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Mayor candidate Jeff Talman (center) and his wife, Jennifer, chat with (left - right) former Councilman George Wallace, Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond and Property Assessor John Whitehead during a reception for Talman Thursday afternoon.

Special ed advocate Kredich, parents praise school board's improvement plan

By Bill Howard

In April this year, Knox County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk convened a Special Education Task Force. The primary purpose of the panel was to recommend improvements in the delivery of special ed services to Knox Co. students.

A number of parents joined Lora Williams - 2022 KCS Teacher of the Year - to comprise the panel. According to the KCS website, the specific goal of the task force was to identify "meaningful and actionable recommendations for KCS and the Knox County Board of Education to improve special education services and supports for students and families."

So far, at least a few people in the community are impressed and happy with the effort.

One is Kim Kredich, long-time advocate for special ed kids. Kredich and her husband, UTK head Swimming and Diving Coach Matt Kredich, have three sons, one of whom has autism.

During the Public Forum part of last Thursday's monthly meeting of the Knox Co. Board of Education, Kredich addressed the board first.

"I wanted to say a special thank-you to Dr. Rysewyk for creating that task force," Kredich said. "I was somewhat overwhelmed with the thorough job that they did."

According to Kredich, **Continue on page 3**

Talman wants city, county to work together

By Focus Staff

"We're going to work together with our neighbors on the county side in a partnership," promised mayoral candidate Jeff Talman on Thursday. Talman and his wife, Jennifer, were speaking with supporters during their Get Out The Vote rally at the Arcade Building on South Gay Street.

The 5 p.m. event saw Talman and his supporters greeting and chatting with those who attended, including current and past city and county

officials.

"We're going to look at the Department of Redundancies," Talman said when asked about possibly combining more city and county functions and departments.

Talman is running for city mayor with the goals of creating "economic opportunities through a business-friendly environment and job creation, not by raising your property taxes, and by supporting our KPD to keep our communities, and most

vulnerable, safe."

Early voting began Wednesday and Talman faces incumbent Mayor Indya Kincannon, Constance Every and R. C. Lawhorn in the race. If the winner of the August 29 non-partisan primary receives 50% plus one vote they would go onto the General Election as the only name on the ballot for Knoxville City Mayor and their only opposition could be a write-in candidate.

Housing shortage discussed at council meeting

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The lack of housing in Knoxville came up several times during the city council meeting Tuesday evening. The insufficient number of lots for building houses or apartments, the increase in property values and the explosion in monthly rental costs continue to be issues inside the city.

The area is estimated to be about 10,000 units short of what is needed to house the growing population including those out-of-area new residents. The increase in rent and the lack of city rent control are forcing residents to move out of the area or become homeless.

The council meeting heard from several residents in public forum. One

lady said her rent went from \$850 to \$1,400 per month after the Tanglewood Apartments complex was purchased and renamed Rand at Tillery.

City Attorney Charles Swanson read from a state statute that forbids local governments from setting rent controls. Mayor Indya Kincannon spoke of the various rental assistance programs available and the city's effort to promote housing for low- and moderate-income citizens. She said that 3,200 more housing units are under construction inside the city, adding, "We're working to fill this gap right now."

Councilwoman Lauren Rider mentioned the number of empty shopping centers, other commercial buildings, and vacant or

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PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

Bob and Janice Frye, Buddy and Amy Burkhardt, Jeremy Coffey and his son, Ethan, were instrumental in organizing the Knox County GOP 1st Annual Sporting Clays fundraiser last Friday.

Knox County GOP enjoys 1st Annual Sporting Clays Fundraiser

By Jamie Schnell
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The first annual Knox County GOP Sporting Clays Fundraiser was held Friday at Iron Mountain Sporting Clays in Kodak. Owned and operated by U.S. military veterans, Iron Mountain Sporting Clays offers shotgun enthusiasts and beginners a safe and fun shooting experience.

Participating teams and individuals included: the Knox County Sheriff's Office team with Sheriff Tom Spangler; the Sevier County Sheriff's Office; the "Ralley for Raley" group supporting Jackie Raley for Assessor of Property; John Whitehead, Knox County Property Assessor; Buddy Heins, VP of Merit Construction, Blue

Ridge Development; Becky Duncan Massey, Tennessee State Senator 6th Senatorial District; Dave Wright, State Representative 19th Legislative District; Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally; and Buddy Burkhardt, chairman of the Knox County Republican Party.

Attendees geared up for the tournament with a

breakfast provided by Chic-Fil-A and then rode in their golf carts to their designated stations to begin the tournament. After the tournament ended, the scorecards of the shooters were tallied up while all enjoyed a Buddy's BBQ-sponsored lunch. A raffle was held to give away door prizes and then awards were given to

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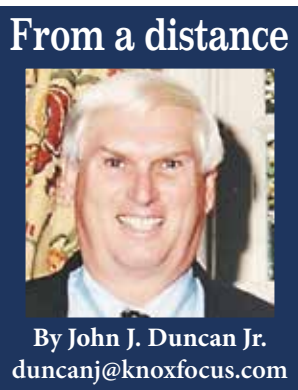
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Having written all that, I have to tell you that I was very impressed by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. when he answered questions and expressed his opinions on the Sean Hannity program on July 25.

He seemed to be very knowledgeable, well-informed, and very sincere in his answers, and he received a great response from the large Fox audience that was present. He has somewhat of a handicap with a problem with his voice that is similar to one that my sister, Beverly, has.

The only slight disagreement I had with all that he said was when he claimed the Democratic Party was the party for the middle class and working people. He was right when he said that was not the way the party is today.

However, the Democrats and their allies in the media have always portrayed a

very false image that they were the party of the little guy, the middle class, the working men and women.

Actually, the Democrats have always been the party of Big Government, and all their wonderful-sounding programs have ended up enriching those at the top while giving the shaft, the crumbs to the little guy.

Someday, hopefully, even liberals will end up realizing that they are the best friends extremely big business has ever had while running many small and medium-sized businesses out of business altogether.

One of many examples is the way Big Pharma made a fortune and created many new billionaires with the Covid vaccine while hurting millions by forcing small businesses to close, schools to shut down, and pushing an ineffective - often harmful - vaccine.

Robert Kennedy was right

on the Covid vaccine since it had not gone through the years of testing and trials most other vaccines have been put through.

He was also right on the war in Ukraine. He mentioned the promise by former Secretary of State James Baker to not extend NATO.

On February 9, 1990, at a meeting with the Russian Foreign Minister, Baker said the U.S. wanted a united Germany that would remain "firmly tied to NATO", but he promised at the same time "ironclad guarantees that NATO's jurisdiction or forces would not move eastward", (meaning closer to Russia).

President Trump was criticized by the Washington Post and other foreign policy elitists for being skeptical of NATO, but it is pretty clear that there would not have been a war with Russia over Ukraine if

Trump had been re-elected. Mr. Kennedy used the same example Sen. Robert Taft did in a famous speech in 1949. Sen. Taft at that time was the leader of Senate Republicans, but he was in a minority opposing our membership in NATO.

Among other things, Taft said, "How would we feel if Russia undertook to arm a country on our border; Mexico, for instance."

Sen. Taft said then: "I believe our foreign policy should be aimed primarily at security and peace, and I believe such an alliance (NATO) is more likely to produce war than peace."

When Sean Hannity said what we needed was free market capitalism, Mr. Kennedy responded by saying we did not have that now, that what we have is crony capitalism, "socialism for the rich."

Is it any wonder that seven of the wealthiest

counties in the U.S. are counties surrounding Washington, D.C.?

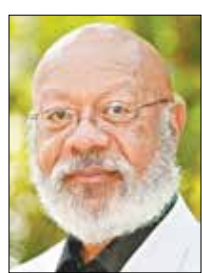
I play golf with several doctors, all very fine men. A few days ago I mentioned that during my first term in Congress I was invited to speak to an American Medical Association meeting at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. I told them the head of the AMA at the time said his fellow doctors were the main opponents of Medicare. He said they should not have been because he said, "we will get our share."

When I told this story, one of the doctors I was with said Medicare "has made us rich."

Big Government has greatly expanded the gap between the rich and the poor and continue to this day, slowly wiping out the middle class.

Some thoughts on climate change

I have lunch once a month with a close friend who thinks Biden is doing a great job. We agree on very little. Although we both think the education industrial complex does everything but teach



- including a Nobel Laureate in physics - who have found otherwise. Much like the Hunter Biden laptop and COVID, the mainstream press, social media and many "scientific" jour-

nalists have chosen not to publish contrary opinions and research. I told him of the falsification of climate data by British scientists and how US government agencies have fudged the numbers. I mentioned that I published an econometric paper that confirmed two conflicting hypotheses using the same model and the same data set. I told him of the research that showed that over 50 percent of the scientific empirical work in several disciplines have been shown to be false. Didn't the president of Sanford recently

resign when it was discovered that his research was not original? It should come as no surprise that the scientists whose research was funded by Dr. Fauci dismiss the assertion that COVID originated in the Wuhan lab. Eminent scholars reach different conclusions analyzing the same data. Dissect their models, the choice of data, the choice of data period and the statistical technique and make a decision as to the efficacy of each. My friend rejects contrary evidence out of hand. But my training makes me a skeptic. Even if the earth's temperature is 1 degree higher, is that a bad thing? Certainly more people die from exposure to cold than to heat so a little warming may not be a bad thing. If the oceans rise, can't we adapt much like the Dutch? Some have argued that more carbon dioxide is a good thing.

Doesn't the earth heal itself? Even the assertion that climate change is manmade is disputed. One thing is clear to me. I believe that China is funding the radical environmentalists like Just Stop Oil and groups like Black Lives Matter. Both endorse policies aimed at weakening western countries while enriching China. The Chinese make all the sympathetic clucking noises regarding the Paris Accord while building coal plants. The Accord will fail anyway because neither China nor India will sacrifice economic development to satisfy the global warming crowd who enrich themselves and their buddies at the expense of their citizens, Biden's industrial policy where the politicians pick the winners and losers will also fail. Industrial policy always results in poor choices based on political favors trying to force products down consumers' throats. The political choices kill alternatives and result in less innovation and efficiency much like the politicians choosing catalytic converters over a simpler, cheaper, more efficient system pioneered by Honda. It is also true that "renewable" energy such as wind farms and solar panels are costly to the environment and highly inefficient. It is also true that EV batteries are more damaging to the environment than fossil fuels. Nickle and cobalt mining are ecological disasters. Windmills kill birds onshore and sea mammals offshore. Solar panels present a disposal nightmare. All the mandates coming from the Biden administration to get rid of today's gas stoves, dishwashers, furnaces, lawn equipment, gas powered vehicles will only make us worse off economically without any net benefit to the environment. Indeed, I just read a study that said that because of the sun and axial tilt of the earth, that the one degree increase in temperature was baked in and would not change even if all of the actions of the overlords in the western world were enacted. So pardon me if I think all this climate stuff is just because politicians love imposing their dictates on the rest of us as a power grab while enriching themselves and handing out subsidies to their green donors.

No complaints again for Ethics Committee to review

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The Knox County Ethics Committee's quarterly meeting lasted only eight minutes. Again the ethics committee had no incidents or reports about the misconduct of Knox County employees or officials to consider.

All complaints about official misconduct go directly to the Knox County Law Department to be reviewed. If those complaints are deemed viable, they are to be passed along to the ethics committee. A few years ago, complaints came directly to the group from citizens or from the law department but the policy was revised after unfounded ethics grievances were filed.

The only business before the ethics committee Wednesday morning was Covington's reminder that three members, Virginia Anagnost, Rusty Goddard and Perry Beal, will be rotating out of the group and three new members will be named by the Knox County Commission before the next ethics meeting.

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What is a General Practice Lawyer?



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Quick! Something traumatic happens in your life and you need a lawyer. Pull up the search engine on your phone and find a lawyer to help you with this situation. I would bet what you typed into your phone was, _____ lawyer. Divorce lawyer. Criminal lawyer. Personal injury lawyer. Bankruptcy lawyer. Construction lawyer. Probate lawyer. Almost all lawyers specialize in some specific area of the law.

It makes sense. When you practice primarily in one area, you become more proficient in that area, and you become known as a go-to person in that field. Occasionally, and it seems to be more and more rare, I will encounter someone who has a "general practice." What does that mean? First, you will generally find general practice lawyers in smaller communities where there are _____ **Continue on page 4**

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Publisher's Positions



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Ward Proposes Regional Mental Health Facility

As this is written, County Commissioner Kyle Ward is moving along his resolution asking for support from the State of Tennessee to help fund a mental health center for Knoxville. Knoxville is the only city out of the four big cities in Tennessee which doesn't have a mental health center since the closure of Lakeshore years ago. If Knoxville and Knox County intend to truly deal with the problem of the homeless, a mental health facility is an absolute necessity. All too often, homelessness has much to do with addiction and mental illness.

Ward is taking the first meaningful step in trying

to address the problem by seeking the cooperation of the State of Tennessee. State Senator Becky Duncan Massey, who has been very active on the front of mental health issues in the legislature, is all in on trying to secure state funding. Ward has written a letter to Governor Bill Lee, with copies going all over the place, to bring attention to the issue.

Once again, Ward is being proactive on a topic that more and more concerns most Knox Countians and Knoxvilleans. While city officials talk about "affordable housing" and twiddle their thumbs, what they are actually trying to fund is a third bridge for the University of Tennessee. Is that really as necessary as a mental health facility for Knoxville and Knox County? Last I heard, the City of Knoxville was proposing to spend \$20 million on a bridge for the University of Tennessee, which looks to be flush with cash as the building on the campus never seems to stop. The sorority houses alone would be the envy of any billionaire entrepreneur.

Governments ought to prioritize spending of taxpayer dollars and clearly, the thing Knoxville and Knox

County needs most currently is a mental health/treatment facility before we are overrun with mentally ill homeless people wandering about everywhere.

