

City candidates prepare for the primary election

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The August 29 City Primary Election may seem months away but candidates have only until May 18 to turn in their petitions. All of the races, from city mayor to municipal judge, except one have competitors if all the people who pulled petitions turn them in to the election commission by the deadline.

So far it appears that only Charles Thomas, the incumbent council member in the 5th District, has no opponent.

Mayor Indya Kincannon has five opponents: Constance Every, Jeff Talman, Kerry J. Williams, R.C. Lawhorn and Umoja Abdul-Ahad. Keith Lyon, who confirmed with The Focus that he is no longer running for the position.

Council At-Large Seat A incumbent Lynne Fugate will face Cameron Brooks and Darin Worsham. At-Large Seat B has five candidates including Kenny Bradley, Debbie Helsley, R. Bentley Marlow, Scott Schimmel and Wade Seifert.

In the race for At-Large Seat C, incumbent Amelia Parker will face Matthew Best. Timothy Hill has indicated he will file a petition to oppose Parker and Best.

Municipal Judge John R. Rosson Jr. will face Andrew Beamer, Tyler Caviness and Marshall A. Jensen II.

Candidates have until May 25 to withdraw. Early voting runs from August 9 through August 24.

'Time is Now' for Emerald Youth



The Emerald Youth Voices, directed by Jasmine Andrews, performed the songs "Lion" and "I'm So Blessed."

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The May 5 Emerald Youth Foundation prayer and fundraising breakfast was a huge success, with almost 2,000 attendees at the Knoxville Expo Center. The event highlighted the foundation's inspiring work in the city neighborhoods of Knoxville, and featured the Emerald Youth Choir, ministry leaders, and testimonials from current and past youth participants.

The annual prayer breakfast was also the launch of the "Time is Now" campaign. This campaign focuses on raising 200 "promising, Godly, young adult leaders for Knoxville" by partnering with more churches in the community to develop the next generation of these youth.

WVLT's Ted Hall gave a powerful speech about the foundation's efforts to support families and churches in Knoxville, growing local support and opening doors for their ministry to serve more children.

"Emerald Youth is leading the effort to the families of Knoxville by offering our church partners faith resources and building relationships with our after-school programs," Halls said. "We are growing in our local support and are excited about the doors that God is opening."

"Every child in every South Knoxville neighborhood can have the opportunity for a full life."

A video showcasing the foundation's work and a video from community leaders in Knoxville were also presented. The Emerald Youth Voices, directed by Jasmine Andrews, performed the songs "Lion" and "I'm So Blessed," followed by another awe-inspiring performance by the Emerald Youth Worship Dancers, dancing to "Now Behold the Lamb of God."

Alumni from the Emerald Academy, including Maurice Davis, Naely Ortiz-Lozada, Annabel Slate, Eriana Spencer and Matthew Todd, were introduced by Cedric Jackson, EYF church relations officer.

Sydney Allen, an alumna, shared how being part of Emerald Youth opened up a world of opportunities and a relationship with God. Mentor Jalen White and student Armani Bond, an eighth-grader at Vine Middle School, highlighted their mentorship as an example of the positive impact of the Emerald Youth Foundation.

Several speakers emphasized the importance of supporting and raising the next generation of leaders in Knoxville. Hannah Hopper reminded those in attendance, "You have seen our vision. You have heard our hearts for our children in our city. Let's go back and do something about it."

Rick Dunn spoke of the success Emerald Youth has had on the children of Knoxville. "Proof of three decades of impact and growth. Proof of opportunity and what God has done. Raising the generations of what God has placed in our communities; the young Moses, the young Esthers. He's placed among us the young Gideons, the young Marys, and the young Davids. Let's be a part of raising up these generations."

The breakfast concluded with a prayer led by Hall urging everyone to "Pray for our kids in the city."

To support Emerald Youth's mission to serve 3,000 youth this year, visit emeraldyouth.org/getinvolved or thetimeisnowemerald.org.

\$1 billion budget requested for Knox County

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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs proposed the largest budget ever for Knox County, \$1,044,418,560, the first time the budget will be more than \$1 billion dollars. That's a \$90.3 million increase over last year. He's asking the Knox County Commission to approve the request and it must do so before July 1st. Jacobs also announced Monday that the budget increase will happen without a county real estate tax increase.

Within the budget is an 8% increase for correctional and patrol officers below the rank of captain for the sheriff's department. Immediately following the budget proposal, Sheriff Tom Spangler issued a public statement which concluded: "I appreciate the Mayor's offer of 8%. Still, as the Top Law Enforcement Officer in this county overseeing the third largest county in the state of Tennessee I could not in good conscience accept this knowing it would not come close to closing the current pay gap and therefore leave our citizens and our Officers vulnerable."

Jacobs also proposed a 4% raise for teachers and a 3% raise for county employees. The overall budget for school funding is increased by \$69.2 million and makes up 66% of the county's proposed budget.

Some \$97 million would go to infrastructure projects including safety improvements on roads and intersections.

Noting the climbing cost of housing in Knox County, Jacobs said that rental housing availability is "below zero" and called for overhauling the current zoning regulations.

The commission finance committee begins budget hearings on Monday at 3 p.m. following the 2 p.m. public hearing on the proposal in the main assembly room of the City-County Building.



Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs proposed a \$ 1 billion budget Monday but the raise he proposed for the sheriff's department brought an immediate disagreement from the sheriff.

Local community television seeking support for federal bill

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The Federal Communication Commission's 2019 ruling on public community television funding is threatening the support of those non-profit companies.

This is a growing concern locally as Knoxville Community Media (KCM) continues to change from a former cable-only programming television station to a mixed-media format including internet coverage of local government and other events.

One commissioner has a resolution before the Knox County Commission to support the 118th U.S. Congress' proposed Protecting Community Television Act. She told The Focus that the ruling should state support by the cable companies should specify "monetary" support only.

The ruling apparently deducts any cable network's "in kind" contributions to local community stations.

"Terry Hill has graciously submitted this request to support this act. I learned about it in March. It was a bill introduced in February to reverse an order from the FCC that happened in 2019, unbeknownst to me," KCM Manager Amos Oaks told The Focus.

"I went to Washington D.C. on March 21 to lobby for Republican support on this bill. I spoke with Senator Hagerty, Senator Blackburn, and Representative Burchett's offices. I gave them some great info about who we are and what we do and emphasized the 'free-speech' aspect of our mission," Oaks said.

"I have also reached out to TN senators to ask for letters of support from them. The same with the city and the county - the reason for Commissioner Hill's resolution. In addition, we are asking folks in the community to write letters of support," he said.

Oaks said he is returning in June or July to deliver those letters to D.C.

"Remaining an important community TV center in Knoxville can be challenging. Our most recent challenge was with the FCC's 2019 Franchise Fee Order that redefined the Federal Cable Act's 5% franchise fee cap to include the value of most non-monetary franchise obligations as franchise fees. This change allows cable companies to reduce what they pay for the use of public property and rights-of-way," Oaks explained.

"Recently a bill was authored to correct the error of the 2019 Franchise Fee Order. The Protecting Community Television Act (S 340/HR 907) corrects this error by clarifying franchise fees are only monetary," he said.

Subjecting in-kind contributions to the franchise fee cap could contribute to a reduction of 30 to 40 percent in franchise fees, resulting in a significant drop in resources for local public community channels.

The rule, which went into effect on September 26, 2019, allows cable companies to deduct the fair market value of any services required by a franchise agreement.

KCM relies on the franchise fee, fundraisers, contributions and community support to operate the channel. Other sources of income for the station might be considered as the station moves more and more into streaming. It is a non-profit 501c3 corporation, funded by the city and county with fees derived from the cable franchises. The cable companies pay 5% of their revenue for the franchise and CTV gets 1.5% of that, using no tax dollars from sales tax or property tax.

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Covid Scare Was Used For Politics And Big Money

From a distance



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The very corrupt World Health Organization declared a few days ago that the coronavirus pandemic was officially over.

It was a virus that was exaggerated and blown way out of proportion and in that way became a very cruel hoax perpetrated for political and monetary gain.

Jane Fonda said Covid was “a gift to the Left.” Democrats knew that the economy was so strong and

inflation was so low that Trump would be re-elected unless they did something drastic.

Rahm Emmanuel, former White House Chief of Staff and former mayor of Chicago and a most powerful Democrat, once said, “You never let a serious crisis go to waste.” He said he meant that you could then “do things you think you could not do before” in expanding government power.

So the Democrats seized on the coronavirus for all it was worth, using it to shut down schools and businesses all over the country and slowing the economy.

Most of the national media is little more than an arm of the Democratic Party. A poll several years ago found that 93% of the national media had voted for the Democrat for

President that year.

The media, with the 24-hour news cycle, tries to sensationalize everything. So they reported every hour the numbers of Covid cases and deaths, scaring almost everybody.

Hospitals were given more money for any death they could classify as a Covid death. The CDC said at one point that 94% of Covid deaths were people who had comorbidities such as heart failure, diabetes, pneumonia, strokes, or simply old age that could have been the cause of death.

Not enough people realized that most deaths were simply “with Covid” rather than because of Covid.

One country reported that 90% of its Covid deaths were in people over 80. There was very little risk to people under 65 and

essentially no risk to those under 21.

Almost every year, the U.S. has 30,000 to 60,000 deaths from flu. During the 1957-58 flu season, the Asian Flu worldwide pandemic killed at least 116,000 Americans and one to four million worldwide.

The population then was about 60% of what it is now. Thus, numbers-wise that flu was as bad as this virus, but people did not panic and overreact - because the national networks were not scaring everyone with hourly reports of flu cases and deaths.

Most people who got Covid had very light cases and just used it as an excuse to stay home. Country club memberships soared to record highs as people were supposedly “working at home.”

The virus became a cruel hoax because millions of children lost a year of school and many suffered mentally because of isolation.

It was cruel because thousands of businesses went under and several million people lost jobs or saw dreams ended.

It was cruel because many thousands had to face the end of their life without their spouses or family members allowed to be with them.

Who benefitted from this cruelty? Well, first and foremost, the Democrats were able to place a partially senile old man who hardly ever campaigned into the White House.

Second, Big Pharma. Pfizer became the first drug company to break \$100 billion in sales. Pfizer spent \$2.8 billion in ads in 2022,

an increase of \$800 million over 2021.

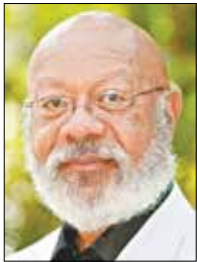
At least nine Big Pharma top executives became billionaires. Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel cashed in \$393 million in stock options after his company made mega-billions off the Covid vaccine.

Third, the national media - especially ABC, CBS, and NBC. The U.S. government paid one-billion dollars to the media to promote the vaccine, and billions were spent by the pharmaceutical companies to also push this very ineffective, often harmful, vaccine.

We are now governed by a Big Government-Big Business Duopoly. Democrats used to claim they were for the little guy. Now almost everything they do primarily benefits extremely big business and those at the top.

