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TOP WRENCH



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Two boys from the Morgan Co. Career and Technical Center compete in the Automotive Repair category of the 31st Top Wrench Competition on April 6 at The Crown College. Top Wrench's annual competition showcases automotive skills for high-school students considering careers in the automotive field.

Competition showcases automotive skills, training, careers

By Bill Howard

A difficult, and all-too-common, decision high-school kids have to make is whether, upon graduation, to go to college or enter the workforce.

For those oriented more toward a technical career, the automotive field is a very viable landing spot.

Last Thursday, more than 500 potential future automotive employees from across East Tennessee gathered at The Crown College on W. Beaver Creek Drive for the 31st annual Top Wrench Competition.

Top Wrench is a Drug-Free Tennessee non-profit that stages a yearly competition focusing on automotive skills. According to the press release, the event is designed to "foster teamwork and technical skills for students who are interested in pursuing an auto-related career after high school."

According to Top Wrench President Kenny Boatman, the organization was founded in 1991 by Air Force veteran Joe Marshall. Marshall was directed by the National Guard to try to fight the drug problem in East Tennessee.

"Joe saw how drugs decimated young people," said Boatman. "He wanted to give them something to do to keep them busy to try to keep them out of drugs." The result was Top Wrench. "The main goal is to get them a job," Boatman said. "We go into the schools, develop programs and train them for what they're executing here today ... the kind of thing they need (for an automotive career)."

Students at the competition compete in six categories:

competitors work to fix a "bugged" engine

- Computer Control, using scanners to diagnose an engine problem

- Pit Crew Challenge, a timed, NASCAR-style wheel-changing competition

- Welding Fabrication, a judged contest featuring pre-made pieces that demonstrate welding skills

- Custom Paint, a judged contest featuring pre-made pieces that demonstrate paint skills

- Valve Cover Race, a soapbox-derby style race using modified engine valve covers.

Funding for Top Wrench comes from local governments and sponsoring businesses, Boatman said. In addition to prize money going to the top three schools, Top Wrench helps provide student scholarships, as well as grants to high-school vocational programs to buy supplies and materials.

Top Wrench also helps connect students with local businesses for career experience and opportunities.

Boatman had strong praise for Crown College. "Crown has fantastic welding, auto diesel, and HVAC programs," he said. "It's a jewel inside Knox County most don't know about. Two of its graduates work for me."

Blake Jones is a junior at Heritage High School. His plan is to possibly own an automotive repair shop one day.

"I've been interested (in cars) since I was real young and my Dad had a bunch of 'em and we'd always work on them in his shop," Jones said.



Representatives from the Knox County Sheriff's Office attended the Top Wrench event last week talk to potential recruits. KCSO is looking to fill 95 positions.

Vendors and booths lined the expo-like hall. One was from the Knox County Sheriff's Office, manned by two deputies and Wes Norris, Assistant Chief Deputy.

"To have this event open to all the kids in Knox County ... this is stuff that I didn't have as a kid," said Norris. "You could walk out of this facility today and graduate in 30 days and walk out with a career."

KCSO has some 95 openings for corrections and deputies. "We start at \$40,000 a year in corrections," Norris said. "The sheriff is working on bumping that up 30%."

"Some of these kids want to go military," Norris went on. "And we would never try to dissuade anybody from that. But law

enforcement is a viable option if you don't choose to go that route."

According to Norris, a recruit must have graduated from high school, and pass both physical and psychological screenings and a drug test. He's working on streamlining the process to get recruits ready for the job sooner.

The successful recruit for corrections can start training within five or so weeks of applying, Norris said. Some four months after that the job can start.

"We need honest, high integrity kids to come through; that's what we're getting in these events," Norris said.

"These kids are vocational-minded. They're looking for a career. KCSO has that to offer."

School board hears opinions on possible new charter school

By Bill Howard

educational outcomes.

If you want to generate controversy in talking about public education (and it isn't hard), just say "charter school."

Charter schools are publicly funded but operate as a school of choice. They're generally less restricted by the vast array of rules-and-regs that public schools must adhere to, though many requirements of public schools do apply.

Some charter schools have an overarching theme: an emphasis on Math and Science, maybe; or learning by completing projects; or a broad-based, liberal curriculum that includes community service.

Unsurprisingly, charter schools have both their proponents and critics. Supporters cite charter schools' greater freedom as leading to a more innovative and flexible curriculum, which can be more attuned to greater

Charter schools' naysayers claim that they take desperately needed funds - for supplies and materials, student resources, security - away from public schools, and therefore the kids who are consigned to attend public schools suffer.

As charter schools rise, say the critics, public schools sink further.

Knox County is considering adding a second charter school. Knoxville Preparatory School (Knox Prep) would be a boys-only charter school similar to Chattanooga Preparatory School (Chatt Prep), which opened in Hamilton County in 2016.

At its monthly meeting Thursday, the Knox Co. School Board took up the issue. They heard numerous comments from the public, almost all against the measure.

Sam Brown, president of the Knoxville chapter of

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Honors, appointments on county commission April agenda

By Mike Steely

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The Knox County Commission meets in a work session Monday at 5 p.m. and probably the nicest thing on the long agenda is honoring Joe and Dale Longmire upon their retirement as owners of the Midway IGA in Corryton.

The Gibbs Plaza community grocery store has been a popular and profitable business in North Knox County for 25 years. The Longmire brothers sold their business to Haven Gopal, a University of Tennessee at Knoxville graduate and hotel owner.

Commissioners Richie Beeler, Larsen Jay and Kim Frazier are sponsoring the honorary resolution.

New Knox County Public Health Officer Dr. Megan Edwards will be introduced in an appointment by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Commissioner Rhonda Lee is asking that April be named Autism Awareness Month. Commissioner Larsen Jay is sponsoring a presentation of the Health Department's Annual Mental Health Report.

Commissioner Carson Dailey is sponsoring a presentation by Kim Bumpass regarding the recent 2023 Bassmasters Classic.

Mayor Jacobs is reappointing Jack Huddleston to the Luttrell-Blaine-Corryton Utility District and he will also reappoint Jeffrey Hagood and Rosalyn Phinisee Tillman to the Sports Authority.

Commission Chairwoman Courtney Durrett will make an appointment to the sheriff's merit system office and Commissioner John Schoonmaker will make an appointment to the Library Advisory Board to replace Steve Weiner.

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Everything Looks Easy From A Distance

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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When I first started writing this weekly column for The Knoxville Focus, Steve Hunley asked me to come up with a name for my column.

I thought back to many years ago when my Dad told me "Everything looks easy from a distance." I think this is especially true about sports and politics.

Steve liked the newsletters I sent to all my constituents when I was in Congress, and he asked me to write for this paper on national and international issues.

I told him I would write mainly on issues, but I also

wanted to write on a wider variety of topics, like music, sports, people I admire, and even modern trends I think are ridiculous, like paying more for jeans with rips in them.

Just about every place I go, I get nice comments about my column, and I really appreciate that.

But I have gotten more comments about columns I have written about like Barnes Barbershop, the Regas Restaurant, when Coca-Cola was controversial, my pitiful basketball career, Papa's favorite Bible verse, and when Daddy got 90% of the black vote in his three elections as Mayor.

Since I am no longer in Congress, I decided to name my column "From A Distance." This was also because I did not want to become a lobbyist and was going to live full-time in Tennessee.

Not one time during my 30 years in Congress did I ever think of Washington

as home. In fact, I think the best decision I ever made is when I told my late wife, Lynn, that I wanted our kids to go to school in Knoxville and be raised in Tennessee.

One time Vice President Al Gore was kind enough to invite the Tennessee Congressional delegation to his home for dinner.

A couple of days later, there was a mention in one of the Washington papers that said some of his kids listened from upstairs and made fun of our Tennessee accents.

His children were all born and raised and went to very elite private schools in the D.C. area. Now, none of the Gores - parents or children - live in Tennessee.

My new wife, Vickie, and I have 17 grandchildren, seven grown children and spouses, and they all live in Knoxville. This is a great blessing for which we are both very thankful.

Writing about things looking easy from a

distance, many people have asked me what I thought about the Murdaugh trial.

It is very easy to think of things sitting at home watching TV without the great pressure of actually being in the courtroom representing a very bad man.

But I believe Murdaugh's head counsel Jim Griffin (who seems like a very nice man) made a very weak closing argument.

In fact, I think if my former law partner, the late Zane Daniel, had been Murdaugh's lawyer, he would not have been convicted.

Zane was one of the greatest trial lawyers in Tennessee, and he always said you should pick out one or two points that the jury could understand and hammer those over and over.

During the 7½ years I was a judge, Zane tried six jury trials in my court and all six defendants were

found not guilty.

If Zane or I had been representing Murdaugh, I believe we would have said as lawyers we were embarrassed and ashamed that any lawyer could ever have been as crooked and corrupt as he was.

But then we would have added something like this: "The state has proven and the Defendant has admitted that he stole millions of dollars from innocent, unsuspecting clients and even his own law firm, and he will be held accountable for all that."

"But the reason the state has spent so much time on these financial crimes has been because they know they have to pull the wool over your eyes since there are so many holes in what this case is supposed to be about, which is what Alex Murdaugh is actually charged with."

"Most defendants would not have even taken the stand in a case like this."

But Alex Murdaugh has admitted to you every embarrassing, shameful, terrible thing he has ever done. But the one thing - the only thing - he has not admitted is murder, because he did not do them.

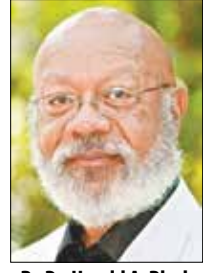
"You saw the very personal, emotional, loving way he broke down when he talked about PawPaw and Mags. You saw the tears. No man could fake something like that."

"For you to believe beyond any reasonable doubt that he killed his young son and his first and only wife in cold blood at close range you would also have to believe, beyond any reasonable doubt that he is the greatest actor of all time, greater than all the Academy Award, Oscar winners put together."

"I ask you to do your sworn duty and find Alex Murdaugh not guilty, because he is not guilty of these charges."

Why do white people hate white people?

Even though I have lived amongst white people since I was 17 years old, I don't pretend to understand them. Why do whites condemn white supremacy if they are white? It seems to me that



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national security threat in the U.S. Again, Garland should resign and give his position to a person of color. The governor of Washington in 2022 in a speech listed objectivity and individualism as

examples of white supremacy. This is from a white guy. The Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture listed traits of white supremacy: rugged individualism; the nuclear family; objective, rational linear thinking; hard work; Christianity; respect for authority; planning for the future; delayed gratification; action orientation decision-making; and being polite. Does this mean that I'm a white supremacist? Consider that white

supremacy abounds among the white "elites." When the nominations for the Oscars were announced, the director of a movie named "Till" condemned the academy as being "aggressively committed to upholding whiteness" after she failed to earn a best director nomination. Halle Berry's acceptance speech when she was awarded an Oscar for best actress thanked the black actresses who came before her. No other black woman had won the best actress award. The others have been best supporting actresses. Yes, even in the wokeness that is Hollywood, white supremacy prevails. No Oscar nominee for acting was black, prompting the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite. So much for progressive equity in Hollywood. Despite the movies seeming to overrepresent blacks

and to put a gay couple in every movie, Hollywood behind the cameras is still overwhelmingly dominated by straight white males. Again, if Hollywood were serious about equality and equity, all the whites should resign and give their positions and roles to minorities. There is even a website stating there were "101 Ways White Liberal and Progressive Women Perpetuate White Supremacy." Egads! 101 ways? Biden's deputy director in the Department of Education stated that democracy was based on white supremacy. Who knew? So does she favor Marxism, like the leaders of Black Lives Matter? Wasn't Marx white and a Londoner? Maybe Marx gets a pass since he looked a lot like Frederick Douglass.