Some public officials have suggested we prod the homeless population together in an outdoor space reserved for them as a "safe space" --- like some kind of prize herd of buffalo roaming the western plains. Other cities have seen the homeless living in yards and neighborhoods, playgrounds and the like. The problem is spreading from the City of Knoxville into the county.

A mental health/treatment facility is a big part of the answer to actually doing something about the homeless problem affecting our community.

Too Little, Too Late?

The daily newspaper is squalling about the proposed demolition of the old Sterchi house on Magnolia Avenue. It's as if the Sentinel, like Rip Van Winkle awoke after a drug binge, and discovered someone had bought the property and was proposing to tear it down and do something useful with the lot. All of a

sudden, there's an effort to preserve the old mansion, largely because the new building is supposed to be a state parole office.

While the Knoxville News-Sentinel can caterwaul about the change affecting the "character and economic vitality" of East Knoxville, that seems like a pretty big stretch to me. Originally, the home was to have been renovated and leased to the state. That plan fell through when the second floor of the house was badly damaged by a fire, quite likely the result of vandals or vagrants.

Knox Heritage has finally appeared to investigate long after the body was not only cold, but quite nearly buried. The spokesperson for Knox Heritage said the community complains the parole office plan was put into place "without any community input." If true, who's fault is that? State Representative Sam McKenzie has stumbled into action well after the fact. Now that someone has paid \$730,000 for the property and proposes to repurpose it and lease it to the State of Tennessee, a handful of folks don't like the idea it would be a parole office.

Frankly, it doesn't seem like a state office building

is going to impair business along once-bustling Magnolia Avenue. What the area desperately needs is anything that will give the area a sense of security and stability. That would do more than anything to help any resurgence along Magnolia Avenue.

Governor Lee Calls Special Session

Governor Bill Lee has finally issued the call for the special session of the Tennessee General Assembly, as expected. The General Assembly will go into special session on August 21 to consider public safety laws.

Some of the measures proposed by the governor should be passed by the legislature. For instance, one piece of legislation recommended by the governor is to collect the DNA of all individuals at the time of an arrest for a felony, which is intended to strengthen the law in identifying criminals. Even the most casual viewer of television realizes the importance of DNA in convicting criminals in many violent crimes. It seems a former cold case, oftentimes decades old, is solved because of DNA evidence that wasn't available at the time the murder or

crime was committed.

Governor Lee is also recommending some changes to our state laws with regard to mental health, which certainly merit debate by the legislature.

Unfortunately, calling the special session is quite probably a political mistake on the part of Governor Lee. It appears state Representative Gloria Johnson intends to use the special session to launch her campaign for the U.S. Senate against Marsha Blackburn. Rep. Johnson has always had a flair for political showmanship and the special session will put her front and center in the cavern of the winds that is the General Assembly. Rep. Johnson will use her time in the spotlight to gin up campaign contributions and clips to win her votes in Tennessee's urban counties. The Leftist media coverage will of course gravitate toward Rep. Johnson and the two Justins and paint the Republicans as unfeeling brutes. There's nothing new about any of it, but it will be a show worthy of a circus.

County may ask state to fund a mental health hospital

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The Knox County Commission has two regular meetings to get through before the annual Reorganization Meeting on August 31, when it will elect a chair, vice chair, and make committee assignments.

The work session next Monday calls for honoring the late Thomas "Tank" Strickland and recognizing the county schools for receiving a Secretary of Defense award for supporting its National Guard and Reserve employees.

Appointments for members to the Public Building Authority and the Technology Corridor Development Authority are on the agenda. A joint Knoxville-Knox County Office of Housing Stability may be established and an agreement with the Industrial Development Board involving a property swap with Axle Logistics is before the commission in an agreement

sponsored by Chairwoman Courtney Durrett.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker wants an in-lieu-of-tax program established for developments in Knox County. Commissioner Kyle Ward has a resolution asking the state for funds for a long-term drug rehabilitation and mental health hospital.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board has a resolution before the commission to change their rules to no longer allow applicants an appeal for non-placement on the employee eligibility list. The commission may also discuss approving a grant contract to build a new Regional Forensic Center.

The agenda also includes contracts for medical insurance, pharmacy benefits and health reimbursement for county employees. A proposed ordinance to amend the definition of "swimming pool" in the county code will face its second reading.

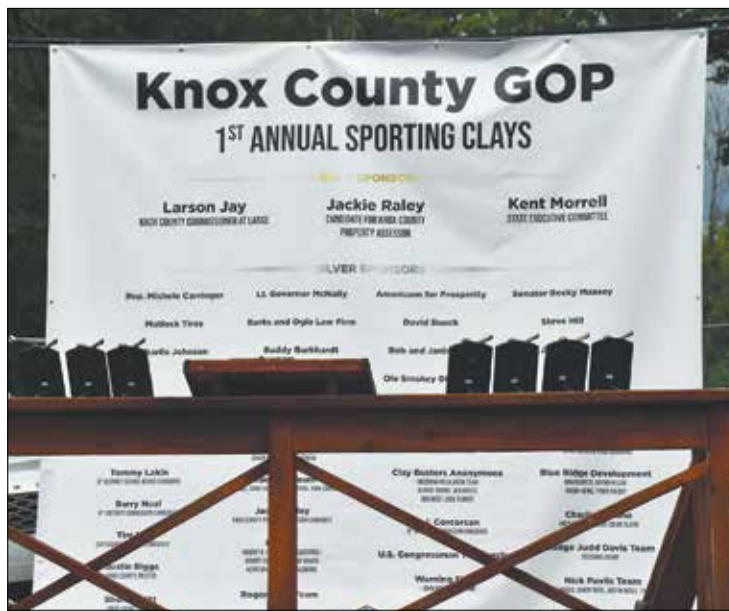


Knox County GOP enjoys 1st Annual Sporting Clays Fundraiser

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the top and lowest-scoring shooters. Along with a team of volunteers, Chair Burkhardt and his wife, Amy, organized the event which all considered a huge success.

There are already high hopes for an even bigger one next year. Buddy joked with the crowd, "You have a whole year to get really good at this. Thank you, I appreciate you. You have helped raise money for the Republican Party."



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Jackie Raley, candidate for Knox County Property Assessor, and her team at the Knox County GOP fundraiser last Friday. The tournament was held at Iron Mountain Sporting Clays in Kodak, Tennessee.

Special ed advocate Kredich, parents praise school board's improvement plan

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parents were promised some 10 years ago that the board back then would do a workshop in IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

"That never happened," said Kredich "and it was really discouraging. I felt that if the board just really took some time to have presentations about IDEA and ADA, it would help foster a lot of improvement."

"I view that task force as somewhat of a surrogate to your board, sort of like an advisory committee," Kredich said. "I hope their final recommendation is taken very seriously to keep that going for your board and future boards

to have that very specific focus on special education, and making Knox Co. what it can be, which is a model district for serving all children, including those with disabilities."

Michelle Meehan, who has a son in the second grade who receives special ed services, went next.

"I would like to applaud the task force for their diligent and thorough work regarding special education, and KCS," said Meehan. "Their recommendations are spot on. I would also like to thank the members of the board and Dr. Rysewyk for putting together a parent/teacher-led task force, surveys, and focus groups to

look for problems within KCS. It speaks loudly that this board is seeking continuous improvement for all children."

Meehan then requested that the board act swiftly on one of the provisions the task force recommended: "bringing in an expert in inclusion and providing the teachers and administrators with the support and resources they need."

"Please bring in the outside experts who are qualified," Meehan said. "Children with intellectual disabilities are already behind. They will not be best served if these recommendations are delayed."

Meehan also requested the board develop methods

for "recognizing, rewarding and retaining high-performing special ed teachers and staff." She then acknowledged the work and dedication of Kredich, who, Meehan said, helped her own family.

Alison Pasternak is a parent who also has a special-needs child. She told the board that her initial skepticism about Rysewyk's plan has been happily dispelled.

"After hearing the task force presentation Monday night (Aug 7), I felt compelled tonight to speak and echo the recommendations and findings of the task force," Pasternak said. "I was pleasantly surprised, although

quite skeptical, when Dr. Rysewyk announced the task force and explained their purpose."

According to Pasternak, her son missed 180 days of his first two years of middle school "because he couldn't have his private therapy done in school." This was not because of policy, Pasternak said, but a "longstanding culture of resistance in (the) central office."

"I am so grateful that this Board passed the Private Practitioner Policy on the first reading," Pasternak said. "For the first time in three years, my son will be able to attend school five full days per week, and today my son's registered

behavior technician was with him at school, where he spent all but one class in a least restrictive environment."

Pasternak also praised Kredich for her efforts, as did Tiffany Mathews, who has four kids, two with autism, in the school system.

"I want to thank our superintendent for creating the task force that has provided us all with an exceptional opportunity to start this process now," Mathews said.

The next meeting is Sept. 14.

Candidates For City Council At-Large Seats Answer Focus Question

Please make a statement about Knoxville's Co-responder Program vs the proposed Alternative Response Task Force.

At-large Seat A Candidates

Cameron Brooks: I think the city's co-responder program is a good first step. I do support alternative response as well. People having mental health crises can have adverse reactions to police officers, so I believe alternative response should be incorporated.

Darin Worsham: I think the alternate response method with no police presence opens up some potential safety concerns for the mental health professionals that are called out. There is no guarantee of what kind of issues they will run into.

Lynne Fugate: Knoxville's co-responder program is key to getting our citizens appropriate responses to their crises and de-escalating conflicts. Right now, after business hours, the police get dispatched to nearly every call. It is my hope that through continued partnerships with social service organizations, we will be able to have a co-responder at any time, for any emergency necessary. I believe firmly in equipping our emergency responders with the personnel and tools that they need to keep

Knoxvillians safe and healthy.

Alternative response options are something that Knoxville should look into in the future. To create a robust program, dispatch protocols would need to be developed our 9-1-1 operators would need extensive training, citizens would need education, and our city would have to shift many resources and infrastructures. I will always be responsive and open to new information and ideas that will improve service to our citizens while maintaining the current quality of response we can offer and resources for our officers.

At-large Seat B Candidates

R. Bentley Marlow: I support the co-responder format which places a police officer with a social worker. This provides safety and alternative methods simultaneously. The officer has the training to assess threats, and de-escalate situations, when necessary to restrain and arrest individuals. If and when the police officer on the scene determines the situation is safe and alternative methods are the

more appropriate tool then the social worker can safely take over and exercise their expertise.

Debbie Helsley: I support Knoxville's co-responder program, and I'm open to investing in an alternative response model with the right implementation and training. If done correctly, such a model would make our community safer and allow for law enforcement resources to be preserved for situations that actually require them.

At-large Seat C Candidates

Tim Hill: The co-responder program has been a welcomed addition to serving the needs of our community. I hope that we continue to expand this service to a 24/7 program. The alternative response strategy is currently a topic of discussion and will soon be studied. I look forward to seeing the results of this coordinated effort to evaluate the viability of this program and will support all strategies that effectively serve the needs of our community.

Matthew Best: I am happy to see the success of the Co-Responder Program, but I am also very interested to see the implementation of the Alternative Response model. Right now we need all the help we can get to make sure

that our residents experiencing mental health crises get the help they need without having to face a negative experience with law enforcement. We also need to look at both models, partly out of necessity, since we are already experiencing a staffing crisis within the Knoxville Police Department. Essential to both of these programs being successful is the training of all E-911 dispatchers to ensure that each call receives the proper resources to keep all of our citizens safe.

Amelia Parker: Knoxville needs an alternative response program that pairs a medic with a behavioral health or peer specialist. Just today, I witnessed our KPD officers chase a man across Kingston Pike who had run out into traffic. KPD explained to me that the man is experiencing homelessness and often hangs out in that area. After a few minutes, the parking lot I sat in had 3 police cars present and one police car was blocking the entrance to my parking lot. With an alternative response team, 3 KPD cruisers would not need to be called to address a similar situation.

With a shortage of social workers available in our state, Knoxville could benefit from having an alternative response program similar to the one being stood up

in Cookeville that pairs a medic with a peer specialist or in other words someone who has experienced substance abuse or homelessness or other relevant life experience themselves. All news articles I have found describe the Cookeville program as employing a social worker but when I spoke with folks in Cookeville who work with NAMI, they clarified that the team could employ a peer specialist rather than a social worker.

The reasoning for an alternative response team is two-fold.

1) It relieves an already overburdened police department. Even with a co-responder team, the officer is tied to the scene while the behavioral health specialist works with the person in crisis. With an alternative response team, police can be called for backup if needed or they can even be called to clear a scene to allow the alternative response team to do their work. But ultimately the police are able to go on to other calls which is not the case with a co-responder model.

2) As stated by retired Major Ken Sircy with Cookeville Police Department, alternative response is a better response for those suffering from mental crises or substance abuse disorders."

Housing shortage discussed at council meeting



Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto suggested that tax breaks be extended to housing developers in Knoxville to help with the 10,000 shortage in available housing in the city.

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condemned properties that could be additional housing. The city has invested about \$7.5 million in affordable housing. Councilwoman Amelia Parker suggested "floating a bond" to allow the city to pass along lower loan interest rates to housing developers.

Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto suggested the city use in lieu of tax breaks for developing housing along city corridors.

"We need to think outside the box," said Councilman Charles Thomas, suggesting a "bold approach" to replace blighted property with new housing.

While unable to control

rents the council was able to pass several zoning changes to allow more housing. One vote changed property at 522 and 524 Victory Street from RN-4 residential to C-G-2 General Commercial, allowing Victor Jernigan to build seven residential units there.

The council approved several similar zoning changes to accommodate more housing including properties at 4813 Lonas Drive, 1800 and 1900 Vermont Avenue, 1216 Callaway Street, 1927 Highland Avenue, 4425 Lonas Drive, and Zero Rowan Road.