Balance the budget? Ha!

There are those who simply on reflex yell for the federal government to balance the budget. They say that households have to balance budgets (they don't really) so the government should balance its budget. Ok. Then you ask them “how” and they don't have a clue because very few people have the intellectual



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curiosity to learn about how to do it. In reality, there is no reason why the federal government should balance its budget. Just like households and corporations, the budget can be in a deficit so long as the outstanding debt can be serviced without an adverse effect on the borrowing entity. That is, if the household, corporation or

government can increase its income sufficiently enough to maintain or increase its well-being while servicing its debt then it can run a deficit forever, paying off old debts while incurring new ones.

Yet let's insist that the federal government try to balance its budget. That is practically impossible. The two parts of the federal budget are nondiscretionary and discretionary spending. The nondiscretionary (mandatory) spending is because Congress has made it so and includes the entitlements Medicare and Social Security. The discretionary spending is everything else. Suppose that Congress decided to balance the budget in 2023 given the spending and revenue levels of 2022. Revenues were \$4.9 trillion while nondiscretionary spending was \$4.1 trillion and discretionary spending was \$1.7 trillion. Thus, if the budget were to be balanced then

the amount allocated to the mandatory component would be \$4.1 trillion of the \$4.9 trillion collected leaving only \$0.8 trillion. This would mean a 50 percent cut across the board in everything else that the government spends its money on. You can imagine all the yelling and screaming when defense, air controllers, law enforcement, corporate subsidies and social welfare programs are cut in half.

Of course, nondiscretionary spending is nondiscretionary because the government says it is. Everyone knows that in order to control federal spending then the spending on Social Security and Medicare must be corralled. So I offer a few real solutions of my own that will work.

1. Eliminate duplication in government programs and spending.
2. Eliminate automatic escalators in all government programs including Social

- Security.
3. Raise the full benefit age of Social Security to 70.
4. Privatize Medicare and Medicaid.
5. Privatize Social Security with a benefit floor guaranteed by the federal government.
6. Institute a flat income tax with no exemptions and require a two-thirds vote in Congress to raise it.
7. Limit the growth in the number of pages in the federal register (this would limit the number of regulations that could be enacted).
8. Institute an aggressive review of all regulations by all federal agencies.
9. Mandate that regulatory burdens must be reduced by at least 5 percent per year.
10. Limit federal pay (including perks) to no more than 10 percent over the average pay for the same position

- in the private sector.
11. And cap the federal budget to 18 percent of the previous year's GDP.

Of course, there is virtually no chance that any of this will ever come about because Congress has no interest in curtailing spending and no interest in fiscal discipline. The federal budget is a giant cookie jar to keep constituents and donors happy. Doing so gets politicians reelected and the administrative state in power doling out billions like manna from heaven. There are hardly any positive consequences to either politicians or federal employees for being frugal but severe ones if they try. Politicians would not be reelected and replaced by ones who would promise to restore the largesse of yore while federal employees would be fired and would have to find real jobs. Bummer.

Retired Teachers, Authors Guild to meet

Knox County Retired Teachers are meeting Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Foundry, 747 World's Fair Drive at 11:15 a.m. Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club will share their musical talents. All members are welcome. Meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of alternate months.

The Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Farragut. Social time and book exchange begins at 10:30. Published authors are invited to attend. AGT is now accepting applications for associate membership from authors who have written a book but are not yet published. Serious authors only. In the event of inclement weather, check the AGT website for updates and information: authorsguildoftn.org.



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Knox County Doesn't Need A Tax Increase

With little fanfare, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs has released his proposed budget, which reaches \$1 billion. It's an increase of \$90 million more than last year's budget, without a tax increase. The budget proposed by Jacobs is 9.46% more than the previous year, which is very modest, especially considering the rampant inflation in our country. Jacobs' budget proposes providing an 8% increase in salaries for the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Jacobs and the Knox County Commission approved a 12% raise last year. That is a total of a 20% raise in two years. Sheriff Tom Spangler says officers are going to other departments that pay more. It may well be true other departments around Knox County pay more, but I very much doubt they offer the ultra-generous pension voters approved here. Other Knox County employees do

not have lifetime pensions, which KCSO enjoys. Regular Knox County employees can contribute up to 12% to their 401K, which the county matches. KCSO employees receive two and a half times that amount. Nor are other Knox County employees able to retire at as much as 97% of full pay as have some sheriff's department employees. If the KCSO is given all it demands, the pension liability will be something like \$60 million over 20 years, possibly necessitating a HUGE tax hike in the middle of the worst inflation we've seen in 40 years.

The City of Knoxville has raised property taxes TWICE in something like five years, the last time the tax increase was a whopping 40%. The first raise was almost entirely to pay for the pensions of retired city employees. By and large, city employees are very well paid, especially when compared to their counterparts in the county government. Yet it is Knox County government that provides most of the services for citizens. The City went out of the schools business many years ago. The county government operates the schools, the health department, libraries, etc. City Mayor Indya Kincannon and her clones on the Knoxville City Council babble about "affordable" housing while driving up mortgages and rents by raising property taxes. The City continues to spend money it doesn't have on projects it doesn't

need; for instance, paying millions of dollars for a bridge for the University of Tennessee. Do city residents need "art" more than they need services? Very doubtful. The City also regularly takes property off the tax rolls for any number of silly reasons, increasing the property tax burden upon the middle and lower income residents.

Knox County has funded its needs largely through growth, something the City hasn't done. The mayor doesn't control the county commission. However, the city mayor does largely control the rubber-stamp city council, or at least they follow the lead of the mayor slavishly.

Much of the problem relating to the Knox County Sheriff's Office has little to do with money; rather it is cultural. Once upon a time, young men and women saw law enforcement as an honorable profession and it still is. Unfortunately, the news media and the far left in this country have systematically demonized, dehumanized and degraded police and law enforcement officers. As a society, we need to realize and comprehend that words matter. The systematic dehumanization of law enforcement by the Defund the Police movement has seriously affected our society in a very negative way. Young people aren't considering law enforcement as a career any longer and pay incentives aren't going to make up the difference

alone. The approach by Glenn Jacobs is the right approach and hopefully he and Sheriff Spangler will work this out without a tax increase.

For Me But Not For Thee

The Knoxville News-Sentinel in a recent story attempted to give school board member John Butler cover in his criticism of those members who had voted to approve the charter school application for Knox Prep while opposing an agreement with Freedom Schools. The Freedom Schools offer a summer program and caused Butler to play the only card he seems to carry in his deck; that of race. Of course, the Sentinel and the usual cadre of far-left "commentators" leap to the aid of Butler. Those in the media who decry "partisan" politics can be found bashing Republicans and praising Democrats. To their twisted way of thinking, that isn't partisan at all. They continue to push their narrative of the day without regard to a single fact.

I will be the first to acknowledge things are NOT equal as far as schools in Knox County. What John Butler doesn't acknowledge, if he even knows it, is the fact that Knox County spends FAR more money per student in his district than any other district in Knox County. At last count, it was three times that spent in West Knoxville

schools. That's hardly leaving a particular area behind. Butler was opposed to a recent charter school that was approved by a majority of the Knox County Board of Education. However, he did support the recent Freedom Schools proposal that many say is aligned with the far Left. Butler voted against giving families more choices for their children but pitched a fit when he wanted something for his district. In essence, he did exactly what he accused his colleagues of having done. Scratch any Leftist and at his/her/their core you will find a hypocrite. "My body, my choice" only applies to abortion, not vaccinations. The Left hollers about "fascism," when they are the authoritarians. In fact, they seem not to know what fascism really is; fascism is a marriage of big government and big business.

Never forget, those folks who pretend to dislike partisan elections aren't complaining about politics, they are complaining the Left doesn't dominate a particular elected body.

Hypocrisy Alert

Debbie Helsley is constantly bawling she will stand up and fight for this, that or the other thing for folks if they will just elect her to the Knoxville City Council. Helsley claims to be a "neighborhood organizer" and says she will "fight for a Knoxville that works for all of us." Evidently, only up to a point as Helsley has

been strangely quiet and has yet to raise her dulcet tones to take the part of the people in South Knoxville in their fight against spot zoning. Residents face a situation where the South High Assisted Living facility is being sought by Helen Ross McNabb who wants it for a drug rehab center. The developer wants to repurpose the building for another use. The former South High was always supposed to be residential. The South High Assisted Living facility residents would be summarily booted out should the council go along.

The facility sits right next to Dogwood Elementary School and is in a residential area. Tim Hill, who is also a candidate for the city council, led the charge on the planning commission, to override the staff recommendation of turning down the spot zoning request.

There was once a county commissioner who always assured her community she was "working behind the scenes" while winking at her colleagues to go ahead and pass controversial rezonings. Demolition Debbie must have laryngitis as she's not wasted a breath on her fellow South Knoxvilleans. Clearly, Demolition Debbie doesn't want to offend a single soul and is just hoping nobody notices her absence from the fight. If someone isn't going to fight for their own community and neighbors, who will they fight for?

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Writing

Democracy doesn't die in darkness. Democracy dies in a cubicle [of the Deep State].

Tarren Bragdon (CEO at the Foundation for Government Accountability)

Eight years ago I was given a death sentence. But after three operations in one year, immunotherapy and prayers, I made it to 72.

Life is filled with challenges, and there is the adage that broken bones knit together stronger. My journey through "the valley of the shadow of death" was no different than others. But while traversing that dark place, I will admit that it is tough to see Paul's perspective of Romans 5:3-5. I am on the other side now, and I thanked God this morning (and every morning) for another day of life, love, purpose and hope.

Since I am now retired

from medicine, my creative joy is found in writing. Writing has become my avocation, supplanting my medical vocation. Nor would I claim my garden, orchard or vineyard efforts as worthy of a vocation - or even an avocation.

Recently, I was invited to a ladies' book club to talk about writing and, of course, my newest novel, "Mantis." Most of my readers know me through my weekly column, The Doctor is In. But, I've written and published two science-fiction (SF) novels as well as a collection of 85 Focus essays entitled, "Well... What Did the Doctor Say?" (available on Amazon).

I was a bit concerned about the invitation to talk about "Mantis" because I had the misconception that women read SF less often than men. In preparing for the ladies' I learned

that women are now just as likely as men to choose the science-fiction genre. I also learned that the protagonists in science-fiction works have more often been men than women. That is not true in my novels. In fact, the two protagonists in "Mantis" are young females.

You wonder about things that you read on the Internet - and you should. And as a writer of science fiction, I've had many people turn their noses up when I mention SF. I admit that I don't like Brussels sprouts because I've tried these tiny cabbages several times. Actually, I love cabbage, just not the ones misnamed. However, if you claim that you do not like science fiction, I challenge you to read a short story by Ray Bradbury entitled, "There Will Come Soft Rains." It is readily available online as a PDF file. And you should also read the novella, "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes. Then, if you don't appreciate the nuanced artistry in these short works, you can say that you don't like sci-fi. And I would add, you probably would not enjoy the concepts explored in my novel "Mantis" or the first novel of my Stellar Trilogy, "Epiphany" (both are available on Amazon).