Everywhere you look you see signs of white supremacy. Schools are teaching Critical Race Theory which classifies all whites - even progressives - as racist. The education establishment is dominated by white liberals who are obviously white supremacists because they refuse to teach black kids how to read, write and do arithmetic, choosing instead to lower standards for grade advancement and graduation. Time Magazine published an article claiming that exercise perpetuates the legacy of white supremacy. How? I'm not quite sure because the whole article makes little sense to me.

What about academia? One college had an op ed asking if white people should be kicked out of parties hosted by minority organizations. Many universities have used their departments of diversity, equity and inclusion to host anti-whiteness seminars. Some have called whites parasites and advocated abolishing

whiteness. There are a multitude of other examples, most of who are from whites who obviously hate themselves and virtually are all at universities with whites in the principal leadership positions. Again, they also should resign and give their positions to people of color.

So I ask, why do whites hate white people? You may say that all the white folks talking about the evils of white supremacy are only speaking about extreme racists who would do violence to minorities, but does it? Violence need not be physical. Not educating children does more violence to minorities than the Ku Klux Klan ever did. Hollywood, Joe Biden, the Biden Administration and academia are all dominated by white people who despite making the appropriate clucking sounds are obviously just making empty noises. I guess this what is meant by "white noise."



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Merit Board to hear grievance

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Term-limited Jim Wright Jr. will be recognized for his service at his final Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors meeting. The Wednesday, April 12, meeting will see the board's hearing of the Lisa Jarrell grievance. Also on

the agenda is to restructure the merit system office to replace an open position.

The meeting comes on the same day as the deadline for applications for Wright's position to be filed with the Knox County Commission.


Candidates will be interviewed during the commission's work session on April

17 and selected during the regular meeting on April 24.

New and current merit board members must be at least 21 years old, serve without pay, refrain from any politics including yard signs, and must resign if they run for public office. They must also not be a former employee of the sheriff's department or city police for at least 10 years.

The merit board meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the City-County Building's Main Assembly Room. Current members of the board include Wright, Chairman Christopher Manning, Vice Chair John Valliant Jr., John Marshall, Clarence Vaughn, Kenny Boatman and Lindsey Willis.

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Publisher's Position

Break the rules... Face the consequences



By Steve Hunley, Publisher publisher@knoxfocus.com

The big news across Tennessee was the convergence of 500 people who rushed into the Capitol building shouting, "No action, no peace!" following the shootings by Audrey/Aiden Hale of three children and three adults. The "protest" was organized by AWAKE, a leftist organization supposedly advocating for women and children. One can get some idea of just what the organization's priorities are by viewing its website:

"As we work to fulfill our mission to advocate for women and kids, we use 'women' in an inclusive manner, acknowledging that folks in the LGBTQ+ community are also impacted by 'women's issues.'" Gender expansive individuals include those with transgender and non-binary identities, as well as those whose gender is some way is seen to be stretching society's notions of gender. For both women and gender marginalized people, the root of discrimination and marginalization are the same - - misogyny and white supremacy. Our advocacy

efforts are trans-inclusive." Capitol police had to escort legislators to the restrooms as they were surrounded by leftists screaming and squalling. The "rally" was advertised by the Tennessee Democratic Party for hours before the stated time of the protest.

Three Democrat legislators hurried to the well of the House of Representatives: Knoxville's Gloria Johnson, Justin Pearson of Memphis, and Justin Jones of Nashville. Jones has a lengthy record as an "activist" and was carrying a bullhorn where he began shouting and screaming, inciting the crowd in the galleries. For several minutes, chaos reigned while the three showboats blathered.

Justin Jones, before he was in the legislature, is the person accused of throwing coffee in the face of the House Speaker at that time. One Nashville journalist says Jones has a habit of shoving his phone in someone's face as if it were his "security blanket." Jones tried that with fellow Representative Justin Lafferty of Knox County. Jones, who is a member of the far left, shoved his phone in Lafferty's face and squalled that the Republican legislator grabbed his phone and shoved him to the floor. Jones, who pretty much supports defunding the police, promptly filed a police report that he had been assaulted, exposing his hypocrisy.

Jones, before being elected to the Tennessee General Assembly,

led numerous demonstrations against the police. State Representative Brian Richey of Maryville believes Jones wanted national publicity for his demonstration in the well of the House. According to Richey, he had a conversation with Jones who was thrilled, saying he and Johnson and Pearson had become "national heroes."

Gloria Johnson has never shied away from publicity and in fact got hers with an appearance on MSDNC. The notion the trio was hoping for national publicity has the ring of truth. It also seems likely not a single member of the trio likely thought the majority in the legislature would respond by expelling them.

Johnson, aided and abetted by the Knoxville News Sentinel, does what she always does in such situations; Johnson cloaked herself in the mantle of the most pitiful of victimhood. Gloria Johnson rushed to appear on MSDNC to squeal about how she had been mistreated. It is abundantly clear Johnson, Pearson and Jones violated the rules of the House of Representatives. She posted a statement acknowledging she had broken the rules, but excused herself and said the move to expel her was for caring about third graders.

Johnson, a retired teacher, represents the teachers' union in Nashville more than the actual people of her district. Chicago is a perfect example of a city tightly in the grip of the teachers' union where 75% of the students can't read on their grade

level and aren't proficient in math either. The city is bankrupt and infested with violent crime.

The focus has been on the gun rather than the shooter and of course many Democrats have lost their collective minds because the murderer was trans. That is a very inconvenient fact for them and far too few have condemned the killer, preferring to blame the gun.

The protestors were calling for gun control, which is yet another reminder these people always blame the gun, never the shooter. They want to take guns out of the hands of people who pose no threat to anyone. And their outrage is pretty selective, not to mention hypocritical. I don't think these people give a hoot about the victims, the six people gunned down in cold blood by Audrey/Aiden Hale. They've never shown much interest in victims before; these are the same people who urge legislation to empty our prisons, want prosecutors NOT to prosecute crimes, reduce criminal penalties and defund the police, making everyone less safe. Truth be told, they feel more sympathy for the shooter than the six victims, which included three 9-year-old children. Certainly, Audrey/Aiden Hale was a victim of sorts; a victim of the madness that drove him/her to deliberately plan to kill other human beings at a Christian school. And evidence supports the notion Audrey/Aiden Hale targeted the Christian school.

The mainstream media is trying to change the

narrative and claim it is parents clamoring for gun control. One protester was identified as a high school teacher from New Jersey. The same kind of "protest" occurred in Frankfort, Kentucky at the state capitol. One was a self-described "genderqueer clown nun" who immediately became the mirror image of the QAnon Shaman of the January 6 protest. The trans shaman was dressed like a demon, according to some news reports.

The mainstream media is working overtime in an attempt to shift the narrative; the narrative is being shifted to say the murders committed by Audrey/Aiden Hale were somehow a consequence of the oppression of trans people in the Southern states.

How many times do you see these same people protest about the nearly 700 people gunned down in Chicago each year for the last several years? Incidentally, Chicago has some of the strictest gun control laws of any city in the country. One of the big reasons Mayor Lori Lightfoot lost in the Democratic primary was because she allowed crime to balloon to the point the city became a cauldron of violent crime of all varieties.

The death of American youngsters in this country from gun violence is infinitesimal when compared to those from fentanyl. Do you see any of these people protest the open border? Of course not, although that is the direct pipeline from which the deadly drug comes into this country. Fentanyl is made,

like so many other things, in China and is carried across our open border by the drug cartels who rape and kill children, sell people, and commit any number of unspeakable crimes. But those predators have become almost a protected species by the Left in this country. If guns become illegal in this country, they will flood through that same open border to be purchased on the black market and they will do a steady to booming business. We can't expect people who say there may be as many as 72 genders to face reality. They aren't even acquainted with reality, much less on a speaking basis.

Locally, the Left has targeted Congressman Tim Burchett for their special fury. Burchett was candid enough to tell the truth by saying Congress isn't going to fix the problem, because it can't be legislated. One significant fact Democrats and the Left can't seem to process mentally is the fact criminals do NOT obey the law and never will.

We have come to a sorry state of affairs in this country when our public officials can't tell the truth without being cursed for it. Burchett is entirely right that people need to get right in their hearts. The heart of Audrey/Aiden Hale felt nothing but hatred for those he/she slaughtered without mercy including three 9-year-old children.

Both Justin Pearson and Justin Jones were expelled from the House. Gloria Johnson survived by a single vote.

School board hears opinions on possible new charter school

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NAACP, spoke first. "We are here speaking to this matter because we feel the effect it will have on many of the most marginalized in our community," said Brown. "It's not worth the risk. We do understand that some persons may see this as a hope for the future of their child's education. "We would hope that you would look at your work as being for the benefit of the entire county, not just a select few and certainly not just your district."

"Just what does this do holistically for the student population within Knox County," Brown asked. "I do know that it has been put out there that there are some entities in the community, in particular East Knoxville that have given voice as an endorsement to this. That is not true. I know they said they possibly found a loophole in Title IX (requiring equal education funding for both genders). I am 97% sure if you pass this there will be a Title 9 lawsuit down the road."

Brown was followed by Anna Belle Henley who read an anonymous letter from an East Knox teacher.

"Dear school board members," Henley read. "As a teacher at a school in East Knoxville, I implore you to not vote to allow the opening of any charter school in our community. Our East Knox schools are already underfunded and understaffed. We operate in buildings many decades old with the problems inherent in aging structures."

"Additionally we have numerous students who experience trauma and hardships in their daily lives," Henley read. "Gun violence is rampant in our communities, leading to even more student trauma and anxiety. The last thing we need to do is have money taken from our schools and funneled into another."

"We need more students, more counselors, more behavioral support staff, more books and more classroom supplies. Splintering our community into inequitable schools is not the answer. Strengthening our existing schools is."

Another person (name unavailable) addressed the board and read a letter from Breanna Holloway.

"I am asking that a new charter school be denied," the person read. "If a tire is flat, you don't buy an entire new car; you fix the tire and keep rolling. We must fix what is broken before we add another charter school to this county."

Former school board member Amber Rountree next addressed the board.

"After three decades of peer-reviewed research there's a lack of support for charter school outcomes," she said. According to Rountree, only 37% of Chatt Prep's students recently scored proficient in math.

Another person told the board that Chatt Prep's data had been misrepresented and that parents were satisfied with the school.

Board member Steve Triplett made a motion to approve the recommendation of the charter school application review team.

Knox Law Director Gary Dupler laid out a variety of legal issues that might prevent moving ahead with the school, Title IX among them.

Kristi Kristy, Mike McMillan, Triplett and Betsy Henderson voted in favor of the motion; Katherine Bike, Daniel Watson, Jennifer Owen and John Butler voted against. Susan Horn was not present. The measure failed since it required five yes votes. The board has until May 1 to reveal in writing its reasons for rejecting the motion. If it fails to do so, the charter school is approved by default.

Subdivision streets on Knox County Commission agenda

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

When the Knox County Commission meets next Monday they will consider 48 different agenda items. Some of those items, chosen by Chairwoman Courtney Durrett and individual commissioners, will be discussed and passed on to the regular meeting the following Monday.

Those items not chosen for discussion go on to the regular meeting as "consent" items and, along with the school board requests, will be approved in one vote.

Several "first reading" ordinances may be discussed.

First Reading items

The Public Works Department is asking for an amendment to the county code regarding roads and bridges. The new addition would provide for "County enforcement of Planning Commission conditions regarding road improvements imposed on subdivision approvals." Recent comments by some commission members have questioned the county maintenance required when new subdivision roads are accepted after the developments are completed.

As the county grows the commission has routinely

been accepting those new subdivision streets and nine roads are on the agenda's "Drives and Roads" category for new developments in the subdivisions of Ambercrest, Heritage at Bluegrass, Cain Vista and Everett Woods.