One exception to the housing rezonings came when Bernadette West

asked for her property at 2620 Belvedere Avenue to be rezoned from RN-1 residential to Agricultural. She said her six acres about the Ijams Nature Center and she wants to raise chickens and add a greenhouse. Her request was approved.

In other action the council approved the appointment of Ashley Ramos to the Animal Control Board and agreed to support the efforts of Gibbs Drive residents to have their neighborhood added to the Historic or Neighborhood Conservation Overlay, on a request by Councilwoman Rider.

The property at 504

Richmond Avenue was approved to be sold to the East Tennessee Housing Development Corporation through the Homemakers Program for \$7,000.

An application to the state for a \$1.2 million grant to rehabilitate and renovate several city bus stops was approved. It would place the city's matching funds at \$250,000. Isaac Thorne, director of Knoxville Area Transit, said the city has 1,300 bus stop locations and, if the state grant is approved, 20 to 50 of those stops would be updated with benches and shelters over the next few years.

What is a General Practice Lawyer?

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fewer lawyers. If you are the only lawyer in town, everyone is going to come to you to represent them regardless of the kind of case they have, and if you are willing to represent them, they are willing to hire you.

Are general practice or specialized lawyers better? Logically, a specialized lawyer has its benefits. If someone does criminal law all day, every day, you would think they are the best fit for a criminal case.

On the other hand, lawyers who have experience in a broad range of legal areas can speak with authority about several areas of the law. For example, a divorce case may have bankruptcy, criminal, tax, juvenile, and real estate ramifications. A lawyer who has some knowledge about these areas is able to advise their client in ways that a specialized lawyer may not be able to do so.

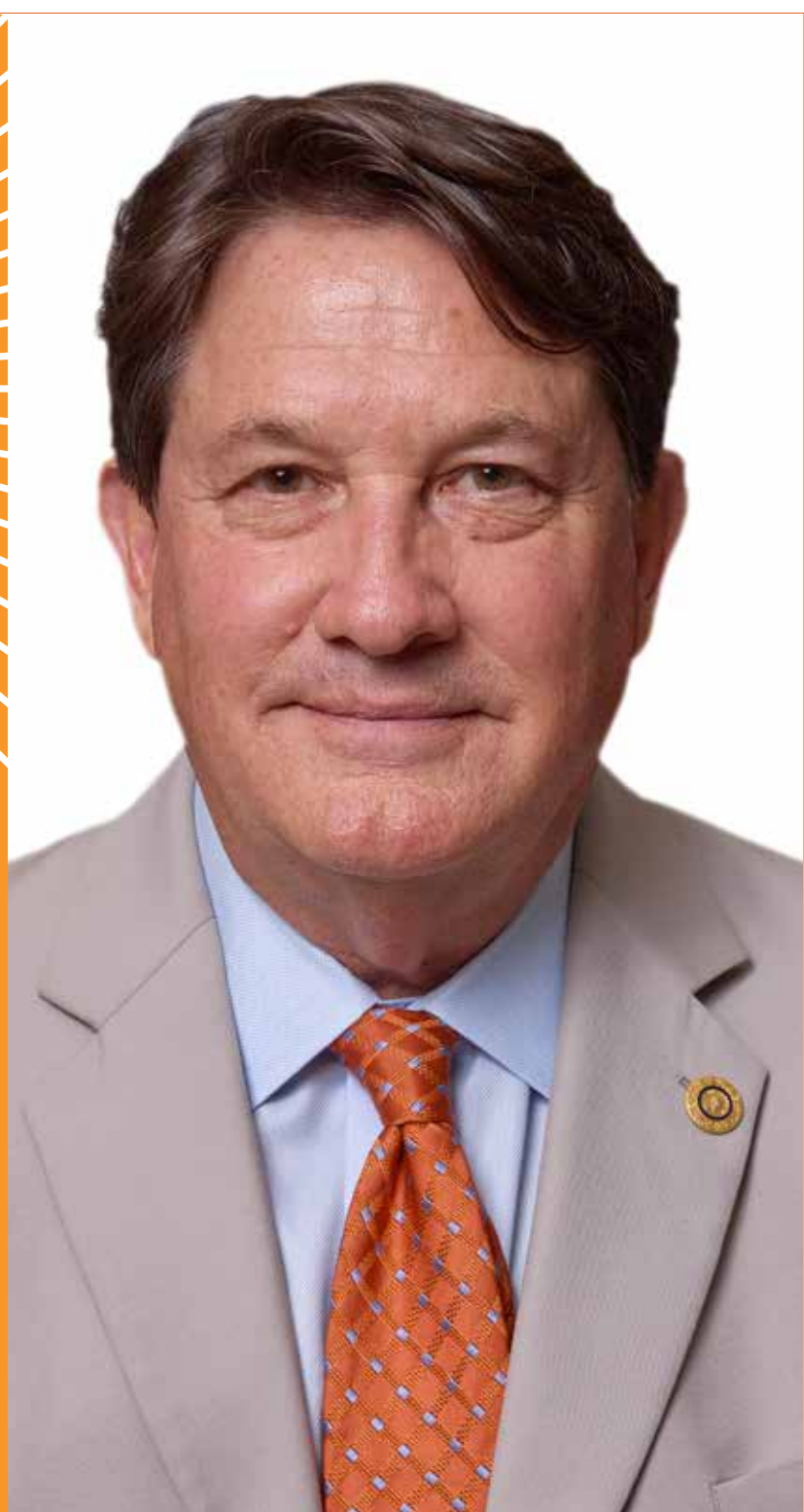
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Fifth Column

For the first thirty years of my life, I was busy growing up, getting an education. Then I was focused on getting married, starting a medical practice and a family to pay much attention to world events and politics. I do remember my parents taking me out of elementary school during the Cuban missile crisis and filling the bathtub with water in case of a nuclear attack. I remember the Watts riots, the Apollo 11 moon landing, the Vietnam War and the counterculture protests. I have paid more attention for the last forty-two years, and I've never seen anything like the destruction of a once proud country.

Some have attributed the destruction to liberal Democrat insanity or miseducation of our youth and citizens. Actually, I hope they're right because these are potentially correctable

or treatable with a change of leadership and policy direction.

My job as a doctor was to diagnose what was wrong with my patients. Sometimes I understood how an illness happened. But the fundamental question was why disease occurred. If you're interested in how our destruction began, search The Knoxville Focus archives for an essay I wrote last year entitled "What Happened?"

I'm no longer confident that even a dramatic election will change the decline of our nation, and certainly not in my lifetime. We have sunk that low. There is a root cause for our national disaster. It is called cultural Marxism and it is pervasive.

During my traveling years, I searched the world for an alternative to America. There is none.

This is my home and where I'll make my stand. The old saw goes, "The pen is mightier than the sword." I hope so. My duty is to use my column to speak the truth and call out liars and tyrants, at least until they take away my voice.

During the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) General Emilio Mola Vidal coined the now famous concept of a "fifth column." Vidal was a general of fascist Francisco Franco's army fighting the elected, liberal government of Spain. As Vidal's four army columns approached the capital Madrid, the general referred to his militant supporters within the capital, who were engaged in undermining the loyalist government from within, as his "fifth column."

Webster defines a fifth column as any faction of persons within a group who secretly sympathizes with an enemy, and especially those who engage in activities harmful to the group.

History is important. The Founders knew it. They studied history, especially the abuses of democracy, a term not found in the Declaration of Independence or The Constitution. The early Greek democracies were violent with abuses by the majorities. This is why The Founders fashioned a

republic for us, a system of government predicated on the rule of law.

I now also realize that politics is important. The word derives from the Greek polis, the ancient city-state (country). To paraphrase Pericles (the statesman and leader of Athens), those who say they have no business in politics, we would say they have no business here at all. In many ways, this describes the "silent majority" in America. However, I'm not sure they are the majority any longer. And if they are still out there, it is past time to be silent or disengaged.

A vocal minority can control opinion, like a tail wagging the dog. The left understands this manner of asymmetric political warfare. The media is an obvious example of this truth. The dysfunctional educational system is another example where our youth have been indoctrinated in leftist ideology of class warfare instead of being educated and learning to think. This ideology has its roots in cultural Marxism and the Frankfurt School.

Recently, I was "reeducated" in left-right terminology. In parliamentary systems, the liberal faction is seated on the left and the conservative elements on the right. The

seating is mere convention, but the policies and ideologies are real. Today, "Democrats" are seated on the left, although John F. Kennedy Democrats are all but gone. They have been replaced by leftists like AOC and her "Squad." These are the tails that wag the proverbial Democrat "dog."

Neither liberal or progressives are necessarily leftists. The latter are anti-American, anti-capitalism and socialist. They believe in open borders and "world citizenry." Leftists are intolerant of ideas or speech with which they disagree, and they promote Marxist economic and racial class warfare.

Leftists are everywhere and out in the open, and lauded by the lackeys of CNN, MSNBC, NYT, etc. And even more subversive are those who pull the strings of the Potemkin President. An example is the number two at the State Department, Victoria Nuland. A promoter of the Russian collusion hoax and the absurd Steele Dossier, she is the embodiment of the non-elected "Deep State" subversive. Her leftist ideology compliments the fifth column anti-American cabal.

Part of the solution to our problems is identification of leftists and their

agenda. We also must have the courage to stand up and say, "No!" to the lies of, for instance, "Bidenomics." And there are so many other lies and lunacies. Folks, sex is biological. That's science. Gender is a social construct. And listening to a child who wants gender reassignment surgery is as perverse as abortion up to the time of birth.

Charles Dickens' famous lines, "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times," resonates with me. Despite my concerns for country and family, I am holding up. There are good people out there, notably the "sweetheart" of KUB. I was told that my wife is listed on KUB's site for service reps as "a very nice lady." I agree!

I still have faith in the goodness of sane Americans. They just need to be awakened, and that is my mission. Perhaps it just hasn't gotten bad enough yet. However, I'm encouraged that many are finally crying out against Democrat policies that have produced illegal invasion, crime, drugs, insanity and Bidenomics. Let's pray this translates into votes and a change in direction. If not, we're done.

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Gibbs Midway IGA

The event brought lots of fun to the grocery store parking lot! Early in the summer, Cruze Farm, Snow Daddy's, and 99.1 The Sports Animal were among the attractions outside the Midway IGA in Gibbs Center, Corryton, Tennessee. Since



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is very involved in the community working with area churches, donating to Gibbs High School, and supporting the community food drive. Looking ahead, a remote broadcast is planned for the fall, and preparations are underway for the upcoming

holiday season. As the IGA continues working to maintain business and modernize, they welcome new customers and "old" customers as well. And yes, another trend at the store continues---they still have that popular fried chicken!

Some of the best trends established by the Longmire family, who were the previous owners, have not changed---especially the local hometown feel and community involvement. Haven Gopal, the new owner,

Words of Faith: "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 150:6 (KJV).



Picture of: (L-R) Midway IGA store manager Kevin Graves and store owner Haven Gopal, by Ralphine Major

Parkinson's Group Meets Tuesday

On Tuesday, August 15, Tamara Fye, an experienced physical therapist, licensed nursing home administrator and certified dementia practitioner will be the speaker at the PK Parkinson's Hope Is Alive Support Group August Support Group meeting.

The PK Parkinson's Hope Is Alive Support Group meets the third Tuesday of the month at First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, 130 Providence Road (across from Oak Ridge High School). PK Hope Is

Alive Support Group offers support, fellowship and information for persons with Parkinson's and their caregivers.

Meetings are in the Fellowship Hall. Park behind the Church. A light lunch will be provided.

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Fifty Years Later

Amy attended her 50th high school graduation recently, and yes, I went with her. In the entire crowd, I might have known half a dozen people. That didn't matter; my job was to be there, be nice, make



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small talk, and be supportive. It wasn't a bad way to spend the weekend, and I think my wife had a good time, which was the most important thing. Those events are always filled with excitement, sadness, and surprise.

A group of classmates gathered at a restaurant on Friday night. It was the idea of one graduate who now

lives in Arizona. The event was also an "all-girls" affair, so I returned to the hotel room and watched television and read until my dear wife called me to pick her up. The noise level from the group was

surprising as I drove up to the front. Women's voices sounded more like they did when those same females were in high school. Plenty of excitement made their voices shoot up octaves. In addition, they all talked at the same time so that nothing said could be understood.

The next morning, some of the folks shared brunch.

This time, those who had attended Tennessee Tech Campus School gathered. The school was one that limited enrollment, although Amy never did know exactly what the criteria were. From the first grade through the sixth, these same children attended the school. Only one class was available for each grade.

As soon as folks gathered, the chatter started. They hugged and laughed as if they'd seen each other just the other day. That fact is astounding since the time between being a group has been more than 50 years. Many of the former elementary school students traveled from far away. One man, Monty, made his way to Cookeville from northern California. The girl who set

up the Friday night affair lives in Arizona.

The closeness of and love between old friends was obvious. No one was left out. Colleen and Clark Childress made their home available for the get-together. She fed classmates and spouses with wonderful food, and she led the pre-brunch meeting. Classmates told some of their favorite memories from that little school, and oohs and aahs, along with laughs, filled the house. One story that everyone remembered occurred during nap time. A boy decided to put a metal object into an electrical outlet. Yes, the action led to a shocking outcome. Another person recalled a boy who fought ADHD. The teacher in one of their

classes allowed the boy to go outside and run an obstacle course when he could no longer remain still.

Later in the evening, the Class of 1973 gathered at a venue owned by one classmate. I knew that Amy would be up and about most of the evening. She introduced me to several folks, most of whom I don't remember. Luckily, I found four other males who were in the "spouse category." One man was the son-in-law of my favorite English professor during my time at TTU. We men began to talk, and before long, jokes were shared, and we lamented that none of us were included in gifts, videos or door prizes. Our goal was to wait for our wives to finish having fun so that we could

go back to the places where we stayed so that the rest of our evening could be devoted to television, drinks or books.

