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## Ward urges state to help with mental health facility

By Focus Staff

Knox County Commissioner Kyle Ward has fired off a letter to Governor Bill Lee urging financial support for a mental health facility to be located in Knoxville and Knox County. Of the four big urban counties in Tennessee — Shelby (Memphis), Davidson (Nashville), Knox and Hamilton (Chattanooga) — Knox County is the only one without a mental health facility since Lakeshore was closed. Ward sponsored a resolution before the County Commission recently to officially

request Knox County's state legislators to push for building and funding a mental health facility in Knoxville.

Ward's letter urges support from the governor and the state legislature in providing funding to build and staff a facility here.

"The Majority Whip in the Tennessee House of Representatives, Johnny Garrett, has stated he and other members of the state legislature 'desire to address mental illness through treatment and resources for those who may be a threat to

themselves and others,'" Ward's letter to the governor begins.

"As a member of the Knox County Commission, I know a great number of our people recognize the need to do something meaningful about the problem of homelessness and mental illness," Ward's letter continues. "As a former member of the armed services, I would say the primary responsibility of our government is to protect the welfare and safety of our citizens. It is also clear municipal and county governments, especially in the

urban counties, need the help of our state government."

Kyle Ward writes Governor Lee that there "is a pressing and profound need for a mental health facility in Knox County."

"No other proposal solution would address the homeless problem in our urban areas better than having a facility where individuals can be treated for mental illness and/or addiction-related problems. It would allow our local judges, especially with a court specifically to address mental illness, have a facility where they

have the option to send who need it."

Commissioner Ward goes on to ask Lee to earmark \$20 million to build and began staffing a facility for treatment of "those mentally ill and homeless folks who are afflicted with addiction-related problems."

Ward states in his letter to the governor he believes "Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Sheriff Tom Spangler, and the members of the Knox County Commission will do their part in making this urgent need a reality."



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The election officials at the City-County Building haven't been very busy for early voting this primary. All six early voting locations will be open until 7 p.m. on the last two days of early voting — Wednesday and Thursday, August 23 and 24 — except for Meridian Baptist in south Knoxville, which will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23.

## Early Voting is 'lackluster' so far

By Mike Steely

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How is voting going as we approach the final day of early voting Thursday and the Primary Election Day on August 29?

"I will just say that voting is very lackluster and with six races on the ballot — including mayor — and good weather for the majority of early voting, voters have no excuse to not cast their vote," Chris Davis, Knox

County Election Coordinator, told The Focus Thursday.

With early voting reaching the halfway mark last week, only 2,831 people have voted in person to choose the nominees for mayor, four council members, and municipal judge. The absentee vote total at the midway point is 590.

Taking part in selecting city leaders has declined over the years, but the total so far is below 2019's midway number of 3,428.

According to information Davis released, most people voting are 55 years of age and older. The second largest group is people aged 35 to 54 with the 18 to 34 group of voters at the bottom.

The Downtown West precinct has the largest turnout so far with New Harvest Park second. Next in turnout is the Expo Center, City-County Building, Eternal Life Church and the South precinct.

## Homeless, more housing on council agenda

By Mike Steely

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Several months ago, both Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Knoxville City Mayor Indya Cannon announced the creation of a Knoxville-Knox County Office of Housing Stability. A resolution for the approval of an interlocal agreement between the county and

the city in regard to that new department is on both city and county agendas this week.

The idea is to create a combined and workable approach to homelessness. Recent years have seen an increase in the homeless and that population is expanding to outside the city limits.

Erin Reed has been

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## Commission looks at housing stability, long term mental health hospital

By Mike Steely

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Ahead of its September 1st special session when it will select a chair and vice chair and make committee appointments, the Knox County Commission will see several interesting items on the agenda for tonight's work session. Various resolutions to be discussed are selected

by the chair or other commission members.

Like the city council, the commission will consider a resolution approving an inter-government agreement with the city to create a joint Office of Housing Stability. The idea, backed by both mayors, is to look at the growing homeless and housing problem in both jurisdictions.

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## Community-wide drive collects 350 bikes for underserved children

By Ken Lay

Knoxville TVA Employees Federal Credit Union donated bicycles to Two Bikes Knoxville and on a sultry and overcast morning on Friday, Aug. 11, the financial institution donated 350 bicycles.

Many bikes were on the carpeted gym floor at Perkins Place, formerly Perkins

Elementary School, in the Marble City Community during a celebration marking the occasion.

"We couldn't have done this without the help of our members," said Charlotte Havelly, Knoxville TVA Employees Federal Credit Union Vice President of Marketing. "We all got involved because someone from

UKG, who provides our human resources software, knew somebody at Two Bikes in Downtown Knoxville, and that's how we all got connected."

Bicycles and cash donations were accepted at all Knoxville branches of the TVA Employees Federal Credit Union from July 31-Aug. 10 and the

celebration to give the bikes to Two Bikes Knoxville and a check for the cash donations was also presented.

The donated bicycles were on display at Perkins Place. The gym at Perkins Place wasn't big enough for the donated bikes.

Some were stored at another location on the former elementary school

campus and Havelly said that the credit union received an average of 32 bicycles a day.

Two Bikes is a non-profit bicycle store located at 115 S. Central Street in Downtown Knoxville, will refurbish the bikes and give them to children in need.

Knoxville TVA Employees Federal Credit Union has served the community for nearly nine decades and the institution dedicates itself to helping the community and takes the opportunity to

serve guided by its 'People helping people' philosophy.

"Knoxville TVA Employees Federal Credit Union is approaching its 90th anniversary. Without our members and the communities we serve, the credit union would not be in the position to reach this milestone," said interim President/CEO Lynn Summers. "We are proud to partner with two other organizations that are equally dedicated to giving back to the community as we are."



Employees of Knoxville TVA Employees FCU celebrate the culmination of a bike drive with Two Bikes Knoxville to benefit underprivileged kids. Photo by Ken Lay.

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# Trump Cases Are Fueled By Partisan Political Hatred

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr. duncanj@knoxfocus.com

There is a very old saying that a zealous prosecutor can indict a ham sandwich if he wanted to.

If we really believed in the presumption of innocence – that a person is supposed to be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt – we would greatly reform the grand jury process or eliminate it altogether.

With very few exceptions, the grand jury hears only the prosecution's side of a case. The grand jury is totally under the control of, and

is a rubber stamp for, the attorney general, district attorney, or U. S. Attorney.

Thus, a defendant starts out at trial with two strikes against him. One, he has been arrested and charged with a crime, and two, he has been indicted by the GRAND Jury.

To most non-lawyers, the GRAND Jury sounds more important than just a regular jury. Even though the law says the burden is on the state or government to prove a case, in truth the burden is really on the defendant to prove his innocence if he is to be found not guilty.

I suppose this is not a serious problem, because probably 98% or more of all defendants are really guilty. However, Heaven help the poor person who is truly innocent but gets prosecuted anyway like many of the January 6th defendants who simply walked

peacefully through the Capitol.

Talk about being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Many thousand visit the Capitol each day and do exactly what most of the January 6th defendants did.

Because prosecutors win well over 90% of all criminal cases that go to trial, I believe President Trump will be convicted on one or more of the cases against him, but I don't believe he should be.

First, conviction in a criminal case is supposed to require criminal intent. President Trump is not a lawyer, and I don't believe he thought he was breaking any law or that he intended to do so.

The New York case was seen as being very weak, almost a joke or a travesty of justice by most lawyers, although it will be fairly easy to get a conviction by a New York City jury. That case was

brought apparently to help the district attorney in a run for higher office.

The election cases revolve around Trump's belief that the election was stolen. I was still in Congress in January of 2017 when many Democrats in Congress stood and objected to the certification of the Trump victory in 2016. Many Democrats not in Congress, including former President Obama and Hillary Clinton herself, questioned that election, but none of them were prosecuted.

As to the classified documents case, I wrote a column many months before this case about how many experts say we have a tremendous over-classification in this country. Some say as much as 90% of our classified material no longer needs to be classified.

With 22,000 people working in 16 intelligence agencies, and with technology

moving so fast now that most technical products are obsolete the day they are taken out of the box, do you believe anything is really secret anymore?

When almost anyone can find out about your prescriptions, your purchases, your home, etc., do you really believe the Chinese cannot find out about everything we are doing? And the documents Trump had all date back to when he was in office two and a half years ago or more.

Harvey Silverglate, a Harvard and Princeton educated Boston lawyer, wrote a book published in 2011 entitled "Three Felonies A Day – How the Feds Target The Innocent." The book overview says: "The average professional in this country wakes up in the morning, goes to work, comes home, eats dinner, and then goes to sleep, unaware that he or she has likely committed

several federal crimes that day. The answer lies in the very nature of modern federal criminal laws, which have exploded in number but also have become impossibly broad and vague."

The book "reveals how federal criminal laws have become dangerously disconnected from the English common law tradition and how prosecutors can pin arguable federal crimes on any of us, for even the most seemingly innocuous behavior" and added that there is now "a morass of the Code of Federal Regulations, handing federal prosecutors an additional trove of vague and exceedingly complex and technical prohibitions to stick on their hapless targets."

President Trump is being prosecuted because of partisan political hatred the likes of which has never been seen before in this country.

## Hollywood's Strike

When I wrote this piece, Hollywood actors and writers are on strike. The question is "Will anyone notice?" I certainly won't since I don't go to movies. The last movie I sat through in a theatre was "Saving Private Ryan" only because my other half's father was a Bedford Boy in the first wave at Omaha Beach. My favorite movies are "The Godfather," "Choose Me," "Pulp Fiction" and "Casablanca." Netflix and downloads have essentially killed the movie theatres much like music stores have dwindled because of Pandora, Spotify and downloads. I don't even have a Netflix subscription because there is little being produced in Hollywood worth my watching. Movie trailers are so violent that I mute them or turn them



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off. Hollywood does not share my morals or values. They do precious little that interests me. It seems that Hollywood offers retreads and remakes – most of which are grossly inferior to the originals. They exhume faded stars hoping to rekindle interest in old themes played by old actors. Indiana Jones anyone? Then they remake old movies injecting woke-ness. The little mermaid is now black. Snow White is now Hispanic. The seven dwarfs are now a group of full-sized, strangely dressed actors who look like they were plucked from the homeless ranks in San Francisco. Disney is well-documented in putting LGBTQ scenes in their movies including animations aimed at children. That they are losing money

should come as no surprise given that the LBGTQ is so small and large only in their protestations.

I also don't watch any television programming that needs actors and writers. I watch baseball, "Critter Fixers" (featuring two black veterinarians who are alums of my mother's school, Fort Valley State University), "Port Protection" and "First Alaskans." But mainly I read. Science fiction, mysteries, global politics and economics, historical fiction, history and science fact among others are on my shelves and in my iPad, iMac and iPhone. I am a curious person. The academic in me always asks for evidence both confirming and contrary. I have wide-ranging interests and was once asked by a student how did I know so much. I told him that he was asking the wrong question.

I grew up in an era of minimal dumbing down with no

participation trophies. Competition was encouraged. I only had one true-false multiple test while in college. The tests were always essays and short answers. Virtually every class had reading lists in the library and required term papers. I kept injecting microeconomics into my sociology, political science, philosophy and history classes. All of my professors – except for one – encouraged the exchange given that most had no knowledge of the implications of economic theory.