The commission may also discuss repealing and replacing the International Building Code, Residential Code, Fire Code and Fire Protection Life Safety Code. The idea is to comply with the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office standards.

The trustee is asking the commission to amend the county procurement code regarding real property purchased by the county for delinquent tax sales.

Commissioner Carson Dailey wants to amend the county code regarding the storage and disposal of tires. That agenda item was moved from March to the April meeting.

Other agenda items

An \$835,032 grant from state Criminal Justice Programs may be accepted by the commission and eight tracts of property may be approved for the drainage and construction easement for a turn lane at Campbell Station Road and Fretz Road.

The commission may approve an agreement

with the state for railroad crossing improvements at Foster Road, Jones Road, McCampbell Road, Old Washington Pike, Mascot Road, Dan McBee Road and Gallaher View Road.

Road improvements also on the agenda include Couch Mill, Sam Lee and Steele Roads including a new roundabout, sidewalks and road widening. The proposed road contract is with SH Couch Mill LLC.

The Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency (E-911) may get a \$16,000 pass-through funding for equipment for off-site emergency planning and response.

About \$1.1 million in federal funds may be accepted for the Community Development Block Grant and another \$477,177 for the House Investment Partnership to address needs in housing and community services.

The Health Department is asking for approval of a grant lease agreement to obtain a Dual Exam Mobile Medical Unit for \$5,934 per month on a 60-month lease.

Case management for the Juvenile Court system might be approved in a \$233,333 contract with a firm for customization and ongoing maintenance of the Quest Case Management System.

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Welcome to the Holston Hills Trail, established in 1956. Here, native dogwood trees abound! In recent years, many specimen trees have been added by the Garden Club of Holston Hills. This neighborhood features numerous beautifully designed gardens and homes of varying styles set on large lots. Look for dogwoods, various specimen trees, azaleas, rhododendrons, large oaks, poplars, maples and hickory trees, woodland gardens, and beds with drifts of tulips and daffodils.

The pink lines on Chilhowee Drive take you to a four-way stop and thru the recently restored 90-year-old stone entrance pillars to Holston Hills. The pillars are made of white and pink Tennessee marble. They were designed by Barber and McMurry Architects to reflect the early stone homes and golf courses built in 1925. The golf course was designed by Donald Ross who is widely held in esteem

as the best architect of golf courses in the world.

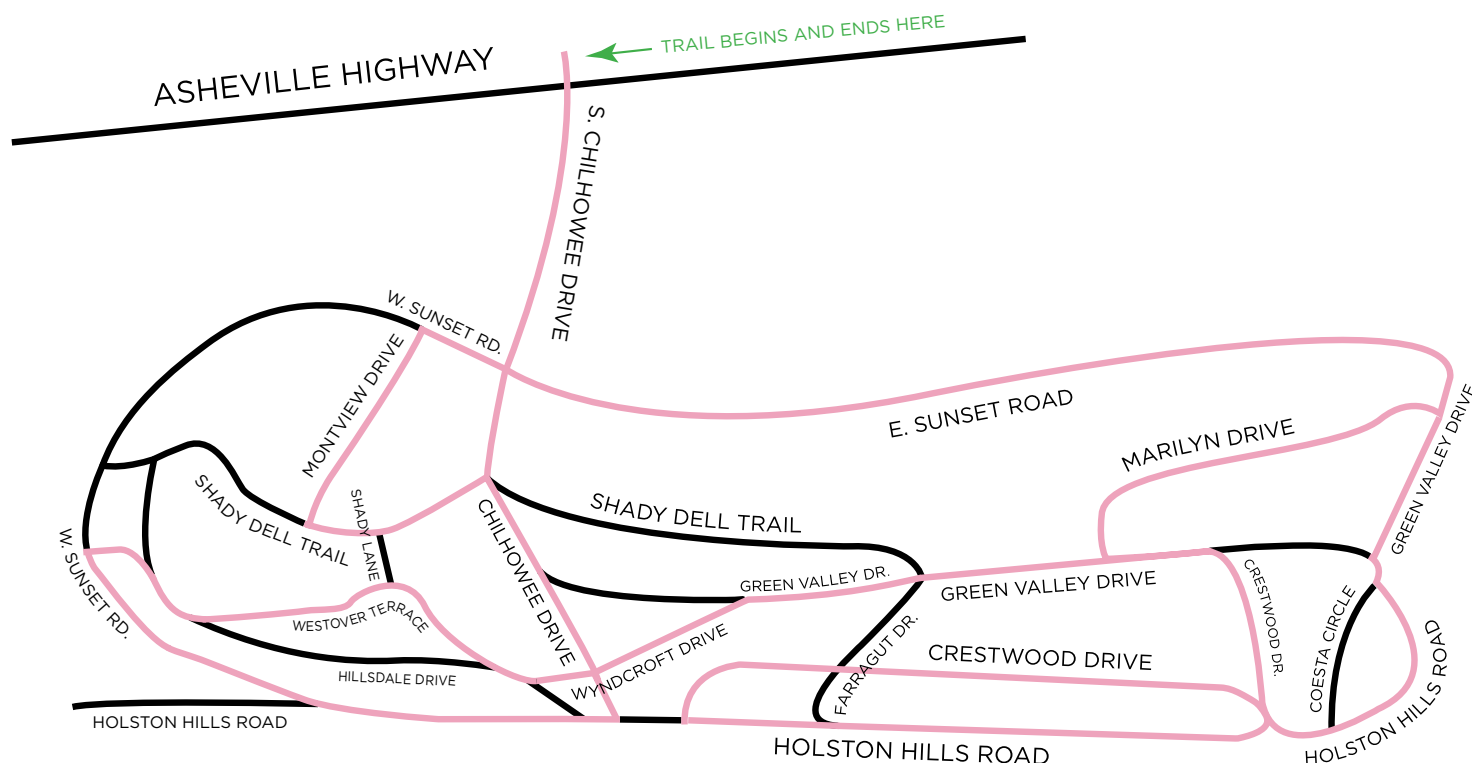
As you travel the neighborhood, enjoy abundant dogwoods, both native and kousa, magnificent azaleas, old growth trees, shade rock gardens and homes in a variety of styles dating back to the 1930s.

Since its opening in the late 1950s, Holston Hills Community

Park has undergone many phases of development. Most recently added are new beds in the lower part of the Park, dogwoods, crepe myrtles, magnolias, and a fountain. Neighbors and friends of the Park have also donated commemorative stones and benches. Come take a seat on one of these benches, stroll around the grounds, and enjoy views of the Holston Hills Golf Course. Be sure to watch for

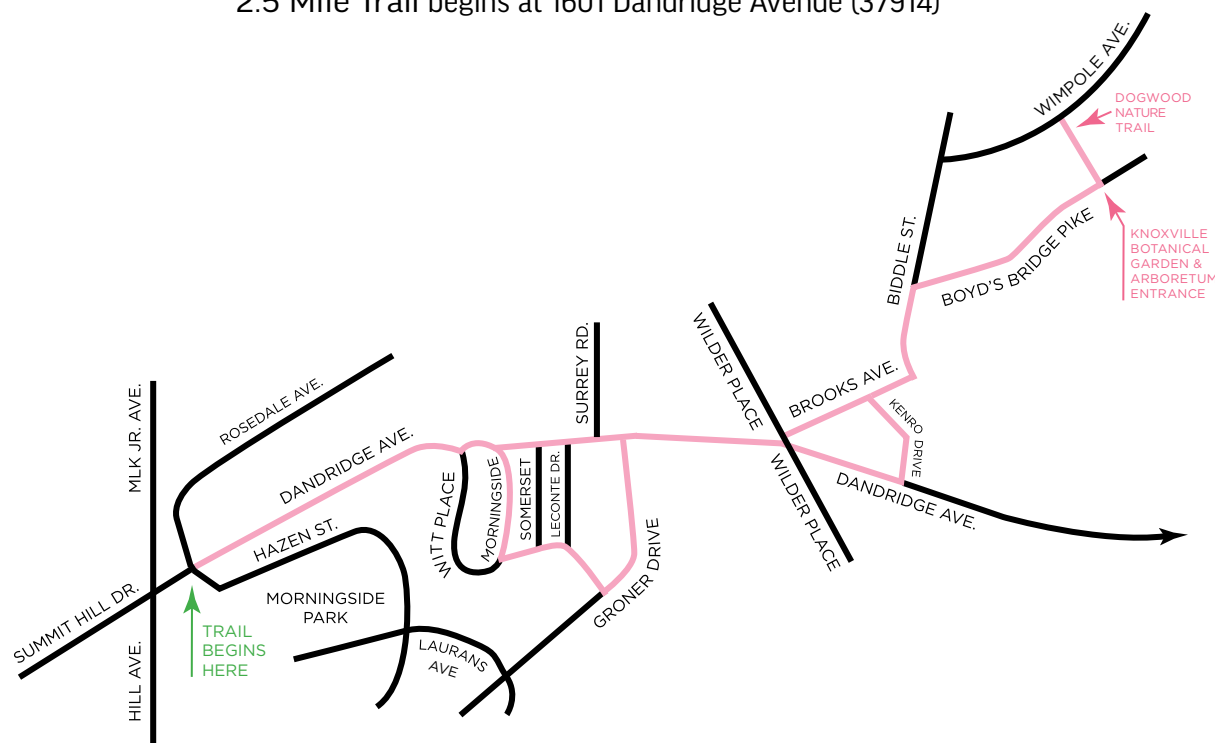
the lovely brick 1930s home of Dr. Jimmy Milan on Green Valley Dr. and stop in to visit his Open Garden. The house features 'clinker' brick and a lovely garden with outdoor pergola and fireplace. This street also features a number of stone and pink marble homes built in the 1930s and 1940s that are nestled among 1950s-60s brick colonials, ranch-style, and modern homes.

Along the trail at 1514 Cliffside Lane, you will see the community's oldest home which was built in 1925. Enjoy the beautiful surrounding homes including large stone and marble homes with lovely gardens, a southern colonial and a Gothic brick house all from the 1920s. This wonderful neighborhood offers panoramic river views and vistas of the rolling ridges of East Tennessee.



MORNINGSIDE

2.5 Mile Trail begins at 1601 Dandridge Avenue (37914)



Just minutes from downtown, this Dogwood Trail features Morningside Park with gently rolling hills, large shade trees, and lots of open play space. Morningside Park features an outstanding tournament-level 18-hole disc golf course, greenways, bicycling, skateboarding, soccer, playgrounds, shelters, and fitness stations.

While at the park, visit the 13-foot bronze statue of author and Pulitzer Prize winner Alex Haley. Designed by sculptor Tina Allen and cast in bronze in New York City, the statue weighs 4,200 pounds and Allen's depiction of Haley shows the author in a seated position, gesturing with an open hand as he reads from an open book in his lap.

Haley worked to promote literacy, adult literacy especially, and participated in programs that encouraged young people to remain in school. Haley was born in 1921 in New York and served in the Pacific theater during WWII. Following the war, he became the first chief journalist within the Coast Guard and retired in 1959. Retirement was short-lived as he became the senior editor for Reader's Digest Magazine. He became well-known for "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" and "Roots." In his later years he acquired a small farm in Clinton, Tennessee,

(northwest of Knoxville) and close to the Museum of Appalachia.

Follow the pink lines through the neighborhood and stop by the historic Mabry-Hazen House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic Mabry-Hazen Home overlooks downtown Knoxville, the Tennessee River and the Great Smoky Mountains. The museum's impressive collection is a look back in time. The Italianate-style

house built in 1858 showcases over 2,000 original artifacts and is home to an 8-acre site and arboretum which features one of the largest old-grove of dogwoods in the area.