I admit that the weekend turned out well. Amy had a wonderful time reconnecting with people in her class. What was most special was the elementary school reunion. Students were so close that they seemed more like brothers and sisters than schoolmates. I know my 50th school reunion could in no way compare with Amy's. Cookeville is a growing place, but for a weekend, it was frozen in time as the Class of '73 renewed friendships and felt more like young people than senior citizens. I was lucky to watch oldsters turn into children. It was magical.

Old Hickory, A Most Unusual U.S. President

FROM THE MOUNTAINS
By Jadon Gibson

Andrew Jackson was the seventh president of the United States serving from 1829 to 1837. No one needed to ask where he stood on matters as he spoke outright about them. He was known for his candor, uncontrollable temper and occasional lapses that led to violence. He had as many as ten duels. One practically killed him.

Presidents are inaugurated amid pomp and promise, eventually going out of office less popular than when they were elected. This wasn't true with Tennessee's Andrew Jackson. He retired from the presidency on a high note, more popular and admired greater than when he was sworn in. He

became known as the people's president.

He gained his moniker "Old Hickory" because of his toughness and he carried a walking stick that was made of hard hickory wood to help with his walking. Surprisingly, on at least one occasion, it was also needed for his protection.

He was widely popular and could likely have won a third term but he was growing old and not in good health. There was also a two-term tradition at the time. Instead of throwing his hat back into the ring, he decided to assist the candidacy of Martin Van Buren - his friend, vice president and political advisor.

Jackson was the founder of the Democratic Party. He was their first candidate for president. His opponents once called him a "jack-ass" so he adopted it as

the mascot of the party. It is still in use today. Being a Tennessean, he was the first president considered to be from the West "at that time" and the first not born into wealth.

He saw himself as a champion of the common man and the presidency as the office of the common man. He fired many government workers and, on one occasion during the "petticoat affair," fired every member of his cabinet. He vetoed more bills than the preceding six presidents combined. Jackson was the only president to leave office without the country being in debt.

He pushed for the abolishment of the Electoral College saying it put the selection of the president in the hands of political insiders and away from the general public. This he learned

from experience during his first run for the presidency. He won the popular vote in 1824 but John Quincy Adams was inaugurated as president.

"I have but two regrets," the harshly speaking Andrew Jackson said upon leaving the presidency following his second term in 1837. "I regret that I did not hang John C. Calhoun and that I didn't shoot Henry Clay."

Henry Clay was his longtime political nemesis and presidential opponent in 1833. South Carolinian John C. Calhoun was his vice president during his second term as president. At one time Calhoun supported South Carolina's threat to secede from the American Union. Jackson was livid in his reaction to his vice president.

Jackson survived two

assassination attempts while he was president. The most severe was in 1835 at age 66 years. An Englishman drew two pistols and tried to shoot the president outside the Capitol Building. The pistols misfired but were later found to be in perfect condition. The president reacted by beating him with his hickory cane until members of his staff stepped in. This gave additional credence to the president's nickname Old Hickory. Jackson was the first president to personally subdue his would-be assassin. Authorities determined that the man was insane and placed him in an institution.

Andrew Jackson began a relationship with Rachel Donelson Robards, the beautiful daughter of the late John Donelson, one of Nashville's founders.

Rachel was married but separated from her husband Lewis Robards. In 1791 she and Jackson began living as man and wife. They married before her divorce was fully complete and again in 1794 after learning her divorce was final.

Political foes didn't allow the gossip of the scandal to die and this haunted Jackson and his political career, especially in his presidential campaigns. He was fair game when opponents charged him with bigamy and wife-stealing although the latter charge was untrue. Jackson adamantly claimed that he and Rachel believed her first husband had completed the necessary paperwork thus she was free to remarry. The scurrilous talk persisted. Old Hickory continued to live up to his name. As tough as nails he refused to give in to the backbiters and kept pushing forward winning the confidence of voters.

Andrew and Rachel's marriage was a perfect love match, both endeared to each other throughout their lives together. Some of his opponents and contemporaries went too far in speaking ill of Rachel. He wouldn't take it and it led to conflicts and even duels. He survived several duels in his lifetime. Some say as many as ten but perhaps many more. We do know he lived for many years with two bullets lodged in his body from two separate duels, one just inches from his heart.

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August 9th - 24th, 2023

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City Council At Large

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Lucille Foster McMillin

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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While Lucille Foster McMillin is barely remembered today, she was a pioneer for women in public service during her time. Married to Benton McMillin, a member of Congress for twenty years and twice governor of Tennessee, Lucille Foster McMillin was Tennessee's First Lady from 1899-1903. Mrs. McMillin was the second wife of the governor and much younger. Considered a great beauty in her day, Lucille Foster McMillin was a great political asset to her husband and some believed she rivaled the governor in popularity with Tennesseans.

Originally from Louisiana where her father, J. M. Foster, was prominent in business and politics, Lucille McMillin moved to Tennessee after marrying her husband. Unlike most of her contemporaries, Lucille Foster McMillin had the advantages of her father's wealth and was highly educated, having been privately tutored before attending the Mary Baldwin Seminary for three years. Afterward, Lucille Foster went to Paris where she studied languages. Benton McMillin first met Lucille in Washington, D.C., and was immediately smitten. The two were married and the couple had a daughter, Eleanor Foster McMillin.

Unlike most political wives at the time, Lucille Foster McMillin actively and publicly supported her husband throughout his political career. Benton McMillin longed for a seat in the United States Senate and frequently was a candidate for the Senate. Mrs. McMillin campaigned beside and for her husband when he was once again a candidate for governor in 1912. Benton McMillin much preferred to serve in the United States Senate, but Tennessee Democrats implored the popular former governor to challenge the Republican incumbent, Ben W. Hooper. Governor Hooper had first been elected due to a serious split in Tennessee's Democratic party and had been the beneficiary of a combination of Republicans and "Independent" Democrats, who were labeled fusionists by regular Democrats. The fusionists represented a very real threat to regular Democrats and had won both seats in the U.S. Senate. Luke Lea had been elected by the legislature in 1911 and John Knight Shields in 1913, giving the fusionists all three of Tennessee's most important statewide offices. Hooper was a formidable political force, having defeated perhaps the most popular officeholder in the state in 1910, Robert Love Taylor. Taylor had been elected governor three times and had defeated Senator Edward Ward Carmack in a primary election to win a Senate seat. Taylor, like

Benton McMillin, had long had senatorial ambitions and was very reluctant to run yet again for governor. The Democratic party, fractured near to pieces following the administration of controversial governor Malcolm Rice Patterson, begged Taylor to run and he finally agreed. Taylor's defeat shocked just about everybody and the senator was brokenhearted by his rejection by the people of Tennessee. Robert L. Taylor died shortly thereafter following complications from a routine surgery.

Like Robert Love Taylor, Benton McMillin was one of the few candidates available to challenge Governor Ben W. Hooper who would not exacerbate the hard feelings inside Tennessee's Democratic Party. The former governor was acceptable to every faction of the party and unlike Taylor, was eager to run. McMillin campaigned all across the state, along with his wife. Mrs. McMillin frequently made talks of her own, campaigning with her husband, as well as without. Lucille Foster McMillin was especially popular with women's groups, although women still did not then have the right to vote. Mrs. McMillin was hardly less popular with the menfolk as they appreciated her poise, grace, and beauty. Yet Mrs. McMillin's prowess at campaigning could not stave off her husband's defeat by Ben Hooper in 1912, despite a split in the national Republican party.

Following the election of Woodrow Wilson as president, Benton McMillin was appointed Minister to Guatemala, where the couple lived for two years. Governor McMillin was then appointed to serve as America's ambassador to Peru and he and his wife remained in Lima for seven years before returning home to Tennessee. Although seventy-seven years old at the time, Benton McMillin's last political hurrah came in 1922 when he sought to return to the governorship. McMillin faced Clarksville attorney Austin Peay in the Democratic primary and in spite of his advanced years, campaigned vigorously, once again accompanied by his wife Lucille. Peay only narrowly won the Democratic nomination for the right to face Governor Alf Taylor in the general election. It was one of the few times that the Shelby County machine of E. H. Crump made a real difference in the outcome of the race. Peay won a majority of 7,347 votes in Crump's Shelby County and only won the nomination by 4,018 votes statewide.

Benton McMillin returned to his prosperous insurance business in Nashville while his wife became even more active in political affairs. Congressman Cordell Hull had been elected as



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Lucille Foster McMillin, circa 1935.

chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 1921 and prior to the 1924 campaign, Hull appointed Lucille Foster McMillin to serve as the director of a women's organization for the Southern states. Mrs. McMillin enjoyed the work and had been active in a number of other organizations including the James K. Polk Association, the Federation of Women's Clubs, and the National League of Women Voters. As her husband aged, Lucille Foster McMillin's own personal prominence began to eclipse that of the former governor. Benton McMillin's last political post was serving as Tennessee's Democratic National Committeeman. In January of 1933, the 87-year-old former governor was ailing with double pneumonia. McMillin took to his bed and his life slowly ebbed away. The old "Warhorse of Tennessee's Democracy" died on January 8, 1933, after insisting, "I'm feeling fine" and slipping into a coma.

Both Benton and Lucille Foster McMillin had looked forward to Franklin D. Roosevelt taking the oath of office as president of the United States. The former governor had met with Roosevelt's political director, James A. Farley, when the latter was returning from visiting the president-elect in Warm Springs, Georgia. McMillin and Farley had a conference in Chattanooga and there was speculation Roosevelt might appoint the former governor to another diplomatic post. Roosevelt did issue a statement of sorrow upon Benton McMillin's death, but it would be Lucille Foster McMillin that received an appointment from FDR.

Lucille McMillin gave Tennessee governor Hill McAlister a pair of large gold cufflinks her husband had worn for the last twenty years. The cufflinks were engraved with the

initial "M" and Mrs. McMillin explained, "I wanted to give him something I valued very highly myself as a token of Governor McMillin's and my admiration for our faith in Hill McAlister." Mrs. McMillin added, "I told Governor McAlister that the mantle of Benton McMillin had fallen on his shoulders and that I could say nothing better than that. I wanted him to have a small token from his friend."

On May 2, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt announced his intention to appoint Lucille Foster McMillin as a member of the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Cordell Hull, Roosevelt's Secretary of State and Benton McMillin's successor in Congress, as well as Tennessee's powerful senior United States senator, Kenneth McKellar, had touted Mrs. McMillin for the post. While some newspapers at the time thought Mrs. McMillin was appointed to the Civil Service Commission "as a tribute to her late husband," the truth was the governor's widow had long been active in politics in her own right. Cordell Hull knew Lucille Foster McMillin as well as anyone and admired her greatly. Senator McKellar was also a profound admirer of Lucille Foster McMillin and having been a strong supporter of giving women the right to vote, realized the political importance Mrs. McMillin's appointment would have for women in Tennessee. Mrs. McMillin succeeded Miss Jessie Dell as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

Mrs. McMillin's nomination was rapidly approved by the appropriate Senate committee, on which Senator McKellar served. Never bashful about promoting anyone or anything from Tennessee, Senator McKellar quickly had Mrs. McMillin's nomination reported favorably to the full Senate. By May

12, 1933, Lucille Foster McMillin had left Nashville for Washington, D.C. She moved into the Carlton Hotel, which was also the residence of Cordell and Frances Hull in the nation's Capitol. Mrs. McMillin was to take the oath of office as a member of the Civil Service Commission the following day.

Senators Kenneth McKellar and Nathan Bachman, who had been appointed by Governor Hill McAlister to succeed Cordell Hull, accompanied Lucille Foster McMillin to the offices of the Civil Service Commission and introduced her to the staff and her fellow commissioners. Mrs. McMillin was the first Tennessean to serve on the Civil Service Commission.

Lucille Foster McMillin enjoyed her work and was active in Washington, D. C. social life. Mrs. McMillin was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the annual banquet for the Columbian Women of George Washington University in May of 1934. Mrs. McMillin gave the baccalaureate address at Lincoln Memorial University the following year and made the observation, "The biggest job that the Christian citizen has on his hands today is to do his utmost to avert another world war." The University of Tennessee awarded a special degree to Mrs. McMillin following her speech on "The Ideal Citizen."

Lucille Foster McMillin was oftentimes included on the guest list when Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt entertained official Washington. The Nashville Tennessean's social correspondent found Mrs. McMillin in the garden of the White House, which had been festooned with Japanese lanterns for the occasion. Georgia Knox Hudson duly recorded that Mrs. McMillin was "stunningly gowned in dazzling white." Ms. Hudson was also on

hand when Lucille McMillin spoke at a Valentine's Day dinner in Washington, D. C. Noting the speaker wore "a dinner gown of brown organza sprinkled with gold stars", Ms. Hudson barely remembered to recall Lucille McMillin spoke "on the value of cordial relations with the press."

Lucille Foster McMillin was back home in Tennessee to give a speech on "The Progress of Women in Government" in the spring of 1938. Mrs. McMillin also spoke to a gathering of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs, where she stressed her support as a member of the Civil Service Commission for merit appointments. "By doing your best to protect and extend the principles of selection on merit you are doing a vital service to yourselves, your state and your nation," Mrs. McMillin told her audience.

It was Lucille McMillin who made the opening address at Washington's Wardman Park Hotel when delegates gathered from the United States and Canada for the Civil Service Assembly in the fall of 1938. According to Georgia Knox Hudson, Lucille Foster McMillin spoke with "beautifully clear enunciation combined with a beguiling Southern voice." Mrs. McMillin's personal popularity in Washington, D.C., had much to do with her personal charm and wit and was renowned as an excellent storyteller, but she was also taken seriously as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

Mrs. McMillin was reappointed to the Civil Service Commission by President Roosevelt and continued to serve until her health began to fail her. America's entry into the Second World War had caused Washington, D.C., and every agency associated with the government to explode with growth. Like most everyone else, Lucille Foster McMillin worked hard during the war and it was July of 1945 before she could leave for a vacation of more than a week. Mrs. McMillin opted for a visit to Canada and certainly she likely looked forward to the cooler temperatures in Quebec as compared to the heat and humidity of Washington, D.C. On September 14, 1946, Lucille Foster McMillin announced she was resigning as a member of the Civil Service Commission. She was to be replaced by another well-known woman, Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor throughout the administration of Franklin Roosevelt.

