located at 220 Carrick St. Such services shall generally include, but are not limited to, planning, design, presentation and technical documents, construction document development, bidding and negotiation, and construction administration. The submitting firm shall be responsible for engaging any professional engineering or specialty consultants associated with the project scope. Submittals in response to this RFQ will be used to evaluate and select the appropriate firm.

This project (design and construction) will be funded with Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER 3.0 (ARPA)). Firms will be required to comply with all Local, State and Federal laws and regulations including Uniform Guidance and David-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.

### RESPONSE SCHEDULE AND INSTRUCTIONS

- RFQ Release January 23, 2023
- Deadline for Questions January 30, 2023 – 12:00 PM EST
- Response Submittal Due February 08, 2023 – 2:00 PM EST
- Award by Emerald Charter Schools Week of February 13, 2023
- Notice to Proceed February 20, 2023

**Written questions only** should be addressed to David Wells, VP of Administration, Emerald Service Bureau @ dwells@emerald youth.org no later than **noon EST January 30, 2023**. Written responses to submitted questions will be distributed to all invited firms by noon February 3, 2023.

Qualifications shall be submitted as a **file-share link to a single PDF** (no email attachments), no later than the stated due date and time to the email address listed. Submissions by any other means will not be accepted.

**No contact** between interested entities and anyone associated with Emerald Charter Schools or Emerald Academy is permitted, subject to disqualification. All correspondence must be directed to the VP of Administration, David Wells.

**Statements of Qualifications** should be addressed to David Wells, VP of Administration, Emerald Service Bureau @ dwells@emerald youth.org and received by **2:00 EST February 08, 2023**.

Submittals will be evaluated on qualifications only. Do not submit any fee / cost information subject to disqualification. The highest ranked entity may be selected for negotiation of a contract for services using **AIA Document B101-2017 “Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect”**. Should Emerald Charter Schools not reach agreement with that entity, negotiations will proceed with the next highest ranked entity. Selection process and decision is at the sole discretion and convenience of Emerald Charter Schools.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE SUIT

### TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS OF KNOX COUNTY

Knox County Chancery Court lawsuits are now being prepared by the Delinquent Tax Attorney for collection of all delinquent 2021 Knox County Taxes.

The Knox County Chancery Court Lawsuits will be filed on or after March 1, 2023 in Chancery Court.

**You are advised that after February 28, 2023 additional penalties and costs will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior tax years; until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid in my office.**

**SUCH ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND COSTS MAY INCLUDE INTEREST, COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES AND PENALTIES ON EACH PARCEL**

**PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO AVOID  
THIS COSTLY PROCEDURE.**

You may make payment at the following Knox County Trustee locations:

**KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE ONLINE - <http://www.knoxcounty.org/trustee/>**  
**MAIN OFFICE - 400 Main Street - 215-2305 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)**  
**HALLS - Center – 7328 Norris Freeway- 215-3461 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am – 4:30pm)**  
**SOUTH - 7339 Chapman Highway - 577-3680 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am – 4:30pm)**  
**FARRAGUT - 11408 Municipal Center Drive - 966-6611 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am – 4:30pm)**  
**CEDAR BLUFF - 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Road- 215-8555 - (Mon.-Fri. 8:00am – 4:30pm)**  
**EAST – 4734 Centerline Drive - 258-3516 - (Mon. – Fri. 9:00am - 5:00pm)**

**Justin Biggs**  
**KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE**  
**[trustee@knoxcounty.org](mailto:trustee@knoxcounty.org)**



# PUBLIC NOTICE

**APPLICATION FOR TITLE**  
Notice of intent to apply for a title for the following trailer: 2008 Transcraft 48' trailer. VIN #: 1TTF4820082021770. We request that any and all parties holding an interest in this trailer to respond by certified mail, return receipt requested, to this address within 10 days of this publication. Superior Logistics P.O. Box 5438 Knoxville, TN 37918

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of  
JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect  
of the Estate of HATTI LUCINDA JACKSON who

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect

**ESTATE OF JUDY MARIE NICELY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87203-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY MARIE NICELY who died Sep 10, 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

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT LOUIS TROVATO who died Dec 10, 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 them with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the latest date prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be barred.