Just down the street is The Beck Cultural Exchange Center, a non-profit organization established in 1975 due to Knoxville's Urban Renewal projects. Beck is the storehouse of African American history and culture and is designated by the state as

a primary repository of black history and culture in East Tennessee. The trail continues on to the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, a 47-acre property that was home to the former Howell Nurseries and features walking trails, display gardens, a Secret Garden, over two miles of historic stone walls, and timeless buildings. Be sure to visit the Dogwood Nature Trail with 20 cultivars of native Cornus Florida and dozens of other dogwood varieties.



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Analogies

Show me the man and I'll show you the crime.

Joseph Stalin's secret police chief, Lavrentiy Beria.

Do you find it curious that President Trump's Manhattan arraignment was during Holy Week? President Trump is no Jesus. He is a sinner like me. However, the "trumped-up" charges against him are reminiscent of the false charges made by Jewish rulers against Jesus. There was even a clandestine pseudo-trial (grand jury) for Trump analogous to the middle of the night indictment of Jesus by the Sanhedrin.

The Jewish establishment was threatened by Jesus. They had already decided they must kill him; they just had to manufacture the charges (Mark 11:18). President Trump threatens Democrats and the Washington establishment who have been trying

to destroy him for seven years. The Democrats realize that if Trump survives this latest ordeal, he will respond in kind and end their tyranny. It is gladiatorial combat to the death, and America, its citizens and our judicial system are collateral damage.

Jesus could not get a fair trial before the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem. Nor can President Trump get a fair trial in New York, where more than 90% of voters are said to be Democrats. Arguably, those who call themselves Democrats are actually progressive socialists. John Kennedy Democrats no longer exist.

I am no legal eagle. I cannot expound on the legalities of "expired statutes of limitation," the allegations of prostitutes or those of felon and disbarred lawyer Michael Cohen, whose own attorney says is a liar. And I've read that Cohen's lawyer has a signed affidavit that Trump

had nothing to do with payments to Stormy Daniels.

I have never run for president, nor have I been unfaithful to my wife. But, if I were a presidential candidate, I might pay hush money in the run-up to an election or to protect my wife and family. I do know that legal scholars like liberal, Alan Dershowitz and Jonathan Turley, as well as conservative attorney Greg Jarrett, have stated that "fat Alvin's" case against Trump is ridiculous. Even George Soros, who gave Bragg a million dollars for his election campaign, is disavowing any relationship with Bragg. Recall that Peter denied Jesus three times. And the "puppet master" Soros is no Peter. He is the embodiment of evil.

A friend asked me when I thought our leaders would wise up to what's going on. I told him they're not going to wise up because they are part of the problem, just like those who elect Democrats. Pogo said, "We have met the enemy and he is us." Well, that goes for the 40% who say the demented one and his cackling sidekick are doing a good job.

I learned in the school yard that bullies must be confronted. And appeasement will only produce more evil. Jesus understood this. He did not mince words with the

hypocritical Pharisees and ruling elites (Matthew chapter 23:13-39).

As I began this essay, President Trump was on his way to Gotham. Jesus was ignored by the religious rulers as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. President Trump was not ignored by his enemies. Obviously, the timeline of Jesus during Holy Week two millennia ago and President Trump's arraignment on allegations of moperly (violation of an imaginary or trivial law) cannot be overlaid. However, I am struck by the similarities. The indictments of Jesus and Trump are actually indictments of us all.

On Monday Jesus drove out the money changers who were defiling the Temple. The Sadducees controlled the lucrative Temple money changing concession analogous to exchanging dollars for Euros when you land in Europe. Only Hebrew shekels were acceptable as Temple donations.

On Tuesday Jesus began teaching in the Temple, repeatedly besting and shaming the religious experts who confronted him. Democrats are so terrified by President Trump that, according to reports, the presiding judge may put a gag order on Trump to prevent him from speaking.

While Jesus continued teaching in the Temple,

Judas Iscariot slipped away on Wednesday to cut a deal with the Jewish rulers. I have read arguments that Judas wanted to force Jesus to be more confrontational with the Roman occupiers. I make no excuses for this lost soul nor the loathsome Alvin Bragg. Both the previous Manhattan DA and federal prosecutors all declined to pursue President Trump. Interestingly, Bragg had also decided not to pursue Trump until Joe Biden sent a prosecutor from the DOJ to the Manhattan DA's office to direct the investigation and insist that Bragg seek indictment.

The Last Supper and Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane occurred on Thursday followed by the illegitimate Sanhedrin proceedings in the middle of the night on Friday. Not surprisingly the Sanhedrin indicted Jesus, who was subsequently tortured and crucified. But the event which changed the course of mankind was Sunday, the Resurrection.

Justice will not come swiftly for President Trump. The far left that controls the Democrat party is Trump's torturer and representative of all that is wrong in our country. But again, they have miscalculated and made President Trump a symbol of the resistance. But make no mistake, if elites can crucify Jesus

Christ and President Trump, they can also come for you.

Under the leadership of the Biden administration, nothing is working. Actually, my marriage is working and the electrical grid is functioning at this moment. I have enough time, safety and resources. I have been blessed and this is the reason I fight for my children, grandchildren, family and country.

President Trump is from Queens, just like Archie Bunker. He is not genteel. However, there is no denying he loves America while so many leftists and progressives hate our country. Why else would Trump put up with this crap? He doesn't need the money or the prestige.

In 2020 we traded President Trump for dementia, incompetence, supply system problems, a destroyed border, a disastrous foreign policy, train wrecks, corrupt institutions (FBI, DOJ), shipping and airline problems, inflation, drugs and crime. But hey, we don't have mean tweets.

Everyone makes mistakes. But only a fool continues to make the same mistakes by continuing to elect destructive Democrats. If we don't wise up soon, we're done.

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Rotary honors Teachers of the Year Susan Parker, Skikila Smith

At its April 4 meeting, the Rotary Club of Knoxville honored Susan Parker, a fourth-grade teacher at South Knoxville Elementary School, and Skikila Smith, a ninth-grade English and advanced creative writing teacher at Austin-East Magnet High School, as its 2023 Outstanding Knox County Teachers of the Year.

Each winner received a \$500 check, along with a \$250 gift certificate to A&W Office Supply. "The Rotary Club of Knoxville is proud to honor dedicated educators like Susan Parker and Skikila Smith," said Lynne Fugate, chair of the club's Teacher Recognition

Committee. "Each year our committee is inspired by the nominees we review. Our winners truly make a difference for our children every day."

"Mrs. Parker came to us with 24 years of experience," wrote Principal Tanna Nicely of South Knoxville Elementary School in her nomination letter. "As she is often heard saying, 'The classroom is where my heart is and where I feel I make the largest impact.' Mrs. Parker's entire career has been served in Title I schools like Sarah Moore Greene, Pond Gap, and now SKE, where children with the largest needs are

found and where she feels called to serve."

In her remarks, Parker said several factors are important for a successful class, including a loving environment, genuinely caring for the students, structure, and expectations. "They all should know that they are expected to do their best," she said, "And part of my job is to help them believe that they can do their best. Education is a game changer for many of my students. Changing their mindset to expect something from themselves and their education is important."

On a lighter note, Parker **Continued on page 2**



Austin-East Executive Principal Tammi Campbell, Outstanding Teacher of the Year winners Skikila Smith and Susan Parker, and South Knox Elementary Principal Tanna Nicely at the Rotary Club of Knoxville's April meeting.

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Siblings at Easter

By **Ralphine Major**
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When the picture shown here was made, I had not heard of a sibling's day. The special day to honor brothers and sisters started several years ago and now appears on many calendars along with Mother's Day and Father's Day. Siblings are gifts to families. Most of my friends have siblings, but some are an only child and have no siblings at all. This year, National Siblings Day falls on the day after Easter.

The picture of my brother and me was taken on Easter in the early seventies just a couple of years after we

moved from the dairy farm. It showed up in my vast collection of slides that were recently converted to digital format. Our memories often fade with time, and I do not even remember the Easter Sunday when the picture was made. It is amazing to see how the styles and trends have changed over time. I was amused to see our polyester outfits that were hand sewn by our mother. I was not surprised to see Wayne's beloved German Shepherd dog, King, close beside him. Today, many churches have beautiful backdrops for families to have their pictures taken on Easter and other

special days. What fun to have pictures to look back on and help us remember those special people and special days. How blessed to have family---and siblings---in our lives!

Words of Faith: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." 1 Peter 1:3-4 (KJV).



Picture of **Ralphine and Wayne Major with King on Easter Sunday 1973, by Juanita Major.**

Rotary Teachers

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said that, after she finished giving what she thought was a particularly good, well thought out and planned lesson, she asked her students if they had any questions. One little girl raised her hand and her question was, "Where do you get all of your scarves?"

"When you enter Ms. Skikila Smith's English I or Advanced Creative Writing classroom," wrote Austin-East Magnet High School Executive Principal Tammi Campbell in her nomination, "you will always witness our students highly engaged with the content, interacting through rich discussion, expressing powerful ideas through their writing, and authentically owning and excelling in their learning experiences. Mrs. 'Ski,' as she is affectionately called by staff and students, leads and models for our students and school community through high expectations, unwavering love and compassion, and a relentless drive and pursuit to continuously improve and achieve."

Miss Ski (pronounced 'sky') began her remarks by pointing out that her path to teaching was nontraditional. "I have been teaching only five years," she said. "I grew

up in the Lonsdale community in a difficult situation. I became a single mom of three children at age 21. I went back to college when my daughters were adults and my youngest son was a freshman in high school." All of them encouraged her to become a teacher. She went to the University of Tennessee and received bachelor's and master's degrees. She completed her student teaching at Austin-East and has been on the faculty there ever since.

Miss Ski said that her students are always on her mind. For many of them, education is a bridge to a better future. She pointed out impediments to education that many of her students face, including hunger, housing, other vital necessities and safety concerns.

Miss Ski described her own teaching approach as sometimes unorthodox and noted that she appreciated the flexibility afforded her by Principal Campbell. For example, Campbell's nomination letter noted that desks are permanently arranged in a circle in her classroom, encouraging students to participate as equals with each other and with their teacher.

Musician David West Honored by Knoxville Songwriters



Knoxville musician David West, left, is presented with Lifetime Membership in the Knoxville Songwriters Association by KSA President Randy Ott.

Legendary East Tennessee musician David West has been presented with Lifetime Membership in the Knoxville Songwriters Association. He was honored by the group April 4 at their weekly meeting at the Fountain City Library.

"David West deserves our recognition and thanks for the big role he's played in this region's music scene," said KSA President Randy Ott. "He's welcomed our members to play on his shows at the Music Barn and other venues, given us advice on choosing instruments at Ciderville Music, and helped promote songwriters and our events

on his show with Ron Meredith on WYSH Radio."

David West served as a long-time band leader on Knoxville's "Cas Waker Show" and owns the iconic Ciderville Music on Clinton Highway.

He shared stories of a musical journey that has included performing for presidents and other political and business leaders, appearing on the Grand Ole Opry and "Dukes of Hazard" broadcasts--and a taking a too-long trip from Kentucky squeezed into the back seat of a car with other band members and Mr. Walker's newly purchased coon hound.

Two Get-Togethers

With much sadness, I've begun reading the obituaries of former students. The one that hit hard recently was for Toby Hyke. He was a student of mine and played on the football team



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of which I was an assistant coach. Toby had orange hair and a smile that brightened even the saddest folks' lives. I didn't see him again after graduation; the obituary indicated that he ran a successful business in south Knoxville and that all people loved him.

Since Toby's passing, I've thought of those students who passed through the door of my classroom at Doyle High School. I began my teaching career there and loved most of

the hours that I spent with students and the school. Other people made my staying on the job impossible. However, after a venture into the real world, I realized that the classroom was where I was destined to be. To my good fortune, a job became available, and I restarted my teaching career on November 5, 1985. At Karns High School I found more students who have made my life full and happy. I ended my stint as a teacher at the end of a school year when a student stood up in the middle of the classroom and announced that he'd "whip my a\$\$." I left, not for fear but the chance that taking on a student would land me in jail or in a lawsuit.