Mrs. McMillin remained in Washington as her health continued to fail. Sadly, Mrs. McMillin had outlived her only child before she died on February 25, 1949.

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Seymour Library Chess Club celebrates six years

One is never too young or too old to play chess at Seymour Library according to Chess Club founder Michael Hardin. "We have players from 3 years old up to 83 years young." On any given Thursday they come, novice players, rated players, young and old wanting to learn or play.

The Club began with six boards received with a grant from the US Chess Federation and five players. It now sees anywhere from 15 to 25 players weekly. Along with the tournament boards, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter and Star War boards

have been added to the delight of the younger players.

In April, Seymour Chess Club hosted the 2023 Seymour Spring Scholastic Chess Tournament with Tennessee Chess Region One Scholastic Chess and young players came from surrounding counties to compete. The winners went home with trophies and smiles, and while tears were shed by one or two of the non-winners, they said they'll be back to try again.

There are so many benefits to playing chess according to Hardin. "Socialization, how to win or how to

lose, helps focus, problem solving, memory, exercises the brain, and it's fun. The kids learn quickly and the older players, many who have not played since high school or college, are pleased when their long-forgotten skills return."

Seymour TN Library Chess Club is grateful to have the use of the Community Room at The Williams Branch of Seymour Library and the help from supporters including Gary Jones, and Maria and Levi Roy.

The News is Not All Bad

Have you noticed that life is full of both good news and bad news? Let's say you go to the doctor and the latest scan looked good. That is good news. But it is set against the possibility of something not being right - the bad news - the cancer is back. We all can relate because we have likely had someone come up to us and say, "I've got some good news and some bad news. What do you want first?" Today, we are going to look at Psalm 14, and it has got some good news and some bad news. This first part of this Psalm has the bad news, and the last verse has the good news.

The bad news in the first three verses of Psalm 14 include: all people are corrupt, all have turned away, and no one does good. The book of Psalms is considered wisdom literature and something this does is contrast the foolish way of living with the wise way of living. Truth be told, we have all been fools at some point in time, but hopefully our desire is to grow in wisdom.

So, this Psalm delivers strong theology at the outset: "No one does good." We struggle with this and wonder if this is true. In order to better understand what the text is saying about "no one does good": First, when God talks about a good deed, it is not just what we do that matters, but why we do it. So, if I do something good but my motive is selfish, then that is not a good deed because I did that for my own benefit. Motives are important. Second, sometimes in the middle of our sin we do things that might be considered "good." For example, let's say some guy is having an affair, and on his way to the hotel room, he tips

the hotel manager a lot of money. He appears to be doing a generous thing. But just because he blessed the manager with a wad of money does not make what he is doing right by cheating on his wife. Third, normally when we talk about good, we judge that against the culture. We look at the people around us, friends or acquaintances, and we see how they are living their lives and think, "I'm pretty good compared to them." But God is the one who sets the standard. We don't compare our lives to others. We compare them to God. God gave us the Ten Commandments not because God thought we could keep them, but to show us that we are law breakers. When you look at those commandments in Exodus 20, you realize you are in trouble because you don't always live up to the standard.

Thankfully, Psalm 14 concludes with good news and a great hope (14:7). It doesn't say "if" God restores His people, but "when" God restores His people and that salvation will come out of Zion. Salvation means deliverance. It means someone doing for you what you could not do for yourself. That someone is Jesus. The word, "gospel" literally means "good news." Originally, it was not a Bible word. It meant an announcement of victory. If a battle was won, a herald would announce the good news of the general's victory. The word was then used in the New Testament to describe what Jesus did on the cross to save us and the hope of resurrection that we have. Yes, we are sinners and there is no one righteous, but the good news is that Jesus took our sins on the cross and He has given us His righteousness. What a gift!



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

Farmers Market shoppers who hit New Harvest Park on Thursday were greeted with political signs and many city voters took advantage of putting produce and politics together.

Early voting numbers are down

By Mike Steely
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Early Primary Voting kicked off Wednesday for the city mayor, four city council seats and the municipal judge races. Only 830 people voted on the first two days and, so far, 421 absentee ballots have

been received.

Voting totals in the Knoxville City elections have declined in recent years.

Knox County Election Coordinator Chris Davis said, "64,585. That is the number of voters currently registered to vote in the City of Knoxville that voted

in the 2020 Presidential election. These folks have shown that they can get to the polls for a presidential election, and my message to the voters of Knoxville is to get out and take advantage of early voting!

"There are six early voting sites open until August 24 (excluding Sundays) with

generous hours. There is literally no excuse for registered voters to not cast a ballot for mayor, four city council seats, and municipal judge. If a voter is unsure about whether they are registered, or if they live in the City of Knoxville, they can call our office. We are glad to help."




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Austin-East's marching band dances while it practices in the parking lot area behind the school during the last week of July. The new band director is the woman wearing blue shorts in the upper right corner.



Above: Gibbs' student athletic trainers enjoy a moment together on the sideline. From left to right are Shelby Spears, Gabby Angola, Emeri Gibson and Kylee Pratt. Photo by JJ Spears.

Left: Fulton cheerleaders Addison Stewart (front) and Mazaya Walden get a head start on the football season at the KOC Jamboree Thursday night at Central High. Photo by Donna Stout.



Getting ready for football on and off the field

By Steve Williams

In addition to the football players, high school band members, cheerleaders and student athletic trainers also have been busy getting ready for the 2023 football season the past several weeks.

The Focus got some pictures of the Austin-East marching band practicing on a humid late afternoon, Gibbs' trainers on the sideline with refreshing liquids and first-aid if needed and Fulton cheerleaders getting the fans in the spirit on

the first night of the KOC Jamboree at Central.

Alyx Blumenstock is the new band director at Austin-East and said this year's band had 40 members, but she has already set a goal to almost double that participation number for next year.

"My goal is to have 10 percent of the school's students in the band (and that would make it 70 members) by the end of next year and get it back to the legacy that it used to be," said Blumenstock, who is from New York.

Local teams kick off season at jamborees

By Ken Lay

High school football is officially back as area teams played in front of big crowds and under the bright lights for the first time late last week.

Action began Thursday night with a pair of jamborees that featured one-quarter games at Central High School's Dan Y. Boring Stadium in Fountain City and at Carson Newman University in Jefferson City.

The week's action concluded Friday night with the second half of the Knox County Jamboree at Hardin Valley Academy.

On Thursday at Central, Halls High looked impressive in a 21-0 victory

over The King's Academy.

The Red Devils, who made the playoffs last season, its first under head coach Brent Hughes, despite winning just two games during the regular season, certainly got things off to a fast start Thursday night.

The Halls defense was particularly stingy as the Red Devils did not surrender a first down to the Lions all night. TKA had the ball four times and couldn't generate anything.

Sophomore quarterback Amari Lethgo started for Halls and played the Red Devils' first two offensive series.

He finished a pedestrian 3-for-9 for

55 yards but he did hurl a 35-yard touchdown pass to tight end Drew Ross.

"He started halfway through his freshman year for us," Hughes said of Lethgo. "He's got a great future ahead and he's a great kid and a great talent."

Halls scored its other two touchdowns on the ground as Landon Vest had an 11-yard scoring run and Grayson Dockery had a 47-yard scamper.

In other games at Dan Y. Boring Stadium Thursday:

West 21, Fulton 6: The Rebels, who

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Cogdill will be key for Lions

By David Klein

The King's Academy Lions look to bounce back in Division II-A East after missing the playoffs last year. Coach Jonathan Sellers touts the leadership of offensive and defensive lineman Garrett Cogdill as crucial to his team's success.

"He leads everything up front," Sellers said of Cogdill. The four-year starter is a centerpiece of the Lions.

At the quarterback position, Elijah Williams Smith suffered a leg injury last season and will be out at the start of this season, but Sellers anticipates him being back in about three games. In the meantime, Avery Jordan will get the start while Smith recovers. Sellers feels like Smith's mental part of the game has gotten better and he has shown great growth, according to Sellers.

Alijah Davidson is one of the new faces at linebacker for the Lions. Sellers said he was a key player for the defense last season and his experience will be counted on. When it comes to defensive scheme, the Lions like to play a 3-3-5 stack defense with three linemen, three linebackers

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and five defensive backs.

Offensively, the Lions run a spread offense and Sellers wants his team to be balanced between the run and the pass. "It's a close-knit group," Sellers said.

There are two new opponents on the schedule this season, Providence Christian Academy in Murfreesboro and Ezell-Harding Christian in Antioch. Sellers said the top three teams in the region in past years typically have been Friendship Christian, Middle Tennessee Christian and King's Academy. The region is strong, Sellers said.

Last year, Sellers said his team had the worst luck. "We played with some unexpected injuries; there was not a lot of cohesion." However, this year, the team is going into the season mostly healthy with the exception of Williams Smith. Sellers expects an improvement this year. "Winning is a big thing for us," he said.



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

West High All-State defensive end C.J. Smith (left) and Davis Neely (45) battle on the line of scrimmage in pre-season practice on Aug. 8. The 2023 football season starts for real this week and the Rebels will host Bearden Saturday at 12 noon.

Carryover from state title? 'A lot of confidence'

By Steve Williams

WEST FOOTBALL 2023

Eight players on West High's undefeated state championship team are now playing college football, but don't count out the 2023 Rebels just yet.

"We've got some guys coming back that we feel really good about and they're getting better every day," said Head Coach Lamar Brown after a practice last week.

"When you coach high school football, that's part of it; you're going to have a new team every year."

Offensively, West returns two starters - left tackle John Whitesell and tight end Thad Sterling plus running back Devin Jamison who has experience carrying the ball.

Hunter Dance, a senior, is expected to be the new starting quarterback.

The strength of the Rebels at this point is the defensive unit, which has five starters back, led by end C.J. Smith and inside linebacker Ryan Scott.

Also returning are outside linebacker Anderson Smith plus Syxx Hoard and Marshaun Bowers in a solid secondary.

"Jack Keith, who played a lot for us last year as our third inside linebacker, has done a really good job of stepping into that role next to Scott, who is an All-State inside linebacker. C.J. is another All-State kid that is anchoring the defensive line. He is a big-time prospect and has had quite a few offers. He's done a good job of leading those guys."

Hoard and Bowers also are expected to see action on offense as a wide receiver and running back.

Jones Bolig returns as the team's punter.

"I've been really impressed by the improvement of our offensive line



Proud times! West High has its two state football titles on display in front of the school.

every day," said Coach Brown. "Young kids have gotten better. Their roles have changed a lot since last year. They're just trying to figure out ways to be more consistent in what we do. But they are fighting every day in going against our defensive line. It's a challenge, but it only makes those guys better."

With Week 1 now here, the Rebels will begin preparing for a tough opening game against Bearden, which will be played Saturday at West's Bill Wilson Field.

Brown, who is in his seventh season as head coach at West, commented on the carryover from the state championship. "It's a totally different football team, but our kids have a lot of confidence from that state title. The only thing this team needs is experience right now."

"There's something different when the stands are full and that scoreboard comes on that I fully expect these kids to step

up to that challenge." West's schedule again includes perennial state powers Maryville and Alcoa. "Playing those two teams the past two years have really raised our standard of expectations," said Brown.

The West coach's message to his team after practice last Tuesday was: "I think we are growing up. I think we are getting better every day and that's our goal. As long as we keep doing that we'll be okay ... I think it was maybe our best practice of the year up to this point."

When asked if West had enough to make another run at the state title, Brown answered: "I don't know what the future is going to hold, but we're getting better every day and if we continue to do that, no matter what happens in the regular season, I think we find a way to get in the playoffs and I think this team will be a tough out in the playoffs."

New coach looks for Eagles to overcome adversity

By David Klein

The Seymour Eagles brought in a new football coach for the 2023 season. Patrick Clark is taking over the coaching duties from departing coach Scott Branton. Clark was hired three years ago as a defensive coordinator for the Eagles. He grew up in South Knoxville before moving to North Carolina, where he coached for 20 years. He moved back to Knoxville three years ago to be closer to his mother.

Several key Eagles players return at the skill positions. Sergio Sanchez was the starting running back last season and returns as running back. However, Clark anticipates this season that the Eagles will use their running backs by committee as Dillon King and Josh Gilbert also will contribute at the running back position.

At receiver, Clark looks for good production out of Carson Vines, Jayden Shanklin, Bryson Quick and Zyon Rockett. Clark said Vines was "shifty on the field" and looks forward to moving Shanklin around to get him the ball. Quick is a junior and is a big receiver, Clark said.

Seymour will mix up the run and the pass on offense and Clark said, "We're going to stretch the field horizontally and be balanced to our players."

At quarterback, Blake Johnson returns for his senior year. "He's worked outside of school to improve," Clark said of Johnson. "His decision

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making has gotten better every day."

Defensively, the Eagles return leading tackler Sanchez. Quick will also play safety in addition to wide receiver and is a good, downhill tackler, Clark said. The Eagles run a 3-3-5 Stack defense with three linemen, three linebackers and five defensive backs. "We're going to be aggressive and physical with grit and discipline," Clark said.

Seymour faces a tough schedule this year as the Eagles play in a challenging Region 2-4A, with region opponents Gibbs, Anderson County, Fulton, South-Doyle and Carter. "We start off with a juggernaut right off the bat," Clark said of the Eagles' first game opponent in Gatlinburg-Pittman. Region opponent Anderson County has been a playoff favorite the last few years, Clark said.