I was in the era where black parents seldom praised their children. My folks thought that if they said "good job," I wouldn't work as hard. I never told them what I was going through during my freshman year at Georgia because I knew that I would get no sympathy from my father and would just worry my mother to death. When I graduated, she said that she could now get a good night's sleep. They never found out until they read Calvin Trillin's "An Education in Georgia" some years later. Mother said, "Is this true"? When I said yes, her reaction was that she should give me a spanking right now. When I got the grades from my first quarter – actually they were mailed to my father – Dad balled them up, threw them on the floor and pointed his finger at me saying, "Don't you ever bring grades like that again into this house." I made an A, B+ and a B. The quarter that I made all As, Dad said "Don't they give A+'s at that place?" The only indication that they were proud of me was what I was told when I went to our home church and when I received a letter at the end of my freshman year inviting me into the honors program. Mom framed the letter and hung it in my bedroom.

## Homeless, more housing on council agenda

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named as director of the new body. Reed said the effort needs to have local governments, non-profits, businesses, faith communities, philanthropies and people who have lived the homeless experience working together.

Also on the agenda for the Knoxville City Council Tuesday evening are several homeless and housing issues including a handful of rezoning applications for changes that would permit more housing to be built.

The Volunteer Ministry Center may get \$108,171 in Homeless General Grant Funds to help provide emergency shelter services for 116 eligible people through its Dental Clinic and Resource Center.

Regency Associates GP is asking that 4813 Lonas Drive be rezoned from RN-1 single family to RN-3, which would permit more housing units on a lot. The same developer is asking that 4629 Papermill Drive be changed from CG-2 to CG-1 general commercial.

Matt Brazille is asking that 1800 and 1900 Vermont Avenue be changed from RN-4 to RN-6. The property at 2620 Belvedere Avenue could change from RN-1 to Agriculture, and the lot at 1216 Callaway Street might go from RN-2 to RN-4. The properties at 1927 Highland Avenue and at Zero Rowan Road may go from an Office designation to a residential category.

The lot at 1547 Clinch Avenue could change from RN-5 to C-N neighborhood commercial and

the lot at 4425 Lonas may change from RN-1 to RN-2. The site at 6704 Watermour Way may move from Mixed-Use Industrial to Office.

**In other business,** three council members have a resolution to ask the state to expand mental health services in Knoxville. Community Safety and Empowerment is asking for \$450,000 in an agreement with Turn Up Knox to provide violence interruption street outreach programs.

The Knoxville Area Transit system is seeking funding from the state including \$648,566 to extend a contract end date and \$3.6 million for operating assistance.

The city and the Helen Ross McNabb Center may partner again with the county to extend the agreement for the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center for three years in a request from the Knoxville Police Department. Two different uniform companies could be approved to provide uniforms for KAT, the Public Service Department, Engineering Department, Fleet Services and Parks and Recreation. The Public Service Department is making the requests and each agreement is for \$90,000.

The Knoxville Audit Committee is asking the council to change the city code to adjust the composition of that committee.

Mayor Indya Kincannon has appointments on the agenda for the Affordable Housing Fund Advisory Board, the Historic Zoning Commission, and the Maker's Council.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Comprehensive Mental Health-Drug Treatment Center Needed For Knox And Surrounding Counties

Knox County Commissioner Kyle Ward has certainly created a lot of conversation when he lobbied the resolution asking for the State of Tennessee to consider helping Knox County and Knoxville to fund a mental health/treatment facility for our community. Ward has also caused some heads to blow off by saying the money allocated for the "pedestrian" bridge to nowhere should be reallocated for something that actually does something for the people paying for it: the taxpayers of Knoxville and Knox County. That has caused some clutching of pearls, not a few gasps, and one or two, cries of anguish. That has been compounded by Kyle Ward having pointed to the fact the University of Tennessee, which is demanding the bridge across Neyland Drive to come out precisely at Neyland Stadium, could be paid for by UT. Lord have

mercy! Ward noted the billion dollars in recent years spent by UT in renovating and rebuilding the campus. Worse still, Ward said UT takes in some \$80 million from football revenue, but expects Knox County, Knoxville, and the State of Tennessee to pay for a bridge that would largely, if truth be told, be built for the Vol Navy.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs has politely said the county isn't giving any money for the bridge and Indya Kincannon was surprised when Joe Biden's federal government told her and Knoxville's government to go chase themselves.

Ward has already caught the attention of several state legislators who are all in to try and acquire funding, including state Senator Becky Duncan Massey and state Representative Dave Wright.

There are already two bridges spanning Neyland Drive now and one can count on one hand the number of students who walk across them to go to class at UT. Kyle Ward's suggestion is the first really meaningful effort to do something about the homeless problem by either government. Knox County is the only one of the four big urban counties not to have a mental health/treatment facility. Such a facility would be a godsend, especially as Knox County prepares to open its drug court. That goes hand-in-hand with the homeless problem as addiction is a primary cause for homelessness in many instances. The time for finger-painting workshops and chicken salad on a croissant meeting has

come and gone. A former member of military intelligence, Kyle Ward is doing the thing that is most unusual in government, whether it is federal, state or local; he is doing something practical that will make things better. It's a wonder!

## Charlie Kirk Right On This One

Like most of us, Charlie Kirk isn't without his critics, but in a recent column he proposes an intriguing question. Kirk begins his column by posing a truth: "When politicians are tempted to prosecute their enemies for political reasons, they must fear the same thing happening to them." Kirk points out there are 27 Republican attorneys general, while there are 23 Democrat attorneys general.

It is indisputably true that justice in this country is more unequal and twisted than ever before. It is also clear that the Left is weaponizing the Justice Department to persecute and prosecute its ideological opponents. The Left is openly doing its best to criminalize its opponents, which is as authoritarian as it gets in a society. The Communists in the Soviet Union and China, as well as Hitler's Nazis, criminalized their opposition before eliminating it entirely.

To be clear, this is not only about Donald Trump, it is about misusing the American system of justice as tyrants have used their own in totalitarian societies. In their eternal wisdom, the framers of our Constitution devised the three

branches of government, making them equal, yet separate. That has allowed the United States to function properly for more than 200 years. Presidents who overreach can be rebuked by either or both Congress and the Judiciary.

Certainly, Charlie Kirk has been known to say some controversial things, but just about everything uttered by everybody is now controversial to somebody. Kirk says it is time for conservatives and Republicans to stop sitting idly by and begin to take action. Kirk asks if Donald Trump can be pursued legally in what are deep blue jurisdictions, why can't deep ruby red jurisdictions start their own pursuit of Hunter Biden and the Biden crime family? According to various reports, somewhere between \$20 - \$50 million has flowed into Biden bank accounts from foreign countries. Hunter was receiving \$83,000 per month from Burisma. As Charlie Kirk points out, the GOP attorney general in Florida could get some answers to the tens of thousands of dollars spent by Hunter Biden on prostitutes obtained through Ekaterina Moreva, who is a madam based in that state.

Kirk suggests a variety of topics and persons GOP attorneys general could indict and prosecute, including the First Brother, James Biden, who appears to have been engaged in selling the family name. Alejandro Mayorkas should be indicted for "abetting human trafficking" Kirk suggests, which is a pretty interesting idea. Kirk also suggests a thorough investigation of

Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, which he says took in \$90 million in its first year of operation. Among its purchases was a \$6 million mansion in Los Angeles it tried to justify by stating it could be used by Black social media folks or perhaps a "safe house." As Kirk pointed out, the real use of the house was for BML founder Patrisse Cullors herself. Kirk is right in noting the offices of state attorneys general prosecute scams that misuse funds collected for one purpose and utilized for another all the time.

If suggesting voter fraud and stolen elections is a crime, then there could be a slew of indictments issued by Republican state attorneys general, beginning with Hillary Clinton, who said the 2016 election was stolen from her. Next would-be Stacy Abrams, who insisted for years that she was the rightful governor of Georgia. Indict any commentator on MSNBC and CNN who said the 2016 election was stolen. Indict every Democrat congressman who said the same thing.

I tend to think Kirk is right and if the Left thinks Republicans are going to sit quietly in the corner and do what they are told or eat a mile of crap and do nothing, they are badly mistaken. As Kirk puts it, the Left's "Investigate first, define crimes later" can be effectively used by just about any enterprising lawyer fresh out of law school. God knows Fani Willis, Alvin Bragg, and Jack Smith are no great shakes. Jonathan Skermetti, the attorney general for Tennessee, is a real

lawyer and quite capable, too.

Congressman Tim Burgett says it's time to take the gloves off and I think he's right. What it all comes down to is bullying and we all know bullies will keep bullying until someone hits them back.

## Knoxville Icon Bob Black Passes Away

Bob Black passed away last week, a victim of Alzheimer's, according to his daughter Kelley Black Seymour. Ms. Seymour announced her Dad's passing on Facebook.

Bob Black has been called a "legendary" figure in the Fulton community by some local media outlets. This is one instance where the title is not only apt, but also accurate. An educator coach, and administrator for more than 50 years, it is impossible to calculate the impact Bob Black had on the lives of the students he taught and mentored. Black was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2008, as well as the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame four years later.

Bob Black lived a life of community service and his loss to his family, friends and students is deeply felt. Put quite simply, Bob was not only a great guy, but also a wonderful man. Black's passing is a very real loss to our community.

The Knoxville Focus family extends our abiding sorrow for the loss of a great man. In a forest of leaders, Bob Black stood towering over most.

## Commission looks at housing stability

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The commission will also look at approving an agreement between the county and the Industrial Development Board for a property switch with Axle Logistics. The company will swap properties near the 911 Center along Baxter Avenue for \$1.4 million through designations and included in the FY'25 Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner John Schoonmaker

wants a discussion to require the county commission to approve all tax breaks for developments in the county.

The state may be asked to provide funding for a drug rehabilitation and mental health hospital in a resolution offered by Commissioner Kyle Ward.

The commission may also discuss an idea from the merit system for a rule change that would no longer

allow applicants an appeal for non-placement on the employee eligibility list.

Approval of a grant contract may be considered for a new Knox County Regional Forensic Center.

The second and final reading of a planning commission request that deals with the definition of the term "swimming pool" in the county is also on the agenda.


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# Neighborhood Fair draws crowd, candidates and 80 organizations

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Hundreds of local citizens attended the Neighborhood Resource Fair recently at the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park where they could visit and talk with more than 80 local organizations. Each group had a table with information, freebies and a friendly representative.

The event, which is usually part of the City of Knoxville Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's annual Neighborhood Conference, was held separately this year. "We had about 340 folks come through the Jacob Building on Saturday, Aug. 12,"

Debbie Sharp, Neighborhood Coordinator, told The Focus.

"We were not sure if anyone would want to come out just to see the booth portion of, what used to be called The Neighborhood Conference, but they did. This was a huge success for the first time doing the event this way," she continued.

"Just about everyone that my staff and I spoke to really enjoyed the event. They said that they liked the location, parking was easy, and they loved learning about all the groups doing work in Knoxville. They seemed energized by it. We are already planning how we can make it bigger and better next year!" Sharp said.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Women's Suffrage handed out useful information and chatted with the many people who attended the Neighborhood Fair. More than 80 organizations exhibited during the recent event.

## Candidates For City Council At-Large Seats Answer Focus Question

Compiled by Mike Steely

The Knoxville Focus asked the candidates for the three at-large Knoxville City Council seats several questions. Replies are listed in the order received.

### In August of next year, KAT is planning to discontinue the free trolley service downtown. Please comment.

#### At-Large Seat A Candidates

**Darin Worsham:** I agree with KAT. If the trolley route overlaps the bus routes then the dollars could be used elsewhere in the community.

**Cameron Brooks:** When I worked at UT in the early 2000s, I frequently used the trolley to commute from my apartment in the fort to the conference center building. Staff at the ccb would utilize it to travel to on campus meetings as well. I initially would

want to know more about its current usage before taking a firm stance one way or another.