Sometimes, I worry that

I worry too little. In other words, perhaps I should be even more concerned about my children and grandchildren's future or my country which is being destroyed. I'm blessed that my children and grandkids are doing well, but they will suffer if Biden and the leftists complete the destruction of our country. I have a friend who is a bit older than me who says, "It's a good time to be old." But just because I live in relative peace, in a relatively sane part of the country, I can't let up. Fortunately, I have a voice in The Knoxville Focus, and I'm too small a fish to warrant much of an attack. However, that could change because desperate people do desperate things, and the Democrats realize Biden is a disaster. Daring to voice non-orthodox and contrarian views can get bigger fish like Tucker canceled and Trump repeatedly sued. However, at this stage in my life, there is little of ultimate value that can be taken from me, except my family. I have lived a long and successful life, and my destiny is assured. Neither of these can be taken from me.

The attacks on the Constitutional guarantee of free speech caused me to think in Star Wars terms of "a long time ago, in a

galaxy far, far away." There is a crucial scene in a Star Wars movie, where the Jedi Obi-Wan Kenobi confronts Darth Vader to allow time for Luke Skywalker and his comrades to escape from the Death Star. Obi-Wan disables his lightsaber and taunts Darth Vader to strike him down, because, as Obi-Wan maintains, he will live on and ultimately triumph. He did.

I believe the scene is taken right out of Socrates' trial for treason in Ancient Greece. Socrates was being prosecuted on "trumped" up charges of corrupting the youth of Athens, and not sufficiently reverential to the gods of Athens. (Sound like Donald Trump?) In his defense, Socrates told his accusers they could convict and kill him, but he would become a martyr and even more powerful. Socrates said if he was executed he would go to heaven and meet his idol Homer, the writer of "The Iliad." Few remember any of the elites of ancient Greece. But everyone knows about the martyred Socrates.

My wife, Becky, is an accomplished and genuinely good person. Some years ago a friend was puzzled when he described us as being "such good people, yet we voted for President Trump." He obviously did

not. And apparently, he confused boorish behavior with competency.

Interestingly, a well-connected friend of mine recently had dinner with President Trump. He found the former president warm, engaged and energetic. A far cry from Biden or how Trump is described by the media.

We now have disasters in virtually every aspect of American culture, business and government. But hey, we don't have mean tweets! I wonder if my friend still hates President Trump and plans to again vote for Joey Demento. As a doctor I will tell you, hatred is a pathological condition and will destroy your reason and your soul.

I've been asking myself, what kind of a person would say that Joe Biden is doing a good job as president? Apparently, 36% of respondents in a recent ABC-Washington Post news poll voiced their approval of Joey Demento. The experts must be wrong about the percentage of Americans suffering from dementia.

So, I'll close by paraphrasing the sage, Forrest Gump: Like a box of chocolates, you never know what you'll get with "The Doctor is in" column.

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South Woodlawn is diverse, involved

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The neighborhood of South Woodlawn is bounded, roughly, by East Moody Avenue and Chapman Highway, with the Urban Wilderness next door. It's one of Knoxville's most active and involved areas and a very influential area in South Knoxville.

The Knoxville Focus continues its Neighborhood stories with Janice Tocher, president of the South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association.

Tell us in general about your neighborhood.

Nestled in the heart of South Knoxville, the South Woodlawn Neighborhood (SWNA) is easily accessible from both Chapman Highway and James White Parkway. We are home to Sam Duff Park, South-Doyle Middle School, Woodlawn Christian Church, South Knoxville Worship Center, Young High Church of Christ, Woodlawn Cemetery, South Knoxville Library and businesses along Chapman Highway. We also border Baker Creek Preserve, part of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness.

We are a diverse community representing multiple ethnic, economic and religious backgrounds. Our community partner, Woodlawn Christian Church, provides outreach services and English language classes to our growing Asian and Latinx community. Our residents are comprised of entrepreneurs, executives and assorted professionals, skilled trade workers, university professors, public safety personnel, retirees, and young families.

Our neighborhood is



Residents of the South Woodlawn Neighborhood are proud of their area and are involved in preservation and moving forward. For more on this very active neighborhood, please see the full story at www.knoxfocus.com.

environmentally conscious and nature-loving. We are proud to have become the first community in Tennessee to have achieved certification as a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, and we are working with other neighborhoods to help them achieve this prestigious designation. South Woodlawn has benefited tremendously from interest in the Urban Wilderness which has bolstered residential real estate transactions and brought new homeowners to the area. We are a community of adventure.

Tell us about the neighborhood's past efforts and future goals.

We're the first neighborhood in the state of Tennessee to become certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat. In order to become certified, we worked two years doing different educational activities in the neighborhood.

We submitted an application to the Boyd Foundation

for a Dog Park at Sam Duff Park and this site was selected by the city for the new South Knoxville Dog Park.

We received grant money to install a bike repair station in Sam Duff Park for the many bicyclists in our neighborhood. We also received grant money to install a bike repair station at Baker Creek Preserve.

We are working cooperatively with Elmgton Capital Group, developers of Young High Flats, where they will plant native plants in the park for residents benefit and ours. We are working on a goal to make Sam Duff Park a certified arboretum.

We have a 'School Outreach Committee' that works on small scale needs in three different schools including, Dogwood Elementary, Mooreland Heights Elementary, and South-Doyle Middle.

We received a grant to put up 'Welcome to South Woodlawn Neighborhood' signs at the primary entrances of

the neighborhood that were installed in 2021.

As part of our work to become a certified Wildlife Habitat, we organized and raised funds for an outdoor classroom and 'labbat' at South-Doyle Middle School.

We participate in an annual Baker Creek Clean-up, which we have combined with the South Knoxville Clean-up that Keep Knoxville Beautiful sponsors.

We worked with an Eagle Scout on his project to get our informational kiosk and community bulletin board built in Sam Duff Park.

We are committed to working with future developers in the neighborhood to ensure the neighborhood is kept abreast of what is happening, foster a mutually respectful relationship, and safeguard neighborhood qualities. We have hosted many neighborhood gatherings, including a 2020 'Full House' membership outreach dinner and a 2019 Memorial Day Picnic in the park, and hope to do many more.

Firearms, zonings on City Council agenda

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While the city prepares for a vote on Mayor Indya Kincannon's budget proposal, the council meets Tuesday evening to consider asking the state legislature to pass a stronger order of protection law and the federal government to grant \$2 million for community-based violence intervention and prevention initiatives.

The council will also consider several zoning changes, many involving increasing housing.

The property at 2400 Merchant Drive, between Clinton Highway and Pleasant Ridge Road, may be rezoned from Agricultural to RN-6 multi-family residential. That hilly property has been before the planning commission in the past and the Norwood neighbors have opposed the change.

Another housing development request is before the council for 355 South Gallaher View Road to change from Office Park to RN-6 multi-family

residential neighborhood. Another agricultural property at Zero Central Avenue Pike is being requested to be changed to RN-3, general residential neighborhood.

Other rezoning requests before the council include changing 1301 East Weisgarber Road from Office to Industrial Mixed Use; Zero Nash Road from General Industrial to Highway Commercial Districts; and 835 Tipton Avenue from RN-5 residential to Institutional.

The council will also look at clarifying the duties of the internal auditor, applying for \$1.1 million from the state to rehab and renovate the bus stops along state routes, and authorizing a study on the city's three golf courses.

The compensation of city employees may be adjusted and the police department is requesting an application for a grant from the federal government for \$500,000 to help pay for salaries, computers, forensic equipment, training and supplies.

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God’s Promise

“And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.” Genesis 9:14-15 (KJV).

A look toward the sky often reveals white, billowy clouds against a blue backdrop. Sometimes, lightning streaks down



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from the heavens. But nothing compares to the breathtaking beauty of a multicolored rainbow. The arch of colors stretched across the sky may bring calmness after a storm. Occasionally, a double rainbow may be seen. Rainbows are more than a pretty sight. Christians see the rainbow as a promise from God, a reminder from our heavenly Father that he will never again flood the earth and destroy all life. Often told



Picture of an incredible rainbow arched across the sky recently, courtesy of Perry McGinnis.

as a children’s Bible story, the passage about Noah, the ark, and the flood is fascinating and inspirational. The best part about the story---it is true. As the

rainbow forms in the sky, it may last only briefly. But the promise from God lasts forever.

Words of Faith: “And the bow shall be in the cloud;

and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God

said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.” Genesis 9:16-17 (KJV).

Is God Near or Far?

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Is God still engaged in His creation, or is God distant and uninvolved? The answer to that question is very important as it has many ramifications for our lives. Another theological way to ask this question is, “Do we have a deistic God or a theistic God?” Deism is the belief in the

existence of a supreme being, specifically of a creator who does not intervene in the universe. The term is used chiefly of an intellectual movement of the 17th and 18th centuries that accepted the existence of a creator on the basis of reason but rejected belief in a supernatural deity who interacts with humankind. Theism is the belief in the existence of a god or gods, especially belief in one god as creator of the universe, intervening in it and sustaining a personal relation to his creatures.

If you have ever wondered if God is near or far, perhaps in a moment of despair, you are not

alone. Many individuals in the Bible questioned the presence of God. Jesus Himself, in a moment of despair as He hung on the cross, quoted the following Psalm that He committed to memory: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest” (Psalm 22:1-2). Some of the Psalms are picked on for their honesty with God, for sharing emotions, for confessing sin and asking for forgiveness. These Psalms have a name – laments. God is not offended by our honest feelings.

God wants us to come with our questions and doubts. Laments show us raw, honest emotions, with the end result being drawn closer to God. If the psalm writers and Jesus can ask why God seems far away, we can as well.

So, while at times it sure feels like God is far away, many other times in Scripture we find God being very near. One of Jesus’ names is Immanuel. This means “God with us” (Mt. 1:23). This messianic title first appears in the Old Testament when it was given as part of a divine promise to an 8th-century king, Ahaz (Is. 7:14). The idea of God talking to or being present with His

people is found all over the Old Testament. The Bible is often called God’s Word because God is often found speaking to His people. The phrase, “The LORD said” appears more than 250 times. “Thus says the LORD” appears more than 400 times. We also learn that God at times took on human appearance, outside of Jesus, to make Himself known to man. In the Garden of Eden, God walked with Adam and Eve (Gen. 2:7, 21-22; 3:8). God appeared to Abraham, ate a meal with him, and talked with him and his wife, Sarah (Gen. 18:1-15). At Mt. Sinai, God promised to walk among the Israelites (Leviticus 26:12). Both

Enoch and Noah walked with God (5:22-23; 6:9). When Abraham was ninety-nine, God commanded him to walk before him (Gen. 17:1). At Bethel, God told Jacob he would be with him as he walked to Haran to flee Esau, his brother (Gen. 28:15, 20). Jacob wrestled with God the night before he was reunited with his brother Esau and God blessed Jacob and gave him a new name, Israel (Gen. 32:24-32).

