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County-wide fire department suggested by report

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Formed two years ago to help coordinate response to fires and rescues, the Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee met last week to hear a County Technical Assistance Service report, elect new officers, and introduce the new Knox County Public Safety Director.

Chairman Dwight Van de Vate introduced Safety Director Brent Seymour, a 27-year veteran of the

Knoxville Fire Department, who was named and assumed the position last month.

Van de Vate said the officers should rotate between the fire and rescue captains and the committee chose Rural Metro Fire Chief Jerry Harnish as chairman, Karns Fire Chief Daron Long as vice chair and Seymour Fire Chief John Linsenbigher as finance chairman.

An update was requested by Knox County since the University of Tennessee's

County Technical Assistance Service Fire and Rescue Evaluation Study was completed in 2019. A summary of the 55-page report was presented to the Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee. It included a review of the coverage and calls for service with new incident data, apparatus status, coverage per growth patterns and coverage per new stations.

The CTAS report, which the committee will review for their June 14th meeting,

covered the number of calls and funding, and reported that 97% of businesses and homes are within 5.5 miles of a fire station. It detailed the progress of the fire departments and rescue squad, contracts, and infrastructure.

The report also suggested starting the process to eventually form a Knox County Fire Department. Van de Vate said a county-wide fire department would need the support of a property tax increase.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knox County's new safety director, Brent Seymour, was introduced to the Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee Wednesday. Seymour is a 27-year veteran of the Knoxville Fire Department.



PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL.

Chase Clemmer and Bear Stephenson of Stephenson Realty and Auction.

Stephenson Realty and Auction welcomes Chase Clemmer

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Veteran-owned and operated Stephenson Realty and Auction was founded by William "Bear" Stephenson in 1982 to serve Clinton and surrounding areas with real estate and auction services. A new addition has recently joined the team of 11 agents

New Affiliate Broker Chase Clemmer feels his journey was destined and part of a greater plan. "I'm a God-fearing man with a full belief that there is a master plan for our lives. "When Bear walked in, it was a direct line of connection to God's plan for me. I asked for his guidance, and I truly believe this was his answer. He has blessed me countless times, but now I am seeing it unfold in real time."

Bear and Chase's paths had happened to cross right after Chase had

decided to pursue his real estate license. And they kept crossing as Chase got into his coursework.

When asked why he chose Chase to join his team, Bear replied, "Why not Chase?"

Chase told The Knoxville Focus, "I see many traits in Bear that I also see in myself. One of those being a refusal to fail. Failure isn't an option for me. Another being the willingness to become successful the right way. It's an honor to learn from someone who has been as successful for as long as Bear has. Two traits I seek in a work environment: a high work ethic and a refusal to fail, and that's what's here. That's what motivates me."

Born and raised in Knoxville, Chase Clemmer describes himself as genuine, honest and disciplined. Chase thrives off helping people by "bringing

out the best in the people around me by being the best version of myself."

Chase plans to hold himself accountable for his contribution to the success of Stephenson Realty and Auction. "I want to succeed correctly, morally, and ethically. To be the most successful I can be for the company while bettering myself as an individual."

Bear promised, "I look forward to mentoring Chase and relish being able to assist him with my knowledge throughout his journey."

After 40 years in business, Bear contributes his company's success to tenacity. "I refuse to give up. And that's what Chase has. That's what Chase is going to bring to our team."

To learn more about Stephenson Realty and Auction, visit www.tennauctions.com.

Jarrell grievance dismissed by merit board

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A grievance filed by Knox County Sheriff's Office employee Lisa Jarrell was dismissed by the KCSO Merit System Board of Directors Wednesday. She had filed a multi-count complaint over being transferred from the KCSO Human Resources office to the Corrections Department.

Jarrell's grievance was accepted by the former merit council and the

KCSO said it should never have been heard because it was filed beyond the deadline and the employee did not lose any salary.

The brief hearing opened and ended when Jarrell was asked if she would grant a waiver and release her medical records. She said she was not comfortable in releasing her medical information and declined. Chairman Christopher Manning asked Deputy Law Director Myers Morton for

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Protester trial moved to October

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When a defendant and the press showed up to court for a trial earlier this month they learned that the trial had been moved to October without notice.

As of April 5, the Knox County Criminal Court online docket indicated the trial would be held on Thursday, April 6, but the courtroom of Judge Hector Sanchez was occupied by other cases. After some wait the clerk checked the cases and printed out a "Schedule Appearance Report" indicating that the trials for all the defendants has been moved to October 2.

Constance Every was there for her trial and was

surprised at the change in the trial date.

Every is charged with disrupting a county commission and city council meeting with fellow protesters Rev. Calvin Taylor Skinner, Gavin Christopher Guinn, Aaron Rashad Valentine, Mary Elizabeth Winter and Kevin Lawrence Andrews. A judgment against Carrie Nicole Hopper for disrupting the meetings is set for December 13 of this year.

The "disruption" charges came from a group protesting at a city council and county commission two years ago following the shooting death of Anthony Thompson Jr. at Austin-East High School by city police.

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From a distance



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Donald Trump has said and done things in his personal life that his strongest supporters wish he had not said or done.

Many liberals and leftists have said they do not understand how Christians can support such a man. They do not understand, first, that it is not about Trump the personality, it is about his policies.

Trump had the country headed in the right direction. Biden and his people have messed up almost everything: inflation, gas prices, crime, the border,

energy, the Afghanistan withdrawal, foreign relations, and on and on.

Second, Christians understand that everyone – even holier-than-thou liberals – have sinned and fallen short. Everyone needs forgiveness.

Third, because Christians do know that all people are sinners, they do not want a government of men and laws. Christians believe as much as humanly possible that we should put our faith, hope and trust in God, not in big government.

Fourth, liberals and leftists seem to have such a high opinion of themselves (and such a low opinion of average Americans) that they believe the federal government should run everything and that liberals should run the government.

Their lack of humility has become so obvious that after an unknown man with no money almost won the Governor’s race against

the incumbent Democrat in New Jersey, even one of the left-wing analysts on MSNBC said the Democrats needed to try to become “less elitist.”

Fifth, Christians have seen that socialism has failed all over the world and that the only thing it is good at is wiping out the middle class and creating more poverty.

Christians want more people to come up out of poverty. They know too, that only a free market, capitalist society can generate the extra money to do good things for both individuals and the environment.

The worst polluters in the world have been the socialist and communist countries. Big government socialism is bad for both the little guy and the environment.

Now, as to Trump’s indictment – there is a very old saying that a grand jury can indict a ham sandwich.

Grand juries are totally controlled by the prosecution. Neither a defendant nor his lawyer are ever present.

This grand jury was controlled by a district attorney that was elected on his promise to indict Trump, so he investigated him on everything.

All he could come up with was a case that the Federal Election Commission decided was not a crime because Trump made a payment out of personal funds, not out of campaign money.

Even though the Justice Department is loaded with career prosecutors who would have loved to have gone after Trump, they decided not to proceed either because the statute of limitations had run out or no law had been broken, or both.

Alan Dershowitz, the famous former Harvard law professor, said he had voted against Trump both times he has run and will

vote against him again if he is nominated.

However, Dershowitz says this case is “the weakest” he has ever seen in his 60 years as a lawyer. He said this prosecutor, Alvin Bragg, has obviously “weaponized” the justice system for his own partisan political purposes. There are reports that Bragg wants to run for Governor of New York.

Dershowitz has now written a book called Get Trump, and it says the efforts against him are so great that it is a “threat to civil liberties, due process, and our constitutional rule of law”.

Another power-hungry, publicity-seeking prosecutor in Atlanta may indict Trump because he questioned the last election.

There is such a double standard here. I was still in Congress when many Democrats stood on the floors of the House and Senate

to question the 2016 election. No one in the media ever criticized them and no prosecutors threatened to indict them.

When Trump and many of the Republicans in Congress questioned the 2020 election, the national media and the entire liberal establishment acted like they had committed a horrible crime.

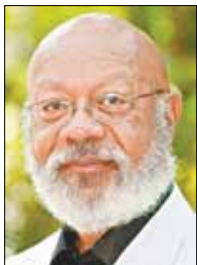
Over 6,000 law professors and law students signed a petition to have Senators Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley, Harvard and Yale-trained lawyers, disbarred.

About three weeks ago, students at Stanford Law School shouted down a respected federal appeals court judge and wouldn’t allow him to speak because he was a conservative.

Have our universities and especially our law schools all become leftist brainwashing factories where diversity of opinion is not even allowed?

Pothole Pete, the Green New Deal and Air Safety

I’ve written often on being governed by incompetents. The current example is the failure of bank regulators to enforce banking regulations. Another obvious example is the current president and his cast of supporting characters. As a Washington veteran, I am aware that the president doesn’t usually actually pick those that receive nominations. Rather, the staff at White House personnel is generally entrusted with the task. Too often those that are nominated know little if anything about the office that they are to occupy. Consider Pete Buttigieg, the Secretary of Transportation who had zero expertise in the area of transportation. Consider that his experience



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consisted of being a small-town mayor where he was known as “Pothole Pete” overseeing a fleet of 60 buses, a train station and a regional airport. Moving into managing an agency with 60,000 employees and a budget of \$90 million was one giant leap. Not only did he not have the management skills but he also lacked the knowledge regarding transportation. Remember the supply chain crisis of 2021 with container ships stuck in port waiting to be unloaded, clogged rail yards and a trucker shortage? Buttigieg did nothing because he knew nothing. Of course, he was not alone as Marty Walsh, the labor secretary and another incompetent, was also befuddled.

Instead of addressing the issue, Buttigieg ignored it, knowing that it would go away. Instead, he went on parental leave as he and his husband were new parents (presumably adoptive). Then we had the train derailment in Ohio. Here again Buttigieg was befuddled and had no solution to the problem. Instead, he must have taken advice from Kamala Harris and simply not showed up at the derailment site. One Ohio congressman called him “incompetent” and said that he should resign. But of course when did competence become a job requirement in this administration? Buttigieg got the job because he checked a DEI (diversity equity and inclusion) box by being gay.

Consider the secretary of the interior, Deb Haaland who as a native American and female checks the appropriate DEI boxes.

Haaland actually made sense superficially to be interior secretary in that Interior oversees the Indian reservations and manages over 500 million acres of mostly western land. Haaland also makes sense in a Biden administration in that she strongly supports the “Green New Deal” and is an outspoken opponent of fossil fuels even though she is from New Mexico, a state that is the most dependent on revenues from oil and gas produced on federal lands. Recently Haaland was before a congressional committee. Even though she was a co-sponsor of the Green New Deal, she was asked if she knew it banned fracking a clean coal. Her response was that she didn’t know because she sponsored a lot of bills while in congress. She was also asked if she knew that the push for electric vehicles would

make the US dependent upon China especially after her department had rejected applications for mining vital minerals here in this country. Her response was “Yes. Okay.” She would not even answer the question as to whether she preferred to get her gas and oil from American energy rather than from Venezuela or Russia. Instead, she said “I appreciate the question.”

Of course Buttigieg and Haaland are only two examples of incompetents leading agencies. The tragedy for the country is that there is no stopping this rush to the bottom. The nominations go to the senate for confirmation and with 51 democrats, few if any of the nominees will be rejected. The only exceptions will be the few that are forced to withdraw because they lose the rare democrat senator who might insist on a modicum of expertise.

Consider the nominee for the Federal Aviation Administration withdrew his name. The nominee was CEO of the Denver Airport but lacked aviation experience and could not answer several questions posed to him at his senate hearing, his response being “I am not a pilot.” His name was withdrawn when at least two so-called “moderate” democrats declined to support him. Of course, the White House said that the attacks were partisan and unfounded. But given that the aviation industry has been plagued by transportation woes (Buttigieg again?), airplane controversies and scheduling issues, an important question is whether the FAA administrator should be an aviator as well as a strong manager.



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More rule changes may be before county commission

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For several years the Knox County Commission has been wrestling with problems within its own rules. The Rules Committee has made some changes like having all School and Consent agenda items be approved by a single vote rather than approving the items one by one. While the school agenda must be approved, each item can be discussed.

The change shortened the meetings and the Rules Committee is continuing to

look at glitches and possible changes to the ways the meetings go.


The Rules Committee, chaired by Commissioner Carson Dailey, is made of Commissioners Kim Frazier, Larsen Jay, Rhonda Hill and John Schoonmaker.

Frazier wants a discussion Monday on the zoning items being discussed at a work session meeting and Schoonmaker wants to discuss recommendations by the Zoning Commission that are presented to the commission and deferrals of zoning applicants. He also wants the Rules

Committee to discuss outside conferences and the order of business at Beer Board meetings.

Dailey wants the group to discuss how school consent items may be pulled from the consent category for discussion only. He also wants a conversation on the responsibilities of committee chairs.

The rules meeting begins at 3 p.m. in the main assembly room of the City-County Building prior to the 5 p.m. county commission work session.



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Publisher's Positions



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Bias, Hypocrisy and Evil

As the Leftists shake and quiver about the return of Justin Jones to the Tennessee House of State Representatives, none of the national or local media have carried a statement made by Jones regarding colleague Sabi Kumar. Kumar, known as “Doc” in the House of Representatives, is a retired vascular surgeon and an immigrant from India. Kumar, a Republican, represents Robertson County in the House of Representatives, once one of the most notably Democratic counties in the state. Jones had referred to Kumar as “the brown face of white supremacy,” an insult that would cause Leftists’ heads to explode were it hurled at one of their own.

Vice President Kamala Harris, our nation’s border czar who has never once visited the border as second in command, scurried to Nashville for a photo op with the three expelled

legislators. Did she make time in her busy schedule to provide any comfort for the families of the victims of Audrey/Aiden Hale? No. There wasn’t even a perfunctory moment wasted on the families of the three children and three adults gunned down by Hale at a Christian school. Nor did the national media even bother to pretend they cared about the victims, as that would interfere with the narrative. The blood of the actual victims has been washed away by the celebration of the “Tennessee Three.”

Kumar said Jones pointed at him and sneered, “They will never accept you.” The Left wastes no sympathy on any face, black, brown, yellow or white who doesn’t agree with their politics.

As facts about tragedies unfold, the national news media is usually already molding its own reporting to fit into the context of its favored narrative, irrespective of the actual facts. Now some of the national media is squalling that “anti-trans” sentiment is being stirred up because of the Coventry murders. Yet most Americans aren’t aware of the alleged perpetrator of the Colorado Springs shooting at an LGBTQ club is nonbinary. That’s according to the alleged shooter’s legal defense team. At the time, much of the national media was already squealing about the attack having been targeted.