**Lynne Fugate:** The trolleys are special, and I and many others have enjoyed them running their routes downtown. As our downtown was beginning to be revitalized over 20 years ago, they were an integral part of that plan. However, the decision to discontinue the trolley service was part of the broader KAT Reimagined process, which aimed to distribute KAT services more equitably in a cost-neutral fashion. This means that our community is sacrificing something that is undoubtedly a valuable amenity, but there are other downtown routes and options that individuals can take. The other service line improvements will benefit Knoxvilleans who use the bus system as their primary mode of transportation. KAT is also actively searching for fare-free alternatives, which I fully support. With the development of the downtown multiuse stadium, new apartments, and increased tourism I hope we can bring the

trolleys back and pack them full of people enjoying Downtown.

#### At-Large Seat B Candidates

**R. Bentley Marlow:** I toured KAT's facilities during a meeting with Isaac Thorne on 2 August. I asked him about the decision to discontinue the trolley service. He said Visit Knoxville was consulted and they believe the trolleys are not a tourist draw as most tourists are accustomed to using ride share platforms such as Uber or Lyft. He further elaborated that the trolleys were expensive to operate and very limited in their service area. It was suggested that UT benefited the most from the trolley system but did not contribute sufficiently to the expense of the trolleys. To keep the changes of KAT Reimagined revenue neutral discontinuation of the trolley service was needed in order to minimize cuts to the rest of the system while aiming to increase bus frequency.

**Debbie Helsley:** I was sad to see the downtown trolleys cut from the revenue-neutral KAT

Reimagined plan. We should work to find the funding to keep them running for the visitors and residents alike who enjoy the trolleys.

#### At-Large Seat C Candidates

**Amelia Parker:** News of the Trolley Service being discontinued and replaced with a downtown bus connector represents a gut punch many of us were simply not expecting. I would like to know what the savings would be for the city if we were to cut the trolley lines. The trolleys may not be the most efficient mode of travel. However I do not believe that was ever their intended purpose. The trolleys provide convenience while promoting the mid-city charm of Knoxville. I would love to see us find a way to retrofit the trolleys and convert them from gas-powered to electric. Although the trolleys do not stay packed with passengers, they provide a critical, free service to many of our elderly and other downtown dwellers as well as visitors to our city. I worry that cutting the trolley service would be

a decision that we would quickly regret.

**Matthew Best:** I am fully supportive of KAT trying to reimagine our city bus system to make it more helpful for a larger portion of citizens, but I do wonder how eliminating the free trolley service aids in that effort. If there will be another free option for people downtown that is not the trolley, then I have no real problem with KAT eliminating the trolleys. I think client affordability and route efficiency have to be the top priorities for our residents, and I am excited to see how the micro-transit pilot program will promote both of those in the upcoming year.

**Tim Hill:** Trolleys are a benefit to downtown, as they make it easier for locals and visitors to move between the Old City, waterfront, University of Tennessee, and other sites. I understand cost issues, and that trolleys may not be economically feasible. Knoxville's downtown is compact, very walkable, and KAT will continue to provide service to downtown.



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## American Kudzu

The welfare of humanity is always the alibi of tyrants. Albert Camus

Anyone who has lived in the South knows about kudzu, although the invasive vine is now found in 32 states and Canada. Government geniuses in the 1930s encouraged farmers, through subsidies, to import and plant the vine to fight against soil erosion. The government program and subsidies ended in the 1950s and we are left with the results.

Interestingly, kudzu is a legume and, like soybeans and clover, is able to increase soil nitrogen "through a symbiotic relationship with nitrogen-fixing bacteria" on the roots. In Asian cultures, the kudzu is used in basketry, in traditional Korean and Chinese medicine and in Japanese dishes. The purple flowers are lovely and the jelly is said to taste like grape jelly - but not like chicken!

Our Knoxville grandkids

have learned about this invasive vine as we watch our neighbors struggle to prevent their property from being overrun by the "vile weed," as Seinfeld's George Costanza might say. The rented goats munch contentedly for two weeks twice each summer, but the kudzu is back within a fortnight. My research reveals that it takes ten years of expensive plowing of the deep roots and poisoning to get rid of kudzu. Be careful what your government tells you and advises.

Unfortunately, we also have political kudzu in America. Webster defines taxonomy as the science or technique of classification. I classify leftists, Progressive-Democrats, socialists and their clueless sycophants as anti-American kudzu, but this may be a disservice to the Asian vine. And as a result of subversive fifth column agents (the media, the deep state, RINOs, AOC leftists and uneducated quislings), we

are in a new culture war.

I came of age during the last culture war of the turbulent 1960s. One of the most influential books I've read in the last 30+ years was "Generations, The History of America's Future." Understandably, I was intrigued by the title as it suggested prescience, the ability to predict the future. The authors Strauss and Howe studied the history of America and discovered recurring patterns of American cohorts, defined as a "group of people with shared characteristics."

I'm not doing a review of this 400-page book, but the authors point out amazing similarities between the Founders and The Greatest Generation. There were also striking similarities between the Baby Boomer counterculture and, surprisingly, The Great Awakening generation of the early 1700s. The authors predicted in their 1991 book that America will enter a "Crisis Era" during the late 2010s and the early 2020s. Folks, we are there.

In this time of crisis, I am nonetheless comforted by reports that the "Silent Majority" is awakening and Millennial men are increasingly conservative. Strauss and Howe predicted that this cohort would have similarities with the Greatest Generation. "The Sound of Freedom," chronicling the scourge of human trafficking, and "The Chosen" are

great successes. Jason Aldean's song "You Can't Do That in a Small Town" and Oliver Anthony's song "Rich Men North of Richmond" are further evidence of the "new" counter-culture that is pushing back against leftists and destructive Progressive-Democrats.

It is my hope that people recognize the Potemkin President and the Progressive-Democrats, driven by AOC leftists, have gone too far. They have destroyed the border and made Mexican cartels rich from drugs and human trafficking. The Democrats have damaged the economy, destroyed the big cities where they rule and promoted lawlessness, crime and drug culture through their ideologically insane policies. Their gender dysphoria policies have tragically spilled over into the medical community where gender reassignment for children is sanctioned by the AMA, American Academy of Family Practice, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. (Incidentally, the AMA represents less than 10% of American physicians).

Biden and Democrats have even weaponized the FBI and the justice system against political opposition. Notably, the corrupted FBI has targeted parents at school board meetings, Catholics, pro-life advocates and have even showed up at people's

homes to intimidate those who speak out against tyranny. Biden and Democrats have also coerced social media to silence conservatives and to interfere with elections (example: suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop exposé).

The Democrats have no positive accomplishments and are running on the Trump-derangement syndrome. Hatred is a sickness and if this is your modus operandi, you should see a psychiatrist.

President Trump has now been indicted by the corrupt justice system for the 4th time with a total of 91 charges. This is all the Democrats have to run on and is election interference whether you like President Trump or not. Biden's Secretary of State Tony Blinken even has the chutzpah (nerve) to criticize Russia for Putin's prosecution of his political enemies. All the while, the government's propaganda ministry (legacy media) virtually ignores the scandals of Biden who took millions of dollars from Chinese, Russian, Ukrainian, Romanian and Kazakhstan agents.

Make no mistake, if the government can destroy President Trump, they can come after you if you challenge the Washington, D.C., system as President Trump did. Constitutional freedom of speech is on trial with President Trump. Although

it is debatable whether Einstein said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result," the aphorism is nonetheless valid. If we continue to vote for Progressive-Democrats we are done.

The only person I know who is perhaps more conservative than me is the lovely Becky; she just has more grace than me. Recently, my passion was kindled when a dear friend of mine made the statement that both sides of the political spectrum are guilty of abuses. While that is undeniably true, the Democrats have taken this to a new level and are corrupting our country, all the institutions of government, our cities and communities, damaging families and even threatening our children. This next election is crucial, and if there is not a seismic shift in the direction of our country, I will quote Jesus who said, "It is finished."

Join me in my pledge to vote against every Democrat at the national, state and local levels. We must remove these people from places of power so that We the People can begin to repair the damage they have orchestrated.

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## From farmland to railroad community to suburb

# Oakwood-Lincoln Park

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Nestled between North Broadway, Old North Knoxville and the Southern Railway the neighborhood of Oakwood-Lincoln Park prides itself on history and sports two listings on the National Register of Historic Places, the Lincoln Park United Methodist Church and the Christenberry Club Room.

In the early 1900s, developer C. B. Atkins converted farm and forest land three miles north of Knoxville

to target the employees of the nearby Southern Railway, the city's largest employer at the time. Atkins developed housing for some 1,600 employees and located his furniture manufacturing plant there. The new community was served by an electric streetcar to get residents to the railyard and downtown. The neighboring community of Lincoln Park developed about the same time and both were annexed into Knoxville in 1917.

"The Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood

Association meets at the OLPNA Clubhouse located at 916 Shamrock Ave usually the first Monday of every month. We're the second largest neighborhood in Knoxville, spanning from Woodland Ave to Sharp's Ridge and I-275 to Broadway," President Michelle Ivester told The Focus. The neighborhood is a member of the Uptown North Community, a collective district of vibrant historic neighborhoods and commercial districts north of downtown. Ivester said that all

neighbors who live, work or play in the neighborhood are welcome to join the neighborhood association.

OLPNA's mission is "to foster community, create awareness and build relationships among all the residents, businesses and friends of the neighborhood," according to Ivester.

"We've helped in promoting responsible infill housing development for our neighborhood. We've partnered with various local groups to help support the OLPN Burwell Garden, add



The Oakwood-Lincoln Park Clubhouse hosts the neighborhood association and is used for other functions in the historic North Knoxville neighborhood.

benches and entrance pergolas to the Sharp's Ridge Park as well as hosting a yearly KKB Cleanup," she said.

The neighborhood is represented on Knoxville City Council by resident Charlie Thomas and both

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# Wallace Memorial Celebrates 70 Years!

"God has been good, and God has blessed." Those words were spoken by Dr. James McCluskey at the special 70th Anniversary service on July 30, 2023, at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church,



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Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1959, Dr. McCluskey became the second pastor of Wallace.

Born out of Arlington Baptist Church, Wallace started in a movie theater as Clinton Highway Baptist Chapel. On July 5, 1953, it was named Wallace Memorial Baptist Church after the late Dr. Bill Wallace, the Knoxville native who served as a medical missionary in China until he was beaten to death in a Chinese prison. Years later, his remains were buried in Greenwood

Cemetery. When the first pastor, Rev. A. W. Parker, moved to Montana to serve in missions, Wallace called Jim McCluskey to "come and lead us." McCluskey served Wallace faithfully for 37 years. The church's third pastor, Dr. Mike Boyd, also spoke at the anniversary service. Dr. Boyd served Wallace for 18 years.

The current lead pastor, Dr. John Green IV, has been at Wallace for six years. "The theme of the anniversary celebration is that the foundations of preaching, worship, evangelism, and missions that have been central since the inception of the church are still integral today," Dr. Green said. "The methods have changed as our community has transitioned in the past



Picture of Lib and Jim McCluskey at the 70th Anniversary of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church.

seventy years, but our message and mission are still the same: be disciples and make disciples," he added. (To be continued)

Words of Faith: With special emphasis that today's church stands on the shoulders of those who have gone before, Dr. Green chose scripture for the anniversary service from Deuteronomy 6:10-11 (KJV): "And it shall be, when the Lord thy God

shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not, And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;"

# The Lion of White Hall, I Early efforts toward abolition

FROM THE MOUNTAINS  
By **Jadon Gibson**

Three-time world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr., is widely considered by many to be the greatest or one of the greatest boxers of all time. He was named after his father who was named after fellow Kentuckian and abolitionist Cassius Marcellus Clay. Abolitionism was a movement in Western Europe and the Americas in that era to end the slave trade for Blacks to be treated on the same level as whites and allowed to pursue their own direction in their life like any other.