Clark said he will be looking to see how the team handles adversity. Last season, a penalty on the Eagles could snowball into a series of bad things happening. For this season, Clark said, "We can't let one bad thing turn into a nuclear bomb. It's a hurdle, to not help people beat us. How we react to adversity, how we handle it, how do we overcome it and how we move forward."



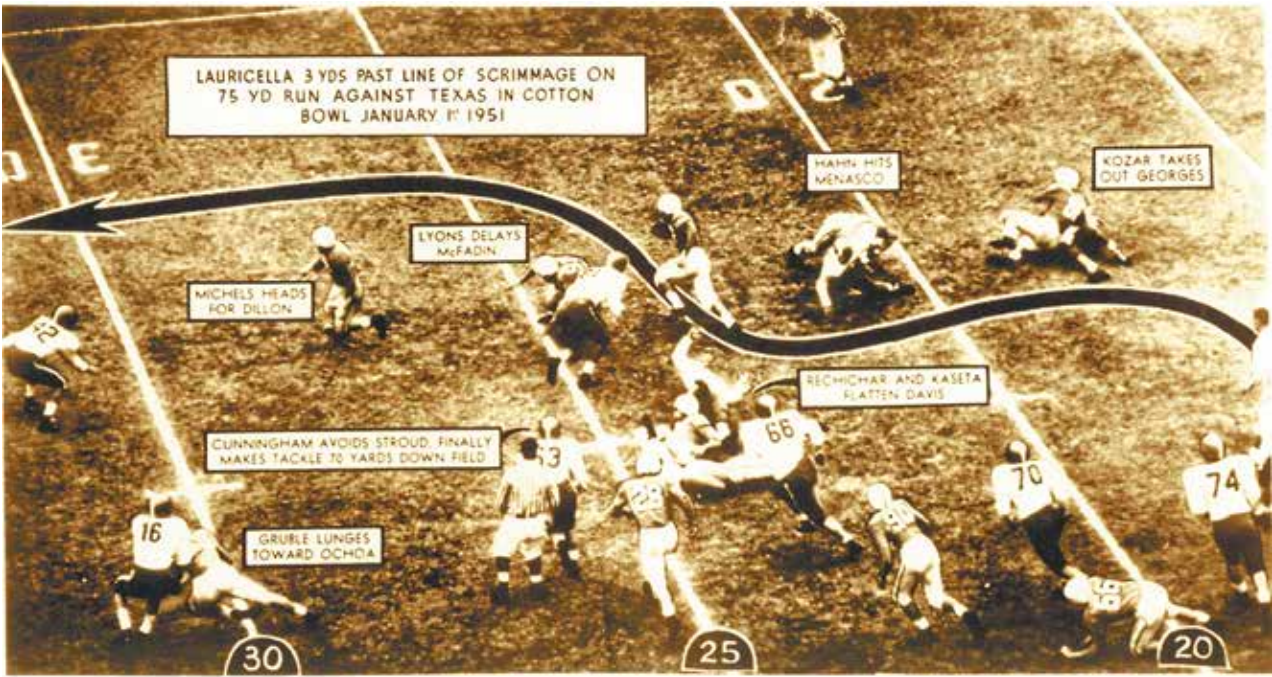
With a play sheet in his hands, West Head Coach Lamar Brown talks with a player between plays during an Aug. 8 practice at Bill Wilson Field.

'Wait 'til you see that run on the newsreels'

Radio play-by-play announcers from a long-ago day, exemplified by Bill Stern and Ted Husing, were quite good in describing a game their listeners couldn't see. Here's an example.

The venue was the 1951 Cotton Bowl. Stern was at the NBC microphone for Tennessee versus Texas. Texas was favored, but Gen. Bob Neyland had instilled a spirit in his team that gave the Vols a fighting chance, despite being out-weighted across the board. The Vols hadn't lost since late September and had pitched five shutouts in the nine games since.

The Vols had three future College Football Hall of Fame members—Hank Lauricella, John Michels, and Doug Atkins—on the squad, plus Neyland, so that had to have helped. Here's the way Stern described Lauricella's 75-yard run in the first quarter, taken from a wire recording of the game. It's one of the top runs in Tennessee football history, and Stern's commentary makes it even more so. (Keep in mind that a great many things can happen to an announcer describing a game in front of a live microphone, so the transcript of the play-by-play may have an inaccuracy or two.)



NBC's Bill Stern made a special contribution to Tennessee football history with his play-by-play of Hank Lauricella's 75-yard run in the 1951 Cotton Bowl.

It's Tennessee's ball, first-and-10, at the Vol 20. The Vols are moving to the north end of the Cotton Bowl. Cue the tape.

"Single-wing right. Hank Lauricella is the tailback," Stern reported. "He's going outside his own right end. He's up to the 25, the 30, into the clear at the 35, the 40, the 45, the 50, down to the 45.

"He's hemmed in at the 43 [NOTE: How good was Bill Stern? He's followed Lauricella every five yards, yet is able to note exactly where he was "hemmed in"], gets away, down to the 25. He's still running. He's down to the 20, reverses his field once more to the 15, the 10, and he's finally knocked down at the 5-yard

line by Harley Sewell."

But that wasn't all. Stern quickly brought the run into perspective for his listeners, showing the acumen that made him one of radio's best-known play-by-play men ever.

"Hank Lauricella went 85 [actually 75] yards for Tennessee, and time is out. Hank Lauricella went 85 yards. He started on his own 5 [actually the 20], zig-zagged all the way up the field. He was almost out of bounds on two occasions.

"It looked like they had him pinned against the sidelines. Each time, he did a tightrope act. Stayed in bounds and, at the 30, it looked like the whole Texas team had a shot at him. He got down to the five, and

Harley Sewell got him."

More perspective.

"It's first-and-five and, believe me, wait 'til you see that run on the newsreels. That was a thriller. He did a tightrope act on the sideline that would make any tight-rope walker jealous and, when he got to the center of the field, he broke into the clear about the 50, started zig-zagging on the 40. Since he was zig-zagging and they were running straight, they could overtake him.

"They hit him from behind on about the 40, and somehow, he managed to elude the grasp of four Texans. He completely reversed his field, spun on a dime, handed them eight cents in change, cut toward the center of the field, and

again burst into the clear at the 25. He eluded three more men and got down to the five, and Harold [Herky] Payne has taken his place."

For the record, Tennessee scored after Lauricella's run on a fourth-down pass from Payne to tight end John Gruble, but trailed 14-7 at the half.

Herky didn't play much after his TD pass to Gruble, saying he "threw for one... through for the day." He would tell that story on a

moment's notice at the Knoxville Quarterback Club, Long's Drug Store, or S&S Cafeteria and enjoy it heartily.

Neyland had predicted the Vols would rally in the second half. That's exactly what happened. The Vols won the fourth quarter 13-0, as Andy Kozar scored twice and Jimmy (Cowboy) Hill had a key interception and fumble recovery.

After Kozar's first touchdown, Pat Shires had missed the extra point but Neyland had words of inspiration, telling him, "We didn't come down here to tie." Shires booted the point after Kozar's second score, making the final tally 20-14.

There is continuing debate about the merits of the 1950 11-1 Tennessee team versus the 10-1 1951 national championship Vol squad. Both teams were among Neyland's best in his three tenures as Tennessee head coach. On this day, however, the Vols pulled off an upset that caught the attention of the football world. That would lead to the Vols winning 18 of their next 22 games with one tie, ending Neyland's tenure as head coach.

First-year coach Warren thinks Bishop-less Beavers can maintain recent success

Two years ago, Karns High School won its first playoff football game in school history. Last year, the Beavers again made the playoffs, and finished 7-4.

All-State - All-Nation runner-up DeSean Bishop was a huge reason for the two-year run. Bishop will wear Orange for the Vols this fall, but KHS first-year coach Lee Warren believes the team can carry on the newfound winning tradition.

power in his stable, which includes senior Kareem Ellis (5-8, 185), junior Doug Turner (6-0, 185), senior Trystan Duke (5-6, 150), and sophomore Levi Williams (5-5, 135).

Warren's strongest unit might be at receiver. Three seniors - Matthew Eldridge (6-1, 205), Gavin Duke (5-6, 150), and Walker Lockhart (6-2, 180) - are all returning starters.

will be at one defensive end; junior Alex Idol (5-10, 225) will be at the other to fill out the three-down line. Boggess played JV last year; Idol played the last two years at linebacker.

"Solid in our starting group, looking for guys to add some depth," Warren said. "Our three down guys all have great ability, they can move well and they're strong in the weight room."

punting and kicking duties. Multiple players can return punts and kicks.

Warren is confident the team won't backtrack without Bishop.

"We're built around work ethic and high energy," Warren said. "Facilitating positive energy. We have a chip on our shoulder."

"Guys have been working hard; they're excited. We're eager to prove we've turned a corner."

The Beavers open against Hardin Valley Academy - Warren's alma mater - on August 18. The first Region (3-5A) game is at home against Oak Ridge September 8.

"A lot of people are expecting us to not be as good this year, but it's a chance to overachieve and prove some people wrong," Warren said. "(A chance to show) we're not a one-trick pony. We've grown, and we're a program that's here to stay for a while."

Junior Carson Paul (5-7, 165), a two-year backup quarterback, is poised to take over as the starter. Warren's backups will be freshman Ben Stiles (5-10, 160), and sophomore Sam Akers (5-10, 170).

"We feel good about Carson," Warren said. "He's a leader; he has a better understanding of the offense and is a good decision-maker."

Filling Bishop's shoes will be no small task for the Beavers' running backs. But Warren thinks his by-committee approach can be effective.

"Having a stable of backs like that allows us to be more multiple," Warren said. "Teams can't key on us as much."

Warren has both speed

Receiver should be a strength for us," said Warren. "It's gonna be up to us to distribute the ball to them." Warren said whether his offense will be run- or pass-first will depend on the defense he encounters.

In the offensive trenches, two seniors will be at tackle: Evan Sharp (6-2, 310) at left, and Kaden Parks (6-1, 285) on the right. Junior Austin Kirk (5-10, 200) will play center.

Returning starter senior Brody Cassell (6-0, 250) will man one of the guard positions while sophomore Keegan Teffetteller (5-10, 285) will play the other.

"We lost some big boys last year and we're inexperienced," Warren said "But we have some depth and some good senior leadership."

Cassell will earn his keep this fall, playing nose guard - for the third year on the D-line as well as offensive guard. Junlor Ethan Boggess (6-0, 200)

Warren's multi-alignment linebacking corps will include Ellis on the inside for the third year, as well as senior returning starter Niyonyishu Frank (5-8, 185). Idol, Eldridge, and sophomore Weston Ritter (6-0, 180) will fill out the multiple package.

"The inside linebackers bring a lot of experience back, they understand the defense well," said Warren. "We're looking for some guys to step up and be explosive."

Returning experience abounds for Warren in the secondary. Both corners - Trystan Duke and senior Terry Sutton (5-10, 170) - return to the position, while Lockhart and Gavin Duke return at safety. Junior Daesean Huckleby (6-0, 190) will help at safety.

"A strength of our team," Warren said. "A lot of athletic playmakers, good depth. We're gonna try to play to that strength."

Senior Blake Dawson will handle both the



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Leading the way in longevity and loyalty

By Steve Williams

High school football assistant coaches are rarely in the spotlight. But there are some that deserve to be for their longevity and loyalty.

With the 2023 season kicking off this week, local head coaches were asked to send in the names of assistant coaches who had been at their school for 10 or more years.

Needless to say, head coaches were pleased to get the opportunity to recognize the longtime assistants.

Gibbs High had four assistants who fit the description, while Webb School had two. Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Seymour and Austin-East had one each.

There are 20 schools in The Focus' coverage area that were contacted.

GIBBS

Todd Atkins has been coaching running backs and safeties for 20 years.

"Coach Atkins and I graduated from Gibbs together in 1996," said Gibbs Head Coach Brad Turner. "We played ball together growing up and all through high school."

Tyler Kitts, the Eagles' offensive coordinator, has been coaching quarterbacks for 15 years.

"I coached Tyler my first year at Gibbs in 2004," said Turner. "He does so much more than just coach. He is very much involved in everything we do from football, designs, apparel and community involvement."

Gibbs' new defensive coordinator, Austin Calfee, has coached the Eagles' linebackers for 10 years.

"Austin played linebacker

for me for four years when I was the defensive coordinator," said Turner. "He was a coach on the field when he played and we made sure to offer him a job after graduating. He knows how I think and has a passion for tough guy football."

Chris Jones has been at Gibbs for 16 years and coaches defensive ends and tight ends.

"Coach Jones was my mentor teacher when I first came to Gibbs," recalled Turner. "We coached baseball together in 2005 and football 16 years. He has a great feel for how things are going and what needs to change."

Atkins also is head track and field coach at Gibbs and Jones is assistant baseball coach, too.

FARRAGUT

For 23 years, Tom Doucette has been defensive line coach at Farragut. He also has been the strength training coach / discipline mentor for the program.

"Tom has loved on our players with a discipline, blue collar, committed and accountability approach," said Farragut Head Coach Eddie Courtney. "He continues to be in their lives years after they graduate."

HARDIN VALLEY

Rudy Furman is an "original Hawk" and has been at Hardin Valley Academy since the school opened in 2008 - 16 years ago, said Head Coach Jeff Miner. "He coaches our outside linebackers and handles all things technology and hardware for us."

Miner, who is beginning

his second season at HVA, also pointed out that Rudy has been "super instrumental" in helping him get acquainted with the Hardin Valley community. "He has long standing relationships with youth and middle school coaches and has helped us bridge that gap."

"He also knows the history of all things and helps us understand how things work around here. His kids attend Hardin Valley schools, so he knows a lot of the other kids and parents in Hardin Valley."

WEBB SCHOOL

Head Coach Don Mahoney said Jay Moore is Webb's defensive line and strength coach entering his 24th season, while Kevin Julian is the Spartans' defensive coordinator entering his 12th season.