Let’s be honest. The

national media has its own preferred type of perpetrator: white, conservative (or a registered Republican) and male. When there was a spate of violence against Asian Americans and the attackers were black, that was a mighty inconvenient fact for the national media. We have Reuters and the Associated Press busy reminding us that only men (and preferably white men) are the most common mass shooters. Maya McKinney was one of the participants in a shooting at a charter school in Denver, Colorado in which eight students were wounded and one killed. McKinney was born female and identified as a male; his legal team demanded he be addressed as “he” or “him.”

Snochia Moseley shot and killed three people at a Rite Aid store in Aberdeen, Maryland and wounded three others. A biological woman, a friend stated, and screenshots on social media supported, who was in the process of transitioning to becoming a man.

My point is mental illness OR evil is not the province of one color, one race, or one gender or sexual orientation. The notion someone shouldn’t be subject to punishment because of his/her skin color, religion, or gender is beyond asinine. The notion someone can’t commit a heinous act because of his/her gender, sexual orientation, religion or race is equally asinine, yet that is what much of the national media is asking us

to believe.

What point have we reached in our society when we can’t even recognize just how terrible an inhuman act is to other human beings? Or more specifically, that horrific acts really aren’t that horrific because the killer was some trans, or a woman, or a Leftist. Evil acts have been committed throughout history by both genders and all political persuasions; black, white, yellow, red, and brown have all been guilty of crimes against their own kind and others besides. Genocide is not the monopoly of any particular political party or race. Some of the most terrible inhuman acts in the history of the world have been committed in the name of God or religion. So, too, it is true that many terrible acts have been sanctioned and approved in the name of ideology.

When we lose sight of just who the victims are in any killing of another human being, and focus on gender, race, or ideology, we lose some of our own humanity in the process. Any crime that purposely takes the life of another innocent human being is a hate crime.

What I do know is the parents, grandparents, and families of those three little children who will never grow up to experience the good things life has to offer aren’t celebrating anything. I also know the families and loved ones of the three murdered adults aren’t

celebrating either.

Schimmel In, Then Out

Breaking news... the race for the city council just got a little more interesting. Scott Schimmel, pillar of the Fourth & Gill community and a local businessman, has picked up a petition to run for the At-Large seat being vacated by Janet Testerman. Debbie Helsey, who ran a losing race against Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs last year, had been expecting to run uncontested all the way through the general election. Schimmel is the husband of Lisa Sorensen, who is the campaign treasurer for state Representative Gloria Johnson. Then just as suddenly, about a day later Schimmel had changed his mind. Wade Seifert, who has been involved in local politics as a volunteer and activist, has pulled a petition to run. It could be an interesting race.

Accuracy In Polling

The Knoxville News Sentinel has worn out the story of the “Tennessee Three,” once again proving yet again the daily newspaper writes only about race and food. There was a time when The Focus was doing its own polling, which to the consternation of the Sentinel, was remarkably accurate. One Sentinel columnist seemed positively obsessed with The Focus

poll, which routinely sampled 500 Knoxville/Knox County voters on local topics, which is more than many sampled for national or state polls. If I recall correctly, some at the daily newspaper wanted to quibble about how we asked the question, which we published with each poll. The blaring headline three out of four of those polled believe legislators have the right to protest peacefully. Therein lies the rub. USA Today is part of the same national news media that told us about the mostly peaceful protests when people were being killed and buildings burned to the ground. They told us that as Americans stared at the chaos and flames spiraling in the background, clearly lying to our faces. Buildings, including those belonging to the government, were damaged and the damage from mostly peaceful protests ran into the billions of dollars, which all of us pay through our insurance premiums.

There is a time and a place for protests and it’s not screaming through a bullhorn on the floor of the state House of Representatives. The coverage of the events has been downright dishonest and the national media acts more like Pravda than American media.

The USA Today poll is about as accurate as a supposed neurologist giving Joe Biden a 100 score on a cognitive test.

More housing decisions before council

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The growing need for more housing is reflected by the number of zoning changes before the Knoxville City Council Tuesday. Developer Victor Jernigan has two requests for zoning changes along Washington Pike.

Jernigan is asking that 4614 Washington Pike be changed from RN-1 to RN-2, which permits more housing units per acre. He is also asking for a change at 4628 Washington Pike moving the zoning designation from RN-1 to RN-4 which also permits more houses.

T. Dean LaRue is asking for a change from RN-1 zoning to RN-2 for the property at 7700 Pinner Drive.

The Dowell Spring Company is asking to change the zoning for property along Dowell Springs Boulevard from Office Park (O) to RN-5 Residential, also recommended by the Planning Commission.

The River’s Edge Christian Academy is asking the council for a zoning change at 5600 Western Avenue from RN-1 Residential to INST, Institutional.

A North Middlebrook Pike property currently zoned as General Agricultural is being requested to be rezoned to IG, General Industrial.

The council will also vote on two partial street

closures along Henry Chiles Street and Anderson Drive.

The city may ask for a grant of \$2.9 million from the Home American Rescue Plan Program for Callahan Flats LP to develop 58 affordable housing units at 1511 Callahan Drive. The council is also being asked to approve a subgrantee agreement with the Community Action Committee for \$105,000 for their public services, as requested by the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department.

The council may also approve a revised oath of office for the commissioners of the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority.

The Cherry Hill Sinkhole Water Project may get an increase of \$22,284, upping the project to \$70,114 and moving the completion date to May 19. Edison Electric LLC may also get an increase for maintenance and repairs to the city’s street lights and high masts, upping that agreement to \$1.55 million.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie is reappointing Jeffrey Hagood and Rosalyn Tillman to the Sports Authority. Mayor Indya Kincannon is asking that David Bocangel be elected to serve on the Industrial Development Board and that Courtney Bergmeier and Kristin Farley be confirmed to the Visit Knoxville Board of Directors.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Jim Wright Jr. was honored for his three terms on the Knox County Sheriff’s Merit Board Wednesday. Chairman Christopher Manning (right) presented Wright with a plaque for his service. Other members of the merit board joined Manning for a photo.

Jarrell grievance dismissed by merit board

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advice. Morton said that not releasing the medical data meant the merit board could not discuss her records or proceed.

The board proceeded to a vote to dismiss her grievance with Manning, Kenny Boatman, Clarence Vaughn, Lindsey Willis and John Marshall voting to do so. Vice Chairman John Valiano voted “No” and Jim Wright Jr. abstained.

Morton said the dismissal by the board does not end Jarrell’s legal rights to appeal to a court.

“Ms. Jarrell’s grievance or complaint has never been clear and certain. So far, she never articulated how she was somehow mistreated, and she did not ask for any remedy. Of the voluminous papers she filed, she included her medical records and referenced medical matters. Before and up until yesterday’s hearing, she declined to sign a HIPAA consent form allowing the Board (and the Sheriff) to discuss or disclose her medical records and medical matters at a public hearing,” Morton

told The Focus.

“I advised the Board there could be risk discussing her health matters publicly without her written consent to do so,” he said.

The board also heard Paula Taylor speak about realigning the merit system office and splitting some duties of an office manager among other employees. She said an advertisement

for an entry-level employee will be posted.

Outgoing board member Jim Wright Jr. was honored for his service at Wednesday’s meeting. He has served on the board since 2016. Wright’s position is on the Knox County Commission agenda and applicants have been sought.

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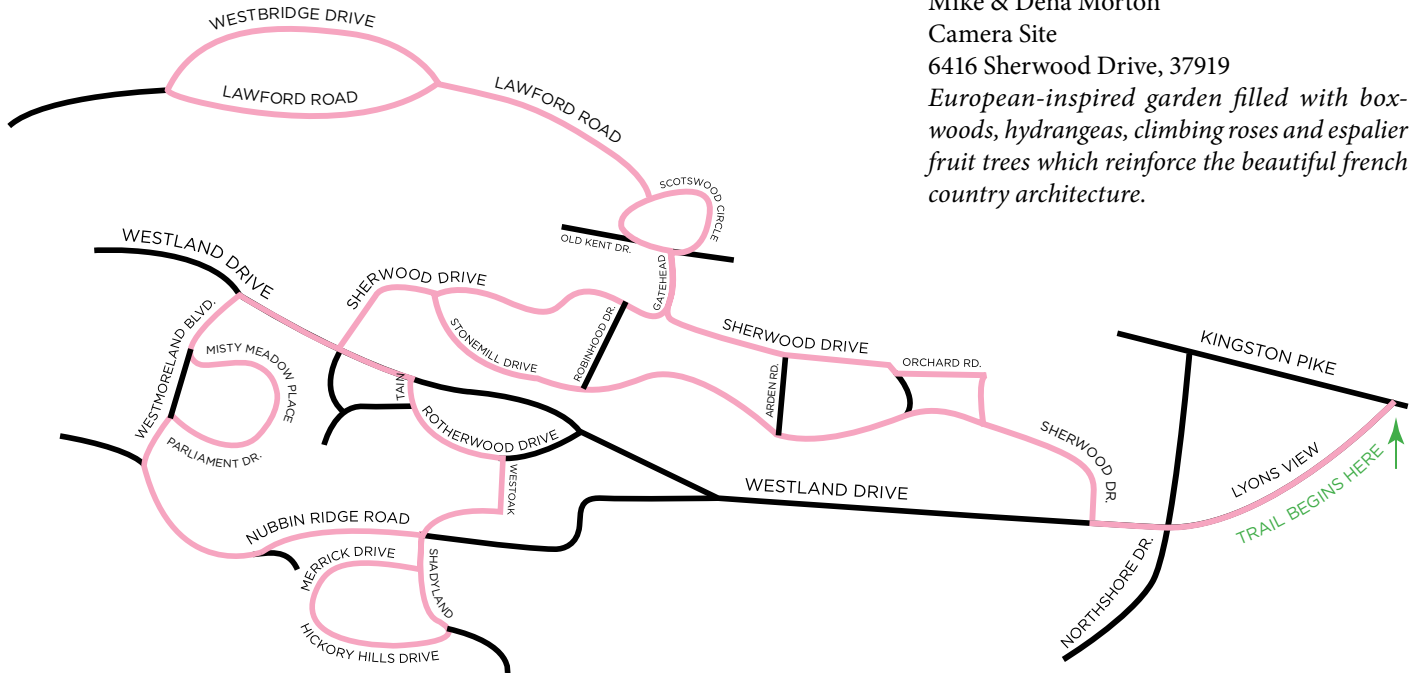
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Tickets are \$35 and include tastings from 5 participating vendors during a particular time frame. The Real Good Kitchen tent will be located near the top of the World’s Fair Park Amphitheatre — guests can enjoy live music and entertainment on the Amphitheatre stage while they enjoy their food. All time slots include gluten-friendly and vegetarian options, as well as complimentary offerings from select dessert and beverage vendors.

Ticketed Time Slots:
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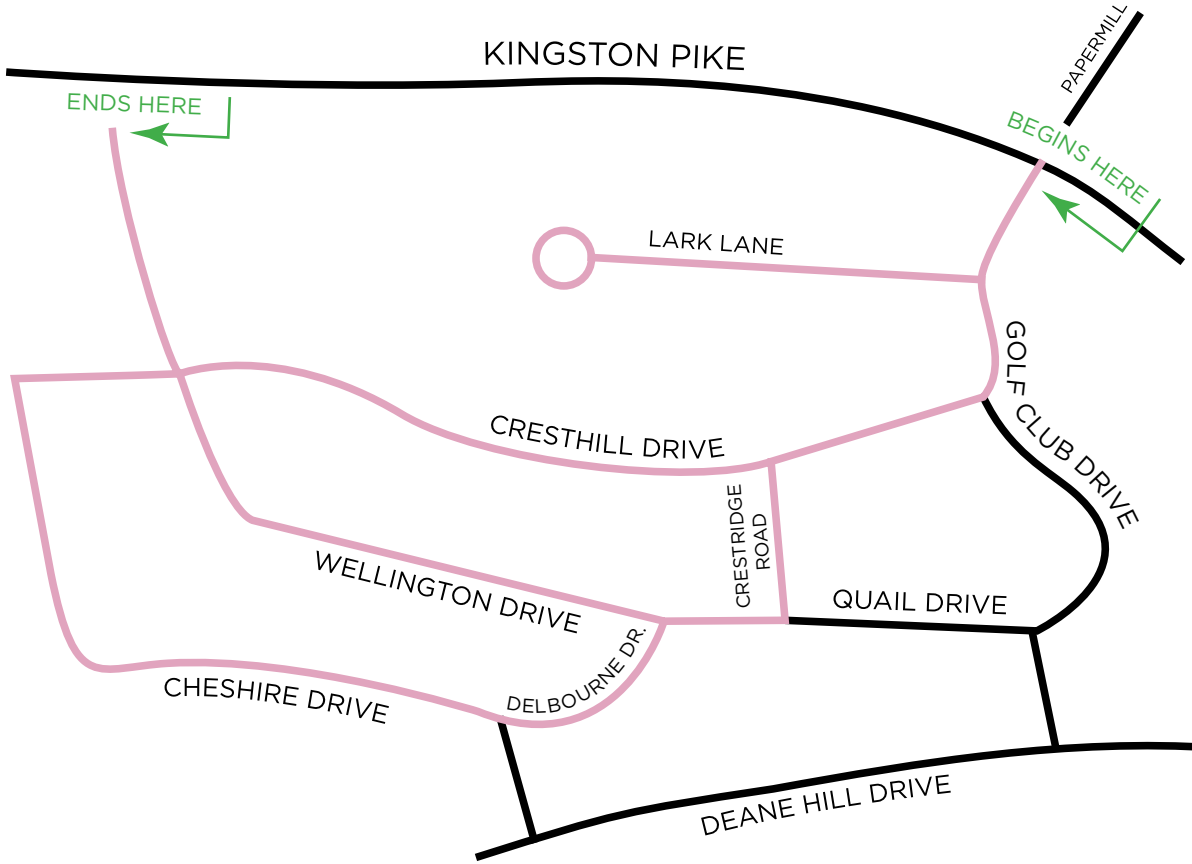
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Family Wisdom

My grieving will resume after Dollywood.

Oakley

We recently had a death in our family. Not like the death in the autobiographical novel by Knoxvilleian James Agee. Our pony Checkers was old and had been declining for some time, but the final event was a broken leg.