God desires to spend time with you. Just like we enjoy going on a walk with a friend, God desires to walk with us because walking with someone brings you closer. How blessed we are that God came near.

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The Life & Death of Senator Ernest Lundeen

Pages from the Past



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There are those who remember Paul Wellstone, the United States senator from Minnesota, who died, along with his wife and daughter, while campaigning for reelection in 2002 when his chartered airplane crashed. Wellstone, however, was not the first United States senator from Minnesota to die in an airplane crash. That unfortunate distinction belongs to Ernest Lundeen who died in what was the worst commercial air disaster in American history to that point. Lundeen was headed home to Minnesota on August 31, 1940, when he and the twenty-three others in the plane were killed when the Pennsylvania Commercial airliner crashed in Lovettsville, Virginia, near the Blue Ridge Mountains. Ironically, Senator Lundeen had been the sponsor of the legislation which created the Civil Aeronautics Board following the death of Bronson Cutting, the U. S. senator from New Mexico who had been killed in an airplane crash in 1935.

Lundeen was a fiery speaker, capable of moving audiences with his words. Indeed, Ernest Lundeen had been a Minnesota state champion orator. Lundeen became a successful attorney practicing in Minneapolis. Ernest Lundeen's life was comprised of practicing law and running for office every two years or more. Following two unsuccessful races for a seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives, Lundeen finally managed to get himself twice elected to the state house.

In 1914, Lundeen opted to attempt to move up the political ladder, choosing to run against incumbent Congressman George Ross Smith, who was seeking his second term inside the Republican primary. Ernest Lundeen was not successful, but he won an impressive 45% of the vote. Lundeen tried again two years later, and a third candidate pulled enough votes inside the GOP primary that the challenger upset Congressman Smith by 474 votes.

Almost immediately Congressman Ernest Lundeen was confronted by the prospect of declaring war against the German Empire in 1917. A great many of the people living in Minnesota were of German and Scandinavian descent and there was little internationalist sentiment in the North Star State. Lundeen was against the military draft and voted against the declaration of war against Germany. Lundeen was not the only congressman or freshman legislator to have opposed sending

American boys to fight in Europe. Congressman Harold Knutson, who represented a rural district in Minnesota, who had also been first elected in 1916, voted against the declaration of war. Lundeen, however, represented perhaps the most metropolitan area of the state and it was likely the one spot inside Minnesota where there was more internationalist sentiment. Alderman John T. Kean and Judge Giddings said Congressman Lundeen was a disgrace to Minnesota. "Minnesota is entitled to loyal men in Congress - - not to men of the caliber of Ernest Lundeen," Judge Giddings cried. It would not be the last time Lundeen would be accused of disloyalty to his country.

Lundeen, far from being apologetic or attempting to placate the internationalists inside his congressional district, doubled down and introduced a bill to repeal the draft. Many Americans and some Minnesotans felt Lundeen's actions were unpatriotic. One newspaper editorial declared, "Lundeen's course gives aid and comfort to the enemy." The same editorial wryly surmised that the congressman might well not be "concerned about these evidences of popular displeasure" on the part of the public.

A resolution was drafted by the Lake Harriet Commercial Club to expel the congressman from its membership. After club members had requested Lundeen resign his membership "by reason of his disloyal and unpatriotic attitude," the congressman refused. The resolution cited Congressman Lundeen's "public utterances" to have been "disloyal and seditious" and charged Lundeen had "endeavored to obstruct the government in its prosecution of the war. . ." Former President Theodore Roosevelt was enraged by Lundeen's vote against entering the First World War and sneered the congressman was a "shadow Hun" as well as a "lesser microbe."

Whatever else might be said about Ernest Lundeen, he did not lack for the courage of his convictions. Lundeen was opposed to United States entry into the First World War and budged neither a jot nor a tiddle in his position. Congressman Ernest Lundeen was utterly unapologetic about his stand and was certain he had been right in having opposed American participation in the war.

It could have surprised exactly no one when a host of prospective congressmen entered the Republican primary to



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECT. ACME NEWS PHOTO.

Senator Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota (Left). The bust is of former Congressman Charles Lindbergh, father of the famous aviator of the same name.

replace Ernest Lundeen in 1918. Four men challenged Congressman Lundeen for the GOP nomination for Congress from Minnesota's Fifth District. The eventual winner was Walter Hughes Newton, although Congressman Lundeen ran second. Newton went on to be elected five times before resigning to become secretary (chief of staff) to President Herbert Hoover in the summer of 1929.

Lundeen tried to win back his seat in Congress two years later when he once again ran inside the Republican primary. That time Lundeen faced Walter Newton in a three-man contest, but the incumbent won decisively.

In between practicing law to pay his bills, Ernest Lundeen never stopped trying to get back into Congress. Lundeen became a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U. S. Senate against Senator Frank B. Kellogg but lost with just over a third of the votes cast. Lundeen ran dead last in the GOP primary in a 1923 special election for the U. S. Senate. In 1924, Lundeen lost a primary election in his bid to become Chief Justice of the Minnesota State Supreme Court.

It was after that failed race Lundeen dropped his affiliation with the Republican Party and became a member of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party. At the time, the Farmer-Labor Party had elected Henrik Shipstead to the United States Senate and would dominate the governor's office within a few years. Ernest Lundeen became the Farmer-Labor Party candidate for Minnesota's Tenth Congressional District against incumbent Congressman Godfrey B. Goodwin. Lundeen did little better than he had as a Republican, winning just over a third of the ballots cast. In 1928, Ernest Lundeen carried the banner of his new party as the Farmer-Labor

candidate for governor against incumbent Theodore Christianson. Lundeen ran ahead of the Democratic candidate and earned second place, but the former congressman polled only 22% of the vote.

When his successor in Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District resigned to become President Hoover's secretary, a special election was called and naturally, Ernest Lundeen became a candidate. Lundeen ran third, behind the winning Republican and a losing Democrat. Lundeen was the nominee of the Farmer-Labor Party for the United States Senate in 1930. Lundeen's constant campaigning for office paid off when he defeated Congressman Knud Wefald for the Farmer-Labor nomination. Lundeen had overturned the results of the Farmer-Labor state convention where Congressman Wefald had been endorsed at the insistence of gubernatorial candidate Floyd Olson. Lundeen carried the fight to the primary election where he beat Wefald, much to the annoyance of Floyd Olson.

Ernest Lundeen ran third, behind incumbent Senator Thomas Schall and Democratic candidate Einar Hoidale, yet he polled an impressive 178,671 votes statewide.

Much ridiculed for his constant "public office hunting," especially in the newspapers of the day, Ernest Lundeen's persistence finally paid off in 1932. That year the failure of the state legislature to redistrict caused every congressional candidate in Minnesota to run statewide, rather than by district. Nine seats in Congress were at stake in the 1932 general election and several incumbents lost that year. Ernest Lundeen ran fourth in the at-large races for Congress. Magnus Johnson, a native of Sweden with a thick accent, led the ticket in the races for Congress. Only one GOP incumbent

congressman survived the 1932 election, Harold Knutson of the Fourth Congressional District.

By 1934 the congressmen were back to running in districts as the legislature had drawn proper congressional districts. Congressman Ernest Lundeen was reelected handsomely against three opponents in the general election.

1936 was an odd year in Minnesota politics. Political partisans were expecting an epic contest between Republican Senator Thomas Schall and Farmer-Labor Governor Floyd Olson for the Senate. Schall was legally blind and was mortally injured while crossing a street in Maryland by a hit-and-run driver in December of 1935. Schall died in a Washington, D.C., hospital days later. That same month Governor Floyd Olson went to the Mayo Clinic as he had long been plagued by severe stomach ulcers. The governor was actually suffering from stomach cancer. At the time, patients were frequently not made aware of their precise condition and Floyd Olson had no idea his cancer had been diagnosed as fatal. In fact, Olson may well not have even been told he had cancer. As Olson kicked off his campaign for the Senate, his cancer became worse. After making a speech on June 19, 1936, Governor Floyd Olson returned to the Mayo Clinic and died there on August 22. Olson was only forty-four years old.

Congressman Ernest Lundeen quickly moved to enter the race for the United States Senate and became the nominee of the Farmer-Labor Party. Republicans nominated Congressman Theodore Christianson as their own candidate. Christianson was thought to be a strong candidate, having been elected governor statewide previously. Lundeen, the perennial candidate, had the greatest victory of his career, winning better than

62% of the vote.

Once inside the United States Senate, Ernest Lundeen, along with his senior colleague, Henrik Shipstead, favored all neutrality legislation and remained a firm opponent of foreign entanglements. Lundeen remained very much an isolationist in his outlook on American foreign policy. Certainly, far from being pro-British, Senator Lundeen advocated the United States seizing Bermuda and other possessions of the British Empire to settle its debt from the First World War. Still, Senator Lundeen was a strong proponent of defending America. Lundeen was a big supporter of the notion championed by General Billy Mitchell, who contended the best defense of America was through building a strong air force. Lundeen was in favor of separating the air force from the Army and the Navy in its own command.

Lundeen was associated with George Sylvester Viereck, who was at the very least a German sympathizer, if not an actual German propagandist. That caused Lundeen to become suspect in the eyes of the FBI according to some sources.

It was estimated Senator Ernest Lundeen had made more than 100 flights on Pennsylvania Central Airlines. Lundeen boarded a Pennsylvania Central Airlines flight bound for Pittsburgh and on to Minnesota.

A terrific storm was underway when Lundeen's flight crashed in Lovettsville. Lester Mason was a farmer who lived very near where the plane plowed into the knoll of a hill at 300 miles per hour. Because of the torrential downpour of rain, there was no eyewitness to the actual crash but several people, Lester Mason included, hurried out of their homes after hearing what they thought was an explosion. Mason noted the lack of fire, speculating if the plane had burst into flames the rain had put it out by the time he and his neighbors reached the scene of the carnage.

According to the story in the Zanesville, Ohio Signal, Lester Mason grimly recalled the grisly details. "The plane was broken to bits and so were the bodies of the people in it," Mason said softly.

"We stumbled on toward it. The pieces of wreckage were strewn all over a two-acre stretch of ground. So were the bodies." Lester Mason recounted. "Those which were still whole were so badly mangled I don't see how they could ever be recognized."

Some residents claimed to have heard the plane circling above as if the pilot had been searching for a field in which to land.

TIME magazine reported, "The force of the crash was so great that, strapped in their seats, many of them were literally cut in two by their safety belts."

Two of the people killed in the crash were FBI agents. The best information available is the FBI still hasn't closed the books on the crash of Ernest Lundeen's last flight.

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Groupie

I received a friend request the other day. I recognized the name but wasn't sure if the request came from the person or was a way for some hacker to enter my account. So, I wrote to the person and asked him a question. He was unable to give me the answer but gave enough on other topics to convince me the request was okay. Contact with Tom Seamens was welcome after such a long time.