Clay the abolitionist was the son of a wealthy landowner who had numerous slaves. He became prominent as an anti-slavery crusader, serving three terms in the Kentucky General Assembly before falling into disfavor due to his stance on abolitionism, the hot-button issue of that era.

His espousal of the plight of Blacks in America given during his speech at the Washington Centennial at Yale, his alma mater, caused slave-holders to hate him, especially those in his home state of Kentucky.

He started an anti-slavery newspaper that was called the True American.

Soon he began receiving death threats, leading him to start carrying a gun and knife. He barricaded his office but a mob broke in and stole his printing equipment. It was eventually located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rather than returning it to Lexington, Clay resumed his work in Cincinnati.

Clay was a friend of Abraham Lincoln. Some thought he would become Lincoln's Secretary of War but the waves he received over the issue of slavery caused several to fear it may lead to friction with southern states.

Instead, Lincoln offered Clay the ambassadorship to Spain, a position he eventually turned down. About that time, Clay read about Russia, Czar Alexander, and his stand on abolition, and informed President Lincoln that he would be pleased to become the United States ambassador to Russia if the position

was to be offered. It was offered and he promptly accepted. Later, President Lincoln asked Ambassador Clay to return to the states to accept a commission as a major general.

Clay didn't accept the commission until President Lincoln informed him he would sign the Emancipation Proclamation, one of the most famous in our nation's history.

Lincoln sent Clay to assess the mood for emancipation in the border states. Following Clay's return, Lincoln issued the proclamation. Clay then returned to Russia in 1863 and remained until 1869 where he was influential in the United States' negotiations for the purchase of Alaska.

Clay's whole life was one of strife and turmoil. In that era, an insult often resulted in a challenge to a duel. **—Continue on page 6**



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# They're at it again

A drive up most side roads here in Ball Camp and most other neighborhoods in Knoxville will find the top-soil scraped away and heavy machinery cutting roads and drains and sewer lines to squeeze



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too many houses onto too little land. I'm an old coot who's in a foul mood about the entire thing.

These small farms that were created several years ago are being gobbled up by developers. In their hurry to buy every available piece of land, they don't seem to consider the impact on communities throughout our region. I've heard that a housing shortage is the reason for so many new developments being built. I don't buy that. With the high prices that sellers expect and high-interest rates that now are slapped on mortgages, many who are interested in a new home have decided to wait for a bit in hopes that those factors turn downward. Of course, I don't see how people can buy a house anyway. Young people often face mortgages of \$1500 and up each month. In our younger years, we'd have had to choose between a house and eating.

The infrastructure of Knoxville isn't that great either. I'm speaking of the sideroads and backroads on which many of these developments empty. Some roads have no shoulders; others weren't built to allow today's bigger autos to pass each other. Does the person in charge of roads still declare that people are going to have to get used to these conditions? Around here, we're told that the Schaad Road extension will ease the snarls of traffic that have motorists sitting still every morning and evening.

I'd argue with those who say such things that, yes, the new roads will help traffic flow. However, people aren't going to stay on those roads. At some point, they are going to exit and drive toward their homes. All of a sudden, people are stuck in a snaking line of cars that's even worse than before because the developers have built so many subdivisions and apartment complexes on these still inadequate streets.

Yes, I am partially complaining because I've lived in the area all my life but

for the years I was at college. In past years, the night was dark; as kids, we played in the yard until the sun set. Then it was time to eat supper, do homework, take baths, and go to bed. The night threw a blanket of black that nothing but the stars or the moon could penetrate.

No dark exists now. Hillsides are covered with houses and apartments. Streetlights illuminate yards and parking lots. Also, a steady stream of cars zips through the darkness. A family is lucky if it has a backyard that backs up to a wooded area. They have the privacy that so many others crave.

I still reserve my empathy for wildlife. Animals have no say when the dozers or graders rip through their nests and knock down their homes in the trees. Their only choice is to escape to a safer place. Too many times that means animals invade these new developments. People whine that critters are raiding their garbage cans and gardens. My reply is the land was their home first, and they destroy gardens in areas where once ample supplies of food were available.

I will say it again: folks of my generation are in this world but not of it. I don't want to go back to my youth; I don't want to stop all development; I don't want Knoxville to remain a town instead of a city. However, I do want better planning to be done before multiple developments are slapped up almost overnight. I want money to be invested in widening the roads where we live, not just highways that move from Point A to Point B. Last of all, I want our countryside preserved. The hills in Hines Valley are beautiful, but they are being scraped clean so that houses replace views of the trees.

The time has come to listen more to the citizens of the county and less to the developers. We should have some say-so as to what our communities become. For the most part, elected officials don't much care what citizens want as long as more tax revenues can fill the coffers, but for what will that extra cash be used if not for better infrastructure? It's time to hit the "pause" button.

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# Kentucky Statesman Governor Simeon Willis

## Pages from the Past



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Even today, Democrats seem to have an easier time winning the governorship of Kentucky than either of the state's seats in the United States Senate. Kentucky was primarily a Democratic state for many years and produced some formidable and notable leaders, not the least of which was Alben Barkley who served as Majority Leader of the United States Senate during much of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, as well as vice president under President Harry Truman. During a forty-year period, from 1927-1967, only one Republican managed to get himself elected as governor of Kentucky. That man was Simeon Willis.

Simeon Willis was an improbable candidate for governor of Kentucky. The Lexington Herald remembered the former governor as "a gentle soul, honest in all his dealings" and readily acknowledged Willis was "in many ways unsuited for the rough-and-tumble political role into which he was cast when he surprisingly was elected governor." Yet the Herald confessed that despite some political shortcomings, "at the close of his administration nobody could truthfully say that he had not made a good governor and no scandal marked his term of office."

Simeon Willis was a man of considerable personal charm and an exceptional jurist. Chief Justice James B. Milliken of Kentucky's Court of Appeals recalled Willis as a man of unusual selflessness and integrity. "He was more than honest," Judge Milliken said, "he was honorable."

Unlike many of his contemporaries, which included Alben Barkley and Albert B. "Happy" Chandler, Simeon Willis was a scholarly man with no real flair for oratory. Willis was unfailingly polite to people and was widely known as a fine gentleman. Yet Willis was all too human, and his greatest political mistake was likely calling for the repeal of the state income tax; once elected governor, he found much to his embarrassment and chagrin, he could not repeat it as he had promised. A number of Kentuckians never forgot the promise made by candidate Willis and many did not forgive Governor Willis for his failure.

Simeon Willis was a man of notable ability, so much so that it was Governor Flem D. Sampson, a Democrat, who had placed the Republican Willis on the bench as a judge of the Court of Appeals.

Governor Sampson had appointed Willis to fill his seat on Kentucky's Court of Appeals after becoming the state's chief executive.

The fact Willis and Flem Sampson had run against one another for the Court of Appeals in 1916 makes the appointment all the more remarkable.

Like many of his fellow Republicans in Kentucky, Simeon Willis hailed from the mountainous regions of the Bluegrass State. Willis began modestly, being a schoolteacher in his native mountains, but the future governor was also ambitious and studied law between teaching classes. Willis supplemented his income by working as a reporter and editor for newspapers.

Eventually, Simeon Willis became a highly respected attorney and enjoyed a lucrative law practice, largely in the field of corporate law. Willis was a member of Kentucky's State Bar Examiners for those hoping to begin the practice of law. Willis' service on Kentucky's Court of Appeals was widely recognized by fellow attorneys as having been excellent.

Simeon Willis was unopposed for the GOP nomination for governor in 1943 and doubtless few people expected he would win the election. 1942 had been the worst year of the Second World War for the Allied armies and navies and voters were restless. Republicans had made big gains in both houses of Congress during the 1942 elections. The Democrats had a fractious primary contest with the favorite being J. Lyter Donaldson, the choice of the state machine and Kentucky's State Highway Commissioner in the administration of Governor Keen Johnson. From his perch on the State Highway Commission, Lyter Donaldson dispensed much of the patronage available to deserving Democrats, which made him both a powerful and popular figure inside the Democratic Party. That was enough to rocket J. Lyter Donaldson through the Democratic primary, which he won by quite nearly 20 points over several opponents.

Willis was a successful lawyer and former judge. White-haired and courtly, Simeon Willis certainly looked the part of a governor of a border state. Republicans poured considerable resources into the gubernatorial election in 1943 as Kentucky was something of a bell-weather state inasmuch as every gubernatorial election in the Bluegrass State since 1907 but one had been won by the political party that won the presidential election the following year.

Simeon Willis, by virtue of holding a seat of the Court of Appeals, a state office, was a highly credible candidate to contest for the governorship, although he had

been defeated for reelection to the court during the 1932 Roosevelt landslide. Kentucky Republicans thought enough of Willis to court the former judge into becoming their party standard bearer in the 1943 election. Many candidates for public office have benefitted from not being incumbents or having been out of office for extended periods of time. Simeon Willis' absence from politics was likely one of those instances that helped him more than hurt him. Lyter Donaldson, although he had won the Democratic nomination easily, had fought a bitter primary with several other prominent Democrats, including one who had the backing of A. B. "Happy" Chandler who was then serving in the U.S. Senate. J. Lyter Donaldson was deprived of being able to pick at Willis's record in public office. While Lyter Donaldson enjoyed the strong support of Governor Keen Johnson in the general election, Senator Chandler's lack of enthusiasm for the Donaldson candidacy was palpable. Some Democrats later complained Chandler had quietly backed Willis in the general election.

Willis waged a simple and straightforward campaign to become Kentucky's chief executive. While Lyter Donaldson warned Kentuckians against changing the governorship from a Democrat administration to a Republican-run state during a war, Simeon Willis retorted he hoped to serve as governor so that those Kentuckians fighting the war could come home to a better state. Willis argued that it would be impossible if the Democratic machine continued to rule Kentucky.

Among the Republicans who came to Kentucky to campaign for Simeon Willis was Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio. Bricker was a very real possibility to become the GOP presidential nominee in 1944. John Bricker was familiar to many Kentuckians due to his being the chief executive of a neighboring state.

The election was as close as could be and Democrats were stunned when Simeon Willis won by just over 8,600 votes. John Bricker hailed Willis's election as a repudiation of the New Deal. Unfortunately, Willis faced the unhappy prospect of a state legislature with Democratic majorities in both houses. Governor Willis had to negotiate with the Democratic leaders of the State Senate and the House of Representatives.

Like most states in the union, the wartime economy affected Kentucky's budget. When Simeon Willis assumed office as governor, the State of Kentucky's budget was \$31 million; when he retired in 1947, the budget was \$52 million. The war had caused inflation as well as scarcity of products and rationing, but jobs were plentiful and spending on defense was high.

Much of the increase in expenditures in Kentucky went to education. Under Simeon Willis's administration, pay for teachers was almost doubled. Yet the school lobby in Kentucky ignored Governor Willis' generosity and

commitment to education when he refused to surrender surplus funds because he believed it would be needed by the incoming governor.