We don't know how it happened, although weather changes often cause horses to be quite frisky and gallop about. However, the old man hadn't galloped in years. There were several broken boards in the pasture fencing which raised the specter that one of the younger horses had kicked him. However, there were no external signs of trauma.

Like humans, horses can fall and break bones. Humans also suffer fractures from osteoporosis. However, an "insufficiency

fracture" from osteoporosis in a horse's leg seems unlikely. Humans and animals can have "pathological fractures" from the spread of cancer to bones. I'm not a vet, but the x-ray did not show evidence of osteoporosis or the characteristic "moth-eaten" appearance of a malignancy. So, we are left with a farm mystery and loss.

Euthanasia is a controversial topic, at least in humans; less so in animals. Our countryside vet was compassionate, professional and made house calls. A broken leg in a horse is a mortal wound, and after sedation, Checkers was painlessly "put to sleep."

Our kids and grans have grown up with dogs and cats, chickens and horses. They have learned about life and death, which is the natural order of things, but it still hurts.

Upon hearing the news of

Checker's passing, tender-hearted Oakley decreed that he would not be able to return to school the rest of the week. While consoling him, his mom reminded Oakley that the family was going to Dollywood the next day. His response? "Well, my grieving will resume after Dollywood."

Years ago, when I used to listen to "government-sponsored radio" (NPR) there was a regular installment from Baxter Black, "Cowboy poet and former large animal veterinarian." I have euthanized dying pets, but I will never do this again. We were blessed by Checkers, but also by our large animal veterinarian's house call and Checker's painless transition to the Elysian Fields.

And I am appreciative of my son-in-law's resourcefulness in Checkers' burial. Burying a horse is a big deal, especially when you consider the crappy soil of South Knox County. I've told Ryand he should have married into a family with better soil. So, while the rest of the family (including the visiting Portland crew) went to Dollywood, Ryand rented a backhoe and laid Checkers to rest in the middle of the pasture where he once roamed.

Too often we travel to experience foreign vistas while ignoring the beauty

of our own neck of the woods. That is not true of our Smoky Mountains. So, after the farm tragedy and the hustle and bustle of Dollywood, we crossed over to "the Peaceful Side of the Smokies" to stay in our cabin above Townsend. And the next morning we took the gang to the Tremont area, one of our favorite places in the mountains. But this time there was a new wrinkle.

When the Smoky Mountain National Park was formed, Tennessee and North Carolina negotiated with the federal government that there would never be a charge for entry into the park. Now, effective March 1, 2023, there's a five-dollar daily charge to park your vehicle in the park, even though the new policy will not alleviate the parking problems in certain areas, increase parking spaces or guarantee a parking spot with the purchase of a pass. Furthermore, rangers will now become meter maids, Barney Fifes with a ticket book instead of a bullet.

As I've mentioned, I collect quotes which are clever or pithy observations. When we took the Portland crew to the airport, my Portland son-in-law Matt insisted we go to the Waffle House (WH) for breakfast. Perhaps like

other local haunts, the WH has not often been a destination for me. But that changed when Matt observed that the Waffle House is a Southern tradition. "It is the Starbucks of the South." He's right, and it's a better choice than Starbucks.

These days there are many things that challenge my perspectives. Becky and I both graduated from college and achieved advanced degrees. Higher education was the right choice for us. For years we've been told you need a college education to succeed, but, like so many other things we've been told, that's a lie. A college degree in gender studies, sociology or history is essentially non-marketable and will not enable graduates to pay off their loans. Interestingly, I heard an interview with Mike Rowe who observed, "Four-year college enrollment is down and apprenticeships are up." I've begun to see Knoxville billboards advertising trade careers, even as UT, a member of the industrial-education complex, continues to frantically build. Inevitably, the bubble will pop. The government has run out of printed money to subsidize universities, so professors may need to find a useful trade. I keep looking for signs

that people are wising up. I'm sure everyone has heard about the Bud Light controversy. The real question is why would a company allow their brand to be destroyed by some college marketing twit who refers to her customers as "too fratty"? The so-called King of Beers has already lost more than \$6 billion and even managed to get their Clydesdale Horses canceled. I could add Budweiser products to my boycott list, but their beer is dreadful and I would not put it in my mouth.

Speaking of brands, you might ask why Biden's handlers continue destroying everything American. These people are not stupid, they are just perverse and driven by a warped ideology. They are not your friend; they hate America. To a leftist, ideology is supreme and their worldview is destructive. To Democrats, the acquisition of power is far more important than Americanism or John Q Public.

Fearmongers continue to warn us of the dangers of Russia and China. But why would our enemies strike us now when they need but wait for the Democrats to destroy us from within?

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Town Hall East is diverse and proud

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Town Hall East has existed as a neighborhood organization since the late 1960s and received its charter from the State of Tennessee in 1971. Its boundaries are defined more or less by the Holston River in the east and south, Rutledge Pike in the north and Castle Street to the west. The bulk of the membership comes from Holston Hills, Holston Heights and Chilhowee Hills. The historical boundaries also include Burlington, but T.H.E. defers to the Burlington Residents Association and cooperates with them.

"We regard our two groups as sister organizations," says David Lee, president of Town Hall East.

"We represent neighborhoods that are diverse both racially and economically. We typically have 90-100 paying members and maintain a mailing list of about 400. The membership is a cross section of people from those neighborhoods," Lee said.

THE meets five times a year, for the second Monday of September, November, January, March, and May, and everybody is welcome to attend. There are occasional called meetings for candidate forums or other topical issues.

"We have done various types of socials featuring ice cream or pie. In 2019 and again in 2022 we got funding for a social evening at the Knoxville Botanical Garden celebrating East Knoxville. We invited all the neighborhood associations and watches in East Knoxville and featured representative groups and institutions that were making a creative contribution to community life in East Knoxville. Those were Drums Up

Guns Down, the Beck Community Cultural Center, SEEED, and the Real Good Kitchen," Lee told The Focus.

Lee detailed former projects the neighborhood is proud of:

Tank Strickland Park

"One major project for more than a decade has been the establishment and development of Tank Strickland Park. The park was the site of dilapidated and unsightly structures. T.H.E. worked with the city and county to acquire the properties, demolish the buildings, and install the park. Members have been involved in elements of the construction and maintenance ever since. Most recently we appeared before county commission to urge that the lease on the large billboard on park grounds not be renewed. This was in keeping with a promise that was made when the park was approved. The billboard was subsequently removed.

"We continue to be involved in the development of Tank Strickland Park and are working with the new director of county parks, Joe Mack, on his efforts to reduce mowing expenses and introduce more sustainable native plants into the landscape."

Traffic Calming

Four years ago, we began the process of collecting signatures on petitions asking for the installation of speed humps on East and West Sunset Drive, Green Valley Road and Wyndcroft Drive, a combined distance of about four miles. The project is now complete. Complaints about the "inconvenience" of speed humps

come largely from people who live on side streets. Residents of the actual roads involved are happy with the results by a very large majority. T.H.E. also helped gather signatures on petitions for speed humps on two miles of Skyline Drive from Chilhowee Drive to Selma Ave.

Cell Tower Blocked

In 2017, a telephone company announced plans to build a 150' cellphone tower complete with surrounding brick wall at the point where Holston Drive enters the Burlington business district. An attorney representing the company told the T.H.E. board that federal regulations guaranteed the company's right to build. He offered the community a better looking and more expensive brick as a concession. The board looked into the matter further and determined that it was being misled. The company had applied for the tower under a type of permit that did indeed provide for community input. After objections were raised, the company dropped its plan to build on that highly visible site.

Support for Affordable Housing

"Beginning in 2016, when HomeSource sought a permit to build workforce housing on Holston Drive, T.H.E. has supported projects that we feel are well conceived and directed by responsible builders and developers. Those 30 units in The Village at Holston Place have proved to be an attractive asset to the community, as have the 50 units of the Burlington Commons on Holston Drive. We look forward to the completion of

the 85 units of the Ammons, which are being built on the site of an abandoned motel that was largely vacant for twenty years. On the other hand, we opposed a plan for over 200 units sandwiched between a landfill and Delrose Drive."

Looking to the future, Lee said that the quality of schools continues to be a concern of T.H.E.

"At present our focus is on the system of funding for playgrounds, which has had a crassly negative impact on the schools that serve our membership area. We regard playgrounds and outdoor activity as an essential and integral part of childhood education and wish to see the system changed so that schools are never again totally without a suitable playground."

"We continue to look for ways to deal with derelict properties in a system which heavily favors the property owner and allows individuals to drag down the value of surrounding houses over years if not decades," he said.

"The area on the Holston River at the end of Holston Drive that was formerly occupied by the Holston Swim Club pool will be developed by the city as a park, and we will offer suggestions on its facilities.

"Chilhowee Park, the Zoo, and the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum are directly adjacent to our membership area, and we include them in our thinking. Business development is one of the major concerns along the Magnolia and Asheville Highway corridors and we have frequent discussions about them without having had any real effect on them."



Roots in South Knoxville is a Free Event this Saturday

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Dogwood Elementary will be the site of a "Roots in South Knoxville" event this Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. The school is located at 705 Tipton Avenue.

The free family event is sponsored by several South Knoxville Neighborhoods and will feature children's events, free children's books, guided hikes along the nature trail, a food truck, tamales and plant and seed sharing.

Visitors are asked to bring their seeds, veggie starters and house plants for plant sharing but you don't need to bring plants or seeds.

Sponsors include Beardsley Farms, City of Knoxville Waste & Resource Department, Community Schools, Dogwood Elementary PTO, Ijams Nature Center, the City of Knoxville, Keep Knoxville Beautiful, Knox Co. Health Department, Hillcrest UMC, Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood, Native Plant Rescue Squad, Sierra Club, SKNBC, South Woodlawn Neighborhood, South Haven Neighborhood, Trees Knoxville and the Vestal Community Organization.

Dumb Stunts

It's a safe bet that all of us have done plenty of dumb things in our lives. Regardless of age, sex, or religion, we all have committed bone-headed things. Past experiences should help us, but for some reason, most of us are slow learners and continue to commit those goofy acts. They sometimes leave marks on our bodies so that we don't ever forget the scene and circumstances of those moments.

Summers, when we were young, were long. Mother was going to school to earn her degree. As we were a bit older, we boys were left on our own when Daddy worked the day shift. Just like most children, we found ways to get in trouble or to have plenty of mishaps. On one occasion, Jim and I had a knife to play stretch. The game involved throwing a knife to the ground. If it stuck, the opponent had to keep one foot still and move the other to the knife. The winner was the one who outstretched the other. We finished one game, and I reached to pull the knife from the ground. Jim made the same move, and he got to the handle before I did. The blade raked across my wrist and left a gash. On this day, Mother had completed her classes and had decided to take a nap before cooking supper. I was most afraid to tell her I had cut my wrist and needed to go to the doctor. She was less than happy with our games and the resulting injuries.

On another summer day, the Cheek boys had come to the house, and we began playing ball. Steve Cheek was catching, and I think Jim was batting with a stick used to tie up beans in the garden. Jim tried to hit the ball but missed, and when he looked behind, he saw a bloody hole in the middle of Steve's forehead. The game was postponed while he made his way to the doctor for stitches.

Jim and I were still young and didn't have bikes of our own. My older brother and Mike Cheek would sit us on the bar and ride us around the yard. I was on Mike's bike and when he made a turn, my bare foot caught in the spokes of the front wheel. Torn toenails and scratches had me screaming as if I were dying.

We boys tried smoking at an early age. Jim and I were 6-7 when Dal walked to the store and purchased a pack of Camels. We sneaked cigarettes from our parents' packs, but one day, Daddy caught us. He flogged us with a belt and told us that we better never smoke again. Dal had a pack of Pall Mall red, and after Daddy went to work, he walked us to the neighbor's barn and divided the pack up. He said we were going to smoke all in our possession. Like most goofy kids, I obeyed my big brother and began puffing away. After the third one, I was dizzy and nauseated. I made it home, threw up a couple of times, and spent the rest of the day and night in bed. At breakfast the next morning, my mother sarcastically asked if I had recovered from my smoking sickness. Not much sympathy was spared for the results of a foolish act.

Those above incidents cover only a couple of years. Later, more stitches would close wounds, Clorox baths would dry up terrible cases of poison ivy, and glue, nails, and screws would repair furniture and other items we broke during horse playing or fighting in the house. My poor mother said we broke everything she had. Even to this day, Jim and I perform some amazingly bone-headed stunts. I suppose it comes from someplace deep inside our DNA.

I just hope we survive our dumb stunts at this stage in life.



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McGinnis Family Honored for ‘Century’ of School Bus Service

Big, yellow school buses are a common sight in our culture. They can be seen almost daily on our city streets and rural roads when schools are in session. On March 9, 2023, the Knox County School Board honored the McGinnis family for a “century” of service in school bus transportation for Knox County Schools.

“My grandfather, James A. McGinnis, started it all with his first school bus in the mid-1920s and that service to Knox County is continuing today,” Dr. Perry McGinnis said.

Focus readers may remember reading about Dr. McGinnis in earlier



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columns. The Knox County native is retired from a long and distinguished career as Dean, University of Mississippi School of Dentistry. After the death of James A., his son and Perry's father---Joe McGinnis---took over the bus contract. An upcoming column will share how the McGinnis family managed to keep those big, yellow school buses running for 100 years! How amazing! Congratulations, McGinnis family, for your “century” of service!

Words of Faith selected by Dr. Perry McGinnis: “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their



Trophy presented to the McGinnis family for a “Century of Service.” Photo courtesy of Knox County Schools, used with permission.

strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31 (KJV).

What is an Expungement and How Do I Get One?

I often get asked, “This job application is asking me if I have ever been charged with a crime. I had a charge expunged. Do I put down that I have never been charged?” My answer is, “Yes.” Once an expungement has occurred, it is as if the arrest, dismissal, and/or conviction never occurred.

Expungement is the process by which a person's criminal record is effectively erased. This can be an important tool for

individuals who are convicted of a crime and are seeking to move on with their lives without the burden of a criminal record. The very existence of a criminal charge on your record, even if the charge was dismissed, can often jam up a job application.