If I could figure out how to accomplish it, I'd announce to those former students and players at Doyle High that on a certain date, I

would be at some location. All would be invited to stop by for a while. Of course, all would need to wear a name tag with names and graduation years on them. We could sit and talk about old times, the good and bad ones. Some of the tales we'd share would be shaded by 50 years that have passed. I'd like to see what's happened to those guys who sat at desks or lined up for football drills.

On another date, I'd do the same thing with the graduates from Karns High. More folks might be at this gathering since I spent over twenty years at Karns. I have seen some students who still live in the community, and I've even taught some of their children. The stories we would share might be of interest to their children and/or grandchildren.

Teachers seem to fade into the past. We share our knowledge of our subjects and sometimes offer up unsolicited advice. My wife says a gaggle of teachers is always louder and more argumentative than any other group. She swears that it's because we are used to always being right. I used to argue with her but now understand. We had to

be right in our classrooms. When the doors closed, we looked upon a world of our own. We made the rules and ultimately decided what subject material should be covered.

If such an event occurred, I would warn those who might attend that I might not remember them. One reason is my mind isn't as sharp as it was when I was 22 years old. The other is that none of them will look the same as they did at 18. Of course, neither do I. Former students also should remember that they only have one face and person to remember; I have thousands.

Yep, I'd like to have such a get-together with both groups. This would not be a reunion; instead, we'd call it a time to remember. It would be much more fun to relive the past, or at least our versions of it. Most people do this kind of thing at the funeral home. If that's my fate, so be it. Maybe I can hear the stories from former students from above or below. At any rate, I promise that I remember many of the good times and funny things that occurred. I'm thankful to have taken part in a part of your stories.

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Dewey Short of Missouri

Pages from the Past



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During the eighty-one years that comprised the life of Dewey Jackson Short, folks knew he was here. Short was a true son of the hill country of the Ozarks and a gifted speaker who could hold his audiences spellbound, sometimes referred to as the "Hillbilly Demosthenes." As to Short's speaking ability, no less than Richard Nixon wrote in his book of political memoirs, "In the Arena," that Dewey Short was likely the best orator he had ever heard speak.

Dewey Short could mix his background as a theologian with his politics. "I look at the Supreme Court and I know why Jesus wept," Short once said tartly of Franklin Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson founded the Democratic Party and President Roosevelt has dumbfounded it." No yokel rube, Dewey Short had studied for a year at Oxford in England and had earned a law degree from Harvard.

Carl Vinson, one of the longest-serving members of the House of Representatives in our history, served for decades on the Armed Services Committee with Dewey Short and once said the Missourian was "the most beloved man I have ever known." Yet Dewey Short could not be called mild in any way; Short was a staunch conservative and a partisan.

Short once said of his childhood, "It was root hog or die. With 10 kids in the family, we licked the platter clean. I went barefooted, bareheaded, shined shoes, delivered newspapers, raised and fed pigs and drove a team of jennies."

"By the time I was ready to go to Marionville College, I had saved \$1,000. That was a lot of money then, and it took me through two years of college."

Dewey Short was a devoutly religious man and when first asked to consider running for Congress was reluctant. He was content to remain a theologian until a trip to Washington, D.C., changed his mind. Standing in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building, an awed Dewey Short soaked in the sight of the worn marble, the statues of famous Americans, the living history of his country. Dewey Short never lost his feeling of awe while being in the Capitol Building and it was likely one of the reasons why he chose to retire in Washington, D.C., rather than go home to Missouri. The former congressman liked to go back to the Capitol every so often to wander the halls and visit with old friends. It was his silver-tongued oratory which launched his long career in Congress. In 1927, Short was asked to be the speaker at the Lincoln Day Dinner at the Shrine Mosque in Springfield. Dewey Short's speech so impressed local Republican leaders they asked him to run for

Congress.

Short's father, Jackson Short, was better known as "Uncle Jack" to many folks locally. "Uncle Jack" Short was a power in the local Republican Party. Such was the elder Short's influence that some joked, "Uncle Jack not only told his flock how to vote, but he told them what to wear and what to eat." It was "Uncle Jack" who had first launched his son into politics.

1928 was a big Republican year nationally and in Missouri as well. Dewey Short was elected to Congress to represent much of the "bootheel" of Missouri. The Great Depression changed politics and the majority Republican Party suffered politically. Dewey Short lost the 1930 election to Democrat James Fulbright, who had been the congressman Short had beaten to win election to the House of Representatives in 1928. Fulbright won, albeit narrowly. Rather than try and reclaim his seat in Congress, Dewey Short sought to win a seat in the United States Senate in 1932. Short lost the GOP primary to Henry W. Kiel, who was the former mayor of St. Louis. Short later described his decision to run for the Senate as "foolish" and noted 1932 was a terrible year for Republicans and the party didn't succeed in even electing a dogcatcher.

Redistricting had altered Missouri's Seventh Congressional District and Short decided to run once more. Dewey Short faced a serious opponent for the GOP nomination for Congress in Joe J. Manlove, who had served ten years before losing his seat in the 1932 election. Short won a solid, albeit narrow victory in the primary and claimed the right to face incumbent Democratic congressman Frank H. Lee in the general election.

Dewey Short campaigned hard during the fall, visiting the numerous cities, towns and hamlets that comprised Missouri's Seventh Congressional District. A district composed of fifteen counties, the former congressman carried ten of them in November, beating Frank Lee with roughly 53% of the ballots cast. Congressman Short repeated the feat in 1936, which was a banner year for Democrats nationally. For the next two decades, Dewey Short remained unbeatable inside his own congressional district.

As the decade of the 1950s dawned, Congressman Dewey Short's percentages began to dwindle, always a warning sign for an incumbent. Short drew a credible challenger inside the Republican primary in 1954 in State Senator Noel Cox. Cox was young and quite ambitious and was a veteran of ten years in the Missouri State Senate. Even Congressman



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Missouri Congressman Dewey Short to his colleague Roy Woodruff.

Short readily acknowledged Cox was a tough opponent and was slow to kick off his reelection campaign because his responsibilities kept him in Washington, D. C., longer than usual.

"The Goliath of Galena" reminded folks, ". . . you've got to learn to be a congressman and the most valuable asset I can have is 22 years experience there." The forty-three-year-old challenger scoffed at the promise of Dewey Short's years in Congress being used for the advantage of the people of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District were "gone forever and lie smothered in the bottom of a heap of promises to a chosen few both in politics and in industry." Cox reminded primary voters Dewey Short had returned to Congress by defeating another former congressman, Joe Manlove, whom Short had said had been in Congress too long. "Joe Manlove, the man he defeated, had been in Congress only 10 years - - not 22 years," Noel Cox cried.

Incumbents always tout their experience and seniority, which equates to influence and the ability to get things done for their people. Challengers necessarily campaign against incumbents by assaulting the notion of seniority and placing the blame for whatever ails the country at the feet of the person holding office. Noel Cox was no exception and he battered Dewey Short's record in Congress. Well financed, Cox managed to carry only three counties out of seventeen, but he did hold Short to 58% of the vote.

One reason for the change in the voting habits of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District was due to redistricting and the inclusion of Greene County (Springfield), which made it more Democratic. 1954 saw Congressman Dewey Short face Democrat J. M. Lowry in the general election. Lowry only carried two of the seventeen counties constituting Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, but the Democrat

held Short to less than 54% of the vote. Considering that the Republicans had won control of the House of Representatives in the 1952 election, which elevated Short to the chairman of the powerful Armed Services Committee, it was a weak showing. Concentrating upon his increased duties in Washington, D.C., some of the home folks may well have felt ignored. Only the most adroit officeholders are able to balance keeping in touch with the people back home and accruing real influence in Washington.

Democrats felt Congressman Short might be vulnerable to a serious challenger and nominated Charles Harrison Brown, better known as "Charlie" in 1956. A radio announcer at the age of sixteen, Brown was quite an orator in his own right. A champion debater in high school, Brown had won a national oratorical contest. Charlie Brown continued honing his debating skills and college and earned a reputation as a fellow who could think fast on his feet, always a plus in politics. It was Brown's gift of gab that caused Missouri's U.S. Senator Tom Hennings to suggest he run for Congress.

Congressman Short referred to his opponent during the 1956 campaign as "Little Charlie," while the challenger reminded voters at age thirty-six, he was six years older than Short had been when the folks had sent him to Congress for the first time in 1928.

Charlie Brown only

carried five of the seventeen counties in Missouri's Seventh Congressional District. While keeping track of the ballots trickling in, Congressman Dewey Short was trailing and told friends "it looks like it's all over."

The final count was paper-thin and the election rested upon the count of the absentee ballots in the congressional race, but the Democratic candidate won the general election by eking out a victory by exactly 1,060 votes. Dewey Short's twenty-six years in the House of Representatives had come to an end.

Asked about his defeat, the congressman acknowledged, "Charlie ran much better than I thought he would. I expected Jasper, Newton and Lawrence counties to come in more for me." Ultimately, Dewey Short told a reporter, "It's hard to beat five years of drought, a lot of money and a good campaigner." The congressman believed "our total lack of organization on the state level hurt me."

"I learned to win without crowing and to lose without crabbing," Congressman Short said philosophically. "I can take it. There's no bitterness in my heart. I am grateful to all my friends."

Asked what he would do after his service in the House of Representatives was done, the congressman replied, "I'll take a long rest - - - perhaps I'll live longer now - - - and catch up on my

fishing." Charlie Brown was less gracious than Dewey Short was in defeat. Brown modestly termed his victory "a miracle" and attributed his win to the "case of a man who has grown tired and negligent" as well as unhappy farmers who were disgruntled and formed a large bloc of voters in the largely rural district.

Throughout his long political career, Dewey Short had retained his ties to the Ozarks and always carried with him a seeming reminder of the hills and hollows of his home. By way of contrast, one newspaper reporter wrote of Charlie Brown, "He's a small-town boy who became the equivalent of a Madison Avenue huckster. . ."

Dewey Short was not out of public life for long after leaving the halls of Congress, as President Eisenhower appointed the former congressman as Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil-Military Affairs. Short held that post for just over a year before retiring.

Dewey Short remained in Washington, D.C., following his retirement. His last visit to his home was during the summer of 1979 when he was to be inducted into the Ozarks Hall of Fame at the School of the Ozarks. Out of the House of Representatives for almost a quarter of a century, Short was a revelation for the generation who grew up without knowing of his time in the House. The former congressman although physically depleted by old age and time, once again demonstrated his ability to hold an audience spellbound, which he did for an hour and thirty-five minutes.

Dewey Short died at his home in Washington, D.C., a few months after coming home to Missouri. Short's final journey home to the Ozarks was to be buried in his hometown of Galena. Family and close friends gathered at the home the former congressman still owned there. A crowd of some two hundred people, hardly the number that would have attended his funeral had he died at the peak of his popularity, attended the services across the street from the Short home at the Galena Community Church.

Dewey Short had once told a reporter, "I was born to Jackson Grant Short and Permelia Cordelia Long across the street in Galena from where we live, and, when I die, I will be buried on the hill with the rest of my people."

"Galena will always be home," he said softly.

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A drive along Andrew Johnson Highway

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Named for the former Tennessee Senator who served as president after Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, the Andrew Johnson Highway begins when Asheville Highway splits and the north-east portion becomes the AJ Highway heading toward Jefferson City and Morristown.

As you drive east from downtown and pass beneath Interstate 40, you'll pass the former drive-in theater now known as River Breeze Event Center. Continue east and watch for Mascot Road on the left. If you turn left then turn right before the bridge and you'll discover Knox County's newest park, the McBee Ferry Landing Park.

McBee Ferry Landing Park

This four-acre park was donated by Legacy Parks and was the site of a historic ferry that served the area across the Holston River before it was replaced by the Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridge connecting Strawberry Plains to Mascot. Operated in the late 1700s by the family of William McBee who lived nearby.