Another hallmark of the administration of Simeon Willis was the governor's appointment of experienced businessmen in many key spots. Governor Willis then gave instructions he wanted them to run the state departments they headed just as they would their own businesses. Willis was also a vocal advocate for increasing Kentucky's share of the tourism industry. Governor Willis developed a program of building state park lodges throughout Kentucky by issuing revenue bonds, which was implemented under his successor, Earle Clements. Willis also built five new sanitariums to treat patients suffering from tuberculosis, which was a highly serious disease at the time, killing thousands of people annually.

Willis as governor also demonstrated a special interest in the Black citizens of the Bluegrass State. The governor created a Commission on Negro Affairs, which was then the first of its kind "in state capitals below the Mason-Dixon Line." Willis realized he had won the governorship in part with strong support from Black voters and never forgot it.

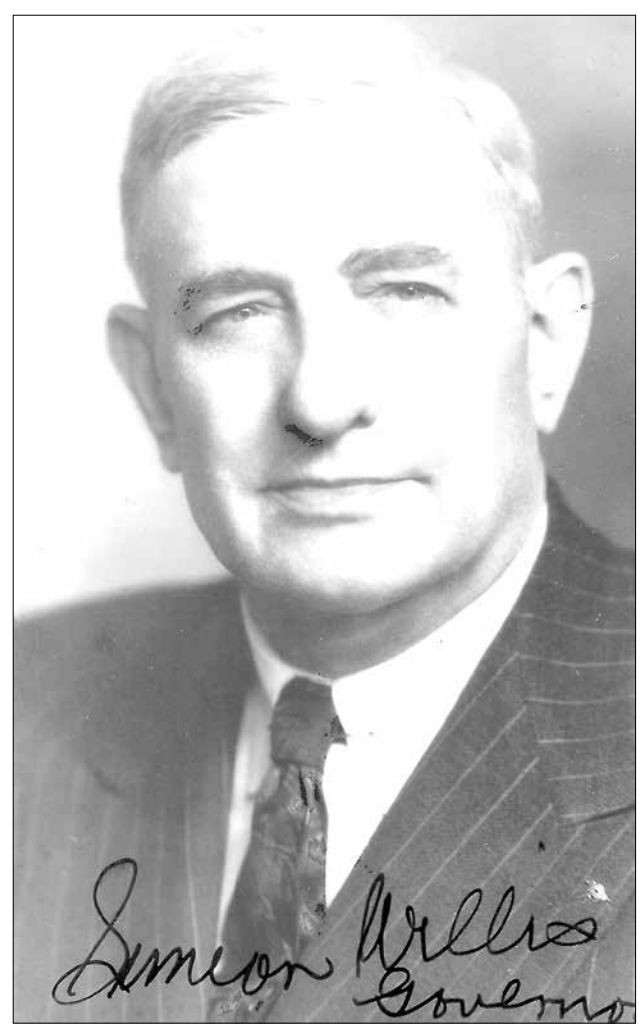
Governor Simeon Willis, much to the horror of Kentucky Democrats, had to appoint someone to serve in the United States Senate when Senator A. B. Chandler resigned to become Baseball Commissioner. Governor Willis appointed William A. Stanfill to fill the vacancy and served from November 19, 1945, until November 5, 1946, when his successor was elected. Senator Stanfill was succeeded by another Republican, John Sherman Cooper, who would go on to become one of Kentucky's most popular and durable United States senators.

William Abner Stanfill had been chairman of Kentucky's Republican Party throughout most of Simeon Willis's time as governor. A successful lawyer, Senator Stanfill had a sister who lived in Knoxville, Tennessee. Stanfill was content to serve as a placeholder and was not a candidate in the 1946 election.

In 1951, Simeon Willis made his last campaign for public office, seeking a seat on the Court of Appeals, but lost to Bert Combs, who had been appointed to a vacancy on the court. Kentucky law permitted candidates for the Court of Appeals to run in both the Republican and Democratic primaries.

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Autographed postcard of Governor Simeon Willis of Kentucky.

Willis easily won the Republican primary but lost the Democratic nomination to Judge Combs. Combs was a youthful 40-year-old while the former governor was 73 and seeking a six-year term on the Court of Appeals.

Although Simeon Willis was never again elected to public office, he managed to serve in some capacity under every governor who succeeded him. Governor Earle C. Clements appointed Willis as a member of the commission charged with reviewing the state's Constitution. Willis was reappointed to the same commission by Governor Lawrence W. Wetherby. When "Happy" Chandler made his comeback and was elected governor once again in 1955, he appointed Willis to the Kentucky Public Service Commission where Simeon Willis served a four-year term. Chandler's lieutenant governor, Harry Lee Waterfield, asked Willis to serve on a panel to review the state's judiciary. Governor Bert Combs appointed Willis to Kentucky's parole board where the aging Willis continued to serve before resigning due to ill health at age 84.

Simeon Willis had always managed to keep cordial relations with members of both parties, a skill necessary for a Republican to possess at a time when the majority of Kentuckians were Democrats. As the

Louisville Courier-Journal recalled in an editorial published at the time of Willis' death, the former governor's "disposition both judicial and pleasant, so conducted his office that his administration is remembered with bitterness on neither side."

During the last two years of his life, Simeon Willis was ailing. The former governor was admitted to King's Daughter's Hospital in Frankfort for intestinal bleeding. The 85-year-old former governor also suffered from a serious heart condition. Three days after being admitted to the hospital, the body of Simeon Willis simply gave out and he died.

Rodney Whitlow from Guthrie, Kentucky, had served in the legislature while Simeon Willis had been governor. Whitlow wrote a letter to the editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal commending the editorial published by the newspaper when the former governor had died. After getting to know Willis, Whitlow joked, "Governor, why is it that every time I come to the legislature we have a Republican governor?"

"Mr. Whitlow," Governor Willis replied, "you are just unusually fortunate."

By any definition, Simeon Willis lived a life that was useful and filled with purpose.

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## Oakwood-Lincoln Park

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Store, Mid Mod Collective, Commissioners Courtney Durrett and Dasha Lundy.

"We interact with all of them when needed," Ivester said.

Oakwood-Lincoln Park has many parks and businesses to be proud of including Sharp's Ridge Veteran's Memorial Park, Fountain Lanes Bowling Alley, OLPN Burwell Gardens, numerous breweries on Central Ave, as well as popular restaurants on both Central and Broadway. The area is also home to thriving local small businesses such as Crown Upholstery, World Spice Co. Inc., Finders Keepers Thrift

Store, Wild Love Bakery, as well as many other great businesses large and small.

"We are also fortunate to be able to utilize our Clubhouse as a wonderful rental property for all sorts of events," the association president told The Focus.

The group has at least one or two cleanups each year and, prior to the pandemic, they hosted an annual Holiday Maker's Market.

"We hope to resume the market once again this year," Ivester said.

Oakwood-Lincoln Park is on the internet and Facebook.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## COURT NOTICES

### 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 FOR 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 Knox County, 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 Kingston 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. Heagy 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 LINDA LOUISE BLOCKSOM  
DOCKET NUMBER 88194-2

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 LINDA LOUISE BLOCKSOM who died May 27, 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 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 LINDA LOUISE BLOCKSOM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JANICE JUNGCLAUS  
7419 PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD  
CORRYTON, TN 37721

ROBERT W GODWIN ATTORNEY  
4611 OLD BROADWAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARIE CARPENTER AKA  
ELDER MARIE CLEVINGER CARPENTER  
DOCKET NUMBER 88258-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARIE CARPENTER AKA ELDER MARIE CLEVINGER CARPENTER, who died on May 14, 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), below, 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 MARIE CARPENTER  
AKA ELDER MARIE CLEVINGER CARPENTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RICHARD GORDON CARPENTER  
3233 SHAGBARK DRIVE  
POWELL, TN 37849

PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY  
125 N. MAIN STREET  
CLINTON, TN 37716

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH SHARON  
ANN MANNING CHADWELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 88055-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH SHARON ANN MANNING CHADWELL, who died June 5, 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 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH SHARON  
ANN MANNING CHADWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHARLES A. CHADWELL

WILSON S. RITCHE ATTORNEY  
606 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

### 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 GLENLEIGH 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 the 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 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 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  
DICKET 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 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 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 38759

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 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 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 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:

(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 THOMAS TERRY 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:

(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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(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



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MILDRED JUANITA OGLE DOCKET NUMBER 88077-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILDRED JUANITA OGLE who died Jan 17, 2005, 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 MILDRED JUANITA OGLE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GREGORY BRYAN OGLE; ADMINISTRATOR  
3675 DOBBIN ROAD  
SPRINGFIELD, TN. 37172

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SAM KENT ROTENBERRY JR DOCKET NUMBER 87857-1**

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

(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 (6) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 2 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF SAM KENT ROTENBERRY, JR.**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GARY STIPES  
7520 COATNEY RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ADAM M. BULLOCK ATTORNEY  
124 INDEPENDENCE LN.  
LAFOLLETTE, TN 37766

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HENRY ALTON STIGALL DOCKET NUMBER 88266-2**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of HENRY ALON STIGALL, who died on June 2, 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 this 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) below; 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 7 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF HENRY ALTON STIGALL**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAROLE S. MITCHELL AND  
HENRY ROBERT STIGALL  
8321 TUMBLED STONE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

JANE KAUFMAN JONES, ATTORNEY  
8517 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF STEVEN PAUL STURGEON DOCKET NUMBER 88070-1**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of STEVEN PAUL STURGEON, who died on March 28, 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 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 STEVEN PAUL STURGEON**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAMILLE STURGEON KUHLE  
2962 SPENCER RIDGE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

RONALD J. ATTANASIO, ATTORNEY  
625 MARKET STREET, SUITE 700  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**THE ESTATE OF BRADLEY R. SUNESON DOCKET NUMBER 88261-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRADLEY R. SUNESON who died on June 4, 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 of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the 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 BRADLEY R. SUNESON**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HOME FEDERAL BANK  
KATHLEEN L. WALKER, SVP  
515 MARKET SQUARE, STE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

DAVID H. LUHN ATTORNEY  
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TOMMY L. WALKER DOCKET NUMBER 88231-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of TOMMY L. WALKER, 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 2 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF TOMMY L. WALKER**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CATHY G. ACKERMANN; ADMINISTRATRIX  
1033 WATER PLACE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS, ATTORNEY  
1111 N. NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE S-700  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DEBORAH S BARNES DOCKET NUMBER 88106-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of DEBORAH S BARNES, who died on April 15, 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) below, 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 9 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF DEBORAH S BARNES**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CORBA B TILLERY  
6738 SIEBERN AVENUE  
CINCINNATI, OH 45236

BARBARA W CLARK ATTORNEY  
2415 E MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARIE LAI YONG BRITAIN DOCKET NUMBER 88243-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MARIE LAI YONG BRITAIN, who died October 6, 2021, 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 15 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF MARIE LAI YONG BRITAIN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JESSICA D' ANDRIA  
9419 GLADIATOR LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

**ESTATE OF MARIE LAI YONG BRITAIN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JESSICA D' ANDRIA  
9419 GLADIATOR LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

MICHAEL R. CROWDER ATTORNEY  
4TH FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA BLDG.  
P.O. BOX 442  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILMA FAYE CHASTAIN DOCKET NUMBER 88232-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of AUGUST, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WILMA FAYE CHASTAIN who died on June 26, 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 15 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF WILMA FAYE CHASTAIN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
W. TYLER CHASTAIN  
116 AGNES ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

MATTHEW T. MCDONALD, ATTORNEY  
116 AGNES ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE A. DAWKINS DOCKET NUMBER 87619-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE A. DAWKINS, 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 and 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 15 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE A. DAWKINS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DONNA MITCHELL  
42307 ROSEBERRY ROAD  
MASCOT, TN 37806