Not all charges are eligible for expungement and the paperwork related to processing an expungement can be daunting. Let me put in a plug for Knox County though; they

have an Expungement Screening time twice a week where people can see if they qualify for an expungement, and if so, the clerks and district attorney's office will help them process the paperwork to complete the expungement process. Overall, the expungement process can be a valuable tool for individuals seeking to move on with their lives after a criminal conviction or arrest. However, it is important to understand the eligibility requirements and procedures before trying to complete that process. Does an expungement ever happen in

non-criminal cases? Not really, however, one quirk of the law is that a couple can expunge a filed divorce if the parties reconcile before the divorce is finalized under Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-4-127.

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More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

There's a lot to see and do in and around our community but nothing is like

a visit to Zoo Knoxville. My wife and I took a Sunday morning to take in the zoo and much has changed since we visited the place many years ago. Currently, the zoo is featuring animatronic dinosaurs and those lifelike beasts are actual size, authentic looking, and, surprisingly, each has its own growls and noises. The children visiting there with their parents seemed fascinated and a little scared of the life-like prehistoric animals.

Our main objective during the visit was to see the baby animals. The young giraffe followed its two parents around their lot, loping along with its long neck and not quite tall enough to eat from the tall trees like the others. The animals were beautiful and graceful for their size and the long necks are still surprising. We did as much walking as our old legs would let us, visiting many animal exhibits. The baby chimps were active and one swung back and forth next to the large window, teasing the young children who wanted to play with him. The gorillas seemed unimpressed by the viewing crowd. The elephants lumbered along their lot with one standing next to the boulders that somehow resembled the large beast. A zoo volunteer was there showing a reproduction of



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Zoo Knoxville's baby goats, Clover and Rusty, are full of playful energy and seem to be as much of an attraction there as are the current animatronic dinosaurs.

an elephant's large tooth, explaining how the animals lose and replace their teeth. Children and their parents rode the train and merry-go-round and a zipline carried them up the hill and back down again. We saw all kinds of people and animals but didn't visit the entire zoo. A person could spend the entire day there, as food and drinks are available, the staff friendly and informative, and there is so much to see. For us, the main attraction was the two new baby goats, Clover and Rusty.

They were out playing up and down their habitat in the Kids Cove petting area. The head-butting, running, climbing and frolicking baby goats drew a crowd of people, especially children. Viewing those little active animals is worth a trip there. Zoo Knoxville is open from 9-5 each day. You can call 865-637-5331 for information or visit the zoo online at zooknoxville.org. Tickets are \$26.95 for adults and \$21.95 for students and senior citizens. Children under two years of age are admitted free.

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Clare Hoffman of Michigan

Pages from the Past



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For twenty-eight years, the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan was represented in Congress by Clare E. Hoffman. Known for his acerbic wit, Hoffman was oftentimes characterized as being cantankerous, but when he died, there were constant comments about how his speaking “entertained” the folks inside his district. Throughout his time in Congress, Clare Hoffman was unbeatable and only faced a couple of close elections in three decades of service.

Born the son of a blacksmith and wagon maker, Clare Hoffman's sharp wit was always entertaining to at least a majority of his constituents and the congressman was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. Hoffman was also a conservationist who, concerned about the local diminishing population of deer, was instrumental in “reintroducing” deer to his hometown of Allegan. By the time the former congressman died, his home community enjoyed “a thriving herd.” A thorough-going and outspoken conservative made Clare Hoffman despised by much of the Left in the country. The epithets flung in the congressman's direction were oftentimes vitriolic, but Clare Hoffman gave as good as he got. Perhaps the most frequent charge made against Congressman Clare Hoffman by his political opponents was that of obstructionist and ultra-conservative, especially for Hoffman's usual insistence the taxpayers were being fleeced one way or another. Because of Hoffman's obsession with economy in government, some grumbled he was “the congressman without pockets in his suits.” Prior to becoming Speaker, Democratic Majority Leader John McCormick once said he “had a minimum high regard for the Republican from Michigan.”

The sarcastic comments about Hoffman's pockets were literally true. While a practicing trial attorney, Clare Hoffman quickly noticed some lawyers distracted members of juries by jingling the change in their pockets. Thereafter, Clare Hoffman had his suits made without pockets in the trousers.

Fellow Michigan congressman Gerald Ford, then serving as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, recalled after the former representative's death that Hoffman had never hesitated to oppose his own party's leadership when he thought they were wrong. Ford acknowledged when Hoffman retired from the House “much of the spark and some of the fire disappeared from Capitol Hill when he left Congress.” Ford issued a statement when Clare Hoffman died,

describing the late former congressman as “blunt, outspoken and colorful,” recalling Hoffman had earned a reputation as a feared opponent in debate precisely because of his barbed wit.

Despite his fearsome reputation in debate, the Michigan congressman was left speechless as he watched a parade of colleagues rise on the floor of the House of Representatives to offer tributes upon the occasion of his eighty-sixth birthday in 1961. When Hoffman's friend and fellow arch-foe of spending, Congressman H. R. Gross of Iowa stood up and announced it was the Michiganlander's birthday, Hoffman snatched up a newspaper and tried to appear disinterested in the House proceedings. Congressman Noah Mason of Illinois finally managed to engage Hoffman when he extended his “sympathy to Mrs. Hoffman for having put up with him for so many (62) years.” Clare Hoffman got up and joined in the applause. Still, it was Congressman Hoffman who brought the tributes to an end when he resorted to one of his favorite parliamentary devices by threatening to make a point of no quorum. Only one member of the House was older than Clare Hoffman; Kentucky's Brent Spence was Hoffman's senior by a few months.

One of Congressman Clare Hoffman's favorite things to do was provoke a verbal free for all on the House floor or in committee and then walk away as the combatants chewed on each other. Emanuel Celler of New York and racist Congressman John E. Rankin of Mississippi were two of Hoffman's favorite targets for provocation. Both Rankin and Celler were Democrats, but their political views were poles apart and neither liked the other.

The congressman “was proud of being called ornery” and his denunciation of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, Harry Truman's Fair Deal was fiery. Even the administration of moderate Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower did little to merit the approval of the peppery congressman from southwestern Michigan. During his years in Congress, Clare Hoffman voted against Social Security, price supports and foreign aid. Hoffman served on the House Education and Labor Committee where he could always be counted upon to be a fierce opponent of organized labor. Hoffman was also intensely proud of having helped to write portions of the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill. Hoffman delighted in having the shortest biographical sketch in the Congressional Directory.

As a congressman, Clare Hoffman never attended a



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Congressman Clare Hoffman to his colleague Roy Woodruff.

cocktail party nor did he journey to foreign lands as a junketeer. Some friends laughed that Clare Hoffman “spent 28 years in Washington without changing his old habits... or his mind.”

Within five years of having first been elected to Congress, Clare Hoffman had so thoroughly angered congressional Democrats they tried to tie him to some mysterious “Fascist conspiracy” but all the congressman was guilty of was having spoken his own mind. As much as Democrats disliked his politics, Clare Hoffman returned that same dislike for their liberalism.

During the administration of President Dwight Eisenhower, Congressman Hoffman once explained, “I do not have so much to do with the passage of legislation desired by the administration as I do with defending some of the executive departments who are put on the hot seat by the Democratic committees.”

As colorful as he was controversial, Clare Hoffman remained well-liked by his people.

An avid reader of the Bible, Hoffman married Miss Florence Wason and they had two sons, both of whom became attorneys like their father. Muckraking national columnist Drew Pearson, who abhorred Hoffman's politics, said he was sorry to see the congressman go when Hoffman retired from the House in 1962. “I for one am sorry,” Pearson said. “The congressman from Allegan is incorruptible, indefatigable, and scrupulous in watching the public purse. Whether you agreed with him or not he had the courage of his convictions and in these days of mass legislation that can be rare.”

The Saint Joseph, Michigan, Herald-Press posed the question in an editorial following Hoffman's death in 1967, “. . .who is the most colorful politician with the biggest image among his constituency and the greatest loyalty from it on election days?”

The editorial answered its own question, stating, “Clare Hoffman who died Friday night at age 92 stands like a skyscraper in the open prairie.”

Born in Vicksburg, Pennsylvania, Hoffman was a graduate of Northwestern Law School and was admitted to the Bar in 1896. That same year, Hoffman began practicing law in Allegan, Michigan, where he would spend the rest of his long life. Hoffman's first bid for office occurred in 1900 when he sought to become Allegan County's prosecuting attorney. It was the only race Clare Hoffman ever lost. In 1904, Clare Hoffman ran again and was elected the prosecuting attorney from Allegan County. Leaving office in 1910, Hoffman built up his law practice and was a successful trial attorney. Clare Hoffman was a local Republican chair when he became a candidate for the House of Representatives in 1934. The incumbent congressman was a Democrat, George Ernest Foulkes. Hoffman had to win the GOP primary in order to have the right to face Congressman Foulkes in the general election. Hoffman was one of four candidates running in the Republican primary.

Michigan's Fourth Congressional District was comprised of six counties and was largely rural. Clare Hoffman was not surprisingly, a solid supporter of farmers while in Congress. Hoffman oftentimes made the dire prediction the farmers would “get their pitchforks and come to town” over some piece of legislation introduced by one of his colleagues in the House of Representatives. Once he arrived in Washington, D. C., Clare Hoffman announced he was in the Capitol for the “sole purpose of denouncing the New Deal” of President Franklin Roosevelt. Nor could one ignore the congressman from Michigan. Hoffman learned the rules and utilized them to his advantage. One was a little-known rule during the Roosevelt presidency where Congressman Clare

Hoffman made a one-minute speech every day Congress was in session to decry some aspect of the New Deal.

Each of the GOP congressional candidates carried his own home base, but Clare Hoffman won three of the six counties. That was enough to give Hoffman just over 35% of the votes cast, beating his closest opponent by 1,361 ballots. The fifty-eight-year-old attorney campaigned hard in the general election and the Fourth District returned to its normally Republican roots. Hoffman won the general election with better than 58% of the vote against the incumbent.

After two years of service in Congress, Hoffman dispatched two opponents inside the GOP primary easily and faced the closest political contest of his career in the 1936 general election. Hoffman won with barely 50% of the vote and the rest was divided between three other candidates. Never again would Clare Hoffman's share of the votes in Michigan's Fourth Congressional District dip below 59%.

Once in Congress, Hoffman snapped President Roosevelt was little more than a “crazy, conceited megalomaniac.” Yet how did such a controversial figure remain so popular for so long? An editorial appearing in the Saint Joseph Herald-Press likely explained his enduring popularity with the people of Michigan's Fourth Congressional District. The national media was dismayed at Clare Hoffman's continued personal popularity inside a congressional district it thought was less conservative than its congressman. According to the Herald-Press, there were “a great many voters who felt personal admiration for a man who had the courage to row against the current” of political events. The editorial noted the people of the Fourth District knew the congressman “was utterly honest.” Hoffman never side-stepped issues, telling CIO rallies his beliefs. The Herald-Press noted that

organized labor members always booed Hoffman's statements, “but cheered him when he walked out of their hall.” Clare Hoffman never retreated to the politician's usual device of claiming he had been misquoted when one of his statements was criticized or proved to be controversial or unpopular. Lastly and perhaps most importantly, as a congressman, Clare Hoffman was well known to “turn Heaven and earth to help a constituent find his way through the maze of government bureaucracies, regardless of the constituent's politics.” The Herald-Press recalled the congressman “went to bat for his people with a vengeance; and even hostile bureaucrats jumped rather than risk his scathing exposure.” Another factor that ensured his continued political success was in private and his relations with other folks Clare Hoffman was a very charming man. Such a tribute was paid to Hoffman by Congressman Barrett O'Hara, a Chicago Democrat, who said, “More often than not Clare and I have been on different sides of issues (but) I have never known a kinder heart.”

The Herald-Press noted that was the side most of the people in Michigan's Fourth Congressional District saw “when he hunted or fished with dirt farmers, when he took extra hours to explain a complicated subject to a cub reporter, when he jollied a hard-working housewife in some remote hamlet, when he drove his small Plymouth down country roads to visit an ailing friend.” Clare Hoffman cared and had mastered the art of the personal touch.

Clare Hoffman might very well have continued running had he not been felled by a serious stroke in November of 1961 at age eighty-six. Although described at the time as a “light” stroke and the congressman's physician claimed his patient was “doing very good,” Congressman Hoffman's public schedule was curtailed because of his illness and he left Congress in 1963. The former congressman lamented his inability to campaign for 1964 GOP presidential nominee Barry Goldwater. Although increasingly feeble, Hoffman continued to closely follow politics and political developments in the country.

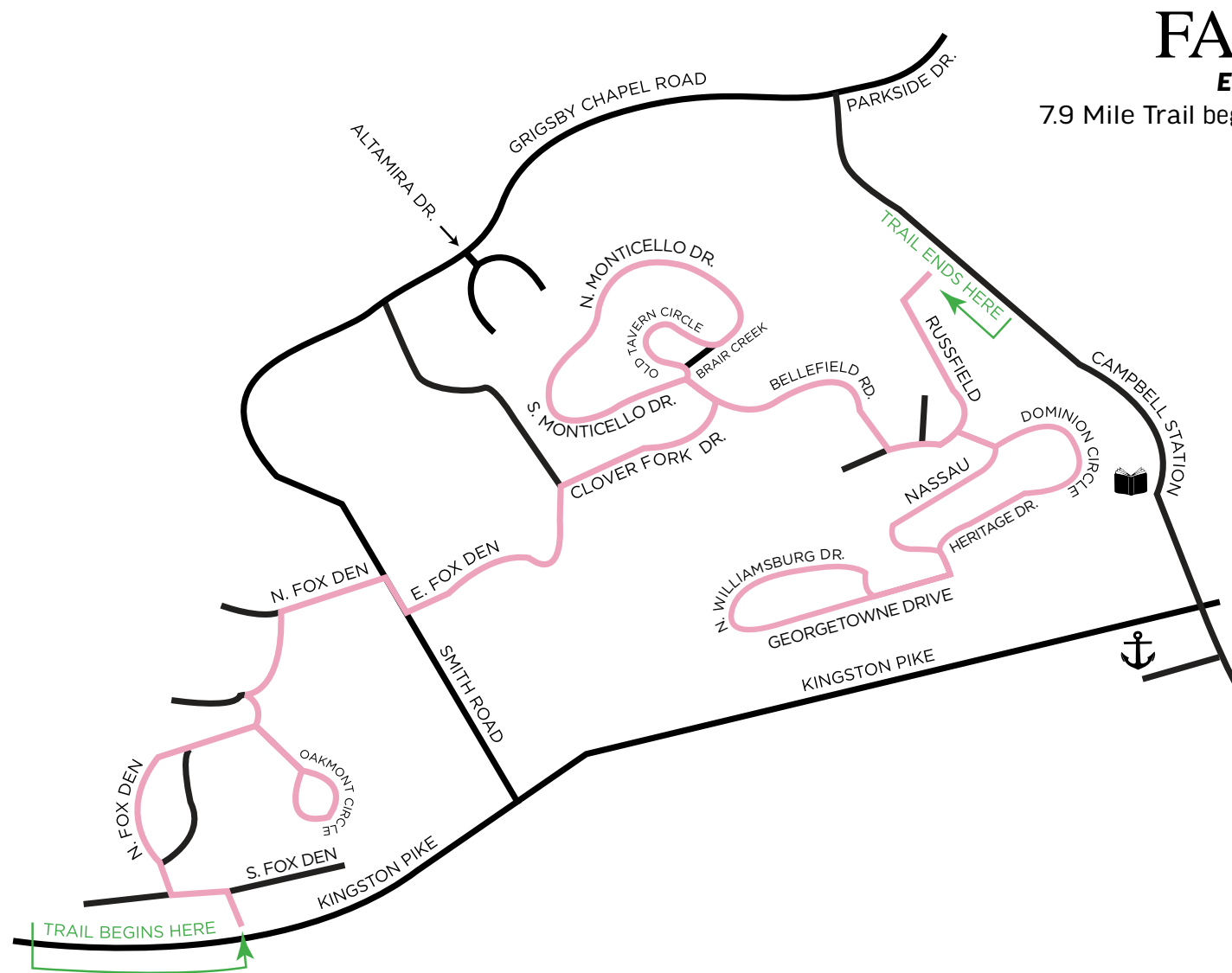
Clare Hoffman continued to age, and he was plagued by additional strokes, cardiac trouble and finally, pneumonia. It took all those misfortunes to extinguish the spark of life that burned inside Clare Hoffman.