In 1966 I began high school. Everyone knows how difficult fitting in can be. I wasn't sure where I belonged. Unfortunately,



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I picked up the smoking habit that year, so I was a "smoking pit" guy. I knew most of the popular folks through church or cub scouts, so I might have been able to wedge myself into that group. Back then, Ball Camp was looked upon as a poor, working-class neighborhood with plenty of farms. So, I was also a member of that bunch as well. I played trumpet in the band, so I was a band geek, but I also played football, which made me part of the jocks, although anyone who knows me can verify my lack of athletic talent.

No wonder high school

is such a torturous time of life. Figuring out who I was and where I fit in consumed my time. Little did I know that all of that stuff didn't matter in the larger scheme of things. Yet, because of some older teens who befriended me, I fell into comfortable and entertaining groups.

The name of the band escapes me, but in it were Susie Turner, Danny Shinpaul, Danny Britton, Steve Landon and Tommy Seamens. They practiced in Susie's garage, and during one session I walked to her house, which was in the subdivision behind ours. I don't recall how I "wormed" my way into their practices, but before long, I was a full-fledged "groupie."

The band played at sock

hops around the area, and I managed to find transportation to most of the events. The playlist of the group was wide enough to keep everyone happy. "Stand By Me" was the last song of each sock hop, and a good mix of fast and slow songs gave couples plenty of chances to knock around and cuddle on the dance floor.

I knew my favorite song was coming at some point in the evening. Anticipation wore on me, and I swore that the band held it back to mess with me. As soon as the opening chords were played, a smile crossed my face. Tommy Seamens was the best crooner in Knoxville as his smooth voice glided over the lyrics. The song was a 1963 release by The Showmen. The title was

night.

Now... construction will begin soon on a \$2.1 billion-dollar domed stadium to replace the home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans. But until then we were all at the mercy of Mother Nature.

And she made her presence felt.

I had been keeping an eye on the weather forecast for a few days, and things looked dicey, then clear, then dicey... they were all over the place.

We got to Nashville under cloudy skies and following a late lunch at Rippy's (my go-to spot before all Preds hockey games), we made the walk to Nissan Stadium. I was randomly offered a Jell-O shot from a very nice woman on the Broadway sidewalk but fearing that I would wake up in a bathtub filled with ice without one of my kidneys, I politely declined.

The wind and rain started picking up as we walked over a pedestrian bridge, at which time we saw former Tennessee assistant coach Ed Orgeron jogging past us. I'm not kidding. That happened. He also told me not to go to class tomorrow. (That part... I'm kidding.)

My deepest fear was that our tickets wouldn't scan properly, but there were no issues at the gate. We found our seats, ducked inside during a couple of rain showers, and then waited for the show.

And waited.

And waited.

Right before the first opening act, lightning and monsoon-type rains were all over downtown Nashville, forcing concertgoers to find shelter. There were cringy sing-alongs but otherwise, the vibe was very positive, even when delays stretched into the third hour.

My daughter Emily was a champ throughout, and a realist. She asked me what they would do if the concert was canceled. I told

her that it would be rescheduled, possibly to Monday, and really that was me simply trying to be positive. I kept a sharp eye on the radar, and storms just were not stopping.

Taylor would play in the rain, but not if there was lightning in the area.

After the Morgan Wallen debacle, I got a lot of social media comments telling me that they didn't want to buy tickets to a show I was also going to, and I couldn't argue that point. The odds of being at two concerts that were canceled only three weeks apart were too much for me to comprehend, much less that not just one but both of my daughters that would be disappointed.

Dad of the Year.

But finally, the announcement came that the lighting advisory was lifted, and the show would go on, and the reaction was the equivalent to V-E or V-J Day in 1945.

Taylor Swift took the stage at approximately 10:10 p.m. and for nearly 3½ hours had over 70,000 fans mesmerized. She sang, danced, and played guitar and piano, with some of that performance in a rainstorm.

I don't think I have ever seen my daughter that happy. Pure, unadulterated bliss is so rare in this world, and Emily had an experience that she will never forget.

Getting a hotel room in Lebanon ended up being a great call on my part. The concert got done at approximately 1:35 a.m. local time, and we wouldn't have gotten home until around 5:30 a.m. We fell asleep pretty quickly upon arrival.

I'll also be a Taylor Swift fan. She easily could have canceled the show but didn't let her fans down.

Next week I'll write about sports. I promise.

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Congratulations to the Halls High Class of 2023!

Teamwork nets Halls district soccer title

By Ken Lay

Teamwork has paid dividends for the Halls High School boys soccer team. And Thursday night was no exception.

The Red Devils won the possession battle and played some stingy defense and those were the ingredients in a recipe for a 3-0 victory over an up-and-coming Fulton team at Halls High's Dinzie "Dink" Adams Field.

The win netted Halls a District 4-2A Championship and a home match in Tuesday's Region 2-2A Tournament elimination match.

"This is the most unselfish team that I've ever coached," Red Devils' coach Eldon English said. "They don't worry about their own stats and they'll give up a goal to give somebody else a better shot."

The Red Devils (16-3) made a second consecutive appearance in the district championship match Thursday and won a title.

They advanced to the title game with a 5-0 victory over Austin-East Tuesday.

Halls eliminated the Roadrunners, the defending district and region champions.

In that match, Jacob Eubanks scored twice and dished out an assist to help the Red Devils exact a bit of revenge. Austin Brown, Ben Ritchie and Sean Foxton also found the back of the Austin-East net while Chase Burnett came up with a pair of assists.

Diego Sabino and Alex Weaver were also credited with assists.

In the title tilt against the Falcons (7-6-3), Burnett gave the Red Devils a 1-0



The Halls Red Devils are the District 4-2A soccer champions. Halls claimed the title Thursday night with a 3-0 victory over Fulton.

lead in the 21st minute on a slow header that found its way past Fulton goaltender Francisco Juan Francisco.

The marker came off a set piece, a long free kick from Grey Fiveash.

Halls and the Falcons both had other scoring opportunities in the first half, Burnett's marker, however, represented the only scoring of the inaugural 40 minutes.

After halftime, Halls played some stingy defense as its backline kept the Falcons at bay. Fulton penetrated its attacking third multiple times, many coming on the counterattack, but Halls senior netminder Justin King had to make only one save, a stellar stop, before leaving the match late to a rousing ovation. He gave way to freshman Parker Crittenden, who finished off the game.

English lauded the play of his back line, but noted that the defense has been

stingy throughout the 2023 campaign.

"It's been that way all year," he said.

He also has aspirations to see his team make a run to the state tournament.

"If we continue to be unselfish, we can make it to the state," English said. "Then, we'll see what happens."

The Red Devils took a 2-0 lead in the 72nd minute when Foxton bent the ball into the corner of the net. Eubanks made the pass to set up the goal.

He now has 30 goals and 10 helpers this season.

Halls closed out the scoring when Burnett tallied his second goal of the match in the 74th minute.

In the waning seconds of the match the Halls fans counted down the final 10 seconds in Spanish before storming the field as many of the Fulton players fell to the field in anguish.

The Falcons, who also

qualify for Tuesday's regionals, have had a great season, but they desperately wanted a championship.

In 2022, the Falcons didn't win a game, going 0-10-3. So their story is nothing short of remarkable.

"They're not happy and they didn't want (the runner-up plaque). They wanted to give it back," Fulton second-year head coach Austin Clow said. "But I told them that that's what God gave us and we're going to take it."

"We were 0-10-3 last year and this year, we wanted to make a region game and we've made it to a regional game with a lot of the same guys we had last year. These guys have worked incredibly hard and I couldn't be prouder of them."

Halls will host a region match Tuesday while Fulton will travel for its regional game.

Notes from the scorecard: District championship games

By Ken Lay

The 2023 boys soccer champions have been crowned and now it's onto the next step in a journey to make it to the Spring Fling and the state championships.

The next leg of the voyage will be the region tournaments, which open with elimination semifinal matches Tuesday night.

In Region 2-2A: Campbell County, the District 3 runner-up will travel to face District 4 champion Halls and District 3 Champion Seymour will host Fulton, which lost to the Red Devils, 3-0, Thursday night.

The Eagles defeated Cocke County 2-0 Thursday night to win the title at home.

In Region 2-3A: Bearden will host Oak Ridge and West High will entertain Hardin Valley Academy.

The Bulldogs had to work a little overtime to claim the District 4-3A Championships as they defeated the Hawks 1-0 in extra time when Lucas Nordin found the back of the net with two minutes to go in overtime.

In District 3, the Rebels notched a 3-1 victory over the Wildcats at Bill Wilson Field on Sutherland Avenue.

West High junior exchange student Tobias Hageltorn had a goal in the game, breaking the Rebels' single-season goal scoring record as he

tallied his 27th goal of the 2023 campaign, shattering Damian Meier's mark of 26, which was set in 2016.

Oak Ridge took a 1-0 lead before the Rebels scored three unanswered goals.

William Bush tied the game, 1-1, before halftime and the Rebels got markers from Wyatt Marlar and Hageltorn after halftime.

The winners in Tuesday night's semifinals will advance to Thursday's region championship matches and to Saturday's state sectionals.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

District 3-2A
Seymour 2, Cocke County 0

District 4-2A
Halls 3, Fulton 0

District 3-3A
West 3, Oak Ridge 1

District 4-3A
Bearden 1, Hardin Valley 0, (OT)

REGION TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS

Tuesday Region 2-2A
Cocke County at Halls, 7 p.m.
Fulton at Seymour, 7 p.m.

Region 2-3A
Hardin Valley Academy at West, 7 p.m.
Oak Ridge at Bearden, 7 p.m.

Even on an off night, cheers don't stop for Tobi

By Steve Williams

In the pre-match introduction of West High School's starting soccer team last Wednesday night, its exchange student from Denmark was announced as Tobias "The Dane Train of Pain" Hageltorn.

Perhaps that's because the 6-foot-4 junior striker had scored a school record tying 26 goals this season, giving most of the teams he had played against plenty of trouble.

Throughout the District 3-3A semifinal match against Karns, shouts of "Tobi" (pronounced Toe-bee) would often be heard from the Rebels' fans at Bill Wilson Field or pitch, if you prefer.

The reason for that had to be because Hageltorn is a season-long crowd favorite. He is fun to watch. He hustles and works hard to score.

However, last Wednesday's match turned out to be a rare one. West beat Karns 9-0, but Tobias only managed one assist

and it came on the first goal in the 23rd minute.

"I was a little disappointed that I didn't get to score a goal today; I'm not going to lie," he said in a post-match interview. "I'm sad that I didn't get to help the team more than I did. But I'm going to keep working on it and be ready on Friday."

And that he was.

Hageltorn scored his record-breaking 27th goal in the second half of West's 3-1 win over Oak Ridge that gave the Rebels the district championship.

In the match against Karns, Dr. Nick Kim, West's head coach, said: "Tobias was getting double and triple teamed. I was trying to tell him other people are going to be open because they are just over guarding you. So that's what we did. We moved the ball around. Just because he doesn't score doesn't mean the team can't score."