GAIL F. WORTLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
3715 POWERS STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALVIN C. DEFORD DOCKET NUMBER 88013-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ALVIN C. DEFORD who died May 6, 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 9 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF ALVIN C. DEFORD**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TRACY DEFORD RIVES  
5412 BELLWOOD LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

CURTIS RANDALL DEFORD  
1511 LAUREL AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

HAGOOD MOODY HODGE ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2100  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KATHLEEN HUGHES HURLEY DOCKET NUMBER 88041-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of KATHLEEN HUGHES HURLEY who died January 28, 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 10 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF KATHLEEN HUGHES HURLEY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRIANN S HURLEY  
206 OAKWOOD PL  
SPRING, TX 77389

BEN T NORRIS, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 397  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

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 10 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF KATHLEEN HUGHES HURLEY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRIANN S HURLEY  
206 OAKWOOD PL  
SPRING, TX 77389

**ESTATE OF IRWIN KARP DOCKET NUMBER 88050-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of IRWIN KARP who died January 30, 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 the first publication as described in (1)A); or

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

This the 9 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF IRWIN KARP**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JILL WOODS  
39 ZION DRIVE  
BERLIN, NJ 08009

STEPHEN KARP  
8104 PEPPERDINE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DON BYRD ATTORNEY  
525 4TH AVE S  
NASHVILLE, TN 37210

**ESTATE OF IRWIN KARP**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JILL WOODS  
39 ZION DRIVE  
BERLIN, NJ 08009

STEPHEN KARP  
8104 PEPPERDINE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DON BYRD ATTORNEY  
525 4TH AVE S  
NASHVILLE, TN 37210

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JASON ROBERT KUBIK DOCKET NUMBER 88130-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JASON ROBERT KUBIK who died on May 19, 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 9 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JASON ROBERT KUBIK**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROBERT LEE KUBIK, ADMINISTRATOR  
1215 LENORE LANE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

JOHN EDWIN BAUGH ATTORNEY AT LAW  
4617 CHAMBLISS AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SANDRA GAIL REED LEWIS DOCKET NUMBER 88135-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters of administration, in respect of the Estate of SANDRA GAIL REED LEWIS, who died on April 14, 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 15 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF SANDRA GAIL REED LEWIS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRITTANY (LEWIS) KARICH  
1822 BLUE CRANE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

ELIZABETH BURRELL ATTORNEY  
SAL W. VARSALONA ATTORNEY  
PO BOX 398  
CLINTON, TN 37717

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TERRISA T. LOVING DOCKET NUMBER 88118-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of TERRISA T. LOVING, who died

on April 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) below, 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 10 day of AUGUST, 2023.

**ESTATE OF TERRISA T. LOVING**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WHITNEY MURPHY  
3128 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

RICHARD S. MATLOCK ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR  
P.O. BOX 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN MYERS DOCKET NUMBER 87439-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of AUGUST 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN MYERS who died Sep 13, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the 11 day of AUGUST, 2023.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DWIGHT OLIN NICHOLS DOCKET NUMBER 87940-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DWIGHT OLIN NICHOLS 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:

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

This the 15 day of AUGUST, 2023.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KATHRYN LYNN THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 88275-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of AUGUST, 2023 letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of KATHRYN LYNN THOMAS who died July 1, 2023, were issued to Donna Blackburne Jones by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate

# The Lion of White Hall, I

## Early efforts toward abolition

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If the challenge was accepted it generally resulted in a death. Many of the early leaders of our country participated in such duels.

"I never looked for trouble with anyone," Clay said later in life. "I will admit however that I've never gone out of my way to avoid it. I have had many encounters through the years but I have only been whipped twice. Those were by my mother and my older brother.

"My brother was older and much stronger. I tended

to tease and play tricks on him until I went too far. One day we were trimming trees in the orchard and he had a ladder that he used to reach the higher limbs. I took his ladder a few times while he was up in a tree and he had to jump down. He warned me but I kept it up until he caught me and whipped me good with some of the sprouts that were trimmed from the trees. If I think about it I can still feel the stinging today.

"I didn't cry but I learned my lesson. I stopped teasing him then and there

because I knew what would come next. As I grew up however it seemed that trouble was looking for me."

Clay explained that he had this introduction to dueling at the age of 23.

"I was engaged to be married and I had a rival suitor who wrote a letter to my sweetheart's mother in which he made a number of obnoxious charges about me," he began. "She showed me the letter and asked for me to explain it. It perturbed me greatly and I explained it by going to Louisville where I looked

for the man, a doctor by the name of Declarey, who wrote it."

Read more next week.

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Jadon Gibson is a widely read Appalachian writer from Harrogate, TN. His stories are both historic and nostalgic in nature. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

## LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION WILL CONVENE DURING RECESS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION IN ORDER TO ELECT OFFICERS. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

*NOTE: Those wishing to speak on any Special Session agenda item can do so via the Commission website at commission.knoxcountyttn.gov, emailing commission@knoxcountyttn.gov, or calling the office at 865-215-2534. The deadline to sign up to speak is Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.*

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comments on Special Session Reorganization.
3. Consideration of the Re-organization of the Knox County Commission with the election of Chair and Vice Chair.
4. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioners to the Standing Committees of the Knox County Commission. (Standing Committees not composed of the entire membership of the Commission include the Rules Committee, Insolvency Board and Legislative Affairs Committee)
5. (Full Commission) Resolution R-23-9-101-SS  
Recess to convene the Cable TV Committee, Finance Committee, Insolvency Board, Legislative Affairs Committee, and Rules Committee to elect the Chair and Vice Chair.
6. Reconvene Full Commission and Call to order.
7. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, providing for the Commission's continued participation in the Joint Education Committee through August 31, 2024, and appointing/reappointing Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve on said committee. (Full Commission) Resolution R-23-9-102-SS
8. Adjournment.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION'S RULES COMMITTEE SHALL MEET DURING RECESS OF THE COMMISSION'S SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Forum (Agenda items only)
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
4. Adjournment.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION'S INSOLVENCY BOARD SHALL MEET DURING RECESS OF THE COMMISSION'S SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

*NOTE: Those wishing to speak on any Insolvency Board agenda item can do so via the Commission website at commission.knoxcountyttn.gov, emailing commission@knoxcountyttn.gov, or calling the office at 865-215-2534. The deadline to sign up to speak is Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.*

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Forum (Agenda items only)
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
4. Adjournment.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION'S TELECOM COMMITTEE SHALL MEET DURING RECESS OF THE COMMISSION'S SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Forum (Agenda items only)
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
4. Adjournment.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION'S LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SHALL MEET DURING RECESS OF THE COMMISSION'S SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Forum (Agenda items only)
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
4. Adjournment.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION'S FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET DURING RECESS OF THE COMMISSION'S SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

*NOTE: Those wishing to speak on any Finance Committee agenda item can do so via the Commission website at commission.knoxcountyttn.gov, emailing commission@knoxcountyttn.gov, or calling the office at 865-215-2534. The deadline to sign up to speak is Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.*

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Forum (Agenda items only)
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
4. Adjournment.

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## Fulton's father figure and guiding light passes away

Bob Black was a longtime teacher, coach and administrator at Fulton High School. And on top of that, he became a father figure to the students and a guiding light for many years.



By Steve Williams

After being on the football staff for 56 years, he had visibly slowed down health-wise and did not return to coach in 2021 and 2022.

Last Monday, Aug. 14, Black, a 1960 Fulton graduate, died at the age of 80. "My dad, our hero, 'Coach Bob Black,' entered into the Gates of Heaven this afternoon," Kelley Black Seymour wrote in a post on Facebook. "Many know he had suffered with Alzheimer's the past few

years. He recently had a rapid decline in his condition. Today he has been made brand new in his Heavenly Home. We appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers."

Black's graveside service was scheduled Sunday afternoon at Greenwood Cemetery in Knoxville.

In addition to covering Fulton games for The Knoxville Journal in the 1970s and 80s, I got to know Bob even more when I got into officiating and umpiring as he was director of Junior Pro basketball and a baseball umpire in the TSSAA and SEC.

As a TSSAA football official, my crew worked some of the Fulton games when

Bob was on the sideline as an assistant coach. There were times too when he and others disagreed with some of our calls and let us hear about it. But when the game was over, Bob left it all on the field and our relationship was never altered.

I saw another side of Coach Black too when Bobby Lippert, our TSSAA baseball signing officer, passed away and Bob spoke at his funeral. His message that day was so beautiful and touching.

Five years ago, in August of 2018, as a sports reporter for The Knoxville Focus, I interviewed Bob in Fulton's football facility after he had been honored as the East Tennessee Careacter Star Assistant Football Coach of the Year for 2017.

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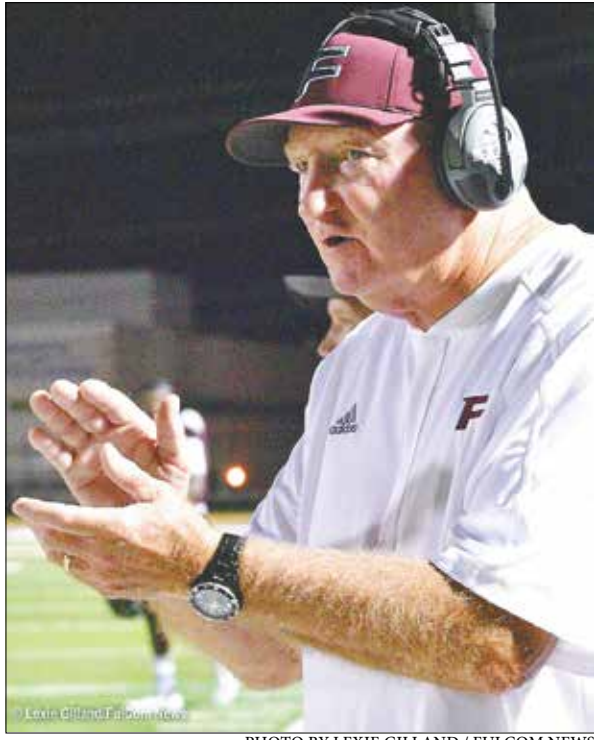


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**Bob Black coaching on the sideline during the 2017 season. Black, who started coaching at Fulton in 1965 and retired in 2020, died Aug. 14. He was 80.**

## Notes from the scorecard

### Lady Admirals, Central post shutouts to open season

By Ken Lay

The 2023 high school girls soccer season is underway and a pair of new coaches in West Knox County had mixed results at their new schools last week.

In Farragut, Jessie Stephens Burkhart returned to her alma mater in victorious fashion as she guided the Lady Admirals to a pair of victories in the campaign's opening week. Both wins were shutouts for Farragut, which had no problems finding the back of the net against Jefferson County (Tuesday) and Halls (Thursday) at the Farragut Soccer Stadium.

Burkhart was an all-state standout for the Lady Admirals before moving on to Carson-Newman. She returned to Farragut, where she was an assistant coach under longtime coach Dennis Lindsay.

She got her first head coaching job at Hardin Valley Academy. There, she would have success as both the girls and boys coach.

When she returned to Farragut, she was a bit apprehensive.

"There's a lot of pressure because the program means so much to me," Burkhart said upon getting the job. "I can't say enough good things about the people, the parents and the players at Hardin Valley."

So far Burkhart's return home has gone well. It opened Tuesday night with an 8-0 victory over the Patriots.