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7.9 Mile Trail begins at 12251 S Fox Den Drive (37934)

Follow the pink lines beginning at the entrance to the Fox Den community to experience the beauty of the Farragut Dogwood trail. Established in 2001, the trail wanders through three distinct neighborhoods covering 7.9 miles of impeccably maintained properties.

Most of the homes in Fox Den were built in the 70s and 80s and are surrounded by mature trees with beautiful landscapes. The path begins near Willow Creek Golf Course and the entrance to Fox Den subdivision, deep in the heart of Farragut.

Continuing to Country Manor subdivision, you'll see newer construction highlighted by beautiful dogwoods, in addition to other flowering trees that provide shade and character to the scenery.

In the Village Green subdivision, the trail is transformed into an historic experience. Modeled after Colonial Williamsburg, the neighborhood features carefully maintained landscapes surrounding homes with classic American features.

SEQUOYAH HILLS

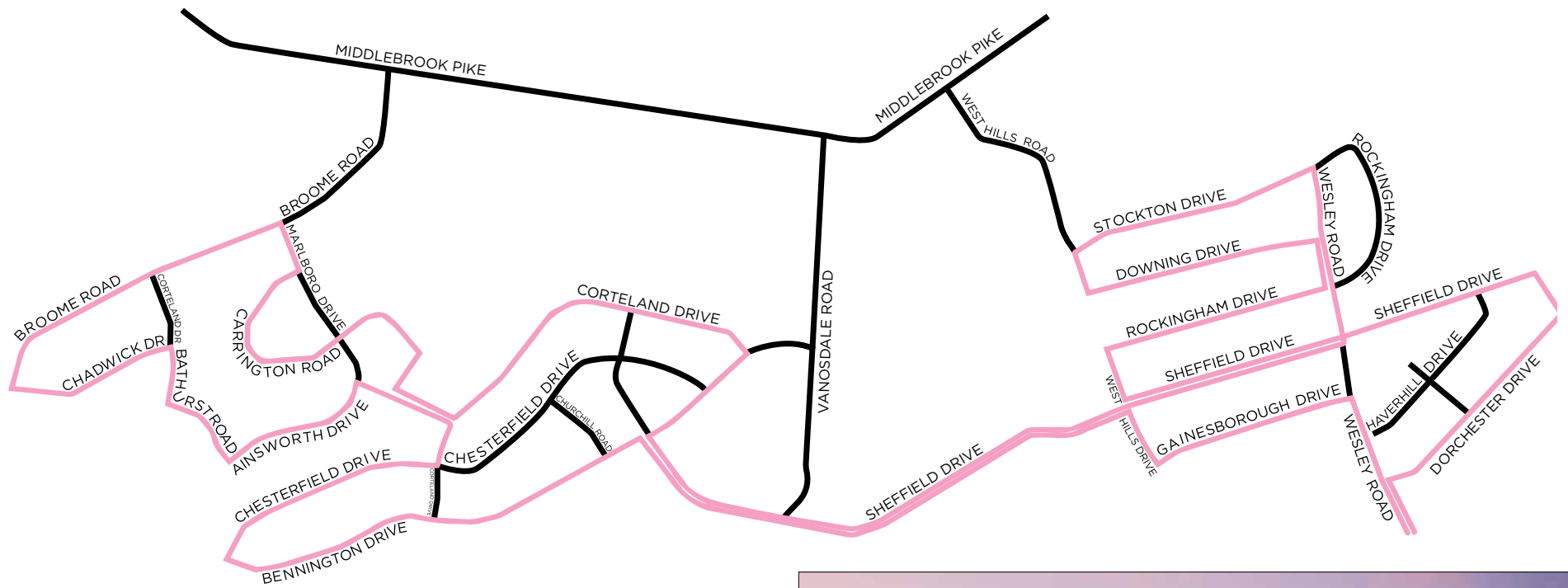
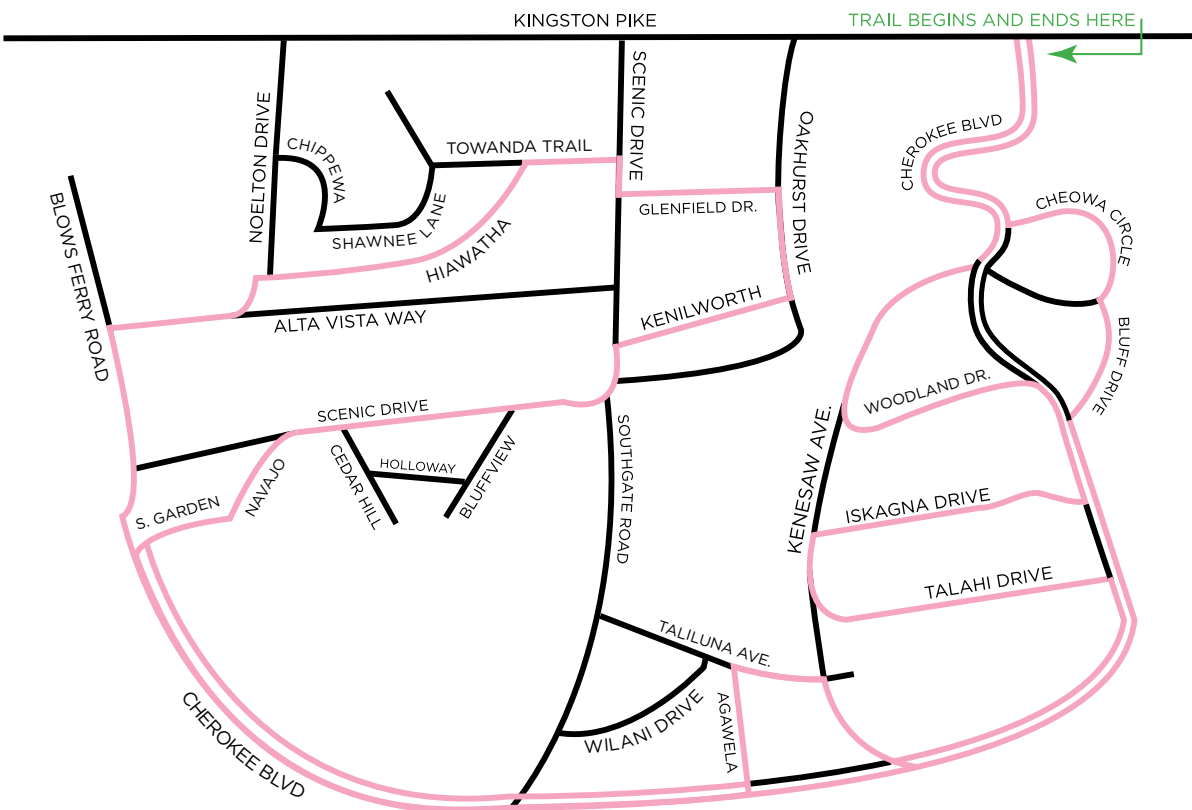
Established in 1955

6.5 Mile Trail begins at 415 Cherokee Blvd (37919)

Knoxville's first dogwood trail was established in Sequoyah Hills in 1955 and includes some of the city's most beautiful scenic landscapes. The trail begins on Cherokee Boulevard, which was named for the Native American tribal lands that became Knoxville. Many of the streets throughout the neighborhood have names inspired by the prehistoric, Woodlands-era culture, such as Iskagna, Agawela, Keowee, Taliluna, and Tugaloo and a 1,000-year-old earthen mound rises in the median of Cherokee Boulevard.

Between 1927 and 1929 several landscape features were built,

including gateposts at either end of Cherokee Blvd, two fountains (Sunshine Fountain & Panther Fountain), stone benches, and Papoose Park. Cherokee motifs decorate these features, suggesting inspiration from both Cherokee folklore and the Art Deco movement. These early improvements endured as a hallmark of the area and are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In the springtime, the neighborhood rolls out the pink carpet with abundant flowering dogwoods, spectacular landscapes, and a line of ancient cherry trees along the boulevard which is a popular trail for walkers and runners.



WEST HILLS

Established in 2022

8 Mile Trail begins at 100 Wesley Rd. (37919)

Established in 2022, West Hills added over 8 miles of blooming trails to the Trails & Garden Program. Originally developed in the 1950s, West Hills was the city's first major post-World War II subdivision and the first to consist primarily of modern ranch-style houses. In the late 1940's, the demand for new houses spiked, and vacant lots in Knoxville's older, pre-war neighborhoods quickly filled up. To meet the rising housing demand, developer

Morgan Schubert purchased the Walker, Kirby, Hickey, and Van Osdale farms, and established the West Hills subdivision (the name "West Hills" was likely coined by Schubert). Knoxville's 1954 Parade of Homes featured new houses on Stockton Drive in West Hills, attracting many of the neighborhood's earliest residents.

While West Knoxville experienced a boom in commercial development in the 1960s and 1970s, West

Hills managed to retain its residential character. This was due in large part to its neighborhood advocacy group which later became known as the West Hills Community Association (WHCA). In 1972, this group worked with Knoxville's Metropolitan Planning Commission to create the West Hills Plan, which provided a development model subsequently adopted for all Knoxville neighborhoods.



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Rebels blank Central in district match



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

West High captain Alden Wilson moves the ball into the attacking third while Central's Silas Geasland trails in Fountain City Thursday night. Wilson had two assists as the Rebels prevailed 8-0 at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

By Ken Lay

Nick Kim makes it no secret that he has high expectations for the 2023 soccer season. Kim took over as West High's head coach following the team's trip to the Class 3A State Tournament in May.

He was an assistant under Alex Walls in 2022 and was named head coach after Walls left to take an administrative appointment.

"We're on a mission and we're going to complete that mission," said Kim, who was the school's girls coach several years ago.

He stopped short of mentioning his side's ultimate goal.

"All I'm saying is that we're on

a mission."

The Rebels (9-1-1 overall, 2-0 in District 3-3A) were certainly on a mission Thursday night as they continued their four-match district road trip Thursday night at Central High School.

West scored early and often against the host Bobcats in an 8-0 victory at Dan Y. Boring Stadium in Fountain City.

"We had a game plan and we knew we could get wide on them," Kim said. "They're a good team and they've won some big games, but we're on a mission."

Kim and his coaching staff gave the Rebels their marching orders and the team carried them out to near perfection against a young Central team that dropped

to 3-3-1 overall and 0-1 in the district.

"They did a good job keeping the ball out of the net early, but once we saw the first goal go in, they all started falling in," Kim said.

The Rebels tallied the first marker of the match in the 13th minute when Alden Wilson fed foreign exchange student Tobias Hageltorn, who promptly buried the ball into the back of the Central net.

It was the first of four goals of the night for Hageltorn, who would get plenty of help from a supporting cast. Tika Alhussein scored twice in the match while William Bush and Fletcher

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Farragut could be in state softball mix again

By Steve Williams

Farragut has won back-to-back state softball championships and is looking like it could make it back to Murfreesboro again for a shot at a 3-peat.

Despite the loss of their top pitcher, southpaw Avery Flatford, who is now at Tennessee Tech, and four others who also signed college scholarships, the cupboard is full enough for another banquet in the Boro.

Well, maybe.

The Lady Admirals graduated seven seniors in all last year, including six who started on both the 2021 and 2022 title teams. That's a lot of experience they wouldn't have on another trip to the Spring Fling.

In the middle of the 2023 regular season, Farragut upped its record to 16-3 overall and 6-1 in District 4-4A with a 12-5 win over Heritage last Tuesday at James Bellamy Field. That victory avenged its only district loss – a 1-0 decision to the Lady Mountaineers in Blount County on March 23.

"It's there," said Coach Nick Green about his team's chances at the state this season in his post-game comments. "I think pitching-wise, we've got to have good nights. Defensively,

we've got to put it all together. Offensively, we've got to be a little better (than we were tonight.)

"We had some opportunities in the middle innings where we could have tacked on a run or two, if we'd had just a little bit better at-bat or a break had gone our way. I think those are things we have to be more successful at this year than maybe last year. I mean we just absolutely hammered the ball last

year, so we could get away with a couple of mistakes.

"I think we have to be a little bit finer. The margin for error is a little thinner this year for us to be successful. But so far we've done a good job."

Green said all three of his team's losses came at about the same time on the schedule when they were still trying new things and building their team. After the first loss to Heritage,

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PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

ABOVE: Farragut's Elsa Morrison, a transfer from Indiana, drills the softball to right center for her 12th home run of the season, which tied a school record, in a 12-5 win over Heritage.

LEFT: Lady Admiral teammates wait to greet sophomore slugger Elsa Morrison at home plate after her home run against the Lady Mountaineers.