Dr. Kim is very impressed with Hageltorn.

"His ability to move the

ball however he would like – dribbling, shooting, passing – it's incredible," he said. "He's one of the best players I've seen in Knoxville."

When asked if Hageltorn had a chance to play professional soccer someday, Dr. Kim answered: "Absolutely."

What has the attention of Tobias and the West soccer team now, however, is Tuesday night's Region 2-3A semifinal home match against Hardin Valley Academy, a very good team that lost 1-0 to unbeaten Bearden in the District 4-3A finals. The Hawks are 10-2-6, while the Rebels are 18-1-1.

It will be an elimination match, with the winner advancing to the region finals against the winner of the Bearden (15-0-3) versus Oak Ridge (12-3-2) match.

The winner of the West-HVA match will host the Region 2 finals Thursday night.

Sectional matches will be played Saturday.

In West's win over Karns, William Brush led the way with three goals. Jackson Novinger had two goals and two assists. Fletcher Freeman contributed one goal and one assist. William Harriman, Grayson Huffaker and Dieudonne Kato each had one goal.

Goal keeper Yaelson Robles Gudino stood out for Karns with seven saves.

Oak Ridge took a 1-0 lead in the district title match, but Brush tied it was a goal off a corner kick by Novinger. Wyatt Marlar broke the tie early in the second half with a goal



PHOTO BY MARY MARTIN

West High soccer standout Tobias Hegaltorn, an exchange student from Denmark, poses with (l-r) Lendelle and Sue Clark, longtime Exchange Year Coordinators, and Dr. Nick Kim, West Coach, on the middle of the pitch after the Rebels' 9-0 win over Karns in the District 3-3A semifinals May 10. West defeated Oak Ridge 3-1 in the title match Friday night and Hegaltorn scored his 27th goal of the season to set a school record.

off Daniel Drata's header. Hageltorn's goal came from 20 yards away and gave West its 3-1 lead.

EF Exchange Year Coordinators have hosted 36 students

The EF in the title stands for "Education First" said Lendelle Clark. He and his wife Sue have been with the program since 1988 when they had their first exchange student, Yassemin Arhan from Sweden, who attended Farragut High.

"We've been zoned for Farragut, Bearden and now Hardin Valley, but I work here at West," said Lendelle. "We've had 36 students and seven that are married and six that have kids. And we've been to weddings in Spain, Germany, Brazil,

Switzerland and Sweden."

Tobias arrived in the United States about a week before school started last August. He'll leave to go back home on May 29.

"They can just stay one year under the exchange program," said Lendelle. "He's going to be sad because he knows about every boy and girl's name at West High School."

During his time at West, Hageltorn has excelled in academics as well as soccer.

"He received three 'Best of the West' awards – one in Chemistry, one in German and one in Math, and then he got a Citizenship award," said Lendelle.

"Chick-fil-A has become a favorite food item of his. And he likes refills. Over there you have to pay for it. "We stop at Chick-fil-A every Friday morning on the way to school."

Lendelle said what has impressed him most about Tobias is "his smartness, personality and friendship. You'll see he has a smile all of the time."

"He's the first student we've had that goes to church 100 percent of the time," added Clark. "That includes Sunday school and church, the Wednesday youth meeting, Young Life on Thursday and FCA on Friday morning."

Sue added that there are three or four ladies that always "want a hug" from Tobias on Wednesday nights before church.

"His parents came over about three weeks ago and stayed 10 days," said Lendelle. "They went to the games to see him play."

When Tobias leaves, "It's going to be sad," said Lendelle. "We shed a few tears when they go back."

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The stadiums where the Vols play are ancient and creaking, built in sections over the years, designed for football and nothing else.

There are the echoes of Bob Neyland at Tennessee, Wallace Wade and Bear Bryant at Alabama, John Howard Vaught at Ole Miss, Ralph “Shug” Jordan at Auburn, Knute Rockne at Notre Dame (complete with a memorial area at the Indiana Turnpike South Bend Toll Plaza), and many, many others.

They are a major reason SEC and college football are a way of life. Even the act of getting the home team on the field just before kickoff is a major source of excitement. Everybody seems to have something special. Pre-game and post-game activities are almost as exciting as the game itself, heralding the ancient nature of many of the rivalries.

There is, for example, Bryant saying, “I ain’t never been nothing but a winner” over the public address system at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, or the incessant, “This is Alabama football.” That’s done to help Alabama fans remember what sport they’re watching.

South Carolina comes on the field at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia



Tennessee celebrates 24-13 win over Alabama in October 1967 at Legion Field.

through smoke and the strains of Richard Strauss’ “Also sprach Zarathustra,” popularly known as the theme from the movie “2001.”

At LSU, there’s a real Tiger (in a cage) near the field area.

At Ole Miss, there’s pre-game activity of all kinds in a place called “The Grove,” a not-to-be-missed venue in everyone’s collegiate football experience.

At Kentucky, there are games at Stoll Field (for us old folks) or since 1973 at Commonwealth Stadium/Kroger Field. (There’s always been something strange about naming a sporting venue after a grocery chain, but life takes

a number of fascinating turns.)

When the UK band strikes up Stephen Collins Foster’s “My Old Kentucky Home,” Kentucky fans (and perhaps more than a few Tennessee fans as well) may not know all the words, but when the chorus swells to “Weep no more my lady,” it’s definitely something special.

When you’re at Notre Dame, you never know when the home team might warm up in the traditional blue jerseys, yet come out for the game in their green shirts. That was a big deal.

That happened in a national championship season for the Fighting Irish in 1977 against Southern

Cal. Longtime Notre Dame fans who were there that October day remember the electricity in the stadium.

The Fighting Irish are tough in blue shirts, tougher in green. They’re also not bad in white. Whatever the color of the jersey, you’re still playing Notre Dame.

There are SEC venues so loud during the game that seismometers have gone off in academic buildings when particularly big plays have happened. There are times on the field an observer can’t hear the person standing next to him because of the noise. That happened at Legion Field against Alabama in 1993 when the Tide scored and converted a two-point

conversion to steal a 17–17 deadlock from the good guys.

Getting to the game on the road can be interesting. Some all-too-exuberant partisans at Auburn rocked the Tennessee team buses from side to side in 1990. For many fans, “one-finger salutes” are the insult of choice.

At Georgia, Florida, and LSU, for example, there are those fans who line the player’s entrance and yell “Dog Food,” “Gator Bait,” or “Tiger Bait” as the Vols (or any other opposing team, for that matter) enter the stadium. To be fair about it, there are also Tennessee fans there, cheering on their heroes. It’s all quite

exciting. Occasionally, there are times fans—the word fan is short for fanatic—on both sides get so agitated that being on the field can be dangerous. There was such a situation in Knoxville at the end of the Florida game in 1998 and likewise in 2000. Who could forget the celebration after this year’s Tennessee-Alabama game that seemed to last well into Sunday morning?

Steve Spurrier did his post-game media conference after the 1998 Florida game in a small boiler room at the south end of Neyland Stadium because medics were treating a broken arm or two and other similar injuries from the post-game celebration in the main media area. It wasn’t pretty.

Finally, there was a Tennessee player at Arkansas in 1999, who shall forever remain nameless, who was so caught up in the post-game Razorback excitement that he was spotted amongst the Arkansas fandom before finally being escorted by a staff member to the Vol dressing room.

Playing on the road, particularly in the SEC, has never been easy, but that’s what makes the games away from home so challenging and exciting. It’s always been a thrill to go into somebody else’s house and come away victorious.

KIL TRACK AND FIELD NOTES

Coach’s heart surgery brings team closer together

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic Coach Sean O’Neil had heart surgery four days prior to this year’s KIL Track and Field Meet, but had a speedy recovery and was at the meet the following Monday. In fact, he made it to the Volunteer Track Classic at UT that Saturday, two days after his surgery.

O’Neil hadn’t been feeling well and doctors discovered a tiny hole in his heart. “The hole is called a patent foramen ovale (PFO), and it’s not that uncommon,” said Sean. “About one in four people have it. Usually it doesn’t cause any problems, but in my case the doctors think a blood clot passed through the hole and caused a mini stroke. I didn’t know I had a PFO until then. After that they decided to close it up so it wouldn’t happen again.

“Everything went well.” At the KIL meet that Tuesday, Catholic distance runner Keegan Smith talked about his coach’s absence and quick return. “He was not at practice on Thursday and Friday, but on Saturday he was at the VTC, where some of his team members were competing,” said Keegan, who was among those competitors. “It just shows how much he is dedicated to the sport and all of his runners. He just wants us to do our best and be there to watch us succeed.”

Smith said the team made Coach O’Neil two cards – one for when he was in the hospital and then a big poster card for when he returned.

“We gave him the first



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Cayden Douglas of Bearden goes up in the high jump event in the KIL meet at Hardin Valley Academy. Douglas repeated as the KIL champion this year.

one on Wednesday and he opened it right after he got out of surgery (the next morning) because it was a ‘Get well soon’ card,” said Keegan. “Then we showed him (the poster) at practice on Monday.

“He sent us a nice text message Thursday right after he got out of surgery. It was a text to the whole team, saying that he was doing well and he felt really loved after reading the card. It made us all feel happy.”

Regarding his quick recovery, O’Neil said at the KIL meet: “It’s amazing. I feel great. A couple days (after the surgery), I felt amazing. It’s pretty miraculous what doctors can do.”

PREVIOUS BEST: O’Neil, who is in his 10th season as head coach, said Catholic’s previous best showings in

KIL team standings had been third place.

“The boys had finished third in 2014 and 2015, and the girls finished third in 2021,” he pointed out. “We had never come close to cracking the top two.”

But this year, his girls finished first and his boys third.

CHLOE’S DAY: O’Neil said freshman Chloe Truss had a great day and it started with “a surprise win in the 100. She wasn’t favored to win that one. In the 400, it was her first time breaking 57 seconds, and then she tripled with the win in the 200, her first time breaking 25 seconds. So she’s definitely peaking at the right time and doing her best running when it matters most.”

Chloe was less than a second away from breaking

the KIL record in the 400.

BATTLING BACK: Karns junior Hannah Little got a late start in track this season due to a stress fracture in her foot. She finished second to Truss in the 400 with a time of 59.21.

A NEW PLAN: New Hardin Valley coach Chris Kane said Gracie Waite, this year’s KIL champion in the discus and shot put, “is already being recruited by several Power 5 schools who are interested in her as a junior.”

Waite has been a multi-sport athlete at HVA, also playing basketball. “But as I understand it, she’s done playing basketball and will concentrate on the field events her senior year,” said Kane.

Gracie started competing in the weight throw this past indoor season. She first took up the discus and shot put events in the seventh grade.

WINDY WEATHER: Running into a headwind slowed

Maddie Archdale’s time in the KIL 1600 run to 5:11.

“The wind was definitely a major factor,” said the HVA junior. “Running into it is tough. I was in front most of the race, so I was getting all that wind.