Knox County's newest park was dedicated on March 30 by Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Legacy Park's Carol Evans, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, and District 8 Commissioner Richie Beeler. The little park is located at 1233 Old Strawberry Plains Road.

If you'd like to visit the



Commissioner Richie Beeler, Legacy Park's Carol Evans, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Parks Maintenance Director Jason Halliburton and Parks Director Joe Mack cut the ribbon opening the county's newest park, the McBee Ferry Landing Park.

historic Strawberry Plains you can double back to the AJ Highway and continue east until you reach Old West Andrew Johnson Highway.

Strawberry Plains

Strawberry Plains, which sits near the Knox-Jefferson county line, has two historic churches, a large old cemetery, the iconic Parrott-Wood Memorial Library, and the large Rush Strong Elementary School.

The unincorporated town was the first established settlement in Jefferson County and was named for the wild strawberries that grew there. The name was established by railroad workers who used the depot and first post office there.

During the Civil War Strawberry Plains was

occupied by Confederate forces who guarded the railroad bridge there and built a large earthen fort on the north side of the Holston. Later the town had several stores, a gristmill, the railroad and train depot, a gas station and several restaurants.

You can leave the little town by way of Bend Road, south, and enter AJ Highway heading east toward New Market and Jefferson City. Or you could continue along Old Andrew Johnson Highway.

New Market

New Market is a small town of about 1,400 residents. In 1904 two passenger trains collided near the town, killing more the 54 people.

The historic New Market Presbyterian Church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

New Market is the home of the Highlander Research Education Center. In 2009 the Northfork Southern Railway proposed a 1,300-acre park there but the project remained stagnant and no plans have been made currently for the project that would have provided about 1,700 jobs.

The town is the childhood home of Frances Hodgson Burnett, the author of "The Secret Garden" and several other books.

New Market also is the home of Houston's Mineral Waters, a captured spring inside a unique building where you can drink from the fountain for free or fill your gallon jugs by putting 50 cents into the money box. It's been a Tennessee tradition since 1931 when William Avery Houston dug a well. The family-owned business may be the only one authorized by the state that operates on an honor

system.

You can continue along AJ Highway toward Jefferson City and visit the Glenmore Mansion on North Chucky Pike, just off East Old Andrew Johnson Highway. You can enter that old highway as you enter Jefferson City just past the Jefferson Memorial Hospital, taking the road northeast through the city.

The Gilmore Mansion was built in 1868 by John Roper Banner and is the only public house museum in Jefferson County. The Victorian home was occupied by only two families over the years and is recognized by the Tennessee Historical Society.

You can continue on AJ Highway to Morristown and beyond or, in Jefferson City, take Hwy 92 south from the main intersection to I-40 and return to Knox County.

It's Sock Hop time at the Museum of Education

By Mike Steely
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"Dum Dum Dum Dum Dumdownee, Whoo, Whoo, Whoo," are the memorable words of a 1950s song. It begins like that and, if you are of the right age, you remember it, don't you?

If you remember you might want to put Friday, April 21, on your calendar and stroll over to the Knox County Museum of Education. Bring your penny loafers, your poodle skirt, or your pegged pants and prepare to dance to the oldies during the museum's seventh annual fundraiser.

The party begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. in the Great Room of the Sarah Simpson Center at 801 Tipton Avenue in South Knoxville. Golden Oldies music will be provided by Smokin' Bill Rutherford with the Pro-Audio DJs and keyboardist Marc Beecher.

Tickets are only \$25 per person. Dinner is available for \$5 and includes pizza, salad and a soft drink with dessert. Attendees will cruise down the Silent Auction Table filled with "Objects Du Jour." Tickets are available at the museum prior to the dance night and also at the door.

Proud supporters of the museum, which collects all types of things about current and former area high schools, will bop the evening away with music, memories, and fellowship.

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Admirals get first soccer win of season, 4-0 over CAK

By Bill Howard

Farragut High School's boys' soccer program has a long history of success. But after its first six matches this year, that would have been hard to recognize: the Admirals started 0-6. Thursday night at home, FHS's losing streak was

quickly sent packing as the Admirals easily defeated Christian Academy of Knoxville, 4-0.

"We've played good enough to win another match; we just haven't got it," said FHS coach Bradley Culbreth. "It was good to get that win tonight and take that pressure off. It'll

be a good weekend for them to reset."

"We got some great coachable moments," said Warriors' coach Bobby Deets. "We can go back and review video; we'll go through it and go from there. What I'm looking for is accuracy of shots. It's not the quantity, it's on target is

what I'm looking for. Good match for Farragut."

Farragut scored its first goal fewer than four minutes into the match, when freshman Lincoln Unger punched it in on an assist from sophomore wing Zack Guigou.

With just under 25 minutes left in the half, senior

central midfielder Eric Sonnenschein set up Jack Bukovitz, also a senior central midfielder, for a goal. The play began with a corner kick.

Sonnenschein gave the Admirals a 3-0 lead before half when he scored on a long kick with 18:20 left.

"Great win in the middle

by Ty Finnegan, one of our best leaders on the team," said Sonnenschein. "I was able to beat a guy, get an angle, and drive it home with my left foot. It feels great to finally be able to put all the pieces together and get a win against such a good team like CAK."

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PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS

Carol Mitchell gets a lot of help with the "Ws" from her players on a special day that saw the Gibbs High softball coach get career win No. 1,000.

Gibbs rallies late to get past Lady Hornets, 5-4

By Steve Williams

Carter came close to spoiling the Gibbs players' first opportunity to present their head coach with her 1,000th career victory last week.

But the Lady Eagles pulled out a 5-4 district win when senior Emma Keck drove in the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth inning and her sophomore sister Lacey Keck shut down the bottom of Carter's batting order in the ninth.

The win upped Gibbs' season record to 10-0, while Carter slipped to 12-3.

"It really is special for us to be a part of something so big," said Emma. "I mean I feel like we have a really good team and this is special for Coach Mitchell, but it's also special that we get to celebrate it with her."

Gibbs leadoff batter Maliyah Smith beat out a bunt to open the ninth inning. Dakota Large's sacrifice bunt moved her to second. Power hitter Jordann Reagan was intentionally walked and replaced by pinch runner Rheanne Tulloch.

Freshman Malaney Etherton struck out Lacey Keck for the second out, but Emma Keck hit the ball into shallow centerfield and Smith slid in safely ahead of the throw to the plate to give the Lady Eagles the lead.

Lacey Keck fanned Carter's first two batters in the bottom of the ninth. Anna Long was hit by a pitch and replaced by pinch runner McKinley Grubb. But Jade Bell fielded Jenna Wilson's grounder to third and threw to Emma Keck at second for the game-ending out.

"I just thought they made one more play than we did," said Carter Coach Ryan Burkhart. "That was a great high school softball game. That (Gibbs) is a really good high school team over there."

"But our girls fought from the first inning on. They got down 2-0 and just fought their way back and fought and battled like crazy. I told the girls after the game that just shows us we can compete with anybody when we've got our 'A' game on. It was a great team effort and I'm very proud of our girls."

Gibbs got off to a great start as Reagan belted a two-run homer to left center in the first inning.

The Lady Hornets responded with a run in the first and second innings to tie the game.

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Win No. 1,000 takes a backseat for now

But Mitchell admits it was 'spectacular'

By Steve Williams

When the final out was made to secure Carol Mitchell's 1,000th career softball win, a celebration began near third base with the Lady Eagles jumping up and down around the Gibbs High coach. It was a brief but memorable moment.

After the 5-4 win in nine innings at Carter, Mitchell was asked by this reporter to comment on her milestone victory.

In true fashion, Mitchell put the game, the tough win, her team and the opponent ahead of herself.

"I don't think about it necessarily being a 1,000," she said. "I think about we won a tough district game and we were on the ropes many times and we bounced back. They took our punches and we took their punches, and we just happened to end up on top. I expect it to be a good battle the next time we play. I thought they (Carter) played a fantastic game."

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Gibbs softball coach Carol Zachary Mitchell gets a congratulatory hug from Amanda Smith Turner, who played on Carol's first team in 1994.

Win No. 1,000 takes a backseat for now

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Carol added that she "honestly" hadn't been thinking about it (the 1,000th win).

"It was kind of weird at school today, because people knew, but they didn't want to say," she recalled. "So it's done and it's over; it's in the past and we can move on."

"It is a spectacular moment for me and probably at the end of the season I will look back on it and reflect."

But on the day she did log win No. 1,000, she preferred to talk about her

team and their play.

"These girls are special," she said. "They fought with all they had and sometimes it wasn't good and sometimes it was good. That's what I'll remember – the fighting and the battle, and I think maybe that's the reason why we didn't play as well. They put too much pressure on themselves to try to get that win."

Carol has never been one that wanted to be in the spotlight.

"I didn't tell anybody (about win No. 1,000 being close at hand)," she said. "We've got

some bigmouths around our program," laughed Mitchell, "that told some people."

When she was Carol Zachary, Gibbs' standout pitcher in the 1980s, she learned she could only control so much.

"It took my teammates to do everything else," she pointed out. "As a player, that's kind of how it was. As a coach, I (also) can only do so much. I can't do anything but try to teach them and let them learn and try to fix things in the game."

As the state's coach with the most wins, she's

handled her role quite well.

The win over Carter raised Mitchell's record to 1,000-300-4 in her 30th season at Gibbs.

Carol has been a part of nine of Gibbs' 10 state championships – four as a player under Coach Dennis Ray and five as the head coach (1998, 1999, 2000, 2012 and 2017).

Amanda Smith Turner was a special spectator at the game, having played in Carol's first game as head coach at Gibbs in 1994 and also in her first win – a 13-1 victory over Fulton on April 5, 1994.

"I played in her first

Carol Mitchell's Milestone Wins

- 100th win 3/28/98 Columbia 7-5
- 200th win 5/19/00 Union County 8-0
- 300th win 4/28/03 Powell 4-1
- 400th win 5/19/06 Rutledge 10-0
- 500th win 4/27/09 Karns 3-1
- 600th win 4/14/12 Lebanon 3-0
- 700th win 5/2/14 Clinton 7-1
- 800th win 3/24/17 Waverly 3-0
- 900th win 4/25/19 Powell 9-3
- 1000th win 4/4/23 Carter 5-4

each other in 10 or 11 years." Kim didn't know it was Mitchell's 1,000th win until she was told about it after the game. She was pleasantly surprised to hear about that. Carol's parents, Judy and Bob Zachary, are regulars at Gibbs' games and sat in lawn chairs near the Lady Eagles' dugout. Judy is the official scorer for Gibbs at home games and also was keeping the scorebook at this game, which had to be a special one for her and Bob to see.

When it finally ended with the one-run victory, Judy said: "That one was harder than the other 999."

Kim Wilder Harbin was a special visitor at the game, having been a teammate of Carol's from 1983-87.

"I live in Carter, so I had to come and see my buddy," said Kim. "We hadn't seen



PHOTO COURTESY OF DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT

The driver got Jake Sheffield going as he took first place in the 14-15 age division of the Drive, Chip and Putt National finals at Augusta.

Knoxville junior golfer wins on 'biggest stage'

By Steve Williams

Knoxville area junior golfer Jake Sheffield won the boys' 14-15 age division in the Drive, Chip and Putt National finals at the Masters' Augusta National course last week.

Sheffield started with a 259-yard drive to earn second place. He then placed fourth in chipping and secured his place atop the leader board with a 30-foot putt attempt that stopped within two feet of the hole.

Reflecting on the day, Jake said, "I've been trying to calm my nerves. It is such a big stage. It's the biggest stage in junior golf."

DeSean Bishop scores TD in Vols' scrimmage

Former Karns High star running back DeSean Bishop scored a touchdown Thursday in the Tennessee Vols' second scrimmage of spring practice.