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Farragut senior Brooke Simpson, the Tennessee State Gymnast of the Year, in action.

Simpson loved gymnastics right from the start

Farragut senior is LSU bound

By Steve Williams

Brooke Simpson has fallen off the beam a time or two in her 14 years in gymnastics, but she has never fallen out of love with the sport she got acquainted with at age 4.

"The second that my parents put me into a gymnastics class, I loved everything about it," said the Farragut High senior and LSU signee, who was named the Tennessee State Gymnast of the Year in March. "I loved having an activity to keep me occupied and I loved my first coach, Lisa Savage, even more."

"She coached me for a couple of years. Now I am coached by Lea Brown, Sasha and Natasha. They have been my coaches ever since then."

To get where Simpson is today in the sport, she says it's been a long 14 years of "training and making sacrifices. But I would not change anything about it. From the beginning, I knew I wanted to do college gymnastics when I got older. I kept that mindset throughout all my years, and finally now get to experience that next year."

Brooke talked with several colleges and even visited a few. However, she said LSU had always been her "top school" and the one she dreamed about growing up. "I went on my official visit just a few months after my recruitment period started. After spending time with the coaches and team, I could see myself being a part of this program. LSU gymnastics felt like home and I could not imagine myself anywhere else."

She plans to major in mass communications.

This reporter has always felt gymnastics required a



Brooke Simpson performs on a "visit" to LSU, where she will start competing in gymnastics in 2023-24 and major in Mass Communications.

combination of athletic ability and concentration and asked Brooke to describe what it's like to stand on that narrow beam and then execute a move and land back on it.

"Beam is definitely one of the most nerve-racking events," she said. "One small mistake and you're off!"

"When I'm on the beam competing or even just in practice, I try to focus on one movement at a time. Getting ahead of myself always results in falling for me. Deep breaths, taking it slow and staying focused helps me stay consistent."

The state award Simpson received at Austin Peay State University was not just based on her talent in gymnastics. It took into consideration her work ethic, attitude, dedication to the sport and leadership.

"I am so honored to have received this award, and I could not have done it without my coaches, family and teammates by my side," she said.

"At LSU, I hope to make a difference on the team, not only in gymnastics, but also by being a leader."

Rebels blank Central

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Freeman each added single tallies against the Bobcats, who had two starters given red cards during the match and spent a good portion of the game playing two men down.

Central coach Chris Quinn was obviously a bit disappointed in Thursday night's result but he kept things in their proper place.

"These guys are young and they're making mistakes," he said. "But they're learning."

"They'll become better players from this and I will become a better coach."

The Rebels, meanwhile, put up a total of 17 goals last week in two district matches. West blanked Campbell County 9-0 in its league opener.

The Rebels travel to Karns Tuesday and head to Oak Ridge Thursday in a pair of key district tilts.

Kickoff for both matches is slated for 7 p.m.

Hawks come back to record series sweep against defending state champ Farragut

By Ken Lay

A comeback victory netted the Hardin Valley Academy baseball a season sweep against one of its biggest rivals. The win also propelled the Hawks into sole possession of first place in the District 4-4A standings.

Hardin Valley entered the sixth inning facing a 5-1 deficit and couldn't seem to get much going off Farragut starter and senior left-hander Ashton Sulack, who appeared to be in cruise control on the mound.

But things unraveled for the Admirals as the Hawks scored seven runs over the final two innings to nab an 8-6 victory.

In the sixth, HVA catcher Ty Denton led off with a double and Will Webb had a two-run homer to make the score 6-3.

First baseman Jacob Dillon walked before Austin Bolding clubbed another two-run homer to pull the Hawks to within 6-5 off Admirals' reliever Reid Thomason. Carson Hoffmeister then gave the Hawks a 7-6 lead with a two-run double off Cole Draper.

The Hawks would add an insurance run in the seventh before HVA reliever Colton Denton slammed the door on the Admirals, who sent the tying run to the plate.

Hardin Valley would ultimately triumph but the first few chapters of this



PHOTO BY DAN HARRALSON.

Farragut third baseman Jett Johnston celebrates a first-inning grand slam with teammates Mark Underwood (14) and Gavin Brewer (3). Johnston's homer would give the Admirals a 5-0 lead in the first inning, but Hardin Valley would mount a late rally and claim an 8-6 victory Wednesday.

installment of the Turkey Creek rivalry would belong to Farragut.

HVA (17-1 overall, 5-1 in the district) spotted rival and defending Class 4A state champion Farragut five runs in the bottom of the first inning. But the Hawks would persevere and capture an 8-6 win Wednesday night before a packed house at Farragut's John Heatherly Field.

The Admirals (14-5, 3-3) were hot early as they plated five runs in the bottom off the first inning after Sulack kept the Hawks off the scoreboard in the top of the frame.

Farragut's rally began with one out when

shortstop Lukas Buckner singled and Landis Davila drew a walk. Eli Evans then singled to load the bases.

The Admirals took a 1-0 lead when Buckner came home on a single by Jake Merrick before senior third baseman and Texas A&M commitment Jett Johnston made it 5-0 with a grand slam.

But Hawks' coach Tyler Roach never hit the panic button.

"With this group, I've never felt out of a ballgame all year," Roach said. "They've made my job easy. 'I'm sitting over there cracking jokes with my assistant coaches, laughing because I trust

our guys.

"They were fine, relaxed."

Hardin Valley pulled to within 5-1 in the third when Jaxson Jones and later scored when Caleb Neely, the Hawks' leadoff man, reached on a fielder's choice.

The Admirals would answer in the bottom of the fourth when Davila hit a solo home run to give Farragut a fine-run advantage.

Colton Denton pitched three innings of scoreless relief for Hardin Valley and escaped damage in the second after Merrick walked and Gavin Brewer reached on an error.



The Farragut High trio is all smiles after signing college scholarship papers last week. From left to right, Reagan Miller signed with Motlow State in soccer, Eric Sonnenschein with Covenant College in soccer and Alyssa Thomas with Lincoln Memorial University in tennis.

Shakeup in local radio sports programming

By Steve Williams

Build it and they will call.

A good portion of sports talk radio in Knoxville was turned upside down last week when the Sports Animal's (990 AM and 99.1 FM) Sports Talk, the longest running radio sports talk show in the state, was moved from its 3 to 7 p.m. slot to 6 to 9 a.m.

The "shakeup" resulted from the recent retirement of Jimmy Hyams, who had teamed up with John Wilkerson on the late afternoon show the past 25 years.

Wilkerson and Vince Ferrara now make up the Sports Talk duo in the morning Monday through Friday, with Sam Foreman the producer.

The Tyler and Will Show (Tyler Ivens and Will West) now fills the late afternoon slot, along with producer Logan Ward.

Longtime afternoon callers Jim and Steve were heard calling in at 7:22 and 8:28 last Wednesday morning.



Former UT basketball standout Steve Hamer's "It's Hamer Time" segment debuted on Thursday morning and NFL guru John McClain also was part of Sports Talk Thursday.

The long running "Sports Six at 6" segment is still being carried on the Tyler and Will show, while the morning show debuted "Step to the Plate at 8" on Thursday.

Central to honor 1973 state champs

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

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

Holloway named new Berean coach

Linwood Holloway was announced Thursday as the new boys basketball coach at Berean Christian School, according to Tommy Selby, the school's new communications director.

"I've known Linwood since middle school - Can't wait for the future!" said Berean Christian AD Eric Palmer, who also is the school's head coach for girls basketball.

"It is a blessing to be taking over the high school program at Berean," said Holloway. "I am excited to produce not only disciples of God, but also a team that can be able to pursue a championship."

After graduating from East Tennessee State University, Holloway began his basketball coaching career as an AAU coach. After a successful stint in AAU, he made his way to the middle school level at Whittle Springs, where he coached for several years.

In his last year at Whittle Springs, he led the team to their first state championship and a 24-0 record during the regular season. Holloway was named as the middle school "Coach of the Year" for the state of Tennessee.

Two Lady Irishmen sign with LMU

Two Knoxville Catholic High student-athletes signed college scholarships with Lincoln Memorial University last week. Kaylee Estridge will run cross country and track for the Lady Railsplitters, while Mary Eunice will play soccer, announced Catholic AD Jason Surlas.

KIL Track Championships May 1 and 2

The annual Knoxville Interscholastic League Track and Field Championships are scheduled for May 1 and 2 at Hardin Valley Academy.

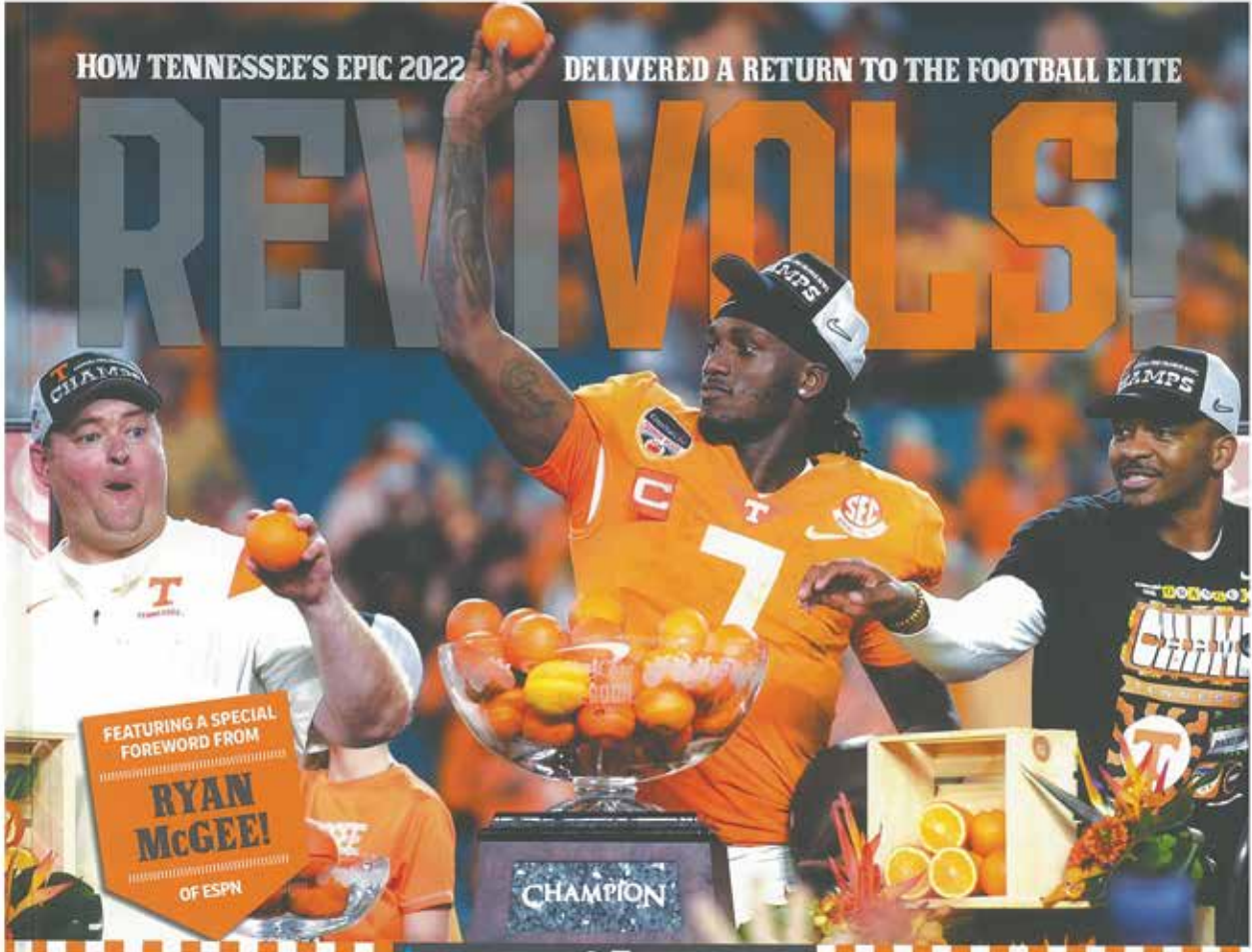
A new book about Tennessee football

Over the years, more than 20 books about Tennessee football have been written by such journalists as Tom Siler, Russ Bebb, Marvin West, Haywood Harris and Gus Manning, Tony Barnhart, F. M. Williams and Jeff Hanna, Clay Travis, Barry Parker and Robin Hood, Ward Gossett, Jay Greeson and Stephen Hargis... and many more.

Statewide media such as the Knoxville News Sentinel, the Memphis Commercial Appeal, the Tennessean, and the Chattanooga Times-Free Press have also written about the Vol program with unquestioned zeal, on a daily basis and in special books about notable games and events.

This year, the coverage of Tennessee football took a major step forward with Pediment Publishing's book highlighting the 2022 season. In its 160 pages, the season's story is told from start to finish with incisive writing and true-to-Tennessee orange color pictures. It's one of those books that will positively influence the coverage of Tennessee football in the years to come.

In his foreword, ESPN's Ryan McGhee, a Tennessee graduate, offers his perspective of the impact the season had on him and the Tennessee fan base. "UT's 11-win season restored faith that fall Saturdays in Knoxville could be historically great instead of hysterically grim," he wrote. He recalled a conversation with Vol legend Al Wilson, the undisputed



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spiritual leader of the 1998 National Championship team and a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

When the Vols trailed Auburn 20-10 at halftime of the 1997 SEC Championship Game, Wilson "challenged" his teammates to do better after intermission. His high-pitched voice echoed across the team's dressing area and caught everybody's attention.

"Wilson, a fierce hitter with an overflow of intensity, did not approve of the first half mess," wrote Marvin West. "He explained his total distaste of losing. Rumor has it he threw chairs. Some said his torrid words peeled paint off the wall."

The final score was Tennessee 30, Auburn 29.

On Oct. 15, 2022, Wilson and McGhee ran into each other on the ramp at Thompson-Boling Arena near the set of "Marty and McGhee." McGhee reported that Wilson was "smiling" when he said, "You feel the atmosphere today, all over this city? It feels like our days, doesn't it?"

After that night, McGhee wrote that the game produced the "greatest contest the Tennessee-Alabama rivalry has produced in 121 years of trying. "Hyperbole, perhaps, but the game's impact on the psyche of the Tennessee fan base is not in dispute.