“It’s definitely hard and challenging, but we’ve been racing in pretty windy conditions this whole season, so having that experience has helped a lot.”

A week earlier, Archdale had run a 4:59 in the mile run in a meet at Louisville, Ky., that converted to a 4:57 time for the 1600 (her PR).

AKIL GUEST: Abby Sharpe, the lone senior on South-Doyle’s state champion 4x100 relay team last season, was at the KIL meet and saw her former teammates win again in the 4x100.

Instead of the nursing field, Sharpe said she is going to pursue a career in sports psychology.

The female Student-Athlete of the Year at S-D in 2022 and a cheerleader, Abby also said she had

just completed All-Star cheer and might start working on college cheer. Trying out for a spot on the UT cheer squad could be in her future too.

MEDAL WINNERS: Quarterbacks at Bearden and Fulton last fall, Drew Parrott placed fifth in the KIL 100 dash and Marcellus Jackson took fifth in the long jump.

MAKING HER MARK: Liliane Helton won the KIL girls’ pole vault, going over the bar at 10 feet, 6 inches. It was a PR for the sophomore and also a Concord Christian school record. Incidentally, Liliane’s dad (Rodney) and her uncle (Todd) were talented athletes at Central High and beyond.

KIL NEWCOMER: Career Magnet Academy, in its first year of having a track program, had eight athletes in this year’s KIL meet. Coach Eli Nester was pleased to say: “Every single athlete got a personal best.”

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Region softball tourneys begin tonight

By Steve Williams

Teams are getting closer to Spring Fling 30, which will be held May 23-26 in Murfreesboro, but there's still a long way to go.

In softball, Karns turned the tables on Powell Friday night with a 14-1 win over the Lady Panthers in the District 3-4A finale at Karns. The night before, Powell had handed Karns a 15-0 loss.

The Lady Beavers will host Heritage tonight in the Region 2-4A semifinals, while Powell plays at two-time defending state champion Farragut.

All region semifinal games in softball are

elimination games.

Earlier in the tourney at Karns, the Lady Beavers edged Powell 3-2 in the winners' bracket finals and Central eliminated Campbell County 10-0 in a losers' bracket contest. Powell ousted Central 3-2 in the losers' bracket finals Thursday.

For the second year in a row, the Lady Admirals battled their way out of the losers' bracket to get to the region.

Heritage defeated Farragut 7-3 early last week, but the Lady Admirals bounced back and toppled Bearden 11-1 and Heritage 11-7

on Wednesday at Hardin Valley Academy and then got past Heritage 8-2 Thursday for the District 4-4A title.

In other action last week, Gibbs shut out Carter 8-0 in the District 3-3A finals, Halls crushed Clinton 11-1 in District 4-3A finals at Anderson County and South-Doyle nipped Sequoyah 5-4 for the District 5-3A championship.

Clinton will play at Gibbs tonight in the Region 2-3A semifinals, while Halls hosts Carter.

South-Doyle will be at home tonight against East Hamilton in the Region

3-3A semifinals.

In Class 2A, Alcoa defeated Union County 7-3 in the District 2 championship game last week and will entertain Johnson County tonight in the Region 1 semifinals, while Union County plays at Chuckey-Doak, the District 1 champion.

All region finals in softball are scheduled to be played Wednesday, with sectional games slated for Friday.

In Division II-A, Grace Christian was scheduled to have played at DCA on Saturday.

Hawks didn't fold, they got district gold

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in the third. Three errors, two bases on balls and a hit batsman figured into HVA's early lead.

"We had a really bad inning in the second game that hurt us," said Coach Buckner. "We didn't make some plays. But at the end of the day I thought we played pretty good. I look forward to seeing what we can do."

Will Webb and Jacob Dillon had two hits each in the title-clinching contest for Hardin Valley. Henry Ferguson came in to score twice on errors and had a single.

Freshman Jax Sparks pitched into the seventh inning for the Hawks. He was taken out of the game when he hit Farragut's lead-off batter in the seventh with a pitch. His calmness on the mound throughout the contest was impressive particularly for an underclassman.

"That's something I've worked on, trying to keep myself calm under pressure like that," said Sparks.

Relief pitcher Colton Denton shook Sparks'

hand as he came off the field.

The young right-hander gave up only four hits and two of the four runs he was responsible for were unearned. Sparks walked three and struck out three.

"I thought he did a great job," said Farragut's Buckner. "He's got a bright future. That was the first time I've seen him, but he looked good."

Offensively for the Admirals, Eli Evans had a RBI single in the first inning and a RBI double in the seventh. Mark Underwood contributed a RBI double in the second.

Southpaw Ryan Wallace started for Farragut and was replaced by Matthew Kilby in the third inning. Ben Johnson relived Kilby in the fifth. Braxton Lewis took over in the seventh.

In the first game, the Admirals' Brennon Seigler was credited with the game-winning hit and Jett Johnston went 4 for 5 at the plate for Farragut.

Cheers don't stop for Tobi

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Special comments from and for Tobias

What Tobias says about the team ...

"This is not a team anymore; it's a family. I'm so happy that I got to play with these guys. It's a pleasure to wake up every day and then know I get to practice with these guys, who treat me like a brother."

Memorable moments of

West High ...

"Definitely the nice people, the good teachers and the good staff all-around," said Tobias. "And the energy at the school is really nice. It's a place I genuinely wake up every day and actually want to go to school. It's a good place to be. I'm blessed that God gave me this opportunity to go to West. I really am."

Tobias on being away from home ...

"Yes, it's a little tough

and I miss my parents, but I got the best host family here with the Clarks and I got some really good friends on the soccer team and at the school in general."

"It's important for me that I go to church and I go to Central Bearden. It's a great church with a lot of great people there. I really enjoy it."

What Dr. Kim says about

Tobias:

"An exchange student winning the Citizenship award means a lot."

"In five of seven classes he was the best student of that class."

"I'm super impressed with Tobias' ability to lead the team as a junior. He's a natural leader."

"He was a great surprise addition that I didn't know was coming."

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FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

A horrid murder in Letcher

By Jadon Gibson

Letcher County Sheriff Louis Cook could only wonder what type of villain had performed such mischief and evil. They found the 30-year-old widow Ellen Flanary covered with rocks. She had been raped, her throat cut, stabbed in the breast and had various other injuries including bone fractures. It was the grisliest scene the officers had ever investigated. The sheriff had to turn away from the atrocious scene as he thought how awful the death struggle must have been for the young woman.

The rocks that were removed from the body of Ellen Flanary were stacked like cairns of old but these rocks, the sheriff concluded, were not meant to symbolize any type of monument. They were purposely placed to hide a dastardly deed, the ghastly murder of Ellen Flanary on May 23, 1907.

Floyd Frazier had been seen in the area several times and when the lawmen went to his mother's residence where he lived they found some of his clothing with fresh stains of blood. Frazier refused to answer any of the sheriff's questions. He also disavowed owning a bloody knife found near the crime scene although others said it appeared to be his.

"If this isn't your knife then show us your knife," the sheriff instructed the young man but Frazier would not or could not.

The young man did confess to the crime in the upcoming days. His trial was held in early February of 1908 and, as expected, Frazier was found guilty. Eleven of the jurors voted for hanging but the twelfth voted for life imprisonment. The case would have to be retried at the next term of court.

In the second trial, a jury from Floyd County, Kentucky, was empaneled and they also found Frazier guilty of first-degree murder. He was sentenced to hang on July 3, 1908. Animosity was running high toward Floyd Frazier in Letcher County. He was sent to the Bell County jail in Pineville, Kentucky, for safekeeping. Justice didn't seem to come swift enough on atrocious murders such as this and at times led some individuals to take the law into their own hands.

Floyd Frazier didn't agree with the verdict and decided not to wait around for such a neck-tie party (hanging) by disgruntled citizens so he decided to try escaping with seven other prisoners. He wasn't found until Thanksgiving. Sheriff Rice Johnson and Officer Lew Mays located and arrested Frazier on Bryson Mountain in Tennessee, not far from Middlesboro, Ky. They learned his whereabouts on a tip from a concerned citizen.

Due to a technicality, the Court of Appeals granted the young man a third trial for "the stabbing death of Ellen Flanary in early May of 1907 with an old case knife." He was found guilty by a jury from Knott County, Kentucky, in this trial and sentenced to hang. The sentence was appealed to the Court of Appeals. Frazier collapsed when word came that the sentence was upheld. The hanging was set for April 7, 1910.

His life was now in the hands of Kentucky Governor Augustine E. Wilson. Many felt the sentence would be commuted as Frazier "is related to some of the oldest and best families in Eastern Kentucky and Southwest Virginia." As the date for the hanging neared Frazier made a daring escape attempt but was recaptured before getting out of town.

In the days following this, a crew erected the scaffold for Frazier's hanging near his jail cell. Several mentioned he maintained a good sense of humor during this time as he joked with the workers.

Strong efforts were made to have the governor of Kentucky commute the death sentence to life imprisonment but two days before the scheduled hanging Governor Wilson announced that he saw no reason to interfere with a decision that was reached by three separate juries, each fixing the punishment at death.

Yet on the day of the scheduled hanging, "a horseman rode with all the speed that a messenger can urge out of his steed, traveling across the mountains of Letcher County with information that Governor Wilson had granted a respite until May 19 so that he could study the application for commutation more carefully." Whitesburg is in the heart of the Kentucky mountains and at that time was many miles from the nearest railroad station.

The horseman arrived on time and Frazier's quick-beating heart slowed.

Jailer William Hall received word a few days later that it would be wise to search Frazier's cell. Therein he found a bottle of carbollic acid. It was unknown if it was to be used in an escape attempt or if Frazier planned to commit suicide and thereby cheat the hangman. Actually, most hangmen in that era didn't relish their job as executioners. Some requested that the sheriff perform the task saying it would affect their sleeping if he wouldn't.

Several thousand spectators gathered around the courthouse on the day of the hanging anticipating the governor may again intervene and have a stay of execution.