Brent Hubbs reported on 990 AM radio that there's no doubt Bishop has

helped his stock through the first two scrimmages.

DeSean was a two-time TSSAA Mr. Football honoree and the second leading all-time rusher in the state.

Central to honor 1973 state champs

Central High School's 1973 state championship baseball team will be honored on Tuesday, April 18, prior to the Bobcats' game against Powell at Schumpert Park.

Tommy Schumpert was the head coach of the 1973 CHS team.

Speck named CAK's AD and football coach

Chad Speck was announced Thursday as **Continued on page 4**

Gibbs rallies late to get past Lady Hornets, 5-4

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Kayla Rucker's two-out hit in the first almost knocked off first baseman Savannah Melo's glove. The ball was bobbled in right field, allowing Rucker to advance to second. She scored on clean-up hitter Bailey Stout's single.

Two Gibbs errors put runners on first and second for Carter in the second inning. Ivey Jones scored an unearned run on Wilson's infield single to tie the game.

Another two-out rally put the Lady Hornets ahead 3-2 in the fourth. Loren Chamberlain walked and stole second. She then scored on Anna Long's ground ball single up the middle.

After failing to score for five straight innings, Gibbs had to tally in the top of the seventh or taste defeat. Melo slapped a single up the middle to ignite a rally.

A great defensive play by Carter third baseman Gracie Miller on a catch of foul ball as she collided into the brick wall between third and home produced the first out. But Smith singled to advance Melo to third and then stole second base.

Large's sacrifice bunt plated Melo with the tying run and Lacey Keck's hit to right center scored Smith as Gibbs went ahead 4-3.

Carter tied the game in the bottom of the seventh when Chamberlain singled and was replaced by pinch runner Marah Yeo. With two outs and a 3-2 count, Etherton dropped a single between the shortstop and left fielder to bring in Yeo and knot the score at 4-4.

Both teams threatened in the eighth but failed to score. The Lady Eagles had runners on second and third with two outs, but pinch-hitter Shelby Williams flew out to deep left field.

On one key defensive play in the bottom of the eighth, Gibbs' McKenzie Morton used her speed to race in from left field and tag out Rucker before she could slide into third base to complete a double play.

"I feel like the key to the win was just mustering out some grit," said Emma Keck. "The other day we talked about grit and you just got to keep pushing on through. We never give up."

"It was a great game." Carter's Coach Burkhart said he didn't tell his players about the Lady Eagles seeking win No. 1,000 for Mitchell.

"I didn't want them to know," he said. "It didn't really change our approach at all. We were fired up; it's a rivalry game and we were ready to play. It was a tough one to lose."

"After the end of the game, I told them. I think some of them might have known already; somebody else may have told them. They may have seen it on social media or something."

Burkhart was asked if there was any reaction from his players after he told them.

"No, they would have liked to have kept her on 999; that's it," said Burkhart, laughing with that thought in mind.

Circle April 25 on the calendar. That's when Carter will travel to Gibbs for their next meeting.



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'There Ain't a Cow in Texas'

After the 2001 Florida game, a 34-32 Vol victory, a noted sports-writer volunteered this comment about Tennessee tailback Travis Stephens' performance.



By Tom Mattingly



Making Travis Stephens' and Vol dreams a reality.

"If he's not the best running back in the country," he opined and later wrote, "there ain't a cow in Texas." NEWS FLASH: "There are cows in Texas." It wasn't a "heist," as was the case in the 1997 Heisman Trophy race when Charles Woodson's selection over Peyton Manning broke hearts all over Big Orange Country. It was, however, still disappointing to Vol partisans that Stephens did not win the Doak Walker Award as the nation's best running back. His credentials were certainly impressive enough. Regardless, his performance that day was amazing.

By any measure, it was a big game. It was Tennessee and Florida in the "Swamp," Phillip Fulmer and Steve Spurrier on the sidelines, the inimitable Vern Lundquist on the CBS broadcast, Bob Kesling leading the way on the Vol Network, and Bob Bell presiding over the Comcast delayed telecast. An SEC East title, a spot in the SEC championship game, and a continuing quest for a national championship were on the line. Florida was a prohibitive favorite, some sources giving as many as 18 points. The Vols survived a Gator

comeback and came home to a hero's welcome where hundreds had gathered at Tom Black Track. On that Saturday night, those Vol fans who didn't go to Gainesville enjoyed every moment of the celebration. It was the Vols' first win on Florida Field since a 20-13 win in 1971. The Vols' triumph must have attracted considerable attention in Baton Rouge, La., as LSU prepared to face the Vols in the SEC title game a week later. LSU won, in a loss that clearly haunts Vol fans to this day. Stephens, who had come to the Vols from Clarksville,

was part of an amazing 1997 recruiting class. Stephens was one of three future running backs in the class, joining Travis Henry and Jamal Lewis. He had redshirted in 1999, giving him the starting (and starring) role in 2001 after Lewis and Henry had left or run out of eligibility. On the day, he had 226 yards on 19 carries, with two touchdowns. He also helped set up two other scores. His was an inspirational presence from start to finish. "The 5-9, 190-pound back showed no fear," wrote Sports Illustrated's Andy Staples. "On a critical fourth-and-one play early in the fourth quarter, Stephens raised his palms to the sky and begged the Florida crowd for more noise. The Gators, riding a 362-yard passing day from [Rex] Grossman, led 23-21 when the Vols lined up near midfield. Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen gained three yards on a naked bootleg to keep the drive alive. Two plays later, Stephens ripped off

a 34-yard run to set up a two-yard Jabari Davis touchdown run." In that 2001 season, he had two 200-yard games (the other against Arkansas) and five 100-yard games, against Syracuse (111), Georgia (176), Alabama (162), South Carolina (120), and Memphis (124). Whenever the Gators challenged, Stephens and the Vols had the necessary response: a 68-yard run to set up one score and runs of 49, 34 and 35. The 35-yarder found the end zone and gave the Vols a 20-14 lead in the third quarter. All this happened against a Gator defense that had been giving up 85.9 yards rushing per game in 2001 and was the second-highest total ever given up by Florida defenders on Florida Field to that time. In the past, Vol hopes had been shattered in close games and in some others not so close, in Gainesville. Stephens carried the Vols on his back and made his dreams, as

well as those of the Vols and their fans, become reality. He silenced the doubters, earning SEC and All-American honors. He was also the first All-American tailback for the Vols since John Majors in 1956. He was part of a Tennessee team that won at Arkansas, Alabama, Notre Dame, Gainesville, and in the Florida Citrus Bowl against Michigan. The sign above the Vols' dressing room door proclaims, "I Will Give My All for Tennessee Today." Travis Stephens did exactly that. It was a great day for the Volunteers, in one of the most memorable games in Vol history. As the afternoon turned to evening in North Florida, no one will forget where they were, whether at the game venue, in front of a television somewhere or listening to the radio broadcast. The words "game for the ages" are often overused, but this one was exactly that.

A look at the Tennessee secondary

By Mark Nagi

Tennessee had the top offensive football team in the nation last season, leading the country in total offense with 525.5 yards per game, and in scoring with 46.1 points per game. They also set eight new Tennessee single season offensive records on their way to the Vols first 11-win season in 21 years. In Josh Heupel's system, UT has become an offensive juggernaut. Defensively, there is still a lot of work to do, especially in the secondary. Tennessee allowed 289.5 passing yards per game, a woeful 127th ranking nationally. Finding some answers this Spring is extremely important to success this Fall. "We have kind of been moving everybody around to give them an opportunity," said Tennessee defensive backs coach Willie Martinez. "We want the competition. We have to be better. We have said that from the get-go here. It's been really good because we have been able to evaluate more reps from everybody. We

told them we were going to give them a shot, and this is the time where they will have the opportunity to know what they have. They have to prove it, and it has to show up on film." "It's fiercely competitive in our room but we all love each other," said Tennessee defensive back Christian Charles. "There's no animosity in our room, there's no hate on each other. If someone makes a play, everybody's happy for them. The competition is fierce, but we all love each other, and we all want to help each other learn and become as great as possible as soon as possible." The Vols would need to be more aggressive when the action is live. "When the ball is in the air, we have to go get it," said Tennessee defensive back Tamarion McDonald. "It's really as simple as that. We have to get better at our pass defense, no balls over our head. So yeah, when everybody is in the air it has to be ours, that's it." There was a time when incoming freshmen didn't arrive on campus until

June. Today, almost all newcomers fresh from high school get acclimated in December or January before the next football season. The Vols are looking to prospects like Jack Luttrell and Jordan Matthews to make an impact sooner than later. "I've seen tremendous growth from the time they've got here," said Martinez. "We actually gave them the playbook at that time (December 2022). We gave them some reps during those (Orange Bowl) practices. From the time that they've gone back to school in the latter half of January and the months of February and March, you take the nine practices and they've come a long way. They have matured, become very confident and have managed their time with school. The schedule is the hardest thing to understand when you're a young player. They've grown a lot since December, and they're doing a good job too. There are not ones, twos, or threes. We are mixing everybody in there

and giving everyone an opportunity. They've done a really good job." Tennessee has moved Doneiko Slaughter to cornerback, a move that might prove to be the most important one of Spring practice.

"It grew on me like you'd expect it to," said Slaughter. "I'm fine with whatever corner position. I feel like the boundary corner is more physical now since I got used to it. I view it as a positive since it helps you learn

the defense better. You stay consistent on knowing what other guys are doing on the field, so you know where to help. Staying versatile will help your game at all times. There's no negative to that."

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CCS and Seymour coaches recall special acts of good character

By Steve Williams

Girls basketball players from 22 local high schools are being recognized as Careacter Star Athletes in this week's issue of The Knoxville Focus.

They were selected by their head coaches and each will receive a Careacter Star Athlete T-shirt and certificate of recognition, according to Dave Moore, who started the Careacter Star program 22 years ago.

Coaches at two schools recalled "special acts of good character" by their honorees and sent in additional recognition.

Coach Ginger Harness at Concord Christian School commented on each of her five award winners.

"Being a new coach to Concord, Brianna Hughes was the first to introduce herself to me and offer to help me in any way I needed. Servant's Heart," stated Coach Harness.

"This is Alexis Haynes'

first year also to Concord and her character really stood out immediately to me," said Harness. "From volunteering to pray to getting the team pumped up, she is a true leader."

"Natali Fender (showed) perseverance through sickness and knee injuries," added Coach Harness. "First class player."

"Sheridan Patterson is a pure young shooter who came in at any time to give our team a lift.

"Annie Von Hagen is potentially an amazing player with an excellent attitude and speed. A true blessing."

At Seymour High, Coach Greg Hernandez said: "Our special act of good character by our team this season is when the girls volunteered at Johnson University to help pack meals for the International Disaster Emergency Service on February 23.

"It was a great opportunity to help serve those



in their community. The girls did it on the eve of the region quarterfinals. It was a last minute event that was added to our busy schedules, but the girls responded to help with no hesitation and exceeded all expectations in the way they helped those in need that day. It showed me that these girls have huge hearts and an amazing character to find time to serve during a busy time in their basketball schedule."

The Lady Eagles being recognized as Careacter Star Athletes by Coach Hernandez are Bailey McCoy, Brielle Turner, Kaylen Schultz, Jaden Cummings and Caiden Russell.

The Focus congratulates all of the CSA winners!



PHOTO BY JULEE SCHULTZ

ABOVE: Members of the Seymour High girls basketball team contribute their time in community service at Johnson University despite being in the middle of post-season tournament play. It made a special impression on their head coach, Greg Hernandez.



LEFT: Alexis Haynes, Sheridan Patterson and Brianna Hughes are three of Concord Christian School's five Careacter Star Athletes who impressed first-year Coach Ginger Harness this season.

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Knoxville junior golfer wins on 'biggest stage'

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Christian Academy of Knoxville's new athletic director and head football coach.