The book's highlights

include a brief history of the program, a game-by-game analysis of the season, and interviews with Vol head coach Josh Heupel, quarterback Hendon Hooker, wideout Jalin Hyatt, and edge rusher Byron Young. There was also a segment on the Orange Bowl and the 31-14 victory over Clemson. The season and that game amplified the swagger Heupel has brought to the Vol program from Day One of his tenure.

Journalists Adam Sparks, Mike Wilson, Nick Gray, Blake Toppmeyer, John Adams, Chris Thomas, and Gentry Estes provided the analysis that will be fodder for future historians writing about the 2022 season. Each writer rose to the

occasion in delineating the special moments from not only the 13-game season, but from across the years as well.

The photography is undeniably vintage, capturing the unique Tennessee colors, whether in the light of day or under the lights after sunset, in orange jerseys or in white. The color orange is part of the Tennessee tradition, as Neyland Stadium has become a venue bathed in orange, in good times or bad. Fans of all eras can close their eyes and envision what singer Dave Loggins termed "Orange Memories."

A long-ago scribe once wrote about what the opposition encounters entering the stadium at the south

end. There were precious few escape routes, he wrote, referencing the Hill on the north end and the Tennessee River at the south end. There's 15th Street/Stadium Drive/Philip Fulmer Way high above the field on the west side. To the east are campus buildings, both new and ancient, on a narrow strip of pavement with limited ingress and egress.

It is a wonderful edifice that dominates the campus scene, one with terrific sight lines for the 102,455 who find their way to campus game after game, year after year.

The authors pay tribute to 10 of the most beloved players in Vol history—Doug Atkins, Condredge Holloway, Hooker, Hank Lauricella, Johnny Majors, Peyton Manning, Gene McEver, Heath Shuler, Reggie White, and Wilson— and most fans could probably name at least 20 more.

Seven of them are members of the College Football Hall of Fame. That list will be fuel for debates among Tennessee fans over those who were included and those who were left out.

One of the most delightful aspects of the book is coverage of the weekly predictions from the ESPN Game Day talent (and invited guests) about each game's outcome. When "Game Day" was in Knoxville, their predictions elicited cheers from Vol faithful when Tennessee was the choice and a loud chorus of boos when they weren't.

The book is an enjoyable read. You probably already know it by now, but this book, from start to finish, can help explain the "hold" Tennessee football has on its devotees. It's a keeper.

Jordan Horston drafted into WNBA

By Mark Nagi

For the 45th time in Lady Vols basketball history, one of their players was picked in the WNBA draft. Last week, the Seattle Storm selected Jordan Horston of Tennessee with the ninth pick in the first round.

"Man, surreal. It's a surreal feeling," Horston said. "Just thankful to God. I give all glory to Him. I wouldn't be here without Him. All the hard work that I've put in allowed me to be in this position. Like I said, I'm just grateful for this opportunity."

Horston was named to the All-SEC First Team in 2022 and 2023 and is one of only two players in

school history to record 1,000 points, 700 rebounds and 400 assists in a career. And while two of those three categories are purely for offense, Horston believes that she can bring something else to the Storm.

"I can be a lockdown defender," said Horston. "I'm pretty versatile. Can't really put me in a box. I'm going to do whatever it takes. Whatever the team needs I'm going to do it. I work hard. I'm a big guard so I can guard fours, bigger guards, smaller guards... I'm really focusing in on bringing that defensive impact."

In a peculiar twist, for the third year in a row, a Lady Vols was picked 9th in the WNBA draft. In

2021 Rennia Davis was selected by Minnesota while in 2022 Rae Burrell went to Los Angeles.

"Yeah, okay, so I actually talked to Rae a couple weeks before," said Horston. "She was just asking me where my head was and just, you're going to be good. Just be you. Go in there. Work hard. Just the things that a good teammate would say. And then Rennia texted me today just telling me she was proud of me and she was rooting for me. But that just goes to show that the sisterhood is real. We stay in touch. Like I said, I look up to them. They brought me in, and they showed the ropes to me, and hopefully, I was able to do that with somebody else. But

like I said, it's a sisterhood, and it means more here at Tennessee."

Seattle isn't unfamiliar territory for Horston. Her final collegiate game was played there, when the Lady Vols were eliminated in the Sweet 16 of this year's NCAA Tournament.

"The city was beautiful. It was amazing," said Horston. "The only thing that I've known about Seattle prior to going for the NCAA Tournament was Grey's Anatomy. I only knew it was a pretty beautiful city. But no, I did not have any clue on where I was going to end up. I'm excited to embark on that new journey."

Horston did have one year of eligibility remaining but made the

decision to go pro and not return to Knoxville.

"Yeah, I mean, either way it went, I feel like it was going to be a good situation," said Horston. "It was two really good situations. That's why it made it even harder for me to decide. But to go back on everything that I've worked for is for this moment. I've always had aspirations and dreams of playing in the W. I've watched it growing up. I feel like this is my time. God was giving me this opportunity, and I feel like I had to jump on it. I'm honestly so happy that I made this decision. I'm a strong believer in everything happens for a reason, and this was meant to happen."

Farragut could be in state softball mix again

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defending Class 2A state champion Alcoa defeated Farragut 3-0 and the Lady Ads also lost to Class A Midway 4-2 when they were getting one of their younger pitchers some game experience.

Last week's triumph over Heritage stretched Farragut's win streak to 10.

Returning starters for the junior heavy Lady Admirals include leadoff batter Addison Pressley, third baseman Laney Shrader, shortstop Ava Guzowski and first baseman Hailey Nichols. Guzowski signed with Kenesaw State last November.

Emma MacTavish was Flatford's backup last

spring and got in enough work (127 1/3 innings) to qualify as a returning starter. She had a 20-2-1 record as a sophomore with a 2.09 ERA.

A huge boost for Farragut was the arrival of sophomore catcher Elsa Morrison, a transfer from Carmel, Indiana who belted her 12th home run in the win over Heritage to tie the school's season record, which Lauren Brakovec set last year on her way to being named the District 4-4A Player of the Year.

Batting in the No. 3 hole, the 5-foot-11 Morrison belted a two-run homer to right center in the second inning to give the Lady Admirals a 7-0 lead.

Because of her

reputation as a power hitter, Elsa had been intentionally walked in a five-run first inning and was intentionally walked again in the sixth when Farragut erupted for another five runs to take a 12-3 command.

"It has been such an amazing feeling being with these girls," said Morrison, whose family moved to Knoxville for her dad's job in aerospace engineering. "I've had a great connection with them so far this year. I think we clicked really well and when it comes game time we're locked in, but off the field we can have fun and enjoy being around one another. It's been really welcoming here."

Heritage didn't take the

bat out of Pressley's hands, but maybe it should have. The swift junior totaled a double and two singles plus scored two runs and drove in one.

Several others contributed to the Farragut attack. Nichols drilled a two-run double into the left field corner in the first inning uprising and scored two runs in the game. Senior Sophia Leto, a transfer from Hardin Valley, also smacked a RBI double that hit the left field fence on the first bounce in that inning and added a two-run single in the big sixth inning.

Shrader contributed a RBI single and double and scored a run. Guzowski, also known for her power

at the plate, was walked three times, including once intentionally, and scored two runs.

Anna French drove in a run with a sacrifice fly and singled and scored a run.

MacTavish went the distance in the circle. The junior gave up single runs in the third, fourth and sixth innings as Heritage pulled within 7-3. The Lady Mountaineers' two runs in the top of the seventh, however, were unearned.

MacTavish ended up allowing 11 hits, including five doubles. She struck out seven and walked two plus hit one batter.

Defensively for Farragut, French made a tough catch in shallow left field in the first inning and second

baseman Rilee Kate Ragan made a running catch of a ball hit into shallow right field in the fifth.

The top defensive play of the game came in the sixth on a 1-2-3 double play by Farragut that limited Heritage to one run in the inning. With the bases loaded and one out, Kylee Thomas hit a grounder back to MacTavish, who threw to catcher Morrison at the plate for the second out, and Morrison threw a dart to first baseman Nichols for the third out.

Izzie Hayes, who pitched the shutout in the first meeting between the two teams, was removed from the circle in the second inning and took the loss.

Seymour, Karns and TSD add to CSA recognition

By Steve Williams

Head coaches of 23 local high school boys basketball teams submitted a maximum of five players to receive the Careacter Star Athlete award for the 2022-23 season and they are listed in this week's issue of The Knoxville Focus.

The CSA award, which was started 22 years ago by Dave Moore of the CARE program, is based on Attitude, Performance, Careacter, Community Service and Grades.

In addition to the honorees having their name listed in The Knoxville Focus this week, each will receive a Careacter Star T-shirt, a letter of recognition and a certificate.

Coaches from Seymour, Karns and Tennessee School for the Deaf added to the recognition by sending in an example of good character they recalled observing during the season.

The Focus congratulates all the Careacter Star Athletes!

BRANDON CHANDLER Seymour High School

"This particular student-athlete exemplifies character in every sense imaginable. He was a true leader on and off the court. He is a four-year player and senior at Seymour High School. He was a leader by example and tried to encourage all teammates as much as possible. He had a heart of gold and really took it personally when we lost.



Seymour basketball player Brandon Chandler with his mom Keesha Chandler on the Eagles' Senior Night. "He was a leader by example and tried to encourage all teammates as much as possible," said Head Coach Mark Mobley, regarding Brandon's Careacter Star Athlete award.

He made everyone around him better by his play, but more importantly, his true love for his teammates and coaches.

"On many occasions, he sat with me (the head coach) and hammered out motivation, encouragement and ideas to help the program and individuals besides himself succeed. He would have definitely been very involved with community programs if asked, but he had to work along with school and basketball. He tried to help his Mother out with bills and expenses as much as possible.

"He might not have the stats or visible things that would cause people to view him as a player that will be missed after graduation. He will possibly be missed more than any other player because of what he did for

Seymour Basketball. He is very recognizable by everyone because of his huge beard, but more than that, he is a fine young man!"

Mark Mobley
Head Basketball Coach
Seymour High School

WALKER LOCKHART Karns High School

"Walker is a natural leader and a great competitor. It is easy to see these 'Careacter' traits and his determination to leave it on the court for his teammates. What you don't see is the leader that he is off the court. Walker is the first guy to show up to kids' camps in the summer to build and mentor with the young Karns Beavers. Walker is the president



Walker Lockhart eyes the basket in a free throw attempt. The Karns standout was praised for his multiple acts of good character.

of the athlete leadership council at Karns High School. This group of young men and women volunteer their time in the community and also here at Karns High to better our campus and make it something to be proud of.

"Walker also is the guy who played injured for 10 games and never complained one time. He continued to show up to practice

and games daily and played some of his best basketball while dealing with a serious injury. There are not many students or players in the Knoxville area that I could see having better character than Walker Lockhart."

Chris Hartsfield
Assistant
Basketball Coach
Karns High

TSD TEAM

"This is a 'true' post-pandemic team, for we had nine inexperienced players who haven't played a basketball game for two years and yet we managed to win six games this year! They just did not 'give up'!"

Barry Swafford
Head Basketball Coach
Tennessee School
for the Deaf

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Smith leaving Catholic basketball program

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic High School announced Friday that head basketball coach Luke Smith will be resigning at the end of the school year to pursue a coaching position at the collegiate level.

In his one season, Smith's Irishmen went 20-8 and lost in the state tournament.

"I am unbelievably grateful to Knoxville Catholic for giving me the opportunity to lead their basketball program," said Smith, who had been a standout player at Catholic and Belmont University. "It was an honor getting to work with the players, teachers and administration at Knoxville Catholic.

"I am especially thankful for the relationships I have formed over the past year with the current players and coaches. Knoxville Catholic will always be a special place to me and I cannot wait to see their continued success in the future."

Catholic Athletics Director Jason Surlas said, "We wish Coach Smith all the best in his future endeavors, and we are grateful for his efforts with our team this past year.

"We will be opening our search for our next boys' basketball coach immediately. We believe this is a premier job in East Tennessee and we are eager to find the next leader for our program."



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Luke Smith coaches his Irishmen in his first season at Knoxville Catholic. The school announced Friday that Smith would be leaving to pursue a college coaching position.

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FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Beware the Harpes, Part 4

By Jadon Gibson

The Harpes were considered devils on the paths in early America. They camped at night, replenishing their strength before resuming their quest each morning. When regulators were close on their tail, they slept both day and night.

“Their victims lay face up in rivers, gutted and their eyes wide and staring, their innards replaced with stones,” Jim Ridley wrote. “Or they lay hacked and strewn in the Cumberland wilderness left to any animal’s appetite. They were killed for the gold they carried and did so despite the kindness they gave. The killers drew no distinction between men and women, boys and girls, children and infants, not even their own.”

Moses Stegall joined a posse seeking the Harpes the morning after his wife and child were viciously murdered. They were bent on finding the Harpes and making them pay for their misdeeds. The posse found two additional victims of the Harpes as they rode, swelling the number of deaths at their hands to 30. It could have been more or less.

Eventually, they came upon the Harpes’ camp, abandoned except for Wiley Harpes’ wife, Sally, who explained the others had recently left. They rapidly followed their trail and came upon them after two miles.

They called for Big Harpe to throw down his weapons and dismount but he quickly spurred his horse into a gallop in order to escape. The Harpes never obliged attempts at arresting them. Members of the posse shot at the fleeting forms with most of the bullets whizzing by until one hit Big Harpe in the leg. It didn’t seem to slow the fugitive as he rode on continuing his quest to escape. When one’s life is at great peril pain is of little consequence.

John Leiper missed his shot but grabbed a loaded gun from posse member Tompkins and spurred his horse ahead after Harpe. Micajah didn’t see the weapon exchange and knew Leiper couldn’t have taken time to reload. He slowed and began turning his horse to get a good shot. Leiper had closed the distance between the two and was able to fire as Harpe was turning his horse. The bullet struck him in the spine.

Big Harpe’s body contorted uncontrollably causing his reins and rifle to fall from his grasp. He was losing a lot of blood as the posse caught up with him barely hanging from his mount. They gave no attention to his predicament as they pulled him off his horse.

“Water,” Harpe was barely heard pleading for a drink under his breath but it was still loud enough to be heard.

Leiper pulled off one of his shoes, filled it with water and held it to Harpe’s mouth to drink. Paralysis had already settled in and Big Harpe’s hands were uncontrollable.

“Harpe, why did you kill that woman and her baby,” Leiper asked him.

“They wouldn’t let a man sleep and I put ‘em outta their misery,” he replied sarcastically. “They’re burned up in the fire but ye needn’t worry none. They’ll be able to find another wife.”