"They are tremendous teachers of fundamentals and technique," said Mahoney. "Jay and Kevin communicate well with our athletes and love Webb. We are fortunate to have men who do a great job with our student-athletes."

SEYMOUR

Darrel Lauderdale topped the list with 31 years as defensive line coach at Seymour High and has been a defensive coordinator. He is also the Seymour Junior High head coach.

"Darrel is Seymour through and through," said Head Coach Terry Clark. "He loves the community, the school, and the students. He is embedded in this program and willing to go above and beyond to make it the best possible program we can have. He is



PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS.

Todd Atkins, Austin Calfee, Chris Jones, Tyler Kitts, Brad Turner of Gibbs High.

Tom Doucette
Farragut HighRudy Furman
Hardin ValleyKevin Julian
Webb SchoolJay Moore
Webb SchoolDarrel Lauderdale
SeymourCoach David "Mo" Ligon
Austin-East

AUSTIN-EAST

David "Mo" Ligon is "Coaching in his 25th season now. Offensive quality control," according to A-E Head Coach Antonio Mays.

Local teams kick off season at jamborees

Cont. from page 1

went a perfect 15-0 in 2022 on their way to a Class 5A State Championship, have certainly picked up where they left off last season as the crushed the Falcons.

West scored its first TD on defense as defensive back Marshaun Bowers found the end zone at the end of a 50-yard interception return.

He also shined on offense. As a running back, he had two carries for 36 yards before calling it a night early and heading to the bench. His two carries on offense set up the Rebels' second score as the possession took just three plays and ended when quarterback Hunter Dance lofted a 67-yard scoring strike to Thad Sterling.

Syxx Hoard scored the Rebels' final touchdown on a 47-yard run.

The Falcons scored their lone touchdown of the evening when senior quarterback has a scoring run from 47 yards out.

Carter 7, Karns 7: The Hornets culminated a long scoring drive with a touchdown run by James Scruggs, which came from 11 yards out. The drive, which came on Carter's first possession, covered 78 yards on 11 plays.

The Beavers, under first-year head coach Lee Warren, answered in the final minute of the quarter. Freshman quarterback Ben Styles tossed a 35-yard touchdown pass to Elsberry Truvon.

Area Jamboree Scores

Thursday

Knox County Jamboree at Central High School

Carter 7, Karns 7
West 21, Fulton 6
Central 7, Farragut 7

Carson-Newman Jamboree in Jefferson City

Catholic 14, Clinton 6
Morristown East 6, Grace Christian Academy 6
Christian Academy of Knoxville 3, Morrystown East 0

Friday

Knox County Jamboree at Hardin Valley Academy

Bearden 21, Gibbs 0
Webb School of Knoxville 14, Austin-East 0
Campbell County 14, South-Doyle 7
Powell 10, Hardin Valley Academy 7

Central 7, Farragut 7: The host Bobcats salvaged a tie when quarterback Samuel Myers threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Daniel Sackie. The TD culminated a 14-play, 80-yard drive.

The Admirals, who went 9-3 in 2022, started the game with a long drive of their own. Farragut matriculated the ball 80 yards down the field on nine plays and running back Wyatt Drummy finished things with a 14-yard run.

In Thursday's games in Jefferson City:

Catholic 14, Clinton 6: Braylon Harman had a 27-yard scoring scamper and Jayden Neal threw a 70-yard scoring strike to Tyreek King to lead the Irish to victory over the Dragons.

Neal threw for 111 yards for Catholic.
Grace Christian Academy 6, Morrystown East 6: The Rams' Steven Riffey scored on a 42-yard run to help

Grace play the Hurricanes to a tie.

Christian Academy of Knoxville 3, Morrystown 0: The Warriors gashed the Hurricanes' defense on an 18-play drive that led to a 26-yard field goal by Shepard Gaston, which represented the only points of the contest.

During halftime of the event at Carson-Newman, players participated in a skills competition. Area winners included Harmon (who prevailed in the running backs race); Alex Sponica (Grace) won the quarterback throw and the Rams' Lucas Hollifield had the longest punt.

The Knox County Jamboree concluded Friday night at HVA.

Bearden 21, Gibbs 0: The Bulldogs will open the regular season Saturday in a high noon showdown as West. Bearden was impressive in its final tune-up

against the Eagles, who managed just two first downs on four offensive possessions.

Bearden quarterback Drew Parrott had two touchdown passes and transfer and Purdue commitment Jaheim Merriweather had a 23-yard scoring run.

Webb 14, Austin-East 0: Spartans' new head coach Don Mahoney had to like what he saw from his team Friday night against the Roadrunners.

Quarterback Jack Wagner amassed 105 yards while completing 3-of-5 passes. He threw for one touchdown and ran for another, leading Webb to victory.

Campbell County 14, South-Doyle 7: The Cherokees went up against the Cougars and one of the best quarterbacks in the area, junior Landen Hensley.

Hensley went 7-for-8 and amassed 98 yards and threw a touchdown pass. The Cherokees scored on a 46-yard scamper from junior running back Marquail Patterson.

Powell 10, Hardin Valley 7: The Panthers won a thriller as Dylan Stookbury converted a 32-yard field goal on the final play of the contest.

Powell sophomore quarterback Deuce Rodgers scored Powell's TD on a 77-yard scamper. He finished the night with 82 rushing yards.

R.J. Bernardo had a 3-yard touchdown plunge for the Hawks.

Bearden and West to collide in Week 1 opener

By Steve Williams

Bearden and West will square off at high noon Saturday at Bill Wilson Field to wrap up the Week 1 local high school football schedule for 2023.

Lamar Brown's Rebels are the defending Class 5A state champions and went 15-0 last year. The Bulldogs are in their second season under Coach Josh Jones and one of the up-and-coming Class 6A programs in Region 2.

West opened the season last year with a 27-7 win at Bearden.

Headliners on Friday include Anderson County, the defending Class 4A state champion, at Powell and Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett at Farragut.

Some Friday rivalry matchups pit Central at Fulton in the Battle of Broadway, Karns at Hardin Valley, TKA at GCA and Seymour at Gatlinburg-Pittman.

Halls will host Campbell County in the Rivalry Thursday TV game.

Rounding out the schedule Friday will be CAK at Darlington, S.C., Sevier County at Carter, Lakeway Christian at Catholic, BGA at Webb, South-Doyle at Lenoir City, Gibbs at Union County and Austin-East at William Blount.

Games kick off at 7 p.m.

TSD SEASON OPENER: The Vikings will host Louisiana School for the Deaf in their first game of the season Saturday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m.

PRESEASON COMMIT: Powell defensive end Steven Soles Jr. has committed to Kentucky.

MISS H.S. KICK-OFF: Kate Bruce, a Farragut senior, has been named Miss High School Kick-Off for 2023. Kate is the senior class president at FHS and she also is involved in Teens for Christ, Hope Squad, DECA and Musical Theatre.

Kick-Off's 2023 Preseason All-Stars

Juwaan Troutman, Austin-East QB
Sam Tummins, Bearden WR-DB
Austin Delp, CAK OL-DL
Spencer Russell, Carter WR-DB
Jayden Neal, Catholic QB
Frank Johnson IV, Central RB-LB
Jack Alley, Farragut TE-LB
Dexter Lewis, Fulton WR-DB
Boone Brockwell, Gibbs SB-DB
Weston Edmondson, GCA
Caleb Turner, Halls OL-DL
Ayden Turner, HVA OL-DL
Walker Lockhart, Karns WR
Steven Soles Jr., Powell DL
Jaedyn Begovich, South-Doyle OL-DL
Cooper Cameron, Webb LB-TE
C.J. Smith, West DL

Former Standard Knitting Mill employees hold reunion

By Ken Lay

It was a time to see old friends, have a little food and talk about memories as the former workers at the Standard Knitting Mill held their annual employees reunion.

The 2023 reunion was hosted by the John T. O'Connor Senior Center in East Knoxville on Saturday, Aug. 5.

The mill opened in 1900 and manufactured underwear, sweatshirts and sweatpants for many of the top department stores of the time, including, J.C. Penney, Montgomery Ward and Sears.

"The mill shut down in 1990 and we've had reunions since we've closed," said former employee Harold Finley, who served as the Director of Purchasing. "We had a 3,600-square-foot factory and we made men's underwear.

"And later on, we branched out and started making sweatshirts, sweatpants and things like that."

For a time, the mill was the largest employer in Knoxville. The pay wasn't the highest, but people



Former Standard Knitting Mill employees Harold Finley, Sue Walker and Lynn Johnson at the company's recent annual reunion in East Knoxville. Standard Knitting Mill was open for nearly nine decades and was once the city's largest employer.

came and some stayed for a long time.

"A lot of people came and some of them stayed for 40 years," Finley said. "It wasn't that you came to

and got rich," Finley said. "It was about the people and it was a place where you could always get a job.

"Some people came to work there while they were

waiting to get a job."

The work wasn't always easy.

"I always admired the women who sewed," Finley said. "They had a big

sewing machine with a big motor and it was hot. The motor got so hot and you had to be productive to make money."

One former employee,

Sue Walker, said that working with the sewing machines made her assess her life values.

"It was so hot that it straightened your life out," said Walker, now 93. "It made you live a better life because you didn't want to be that hot for eternity."

Like many youngsters of the time, Walker said she had to go to work as a teenager.

"I worked there for 43 years and I started when I was 16," she said. I had to lie about my age. You had to be 17.

"But I had to go to work. It was a necessity. I didn't have a choice, but it was a good place to work."

Another former employee, Lynn Johnson worked for Standard Knitting Mill for three decades and served as the company's Vice President of Finance.

He takes great pride in one aspect of the company.

"We had 3,500 employees and we were the largest employer in Knoxville and had the biggest payroll, and in 30 years, nobody ever missed a paycheck," he said.

Finding Uncle Luke's Moonshine Still

We're blessed to have so many options for outdoor adventures in our region. Over the years I've ventured here and there in our mountains looking for interesting and abandoned places and linking some of those trips with my own family history. Sometimes what you find is close to the heart.

I'm sharing this adventure with you and the folk of Jellico, Tennessee, where I spent many of my adult years running the newspaper there.

Back in Jellico, I had many adventurous friends who, like I, enjoyed exploring rock shelters and caves and researching local history. Those adventures, I'm sure, worried the wives of those involved as occasionally we didn't return home when promised.

My fellow explorers included Roy Price, Keith Hausman, and many other friends and associates. We had many escapades like dropping into the High Cliff

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

pit, crawling around in Mud Creek Cave, walking through a marijuana patch on the way out of another cave, getting stuck in cramped passageways, and visiting the Cumberland Mammoth Cave in Elk Valley many times.

I have a description of many of the shelters and caves on file at the Jellico Library.

There is one special adventure that Roy and I had on the backside of Pine Mountain above Crouches Creek. That's my ancestral home area and I explored the mountain before and after I-75 cut through the mountain.

Years ago my late Uncle Luke told me that his father and my grandfather, Charlie Douglas, had a moonshine still that was never raided or destroyed. He told me what remained in the rock shelter with a vague description of where it was. My uncle had told me they left the still in place when my grandfather was arrested for



Roy reassembles the old still for a picture.

moonshining. Roy and I searched for it a few times and eventually one day, when walking back up the mountain to return home, we spotted a dark spot high on a cliff peeking through a thick patch of mountain laurel.

We stopped our walk, slowly climbed up the sheer rock face, and crawled out of the laurel to

discover my grandfather's abandoned still site.

Roy and I explored the shelter and found a stream at the back that supplied water for the operation, a buried barrel in the floor, and pieces of the still. We put the pieces together, more or less, for this photo. Uncle Luke had told me that they stored empty Coca

Cola syrup bottles and we found them also, but all of them were cracked. Everything else but the copper pipes were still there.

It felt as if my grandfather and uncle had just been there. We discovered a pathway on the right side of the shelter and followed it to the top of the bluff. I marked the hidden trail with an empty Coke can, wedging it between the limbs of a small tree there, so we could find the site again without having to climb up the rockface.

Shortly after that, Old Man Slidell told me that he and Grandpa Douglas had walked along the top of the bluff and Grandpa was going to show him the shelter. Slidell said that my grandfather walked ahead and, shocking Slidell, he jumped off the edge of the bluff and disappeared. Slidell ran to the bluff to find my grandfather standing just below him on the little path that led around and down to the shelter.

The still probably still exists down Dog Slaughter Hollow but, unless you know where to look, you'll never find it. The lawmen never did.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: TOSHA L LEE
IN RE: CHRISTOPHER K. LEE
VS. TOSHA L LEE
NO. 206836-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TOSHA L. LEE, 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 TOSHA L. LEE, it is ordered that said defendant, TOSHA L. LEE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Samuel B. Tipton, an Attorney whose address is 611 S. Washington Street Maryville, Tennessee 37804 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 19 day of July 2023.

J SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ANGELA NEWCOMB DANIELS
-Vs- KEITH DANIELS
Docket# 156960**

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 KEITH DANIELS 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 KEITH DANIELS.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by ANGELA NEWCOMB DANIELS, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SCOTT B. HAHN, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 5344 N. BROADWAY SUITE 101 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918, 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 30TH day of MAY, 2023.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

In the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee

In re Estate of Katherine Denton Hodge, Deceased Felicia Coalson Administrator, v. Barry D. Reddick, Bradley H. Reddick, Ellen Reddick, and Allen Denton, Respondents.

No. 23-87462-2

From the sworn Petition for Sale of Real Property and for Order requesting service of process by publication and the entire record, the Court finds that the whereabouts of the Respondents Barry D. Reddick, Bradley H. Reddick, Ellen Reddick, and Allen Denton are unknown and, after a diligent inquiry, cannot be ascertained or they have not accepted service. It is therefore ORDERED that the Respondents Barry D. Reddick, Bradley H. Reddick, Ellen Reddick, and Allen Denton shall be served by publication of the following notice in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper located in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, as provided by law.