Speck will be replacing Travis Mazingo as the Warriors' football coach and will take over for current AD Ried Estus, who will be stepping down in June after 14 years at CAK.

Speck served as the wide receivers coach at Christian Academy the previous two seasons. This will be his first head football coaching position.

Knox County has three vacancies in basketball

Three Knox County high school basketball coaches have resigned since the end of the 2022-23 season, including Gibbs boys coach Timmy Meade, Fulton girls coach Freeman Pinkney and Berean Christian boys coach Shannon Jenkins.

Palmer earns prep honors in two sports

Former Gibbs softball standout Gracie Palmer received her All-State plaque in a pre-game ceremony at Gibbs High last Wednesday.

Palmer, now the starting shortstop in her freshman season at LMU, graduated from Berean Christian School but played softball at Gibbs under the TSSAA co-op program.

Gracie also was named to the National Christian High Schools All-American Basketball team.

Clinton freshman hits for the cycle

Freshman softball player Elizabeth Graham had an offensive performance to remember in Clinton's 9-2



CAK's Will Franks signed to play soccer with Covenant College last week. Franks is a four-year member of the Warriors' varsity team, including the 2022 district title team. In 2018-19, Will played on the U15 soccer state championship team. He played the last two years of club soccer with FC Alliance.

home win over rival Anderson County last Tuesday.

The Lady Dragon third baseman hit for the cycle, with a home run in the first inning and then a triple, double and single.

WBHOF wants to grow with the game

With the women's game at an all-time high, the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame has entered into an exclusive agreement with Licensing Partners International to manage its product licensing program, which would include implementing new merchandise and retain strategies.

The recent NCAA Women's championship game between LSU and Iowa attracted an all-time record average of 9.9 million viewers, according to ESPN.

The WBHOF was established in 1999 in Knoxville.

It is the only facility of its kind dedicated to all levels of women's basketball with the mission to honor the past, celebrate the present and promote the future.

Irish coach 'a fan' of new jewelry rule

Knoxville Catholic High baseball coach Caleb Moore said last week that he is "a fan" of the new high school rule that allows baseball and softball players to now wear jewelry.

"I never quite understood the old rule to begin with," he added. "This allows such things as crosses to be worn, or even in our case a few years back, a player wasn't allowed to wear his father's ashes."

"I was glad to hear that the NFHS listened to coaches as most of us have tried to push for this new rule for some time."

Admirals get first soccer win of season, 4-0 over CAK

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Barely a minute and a half into the second half, Guigou completed the scoring when he stole the ball, then artfully made a long scoring kick from a sharp angle.

Farragut (1-6) dominated time of possession, and led in shots and shots on goal. The Admirals had seven shots, and six shots on goal. The Warriors had four shots, and three shots on goal.

CAK (3-3) very nearly scored with a flurry of kicks in front of the goal with under 19 minutes left, but the final kick sailed high.

The Warriors host Providence Academy Tuesday this week in a district match. CAK is 1-1 in District II-A, East Region 1. The Admirals travel to Maryville Tuesday for an important District 4-3A match. Their only other district match was a 2-1

loss to Lenoir City last Tuesday.

"Their demeanor hasn't gone down," said Culbreth. "We'll get it right. It's taken six games to get it right. We're not where we need to be but we'll be ready by May. We got talent. If we can just knock it around and get comfortable, good things happen. No one has hit the panic button."

"We're still a young team," said Deets. "We got things to work on."

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Beware the Harpes, Part 3

By Jadon Gibson

Word about the capture of murderous Micajah and Wiley Harpe was passing swiftly throughout the borderland.

Ballenger knew he had a serious problem because the Stanford Jail was little more than a dog pound and he would have to keep the Harpes shackled and manacled.

Wiley was the more talkative of the brothers. He tried to impress Captain Ballenger the following day that they weren't Harpes at all but were Shelbys or Selbys.

The Harpes were surprised when various folks started showing up at their barred window to peer in at them.

Captain Joseph Ballenger arrived at that time and heard Micajah's offer to fight and whip any two men who stood against him.

The idea was immediately nixed. The captain knew it would be tantamount to murder to turn them loose back into the general population.

Lexington to see if they would take charge of the prisoners. They had more manpower and their jail was more secure.

A few days later, the Harpes saw an opportunity to escape and seized the chance, high-tailing it before dawn.

The pioneers on the borderland had been scared and up in arms before but it was now multiplied tenfold.

A posse led by famed long-hunter Henry Scaggs happened upon the startled Harpe brothers a couple of weeks later.

the posse said they were needed at home. Skaggs attempted to rekindle their spirits but they had all they could take and left.

Scaggs was looking to find new recruits to search for the Harpes when he came upon the cabin of Colonel Trabue who was a veteran of the Indian Wars.

Scaggs and Trabue were diligent in their search for the Harpes but were unsuccessful in finding them.

river. He was found a few days later.

The body of a man named Dooley was found about this time not far from Edmonton in Metcalfe County.

Crude writings announcing a three hundred dollar reward for anyone delivering Micajah Harpe to the Danville jail and a like amount for his brother Wiley Harpe were widely posted.

downcast. Neither of the men can be trusted."

Poses seemed to always be on the heels of the Harpes, who were steadily on the run.

Outlaws before them trekked westward to escape prosecution. The Harpes stayed diligent as more and more regulators hunted for them.

Some folks were interested in the Harpe reward money. Were they underestimating the Harpes?

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Thinking of President Jimmy Carter

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

I learned recently that former President Jimmy Carter had returned home to live out his final days in home hospice in his hometown of Plains, Georgia. Over the years, my wife and I had many occasions to visit Carter places after a chance encounter with this very interesting man.

As a reporter, I've had encounters with several past presidential places including Franklin Roosevelt's summer home in Georgia, Bill Clinton's childhood home in Hope, Arkansas, and the Woodrow Wilson, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson homes in Virginia.

I've seen Barack Obama address Pellissippi College. Dwight Eisenhower visited Kentucky when I was a child and I was a doorkeeper at his Washington, D.C., funeral. I saw Ronald Reagan open the Knoxville World's Fair. I was, as a Coast Guardsman, in the inaugural parade for Richard Nixon.

But my most fond memory is of Jimmy Carter. He was heading a senatorial campaign push at a convention

in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1973. He had served as Georgia's governor and had yet to announce for president. Carter addressed a sparsely-attended meeting in a small assembly room and most of the attendees quickly left for other functions, leaving Carter alone to shake hands and chat.

My wife and I stayed around and went over to talk with him. He was friendly, open, bright and very approachable. I don't remember what we talked about but we spent several minutes alone with him. We came away very impressed and happy for the conversation.

I was vice-chairman of the Tennessee Young Democrats when Carter announced he would seek

the nomination. Along with Will Cheek of Nashville, I became a vice-chair of Carter's campaign in our state. Carter carried Tennessee in his first bid for the office.

I recall picking up Carter's son, Chip, and his wife at the Tri-State Airport and driving them to various campaign functions in the Johnson City areas. He was elected for one term and I recall a tour of the White House along with other tourists.

Carter's term there was not without conflict and the American hostage situation in Iran doomed his re-election. He took the defeat well and returned to his beloved Plains home. Unlike many former presidents, Jimmy Carter continued to be involved with civil and voting

rights and the campaigns of other people.

We visited the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum in Atlanta and were astonished at the many things Carter was involved in, from his childhood through his military service to his terms as governor and president. One section in the building shows his involvement with Habitat for Humanity's home building for low-income Americans.

While visiting in Plains once, my wife and I visited his childhood school, now a museum, and his small childhood home just outside town. I remember inviting him to a Knoxville event several years ago and getting a letter saying he sadly could not attend.

Jimmy and Rosalynn have

been married for 76 years and have been partners in all their endeavors. Both are people of faith and Carter taught Sunday School in Plains for many years. He said his faith sustained them.

At the age of 98, Jimmy Carter remains a favorite for several people and proved that almost anyone can rise from obscurity to become the leader of the most powerful free nation in the world. He remained humble and honorable all his life.

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter have been partners in many efforts and both have taken part in the building of Habitat homes well into their senior years.

Knox Democrats re-elect their leadership

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

An enthusiastic crowd of Knox County Democrats met for their reorganization meeting on April 1 and re-elected all four of their top party officials, that included Matt Shears as chairman, C.J. Butcher as vice chair, Debbie Helsey as secretary and Shannon Webb as treasurer.

The meeting at the Change Center on Harriet Tubman Street saw the nine district delegates each select two people to serve on the Democrat Board of Governors. Knoxville Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto urged each person to contact their state representatives to oppose changing the way the city elects its district council members.

State Representative Gloria Johnson also spoke briefly about legislative matters.

The highlight of the meeting was Chairman Shears calling past Chairwoman Linda Haney up front and honoring her and her late husband, Dan, by naming the Democratic Headquarters' conference room in their honor.

Former Mayor Madeline Rogero swore in the newly elected and re-elected board members and the Democrats' new Board of Governors will meet this Friday, April 14, and will include former officers, representatives from the Democratic Women's Organization, Young Democrats and College Democrats.

Several local office seekers were present at the reorganization meeting including Cameron Brooks, Matthew Best and David Britt.

Shears opened the meeting by sharing the increase in Democrat voter turnout, the capturing of



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

Above: Change Center Director Matthew Best, a candidate for the Knoxville City Council At-Large Seat C, visits with former Mayor Madeline Rogero during the recent Democratic Party's reorganization meeting. Left: At-large City Council candidate Cameron Brooks greets a supporter during the Knox County Democrats' reorganization meeting on April 1.

three new county seats, and the growing percentage the party has locally.

"There has never been a better time to be a Democrat in Knox County. We are pushing forward and flipping seats and winning," he told the gathering, adding, "We

are winning the City of Knoxville and traveling down I-40 exit by exit."

"Our friends across the aisle are more divided than they have ever been and we are more united than we have ever been," Shears said.

Nourish Knoxville rings in the 2023 New Harvest Farmers' Market Season on April 20

Nourish Knoxville is thrilled to announce the opening day of the 2023 New Harvest Farmers' Market on Thursday, April 20 at 3 p.m. at New Harvest Park. This year's opening day festivities will also include a park-wide scavenger hunt as part of Nourish Moves, our free walking program designed to encourage a more active lifestyle!

In addition to the scavenger hunt, visitors to the opening day of the 2023 New Harvest Farmers' Market season will have the opportunity to peruse a wide variety of locally grown seasonal produce, meats, eggs, plants and garden starts, prepared foods, and artisan craft products from over 15 local, East Tennessee vendors. The market will also kick-off a range of programming for all ages, including:

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"The New Harvest Farmers' Market is a beloved community event that brings together local farmers, artisans, and consumers," says Daniel Aisenbrey, Markets Manager with Nourish Knoxville. "We're excited to kick off the 2023 season with a range of fun programs and activities for the whole family to enjoy."

The New Harvest Farmers' Market operates every Thursday, 3 to 6 p.m., April 20 through September 28, 2023.

For more information about the New Harvest Farmers' Market, visit www.nourishknoxville.org/new-harvest

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAULINE S STRINGFIELD
DOCKET NUMBER 87471-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAULINE S STRINGFIELD who died Jan 6, 2023, 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 29 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF RITA SCHULER

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MISC. NOTICES

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
RFP 3400, Litter Outreach Education and Coordination Services, due 5/9/23;
RFP 3401, School Leadership Development, due 5/10/23

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

ESTATE OF THOMAS WAYNE PRESSLY DOCKET NUMBER 87476-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of MARCH 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THOMAS WAYNE PRESSLY who died Aug 25, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of t; e Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 28 day of MARCH, 2023.
ESTATE OF THOMAS WAYNE PRESSLY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BLARE PRESSLY; ADMINISTRATOR
852 N RUGGLES FERRY PIKE
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871