Read more next time as this isn't the end of the story.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: AMANDA JEAN MILLIS
IN RE: DAYID BRIAN WALKER
v AMANDA JEAN MILLIS
NO. 206033-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant AMANDA JEAN MILLIS, 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 each of them, it is ordered that said Defendants each file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court (Probate Division) at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Victoria B. Tillman, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is McKinney & Tillman, P.C., 1019 Orchid Drive, Knoxville, TN 37912, Telephone (865) 525-8700, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment of default will be taken against each of them and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to each of them. This notice will be published in the The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk & Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT

IN RE: MICHAEL A SMITH v ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT
NO. 206085-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, 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 ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, it is ordered that said defendant, ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with David J Otten, an Attorney whose address is PO BOX 32211, 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 Jr 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 17th day of April, 2023.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE A GUYER

IN RE: RUBIN LUBLIN TN PLLC v DAVID GUYER, JOE GUYER, MICHAEL GUYER AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE A GUYER
NO. 205980-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE A GUYER, 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 ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE A GUYER, it is ordered that said defendant, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE A GUYER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Patty Whitehead, an Attorney whose address is 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 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 Jr 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 24th day of April, 2023.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

TO: KELLIE DIANE OLIVER LEE FONTE, EDWARD ALVIS, LAURA CROSTIC, MICHELLE ALVIS WHITEHEAD, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WANDA SUE DAY

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PROBATE DIVISION
DONNA HURT, PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER/ADMINISTRATRIX, VS. DONNA HURT; JAMES E. SIMMONS; GINA LEA DOTY; KELLIE DIANE OLIVER LEE FONTE; MEGAN R. CRENSHAW WEARY; JOHN A. CRENSHAW; LEWIS C. OLIVER, JR.; ANDREW GEORGE OLIVER, JR.; DELORES ANN MILLER; RAYMOND FRANCIS BOWMAN; ERIC V. BOWMAN; CHARLES WESLEY BOWMAN, JR.; LINDA MARIE IVEY; JACQUELINE LEE BRUCATO; EDWARD ALVIS; LAURA CROSTIC; MICHELLE ALVIS WHITEHEAD; SHEILA ANN RODRIGUE; ELIZABETH EUNICE LOFTON; CINDY LAY LINDSLEY; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WANDA SUE DAY, DEFENDANTS. IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WANDA SUE DAY, DECEASED; DONNA HURT, ADMINISTRATRIX.
DOCKET NUMBER: 86989-3
It appearing from the Petition For Sale of Real

Property filed herein that Defendants Kellie Diane Oliver Lee Fonte, Edward Alvis, Laura Crostic, Michelle Alvis Whitehead, and the unknown heirs of Wanda Sue Day are all non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or their whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon each of them, it is ordered that said Defendants each file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court (Probate Division) at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Victoria B. Tillman, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is McKinney & Tillman, P.C., 1019 Orchid Drive, Knoxville, TN 37912, Telephone (865) 525-8700, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment of default will be taken against each of them and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to each of them. This notice will be published in the The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk & Master

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TO: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT

IN RE: MICHAEL A SMITH v ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT
NO. 206085-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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This 28th day of APRIL, 2023.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

STEVEN BALLEW -Vs- DONNA KAY BALLEW
Docket# 156186

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by STEVEN BALLEW, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with LUKE SHIPLEY, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY ST SUITE 700 KNOXVILLE, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 14TH day of APRIL, 2023.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ESTATE OF PATSY J ADAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 87587-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of APRIL 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATSY J ADAMS who died March 29, 2023, were issued were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

This the 26 day of APRIL, 2023

ESTATE OF NELL B BLAZER
DOCKET NUMBER 87200-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of APRIL 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NELL B BLAZER who died Oct 25, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 26 day of APRIL, 2023

ESTATE OF NELL B BLAZER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT D BLAZER, JR.; EXECUTOR
3432 TEAL CREEK LANE

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ESTATE OF HELEN C AKARD
DOCKET NUMBER 87664-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of APRIL 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN C AKARD who died Feb 28, 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 27 day of APRIL, 2023.

ESTATE OF HELEN C AKARD
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRANCES DILLARD THOMPFFORDE; EXECUTRIX
3616 CIRCLE LAKE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

O E SCHOW, IV ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 900
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FRANCES DILLARD THOMPFFORDE; EXECUTRIX
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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANNA L TERRY
DOCKET NUMBER 87654-2

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

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ESTATE OF DIANNA L TERRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMMY L TERRY
6120 FLINT GAP ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

DUSTIN S CROUSE ATTORNEY AT LAW
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JEAN WATTS
DOCKET NUMBER 87341-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY JEAN WATTS who died May 7, 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 1 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JEAN WATTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NAOMI OGLE; ADMINISTRATRIX
1918 KIMBERLIN HTS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JO ELLEN WEST
DOCKET NUMBER 87678-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of APRIL 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JO ELLEN WEST who died Oct 31, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF JO ELLEN WEST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JONATHAN WEST; ADMINISTRATOR
10020 HIGHGATE CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

ROBERT LEWIS STRAIGHT,
III ATTORNEY AT LAW
1341 BRANTON BLVD, SUITE 105
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA K. BIBLE
DOCKET NO. 87651-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of May, 2023, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of Linda K. Bible, deceased, who died on April 12, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, for Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his Estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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 claim will be forever barred;

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ESTATE OF LINDA BIBLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TINA DAVIS
284 GREENBRIER RD
TALBOTT, TN 37877

SCOTT B HAHN, ATTORNEY
5344 N BROADWAY, SUITE 101

KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARCIA KAY BUCKELS
DOCKET NUMBER 87738-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARCIA KAY BUCKELS who died Jan 13, 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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ESTATE OF MARCIA KAY BUCKELS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LOREN SCOTT BUCKELS; ADMINISTRATOR
2942 SILVER BROOK LANE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37803

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID WILSON BURNETT
DOCKET NO. 87612-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of May 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID WILSON BURNETT who died March 18, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF DAVID WILSON BURNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
KIMBERLY B CAVALARIS
6508 WASHINGTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

KENDRA SUE BURNETT MCKNIGHT
3256 WHISPERING OAKS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

DANNY P DYER ATTORNEY
PO BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANDRA H COOPER
DOCKET NUMBER 87623-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2023, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of SANDRA H COOPER who died Jan 21, 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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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAMIEN W COOPER; ADMINISTRATOR CTA
923 PEACHTREE NE
ATLANTA, GA 30309

THOMAS R RAMSEY, III ATTORNEY AT LAW
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TOMMY ELBERT EDMONDS
DOCKET NUMBER 87742-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TOMMY ELBERT EDMONDS who died Jun 22, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF TOMMY ELBERT EDMONDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TOMMY EDWIN EDMONDS; EXECUTOR

208 JACKSON HILLS DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JIMMY E FARMER
DOCKET NUMBER 87607-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JIMMY E FARMER 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 their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 8 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JIMMY E FARMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GINGER EVANS; EXECUTRIX
2428 SMITH SCHOOL ROAD
KNOXVILLE TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGIE ISBELL GAMMON
DOCKET NUMBER 87719-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGIE ISBELL GAMMON who died Feb 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:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARGIE ISBELL GAMMON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT LOGAN DEVEREAUX; EXECUTOR
1222 BELLE POND AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SCOTT THOMAS GARRARD
DOCKET NUMBER 87237-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SCOTT THOMAS GARRARD who died Oct 21, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SCOTT THOMAS GARRARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES I HOUSTON; ADMINISTRATOR
408 BANTRY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

KELLY GUYTON FRERE ATTORNEY AT LAW
1001 E BROADWAY
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES V. HARDIN
DOCKET NO. 87634-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of May 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHARLES V. HARDIN who died October 23, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 2 day of May 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLES V. HARDIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CARL A. HARDIN
615 MOUNTAIN PASS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

STEPHEN L. CARPENTER ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2024			
	Actual 2021-2022	Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024
General Fund			
Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 159,698,290	\$ 157,339,700	\$ 164,803,840
State of Tennessee	9,915,925	9,132,581	10,983,664
Federal Government	2,157,751	1,656,000	1,771,900
Other Sources	<u>39,244,109</u>	<u>36,779,339</u>	<u>39,418,616</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 211,016,075	\$ 204,907,620	\$ 216,978,020
Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 92,545,517	\$ 95,964,836	\$ 103,236,113
Other Costs	<u>117,413,699</u>	<u>108,942,784</u>	<u>113,741,907</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 209,959,216	\$ 204,907,620	\$ 216,978,020
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	81,158,547	81,986,332	81,986,332
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	81,986,332	81,986,332	78,486,332
Employee Positions (FTE)	1,776	1,770	1,754
Engineering and Public Works Fund			
Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 11,731,394	\$ 10,932,946	\$ 12,082,947
State of Tennessee	8,689,323	7,011,000	7,616,900
Other Sources	<u>4,400,283</u>	<u>5,578,370</u>	<u>5,262,500</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 24,821,000	\$ 23,522,316	\$ 24,962,347
Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 7,485,398	\$ 7,950,535	\$ 8,676,031
Other Costs	<u>14,339,281</u>	<u>15,571,781</u>	<u>16,286,316</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 21,824,679	\$ 23,522,316	\$ 24,962,347
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	7,297,681	10,294,502	9,994,502
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	10,294,502	9,994,502	9,994,502
Employee Positions (FTE)	153	157	159
General Purpose School Fund			
Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 326,174,687	\$ 332,345,000	\$ 332,844,170
State of Tennessee	249,606,217	250,483,000	316,080,830
Federal Government	678,572	600,000	600,000
Other Sources	<u>15,564,685</u>	<u>8,072,000</u>	<u>11,161,000</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 592,024,161	\$ 591,500,000	\$ 660,686,000
Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 358,145,778	\$ 388,877,555	\$ 421,367,227
Other Costs	<u>200,047,727</u>	<u>202,622,445</u>	<u>239,318,773</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 558,193,505	\$ 591,500,000	\$ 660,686,000
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	50,442,416	74,658,132	74,658,132
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	74,658,132	74,658,132	74,658,132
Employee Positions (FTE)	The School Board determines the number of employees		
Debt Service Fund			
Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 58,274,099	\$ 58,456,000	\$ 68,362,320
Other Sources	<u>16,840,806</u>	<u>19,044,000</u>	<u>11,637,680</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 75,114,905	\$ 77,500,000	\$ 80,000,000
Expenditures and Other Uses			
Debt Service Costs	<u>\$ 67,508,302</u>	<u>\$ 77,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 80,000,000</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 67,508,302	\$ 77,500,000	\$ 80,000,000
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	15,476,685	23,083,288	21,392,285
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	23,083,288	21,392,285	20,478,293

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY A HARRISON
DOCKET NUMBER 87711-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PEGGY A HARRISON 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:

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

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

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

This the 4 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PEGGY A HARRISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA H BYRUM; EXECUTRIX
767 ECHO HILL WAY
MARYVILLE, TN. 37801

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JIMMY CHAN HONG
DOCKET NUMBER 87720-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JIMMY CHAN HONG who died Feb 6, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JIMMY CHAN HONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DELORES CANIZALES; EXECUTRIX
5320 BRAZELTON ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE KAY HOPPER
DOCKET NUMBER 87687-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANICE KAY HOPPER who died Aug 18, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors

at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 1 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JANICE KAY HOPPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DANIEL HOPPER; CO-EXECUTOR
5500 FOUNTAIN GATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

TIMOTHY HOPPER; CO-EXECUTOR
5225 MALIBU DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA DARE HUDSON
DOCKET NO. 87613-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of May 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA DARE HUDSON who died November 17, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 3rd day of May 2023.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA DARE HUDSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM D HUDSON
8312 WHITE ASH LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

EDWARD L SUMMERS ATTORNEY
5401 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 130
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEVERLY STEPHENSON HUDSON
DOCKET NO. 87705-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of May 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY STEPHENSON HUDSON who died February 20, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