Leiper was infuriated. He searched for a weapon before grabbing Harpes’ own butcher knife and proceeded to start cutting off his head. Micajah Harpe was mortally wounded and was resigned to dying.

“You’re doin’ a mighty sorry job of that,” Harpe gargled toward Leiper causing him to become more efficient as he completed his task.

Harpe’s head was put in a saddlebag and later wedged in a crook in a tree where the road from Henderson forks with one going to Marion and Eddyville and the other to Madisonville and Russellville. The area became known as and is still referred to at times as Harpe’s Head.

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v ONESIMO SANDAVOL
NO. 2024666-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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TO: GUILLERMO GOMEZ VENEROSO
IN RE: MARIA de JESUS VAZQUEZ RIVERA
v GUILLERMO GOMEZ VENEROSO
NO. 206464-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GUILLERMO GOMEZ VENEROSO, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon GUILLERMO GOMEZ VENEROSO, it is ordered that said defendant, GUILLERMO GOMEZ VENEROSO, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joseph Della-Rodolfo, an Attorney whose address is 550 W. Main Street, Suite 340, Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 21th day of March, 2023.

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IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN ISAIAH COSBY, EMMA COSBY and CAMILLA COSBY
NO. 206292-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ANTONIO FINDENSO, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ANTONIO FINDENSO, it is ordered that said defendant, ANTONIO FINDENSO, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Wayne Decatur Wykoff, an Attorney whose address is P O Box 31526, Knoxville, TN 37930 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 3rd day of April, 2023.

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TO: JOHN JIMENEZ SIERRA
IN RE: GIOVANNI ALEXANDER CABRERA
NO. 206461-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOHN JIMENEZ SIERRA, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JOHN JIMENEZ SIERRA, it is ordered that said defendant, JOHN JIMENEZ SIERRA, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Heather N Good, an Attorney whose address is 8 Emory Place, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 3rd day of APRIL, 2023.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF:
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CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE

Joseph Whitsell,
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Jennifer E. Whitsell, and
Robert Lee Chandler
Respondents.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT, that from the verified matters set forth in the Motion for Publication filed in this cause that service by publication pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-204 is appropriate based upon Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203(a)(3).

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED:

- In compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-204, Tennessee, the notice shall appear, attached hereto:
- That forthwith the Clerk of this Court cause the notice to be published in the Knoxville Focus, which newspaper is of general circulation in the county.
- Costs of the publication are to be paid by the Plaintiff.

ENTERED, this 31st day of March, 2023

Timothy E. Irwin
Judge/Magistrate

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TO: CAROL JOSEY
IN RE: WILSON & ASSOCIATES,
PLLC v CAROL JOSEY
NO. 204836-1

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TO: JEFFREY LAMONT SIMMONS
IN RE: TAMMY DARLENE SIMMONS
v JEFFREY LAMONT SIMMONS
NO. 206588-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JEFFREY LAMONT SIMMONS, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JEFFREY LAMONT SIMMONS, it is ordered that said defendant, JEFFREY LAMONT SIMMONS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with GAIL F WORTLEY, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers Street, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 11th day of April, 2023.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE TURLEY BALLENGER JR
DOCKET NUMBER 87491-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE TURLEY BALLENGER JR who died Feb 3, 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:

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

This 30 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF GEORGE TURLEY BALLENGER JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EVELYN ANNE JONES
BALLENGER; EXECUTRIX
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AMANDA M BUSBY ATTORNEY AT LAW
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KNOXVILLE TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIELDS EVERETTE BLACK JR
DOCKET NUMBER 87153-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIELDS EVERETTE BLACK JR who died Jan 12, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court

of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 31 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHIELDS EVERETTE BLACK JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THOMAS R EVANS JR;
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
100 N KINGSTON AVE
ROCKWOOD TN 37854

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109 N FRONT AVE
ROCKWOOD TN 37854

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANET LIVESAY BRACKEEN
DOCKET NUMBER 87477-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of MARCH 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JANET LIVESAY BRACKEEN who died Jan 27, 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.

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

This the 28 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF JANET LIVESAY BRACKEEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHYNA RAIN BRACKEEN; ADMINISTRATRIX
702 E FOREST DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

JOHN E WINTERS ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM BUFORD CAMPBELL JR
DOCKET NUMBER 87492-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM BUFORD CAMPBELL JR who died Apr 24, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of 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 the claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 31 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM BUFORD CAMPBELL JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LYNN POWELL CAMPBELL; EXECUTRIX
1268 BISHOPS VIEW LANE
KNOXVILLE TN 37932

ROBERT WILKINSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 4415
OAK RIDGE TN 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PIERRE GILLES CHAMPAGNE
DOCKET NUMBER 87474-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of MARCH 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PIERRE GILLES CHAMPAGNE who died Dec 16, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise the claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 28 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF PIERRE GILLES CHAMPAGNE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PIERRE GILLES CHAMPAGNE;
ADMINISTRATOR
1501 JOE HINTON ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931-4424

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCY BELLE CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 87468-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of

MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LUCY BELLE CLARK who died Dec 20, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF LUCY BELLE CLARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA K MILLSAPS; EXECUTRIX
1040 GLEN CLARK WAY
KNOXVILLE TN 37920

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KNOXVILLE TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROBERT COCKRUM JR
DOCKET NUMBER 87480-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MARCH 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM ROBERT COCKRUM JR who died Jan 1, 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.

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This the 29 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROBERT COCKRUM JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CURTIS L COCKRUM; ADMINISTRATOR
106 DEWEY ROAD
OAK RIDGE TN 37830

ROBERT WILKINSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
281 BROADWAY AVE
OAK RIDGE TN 37830

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARRY COLLIS
DOCKET NUMBER 87484-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GARRY COLLIS who died Dec 23, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF GARRY COLLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CASEY B COLLIS; EXECUTOR
1823 OAKVALE DR
CHATTANOOGA TN 37421

MARTIN L PIERCE ATTORNEY AT LAW
4513 HIXSON PK SUITE 109
HIXSON TN 37343

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDNA E CRAWLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 87483-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDNA E CRAWLEY who died Jul 13, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-residents having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the 30 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF EDNA E CRAWLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERESA G CRAWLEY; EXECUTRIX
7706 VERONA LANE
POWELL TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEE GRAY
DOCKET NUMBER 87389-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MARCH 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH LEE GRAY who died Nov 15, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-residents having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 29 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEE GRAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREGORY GRAY; ADMINISTRATOR
1061 N POND ROAD
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DUSTIN CROUSE ATTORNEY AT LAW
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE SUITE D-200
KNOXVILLE TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE HAYNES
DOCKET NUMBER 87470-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE HAYNES who died Sep 27, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 27 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOE HAYNES
SAMANTHA HAYNES KING; EXECUTRIX
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

STEPHEN H BYRD ATTORNEY AT LAW
9051 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE, SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROGER DOUGLAS HOUSER
DOCKET NUMBER 87489-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of MARCH 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROGER DOUGLAS HOUSER who died Feb 3, 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:


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This the 30 day of MARCH, 20

Discovering Cox Mill in Jefferson County

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

I like talking to Larry Cox—he's a guy with no bluster or pretense. It is rare for one in the public eye to be so straightforward and humble by nature.

When Larry told me that one of his ancestors built and ran a water mill in Jefferson County, a mill I didn't know of, I began my research on the still-standing old mill.

In the early days of our region, the nearest water mill tended to be a place where settlers and early residents gathered not only to get their corn ground or buy milled corn but also

to visit with their neighbors. Many mills became the social center of their neighborhoods.

William Cox settled in Jefferson County about 1792 and operated the grist mill that he built there. He was a Revolutionary War veteran and the mill is now on the National Register of Historic Places. The Cox Mill also served as the area's post office and played a vital part in the regional history.

Cox was a veteran of the Battle of King's Mountain in 1780 and a delegate to the constitutional convention in Jonesborough in 1784. He voted for the formation of the State of Franklin. He was later appointed Jefferson County Magistrate by Southwest Territory Governor William Blount and then Tennessee Governor John Sevier. It is said that William Cox was married three times. His descendants

have scattered across Tennessee and the nation. Cox Mill was in operation for over 150 years. The mill and its historic marker are located just off Fielden Store Road near New Market. Mill Spring Creek flows past the old brick structure for which it was named. You can take Highway 92 east beyond New Market and turn north on Fielden Store Road. The entrance to the mill is the third drive on the right.

In 2011 the large brick mill was owned by Lou Mogavero. Richard and Stephanie (Taffy) Statter bought the mill in 2012 and restored it. Taffy is a great-great-granddaughter of William Cox.

You can find more information about Cox Mill at the Jefferson County Historical Society website jctnhistory.org or email jctnhistorycalsociety@gmail.com with questions.



Cox's Mill in Jefferson County, Tennessee, United States. The building was constructed circa 1803, and the iron overshot wheel added circa 1900. The mill is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Is God Sexist?

One of the topics that atheists and secular feminists will often state about the Bible is that God is sexist and responsible for the horrible treatment of woman over the past two thousand years. The problem in this discussion is that both secular feminists and Christians focus on certain biblical texts to defend their positions and then they ignore passages that undermine their positions. Due to our limited time, I can't address all of the biblical evidence on both sides, but let's look at a few key passages that suggest that God is anti-women or pro-women.

While Genesis 3 offers a negative portrayal of a woman, chapters 1 and 2 are much more favorable. The first words we hear about woman are extremely positive (Genesis 1:26-28). Four times in two verses we are told that humans were made in God's image or likeness. God says repeatedly that women, and men, are like Him. Women are Godlike. Women are created by God to be a reflection of Himself and His glory. It is

clear that God is very affirming of women. This idea shows up again in Genesis 2:18-23 where we read the woman was "suitable" for the man. The Hebrew word here is *kenegdo* and literally means "like opposite him." It means she is like a mirror image - both sameness and difference. Nothing suggests inferiority of either gender. The helper is not less than, but a partner. She is not a slave, but a soul mate. Genesis paints a highly favorable image of women and this would have been very shocking in its ancient Near Eastern context where women were

looked down upon. But then we get to Genesis 3 where all hell literally breaks out. Adam and Eve sin and curses befall God's perfect creation.

Probably the one verse that most people who think the Old Testament is sexist focus on is the end of the curse to woman - that man would "rule over" her (Gen. 3:16). So, how do we view the consequences of Genesis 3? Some would say that male rule over woman is something that God instituted and thus should be accepted. But we need to remember that Genesis 3 is not the way God wanted

it to be. The ideal that God established for creation was Genesis 1 and 2 in the Garden. God made both male and female Godlike, mutual partners. But due to sin, humans experienced the consequences of sin, which involved a distortion of the ideal male-female relationship that has led to the oppression of women and sexism.

Just as God helps resist the consequences of sin, we should attempt to do the

same. With God's help and the entrance of His kingdom on earth, we want to strive to get back to Genesis 1 and 2 where male and female were Godlike helpers for each other. In God's kingdom, male and female distinctions are to be done away with as we read in Galatians 3:28. As David Lamb put it so well, "The curses are not good things to be welcomed or even unavoidable realities to be accepted but are negative

consequences to be overcome." In the sexist world of the Old and New Testament, God and Jesus constantly affirmed women. Both God and Jesus were progressive within their context in honoring women. We should be as well. To any women reading this who has been a victim of sexism, I pray you see God not only as the one who created you in His image, but also as the one who wants a relationship with you. You are so loved.

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

MISC. NOTICES
LEGAL NOTICE 94
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• Bid 3402, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CNO030, due 4/27/23;
• Bid 3403, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CNO031, due 4/27/23;
• Bid 3404, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CNO053, due 4/27/23;
• Bid 3413, Demolition Disposal Services, due 5/16/23;
• Bid 3414, Hot Mix Hauling and Placement Services FY2024, due 5/17/23

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.

• Bid 3405, CAC Home Program Workorder 2022MTH001, due 4/27/23;
• Bid 3406, CAC Home Program Workorder 2022MTH010, due 4/27/23;

This program is provided through a grant from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency using Federal HOME funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
• Minority, Women-owned, and Section 3 Businesses are encouraged to participate. 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.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
CENTRAL KARNS STORAGE
7440 OAK RIDGE HWY.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931
865-690-7773

Is holding a lien sale of all goods stored in units: B0106; C0188; C0192; F0390. These being in lien & abandoned more than 60 days will be auctioned in an on-line auction at this web site www.storagegetreasures.com, beginning date 04/22/23 & ending date of 4/29/23. This sale/auction is to satisfy the owner's lien against the delinquency of occupants: Zachary Monroe, Frank McClure, Stephen Allington, & Tara Cooper. Highest bidder must have sufficient means of transporting goods. Cash is the acceptable payment method. Sale is subject to termination or postponement prior to the ending sales date.

**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID**

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee (SHFBETN) is soliciting sealed bids for the purchase and consolidation of leftover produce from the Knoxville Market Square Farmers' Market, to be provided to Battlefield Farm's Veggie Van from May 2023 - November 2024. This procurement will reduce food waste; support community producers; and reduce food insecurity in East Knoxville.

FUNDING & REQUIREMENTS

SHFBETN is funding this procurement using funds from Knox County's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, which are part of the American Rescue Plan (SLFRF-ARPA).

The minimum requirements for this procurement are:

- Producers must be compensated for their remaining product
- Product must be weighed and total weight reported on a weekly basis, broken down into the following categories:
 - Bakery, Dairy, Dry, Eggs, Meat, Produce
- Product must be provided to Battlefield Farm's Veggie Van after consolidation. Other charitable food assistance organizations may receive product with prior approval from SHFBETN.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF EAST TENNESSEE

DEADLINE & SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All sealed bids must be received by SHFBETN no later than 3pm EST on MAY 1, 2023, at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud in the upstairs conference room at Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, 136 Harvest Lane, Maryville, TN 37801. Any bid received after the stated date and time will not be considered.

All sealed bids should include

- The bid title
- A letter of intent on bidder's letterhead, signed by an authorized representative of the bidder, expressly agreeing to SHFBETN's terms and conditions contained in this invitation to bid
- The bidder's name or company name, address, telephone number, and email address
- The name, telephone number, and email address of representatives with the authority to answer questions or provide clarification regarding the bid's contents

Those interested should submit one hard copy of the sealed bid, to be mailed or hand delivered to:

Joyce Zirkle
Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee
136 Harvest Lane
Maryville, TN 37801