Reeder Kappel had a hat trick for the Lady Admirals. Ava Barczak scored twice, while Rowan Unger, Christie George and Brady Livingston had once apiece as Farragut cruised to victory against Jefferson

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## Hawks match '22 win total with 21-0 opening-night win over Beavers

By Bill Howard

It took only opening night of the 2023 high-school football season last Friday for Hardin Valley Academy to equal its win total from last year.

The Hawks used a steady ground game and an opportunistic defense to shut out Karns High School, 21-0 at home. Now 1-0 after week one, HVA didn't get its lone win last year until week nine.

"It's good to see this right here, these guys so excited," said HVA's second-year coach Jeff Miner, referring to the student section mobbing the players on the field. "Seeing the student body and everybody excited; that's what this is all about."

"They had a couple big plays that hurt us tonight," said Beavers' first-year coach Lee Warren. "I thought we did a good job of handling adversity. In the fourth quarter we got into a deficit."

After a scoreless first quarter, HVA took over on Karns's 43 with 9:50 left in the half. Seven plays later, senior running back



PHOTO BY JEREMY WIGGS

**Hardin Valley senior quarterback Caleb Standifer breaks through the Karns defense for a big game Friday night. The host Hawks opened their season with a 21-0 win.**

Brady Loveland took it on second and goal from the three, and the Beavers would have all the points they would need.

For the game, Hawks' running backs ran the ball 33 times for 208 yards and three scores. "We're doing something different than what everyone else is doing," said Miner of his versatile rushing attack. "I love that style of football."

"i love this offense this

year," said senior running back Cooper Rittenberry. "It's so much better."

HVA took a 14-0 lead into halftime when senior quarterback Caleb Standifer finished off a six-play, 72-yard drive with a two-yard keeper on first and goal. The big play of the drive came on a 37-yard strike from Standifer to junior tight end Barron Scheetz. Standifer scored on the next play.

Standifer attempted only six passes in the game, but completed five for 83 yards.

A great opportunity for the Beavers in the third quarter turned into their death knell. Taking the second-half kickoff, Karns drove to HVA's 19, where it had a third and 10. Four times on the drive, junior quarterback Carson Paul connected with sophomore wide receiver Auston

Fann, three of them converting first downs.

A touchdown and resulting 14-7 score would have made it a whole new game.

On the sixteenth play of the drive, Paul threw into the end zone, only to have the ball picked off by sophomore defensive back Taa Henderson. A facemask on the play by Karns gave the Hawks first down on their 35 with 6:08 left in the quarter.

Six plays later, on first and goal from the six, Standifer handed off to Loveland, who fumbled. Standifer picked up the ball on the ten and ran it in for the score with 2:26 left in the third. The 21-0 score would hold to the end.

On the ensuing drive, Paul was sacked twice to thwart any comeback attempt. Hawks' junior defensive tackle Michael Stewart had three sacks in the game.

For the game, Paul threw for 164 yards on 18 completions in 29 attempts, and a pick.

"They did a good job picking on us with that receiver (Fann)," said **Continue on page 3**

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 1

## West pulls out 14-10 win over Bearden

By Steve Williams

It wasn't a Hail Mary, but it was just as thrilling.

With time running out, West quarterback Hunter Dance and wide receiver Syxx Hoard hooked up for a 45-yard go-ahead touchdown pass with 17.4 seconds remaining that held up for a 14-10 season opening win over Bearden Saturday at sun-splashed Bill Wilson Field.

"When the ball was in the air, I knew it was just me and the defender," said Syxx (pronounced six). "When the ball touched my hands there was just a lot going through my head because I saw the defender on the ground."

At that point in the play, Hoard made the catch at the 5-yard line and then bobbled the ball. "Soon as I got it together, I pulled the ball in and scored," he said.

The 6-1, 191-pound Dance said: "Syxx Hoard (5-7, 150) is a really good player for us. We had him on a corner post right up the middle to try to split the field. He ran a perfect route and got open. I just try to get him the ball and let him do what he does and he scored. I think he bobbled it just a little bit, but he came down with it, so I'm proud of him."

After the ensuing kickoff return to its 35-yard line, Bearden was in desperation mode. Junior quarterback Drew Parrott completed a 5-yard pass to the 40 and the Bulldogs called their last timeout with only 5.7 seconds left. Parrott's last pass was intercepted by Ryan Scott, the Rebels' All-State inside linebacker, at the West 45. Scott almost turned the play into a Pick Six, but was bumped out of bounds at the Bearden 4-yard line.

West players and students poured onto the field to celebrate.

The victory was the 16th in a row for the Rebels, who went 15-0 on their way to the Class 5A state title last season.

Saturday's televised game started a few minutes after 12 noon. The stands on both sides of the field were pretty much full. The temperature was 86 degrees when the contest ended.

Bearden jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter. Daniel Kinney kicked a 43-yard field goal on the Bulldogs' opening possession.

West's first possession ended with Jones Bollig's punt being blocked by Bearden senior Cody Clough and set up shop for the Bulldogs at the West 40.

On Bearden's second play, senior running back Jaheim Merriweather (6-2, 205) ran through a big hole on



JASON CANTRELL, CADENCE CAPTURES

**West defensive lineman C.J. Smith wraps up Bearden quarterback Drew Parrott as he tries to get off a pass in Saturday's season-opening showdown at Bill Wilson Field. Smith, a 6-3, 250-pound senior, and the West defense kept the Rebels in the game before they rallied late for a 14-10 victory.**

the right side of the line and went 40 yards to score and up the Bulldogs' lead to 10-0 with 4:50 on the first quarter clock.

Things could have gotten worse when West went for a first down on fourth-and-one at its 29-yard line and didn't make it. But the Rebels' tough defense didn't allow Bearden to capitalize on the field possession.

West tried to put points on the board later in the second quarter but Patrick Schmid missed wide right on a 33-yard field goal attempt.

The Rebels' offense finally put together an 88-yard drive that ended with its first touchdown early in the fourth quarter. A key first down conversion was Marshaun Bowers picking up six yards on fourth-and-three at the Bearden 14. Bowers powered his way into paydirt on the next play. His TD and Schmid's PAT kick shaved the Bearden lead to 10-7.

The Bulldogs put an 11-play drive together, but it fizzled out at the West 19.

"I think everybody that was here got

to watch a football team start growing up today," said West Coach Lamar Brown. "Early on our team had opportunities and just kept shooting themselves in the foot and the defense gives up a big run. But you could see growth throughout the game."

Josh Jones complimented both teams' defense, but summed up by saying: "You're not going to keep a team with them kind of athletes scoreless, so we were fooling ourselves thinking 10 points was going to win it. You've got to score more than 10 to win a ball game."

West's next game will be at Clinton Friday night. Bearden will have another tough road test at Alcoa.

**JUST LIKE BROTHER:** Hunter Dance did something Saturday his older brother Baker once did on the same field and that was throw a late touchdown pass to beat Bearden. In 2019, Baker Dance threw a TD pass in overtime to turn back the Bulldogs for the first win in the Rebels' current five-game win streak over their Kingston Pike rivals.

## Solid start for Halls

By Mark Nagi

The Halls Red Devils had their struggles in 2022, winning only two games.

But if the 2023 opener is any indication, this is going to be a much different season. On Thursday, August 17, the Red Devils controlled Campbell County 41-14.

"We were in same familiar positions to make those plays (last season) and have those stops, but we always came up short," said Halls head coach Brent Hughes. "This time we didn't and that was partially due to our leadership up front and as a whole on defense and I couldn't be more proud of their effort."

The Halls special teams was the story at the start. Michael Harrop caught the opening kickoff at his own 23-yard line and ran it back to the Cougars 19 for a return of 48 yards.

Halls moved the football to the Campbell County 1-yard line, but the drive would stall from there. A chip shot field goal by Owen Taylor put Halls on top early in the game 3-0.

The Cougars offense is no longer a secret, with Landen Hensley returning as quarterback following a 2022 season in which he threw for 3,244 yards and 18 touchdowns. He marched the Cougars right down the field and finished a 77-yard drive with a 4-yard TD run midway through the first quarter, making it 7-3.

Early in the second quarter, Campbell County (0-1) drove inside the Halls 2-yard line, but the Red Devils defense came up with a goal line stand in what was one of the biggest moments of the game.

Halls (1-0) proceeded to move 98 yards down the field for a go-ahead touchdown, a 4-yard run by senior Kameron Bates, giving the Red Devils a 10-7 lead.

"I knew that the first game of the season you kind of have to ease into it," said Hughes. "In the first half we didn't capitalize enough but we were making plays. Our defense did enough early on to not let Campbell County get in a rhythm. They were

moving the ball."

It was 14-10 Campbell County to start the third quarter. Hensley threw a pass he wishes he could have back when Harrop intercepted it at the Cougars 35. He returned it to the 20, and the Red Devils had incredible field position.

Only a few plays later, Halls quarterback Amari Lethgo faked a handoff and kept it himself, running 5 yards for a score, putting the Red Devils ahead 17-14.

The Halls defense came up huge again on the next Campbell County drive as junior safety Manny Noe made the interception at the Cougars 38 and returned it to the 2. It only took one play for Marcus Moore to run it into the end zone, and the lead increased to 24-14 with 7:39 to go in the third quarter.

After causing a turnover on downs, the Red Devils added to their lead with another short Taylor field goal, making it 27-14.

In the fourth quarter, Halls put the game away. A 54-yard pass play from Lethgo to Drew Ross put the football on the Cougars 10. Two plays later, Lethgo turned a broken play into a 5-yard touchdown pass to Landon Vest. It was 34-14 with 9:24 to go.

Halls finished the scoring with an 8-yard scoring run from Moore, his second touchdown of the game. The Red Devils ended the game scoring 32 unanswered points.

"My message at halftime was to settle down and quit making stupid penalties because we were out of position," said Hughes. "We gotta get back to playing Red Devil football. I challenged them at halftime. I challenged them in the fact that I wanted them to play four quarters. I didn't want them to look up at the scoreboard. I wanted them to fight, claw and let their presence be known and we'll see what happens."

The Red Devils look to improve to 2-0 on Friday night with a rivalry game at Gibbs.

## High School Football Scores and Schedule

## Week 1 Results

Halls 41, Campbell Co. 14  
Powell 35, Anderson Co. 21  
Catholic 35, Lakeway 0  
Hardin Valley 21, Karns 0  
Central 53, Fulton 20  
Farragut 24, Kingsport 17  
William Blount 35, A-E 8  
Sevier Co. 43, Carter 20  
Gibbs 56, Union Co. 6  
Lenoir City 24, S-Doyle 21  
Darlington, SC 48, CAK 24  
Grace Christian 28, TKA 11  
Webb 30, BGA 0  
G-P 56, Seymour 13

## Week 2 Schedule

(Kickoff at 7 unless noted)

## Thursday

Carter at Austin-East

## Friday

Catholic at Brevard, NC

Bearden at Alcoa

Fulton at Campbell Co.

West at Clinton

Powell at Farragut

Halls at Gibbs

William Blount at Karns

CAK at King's Academy

Asheville NC at Webb

Central at Maryville

McMinn Cen. at Seymour

Heritage at South-Doyle

## Saturday

GCA at York Institute

Louisiana at TSD, 2 p.m.

## A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

## Finally! Gibbs to host rival Halls Friday

By Steve Williams

Ah, Home Sweet Home! Gibbs High and the folks in Corryton can hardly wait.

The Eagles are scheduled to play their first home football game since Oct. 22, 2021 this Friday night.

Due to construction delays on Ernest Whited Stadium, Gibbs did not host any games during the 2022 season.