Notice

TO: Barry D. Reddick, Bradley H. Reddick, Ellen Reddick, and Allen Denton

It is ordered that said Respondents, Barry D. Reddick, Bradley H. Reddick, Ellen Reddick, and Allen Denton file an answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Felicia Coalson, an Attorney whose address is Owings, Wilson, & Coleman 900 S. Gay Street, Suite 800, Knoxville, Tennessee within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or the real property of Katherine Denton Hodge located at 2433 Alberta Dr. Knoxville, TN 37920 will be sold. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
ENTERED July 17, 2023.

Richard B. Armstrong, Jr., Chancellor

Approved for Entry: Felicia Coalson,
Administrator
Owings Wilson Coleman
900 S. Gay Street, Suite 800
Knoxville, TN 37902
(865) 521-2342

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: DOMINIC MICHAEL LEONE
IN RE: KRISTEN SYLVIA LEONE v.
DOMINIC MICHAEL LEONE**

NO. 203653-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DOMINIC MICHAEL LEONE, 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 DOMINIC MICHAEL LEONE, it is ordered that said defendant, DOMINIC MICHAEL LEONE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Sarah C. Easter, an Attorney whose address is 7417 Kings-ton Pike, Ste. 202 Knoxville, Tennessee 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of July 2023.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk And Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LAVERNE H ADAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 88224-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAVERNE H ADAMS who died Feb 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:

(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 26 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LAVERNE H ADAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALVIN N ADAMS; CO-EXECUTOR
724 PRYSE FARM BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

ALTA WILFONG; CO-EXECUTOR
13030 RENAISSANCE LANE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM LESTER BECK, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 87962-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JULY 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM LESTER BECK, JR. who died April 18, 2023, were issued 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
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 31 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LESTER BECK, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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12851 LILY POND LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DANIEL A BOWMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 88255-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DANIEL A BOWMAN who died Nov 11, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 26 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DANIEL A BOWMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GWENDOLYN TAYLOR; EXECUTRIX
1231 COOPER ROAD
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARGARET GRACE BURGESS
DOCKET NUMBER 88214-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET GRACE BURGESS who died Jun 12, 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 17 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARGARET GRACE BURGESS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN R BURGESS; EXECUTOR
7756 OAK RIDGE HWY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY MAXINE COKER
DOCKET NUMBER 88139-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of

JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY MAXINE COKER who died Jun 9, 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 19 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY MAXINE COKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY COKER HAMPTON; ADMINISTRATRIX
3162 VALLEY GROVE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EVELYN DUNNING
DOCKET NUMBER 87747-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVELYN DUNNING who died Dec 19, 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 21 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF EVELYN DUNNING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NATALIE M PASTOR; ADMINISTRATRIX
7000 WAKAN LANE
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL ROBERT FORD
DOCKET NUMBER 87541-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL ROBERT FORD who died Jan 22, 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 21 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL ROBERT FORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KRISTI L HOPWOOD; ADMINISTRATRIX
2460 CLINGING VINE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

PATRICK MCKENRICK ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE FOSTER
DOCKET NUMBER 88217-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT EUGENE FOSTER who died Jul 2, 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 17 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE FOSTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HAROLD EUGENE FOSTER;
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
4300 CLACK ROAD
AUBURN, GA 30011

TERRY DWAYNE FOSTER;
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
8411 PEDIGO ROAD
POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHRISTINA STAVROS GILLESPIE
DOCKET NUMBER 88044-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINA STAVROS GILLESPIE

who died March 2, 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:
(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 28 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINA STAVROS GILLESPIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRANK L. COMBS
6541 AUTUMN KAYLA LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

BAILEY SCHIERMEYER ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 3804
KNOXVILLE, TN 37927

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM S HARBAUGH
DOCKET NUMBER 88213-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM S HARBAUGH who died May 26, 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 17 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM S HARBAUGH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LIVIA D HARBAUGH; EXECUTRIX
3040 SHROPSHIRE BLVD
POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BENJAMIN HOOPER HARRISON, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 87629-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JULY, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BENJAMIN HOOPER HARRISON, JR., who died February 1, 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:

(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 31 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BENJAMIN HOOPER HARRISON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAUL DOUGLAS HARRISON
1926 PLUMB CREEK CR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

WAYNE WYKOFF, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 31526
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTY LOU HUFFAKER
DOCKET NUMBER 88171-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY LOU HUFFAKER who died May 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:

(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 21 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BETTY LOU HUFFAKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WICKIE S WALTER; CO-EXECUTRIX
129 STELLAR PKWY
RINGGOLD, GA 30736

DEBORAH STRETCHER; CO-EXECUTRIX
5881 US 127
SIGNAL MTN, TN. 37377

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL ANTHONY MCGUIRE
DOCKET NUMBER 88142-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of

administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL ANTHONY MCGUIRE, who died January 23, 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:

(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 31 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL ANTHONY MCGUIRE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JUDITH KANE MCGUIRE
12827 AUKLET LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

JULIE D. EISENHOWER ATTORNEY
217 S PETERS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF THERESA DIANE MIX
DOCKET NUMBER 88160-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THERESA DIANE MIX who died Jun 2, 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 27 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF THERESA DIANE MIX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMMY SIMMONS; ADMINISTRATRIX
2911 HILLSIDE AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GREGORY K SHOEMAKER
DOCKET NUMBER 88220-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GREGORY K SHOEMAKER who died Mar 17, 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

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHERYL LYNN COLDWATE DOCKET NUMBER 88026-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JULY, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHERYL LYNN COLDWATE who died on January 23, 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:

(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 31 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHERYL LYNN COLDWATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CORY A. JOHNSON
10817 FLY WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

JERRY M. MARTIN, ATTORNEY
112 KLENLEIGH CT., STE. 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE ANN COLEMAN DOCKET NUMBER 88234-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE ANN COLEMAN who died June 29, 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 3 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE ANN COLEMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD O. COLEMAN
8506 SEVIERVILLE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ANDREW M. HALE ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CANDACE DARLENE DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 88083-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CANDACE DARLENE DAVIS who died Jan 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:

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

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

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

This the 28 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CANDACE DARLENE DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MANDY DAVIS; ADMINISTRATRIX
419 RANGER LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. DEVORE DOCKET NUMBER 88240-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA L. DEVORE who died on June 17, 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:

(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 8 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. DEVORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RUSSELL F. DEVORE, III
9700 TUNBRIDGE LN.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

REBECCA D. ABBOTT ATTORNEY
118 HUXLEY RD., SUITE 7
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARA W. FAULKNER DOCKET NUMBER 87895-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CLARA W. FAULKNER who died August 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 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLARA W. FAULKNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN FAULKNER YOUNG
709 MCCAMMON ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

STEPHEN M. BOYETTE, JR. ATTORNEY
800 S GAY STREET SUITE 1200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN GEORGE FRALEY DOCKET NUMBER 88245-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEAN GEORGE FRALEY who died May 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 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:

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

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

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

This the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF JEAN GEORGE FRALEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH F. MARTIN
424 CREEKVIEW LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

GLEN A KYLE ATTORNEY
4931 HOMBERG DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AUGUSTA FINCH GEORGE DOCKET NUMBER 87845-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of AUGUSTA FINCH GEORGE who died June 16, 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:

(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; 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 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF AUGUSTA FINCH GEORGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BENNET EDWIN GEORGE
423 MONFORT ROAD
STARKVILLE, MS 39759

SUSAN GEORGE KOHLMAN
4554 GRAVELLY HILLS ROAD
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

LAUREN E. SMITH, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE PHYLLIS ASCHER HARRALSON DOCKET NUMBER 87845-1

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE PHYLLIS ASCHER HARRALSON, who died on December 24, 2022, were issued to DANIEL OLIVER HARRALSON by the above-named Court. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the said 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 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE PHYLLIS
ASCHER HARRALSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DANIEL OLIVER HARRALSON
702 FARRAGUT COMMONS DRIVE
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

GERALD L. GULLEY, JR., ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 158
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANNA LYNN HAYES HAYNES DOCKET NUMBER 87793-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DIANNA LYNN HAYES HAYNES who died Feb 4, 2023, were issued to 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 26 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DIANNA LYNN HAYES HAYNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID E WALKER; EXECUTOR
312 TYSON STREET
PENSACOLA, FL 32506

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGIE LEE HOLDEN DOCKET NUMBER 88252-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MARGIE LEE HOLDEN, who died May 17, 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 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 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 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARGIE LEE HOLDEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANNA LEE HOLDEN
7625 BENNINGTON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

CORT SIKES, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 31526
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS TERRY HOWELL DOCKET NUMBER 88242-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of THOMAS TERRY HOWELL, who died June 9, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF THOMAS T. HOWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMY HOWELL HOUSER
5212 YORKTOWN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

BRADLEY H. HODGE, ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER ALAN LEE DOCKET NUMBER 87956-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER ALAN LEE who died November 13, 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:

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

This the 2 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER ALAN LEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)

BRENDA ANN LEE
5600 KESTERBROOKE BOULEYARD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

JOEL A. CANNON, JR., ATTORNEY
2924 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE F
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JONI JONES LOVEDAY DOCKET NUMBER 88167-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JONI JONES LOVEDAY who died March 7, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 3 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF JONI JONES LOVEDAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JORDAN ELIZABETH MILLER
6638 BRACKETT ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

ALLEN W. BLEVINS, ATTORNEY
4817 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY L MADDERRA DOCKET NUMBER 88199-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY L MADDERRA who died Jan 29, 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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(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 24 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY L MADDERRA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONNA THOMPSON; ADMINISTRATRIX
9520 SAINT THOMAS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF A.C. MASINGILL, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 88248-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of A.C. MASINGILL, JR. who died June 8, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF A.C. MASINGILL, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAREN VAN DYK
7000 HODGES FERRY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

SUSAN WALKER
8800 MOSSY HOLLOW WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

LAUREN E. SMITH, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEE ANNE MAXWELL DOCKET NUMBER 88173-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LEE ANNE MAXWELL who died February 8, 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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(B)

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
(TDEC) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)

William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOPH23-004 August 8, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; the Division of Water Resources will hold a public hearing pursuant to Rule O400-40-05-.06 (8) on the issuance of the General NPDES permit for discharges of treated groundwater associated with underground storage tank (UST) remediation.

Date:	September 18, 2023
Time:	12:30-1:00 PM CDT, Informal Questions and Answers 1:00-2:00 PM CDT, Formal Public Hearing
Meeting Location:	TDEC William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave. 3rd floor Multi-Media Room Nashville, TN 37243
Ways to Participate:	In person (see above for the meeting location) Log in online (see login info below) Call in by phone (see call-in info below)
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TDEC will receive public comments concerning the proposed permit action described below:

Permit Name: Discharges of treated groundwater associated with underground storage tank (UST) remediation
 Permit Number: TNG830000
 Permit Writer: Vojin Janjic
 Permit Rating: General Permit
 County: Statewide
 Description of Activity: The general permit is to authorize Discharges of treated groundwater associated with underground storage tank (UST) remediation.
 Receiving Stream: Various waters of the state

The meeting moderator may limit the length of oral comments to allow all parties an opportunity to speak and will require that all comments be relevant to the proposed permit action and the DWR issues. TDEC staff considers written comments accepted at the hearing and through September 25, 2023, to be part of the hearing record. Written comments can be emailed to Mr. Vojin Janjic at vojin.janjic@tn.gov.

Interested persons may obtain additional information, including a copy of the draft permit by contacting Mr. Vojin Janjic at vojin.janjic@tn.gov. These documents may also be found on TDEC's Water Resources Permits data viewer.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or review the file record) should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means, and should be made no later than Tuesday, August 15, 2023, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator (1-866-253-5827) for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Brian Canada at 615-532-0660 or brian.canada@tn.gov.

Si le resulta difícil leer, hablar o comprender inglés, TDEC puede proporcionarle servicios de traducción o interpretación sin cargo comunicándose con Brian Canada al 615-532-0660 o brian.canada@tn.gov.

For further information, you may reach Mr. Vojin Janjic, the permit writer, at 615-532-0670 or vojin.janjic@tn.gov.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE.

NOTE: Anyone who wishes to sign up to speak on Ordinance 0-23-7-101 can do so via the Commission website at commission.knoxcountytn.gov, emailing commission@knoxcounty.org or calling the office at 865-215-2534. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call.
2. Public Forum and Discussion regarding Ordinance 0-23-7-101 of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Appendix A - Zoning, Article 2, Section 2.20, Specific Terms, to amend the definition of "swimming pool". (Ord. No. 0-90-9-130, adopted 9-10-90, as amended). A complete copy of the proposed amendment is available and may be obtained at the Knox County Commission Office, Suite 603, in the City-County Building.

3. Adjournment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

1. ROLL CALL:
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
3. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:
4. APPLICATIONS:
5a. YOGI MELDI MAA CORP.
YOGI MELDI MAA CORP.
612 Tipton Station Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37920
Off Premises
(District 9)

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

1. ROLL CALL:
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
4. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:
5. APPLICATIONS:
5a. YOGI MELDI MAA CORP.
YOGI MELDI MAA CORP.
612 Tipton Station Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37920
Off Premises
(District 9)
6. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:
6a. Lucky Corner, 6400 Maynardville Hwy, District 7, Mr. Rasfiq Somar, owner.
1st offense - November 21, 2022
2nd offense - April 17, 2023
3rd offense - July 24, 2023
Beer Permit was issued on May 5, 2010.
- 6b. EZ Stop, 7323 Clinton Hwy, District 6, Mr. Hugh Calloway, owner.
1st offense - July 24, 2023.
Beer Permit was issued on May 22, 2017.
7. DISCUSSION ITEM ON THE STATE INSPECTION BEER PERMITS.
8. ADJOURNMENT:

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