Friday's matchup couldn't be much better either as rival Halls will be the visitor. In fact, the Eagles' last win on its home field was against the Red Devils, 25-20, in the 2021 season opener.

Both teams notched

impressive victories in Week 1, with Halls pulling away from Campbell County 41-14 and Gibbs' ground game rushing for 392 yards in a 56-6 win at Union County.

Other top attractions in Week 2 include Powell at Farragut, Bearden at Alcoa, Central at Maryville and Carter at Austin-East in the Rivalry Thursday TV game.

**WEEK 1 HIGHLIGHTS:** Dante Strickland caught three touchdown passes in the first half to spark Central to a 53-20 win at Fulton in the Battle of Broadway. Frank Johnson IV also hauled in a 44-yard

TD pass and rushed for 137 yards. Senior quarterbacks Sam Myers and Cameron Bingham combined for five TD passes.

Farragut pulled out a 24-17 win over Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett as Landis Davis threw a 23-yard TD pass to Cam Duncan with 25 seconds to go.

Junior running back Connor Wheeler was impressive in Powell's 35-21 win over Anderson County in the Jungle, rushing for 147 yards and two touchdowns. Charvon Thomas, a junior defensive end, contributed a scoop and score in the victory over the Mavericks, last season's Class 4A state champions.

**THE ZAVION DOBSON** Foundation Game at Fulton honored the memory of the former Falcon at the 24-yard line in a pre-game ceremony. Dobson, who wore No. 24 when he played for Fulton, was shot and killed by gang gunfire as he tried to protect friends in December of



**COACH JAY HUMPHREY** is one of the longtime high school football assistant coaches in Knox County being recognized for their longevity and loyalty. He joined the Fulton staff in 2001 and has been on the sideline for six state championships and eight BlueCross Bowl appearances. He has served as running backs coach and special teams coordinator in his time at Fulton. He coached Mr. Football winners Daryl-Rollins Davis and De-Shawn Page at the RB position. Coach Humphrey also coached his two sons, Derrick and Desmond, when they played at Fulton. His daughter Blake was also a Fulton cheerleader.

2015. Jay Winton, a senior OL/DL, received the "24 Strong" award. Linebacker Kashawn Banks, who is now playing at Maryville College, was last year's recipient.

**OAKLAND NO. 1:** Murfreesboro Oakland was the top-rated team in the state in Sonny Moore's Computer Power Ratings (Compiled July 22) with a

150.00 rating. 2-Lipscomb Academy 149.99, 3-Alcoa 142.98, 4-West 140.14, 5-Greeneville 139.92, 6-MBA 137.70, 7-Maryville 137.31, 8-McCallie 136.03, 9-CPA 135.97, 10-Haywood County 133.06.

Other local teams in Top 25: 11-Powell 132.19, 18-Anderson County 126.07, 25-Farragut 123.37.

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# The most exciting moment of their lives

Seldom has one game attracted the attention of the "Tennessee Nation" as did the 1986 Sugar Bowl win over Miami. The 35-7 win, seemingly against all odds, is one of the first games mentioned when Vol fans begin choosing their favorite games... and favorite teams.

Tennessee head coach John Majors saw it all from a front-row seat and declared it something special. "There's probably no way to explain what it was like," said Majors. "One of the most moving things of my life was the bus ride from the airport back to Gibbs Hall and seeing people waving their Tennessee banners, stopping their cars, and flashing their lights. I was touched to the point I couldn't fight back the tears.

"I doubt I've gotten any more pleasure out of a victory, because it meant so much to so many who have been loyal to Tennessee over the years."

Ken Donahue's defense shut off every avenue of attack, and the Vol offense made every play needed in a dominating performance.

Majors called Donahue's work with the Vol defense, "the most amazing feat I have seen in all my years of football."

Donahue, a 1950s-era tackle from Corryton, is remembered fondly across Big Orange Country for his defensive scheme that night. Tennessee defenders came at Hurricane quarterback Vinny Testaverde from nearly every angle and caused six turnovers and had seven quarterback sacks accompanied by five tackles for lost yardage.

One media representative voted Donahue the game's Most Valuable Player, with The Tennessean's David Climer writing that Ken won the game with a clipboard and pencil, "writing a masterpiece in X's and O's."

Donahue had returned to Knoxville in 1985 after a heralded career with Bear Bryant at Alabama.

Ken's Vol defensive unit, one that improved game-by-game and highlighted a 38-20 win over No. 1-ranked Auburn, was a major factor in an amazing season. His floppy, Sherlock Holmes-type hat was a fixture on the practice field.

Ken was awarded a game ball after the Vols won 16-14 over Alabama that October. Receiving the



John Majors led Tennessee to many of its finest hours, including the 35-7 triumph over Miami in the 1986 Sugar Bowl.

ball from defensive end Dale Jones in the excitement of the Vol locker room, Donahue said, "This one will go right at the top."

It all started coming together after the Vols had suffered an apparently crushing blow against Alabama when starting signal-caller Tony Robinson, who had graced the cover of Sports Illustrated after the win over Auburn, went down with a knee injury.

The loss thrust Daryl Dickey, son of former Vol head coach and first-year AD Doug Dickey, into the spotlight, and Vol fans, mindful Daryl had played

sparingly to that point, were concerned about the stretch run of the season.

They shouldn't have been. Daryl showed uncommon smarts in leading the Vols. After a 6-6 tie with Georgia Tech, the Vols proved to be in the discussion with the great Tennessee teams of years past by season's end.

Vol defenders were relentless down the stretch, shutting out Rutgers (40-0), effectively shutting out Memphis State (it was 17-7, as the Tiger score came off a blocked punt), defeating Mississippi (34-14), and finishing the season with

shutouts of Kentucky (42-0) and Vanderbilt (30-0).

Walk-on running back Jeff Powell rose from obscurity to make a significant contribution when the Vols nearly ran out of running backs. When he broke the line for a 60-yard run that made the score 28-7 in the third quarter, happiness reigned supreme all across Big Orange Country.

It was a certainty that no one, save Willie Gault, could catch him. The Superdome exploded in a torrent of noise, as fans in orange were ecstatic at what they were seeing. It was amazing.

"Powell just came roaring down the greensward," John Ward said.

Sometimes teams find the magic and ride it all the way to a more-than-successful season, one that no one could have expected. The 1985 Vols created a special niche for themselves in the hearts of Vol fans. All the little pieces fell together in exactly the right way to create a magical season.

"It meant so much to the players and coaches and the great Tennessee people who were there physically and on television," said Majors of the Sugar Bowl triumph. "I've heard people say that, other than the birth of their first child, their marriage, or the first Christmas they remember, it was the most exciting moment of their lives."

The 1985 Tennessee Volunteers demonstrated the power and triumph of a team, individually and collectively... and the triumph of two men, one named John Majors, the other Ken Donahue.

No Vol fan will ever forget this bunch.

Or forget two Vols for Life, John Majors and Ken Donahue.

## 'Young' Lady Rebels overcome slow start to down Central on the road

By Ken Lay

The local high school volleyball has changed a bit in 2023. And no team has been more affected, perhaps, than West High School.

Thus far, the Lady Rebels appear to be rolling with the changes as they have won three of their first four matches in 2023.

After opening the season with a road win over Austin-East, the Lady Rebels hit the road again as they traveled to face longtime rival Central in Fountain City.

They would prevail. It wouldn't be easy however, as they dropped the first set to the Lady Bobcats before notching a 19-25, 25-12, 25-22, 25-15, Tuesday night.

While dropping the first set was frustrating for longtime Lady Rebels' head coach Jessica Lee, she saw some positives from her young squad.

"We're young and we're just going to have to grow up," Lee said. "We beat Austin-East, but we're young. We lost seven starters from last year.

"I liked the way the girls responded after we lost that first game. We had a play day and Anderson County came back and stole one from us and we couldn't get it together for the rest of the day, so I was happy with the way



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Central High volleyball player Reese Harvey prepares to serve in a match against rival West in Fountain City Tuesday night. The Lady Bobcats, despite a solid team effort, lost a four-set to the Lady Rebels.

we fought back. Central is a very good team and I fully expect them to compete with Oak Ridge and Clinton (in District 3-3A)."

The Lady Rebels were extremely busy last week after knocking off the Lady Roadrunners and the Lady Bobcats, they lost to Bearden Wednesday night and swept Grace Christian Academy.

West also played in the Showdown at the Sunsphere over the weekend in a tournament that featured some of the state's top teams.

"We're 2-0, but we played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and then we have to go to the Sunsphere tournament this weekend, so we could be like 3-8 by the end of the

weekend," Lee said after her team's win in Fountain City. "Then, they put us in that other district, so they didn't do us any favors."

For the past several seasons, the Lady Rebels have resided in District 3-3A, where they have dominated, along with Oak Ridge.

Now, West has been moved to District 4-3A, where they will have to compete with the likes of Bearden, Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Heritage, Maryville and William Blount. The move is definitely a step up in competition as all of those teams are always looking to make deep postseason runs.

Against the Lady Bobcats, Emmie Bankston led the way for the Lady Rebels with 18 assists, 17 digs, four aces, three kills and one block.

Central had plenty of stellar individual performances despite coming up on the short end in the match. Ally Bryant finished with 11 aces and 10 kills. Hannah Holt finished with nine aces and Lauren Cox came up with four aces.

"We served well," Central coach Susan Davidson said. "We played well as a team and we competed."

"I was hoping we could pull this one out so we could say that we finally beat West. They're good for us and we came closer than we have before."



PHOTO BY JEREMY WIGGS

Hardin Valley junior cheer captain Emma Johnson is up high leading the cheers in the Hawks' victory Friday night.

## Hawks match '22 win total with 21-0 opening-night win over Beavers

**Cont. from page 1** Miner. "We tried to make them show us what they can do before we adjusted. When they got down there close we made some adjustments. The pick gave us good field position. Henderson made a really good play ... only a sophomore. He's a heckuva player."

"They had a couple of explosive plays," said Warren. "We didn't answer very well ... didn't respond well on defense and hold our ground."

"I told the team after half 'Karns has all the

momentum,'" said Rittenberry. "This is the only moment they have. If we get a pick we shut them out. And I was right."

"Our second-half defense really stepped up," said Miner. "Our D-line did a great job. The second half really worked in our favor."

The Hawks will look to double their win total from last year Thursday night when they go on the road to play Morristown East. The Beavers will try to get in the win column Friday night when they host William Blount.

## Lady Admirals, Central post shutouts to open season

**Cont. from page 1** County.

The Lady Admirals picked up another easy win as they defeated Halls Thursday night, posting a 6-0 win as goalkeeper Eleanor Beck recorded her second consecutive clean sheet. Against the Lady Devils,

who made the state sectionals last season, Kappel and Livingston each scored twice. Unger picked up her third goal of the 2023 season and Caylee George also scored.

There'll be tougher challenges later for Farragut, but the return home for Burkhart has gone well out

of the gate. Halls, meanwhile, fell to 0-2 with the loss as it fell on the road to Webb School of Knoxville Tuesday night.

### Lady Hawks fall in opener at Powell

Masey Fox, who replaced Burkhart at Hardin Valley,

made her debut with the Lady Hawks Thursday night at Powell.

But things didn't go as well as Fox would've hoped as the Lady Panthers notched a 4-2 win at home.

Piper Scarborough, Royce Russell, Sifa Morgan and Avery Smith all tallied markers for Powell in the

season opener for both schools.

### Central takes down Morristown West

The Lady Bobcats opened their 2023 campaign with a 6-0 win over the Lady Trojans at Dan Y.

Boring Stadium.

Teighley Fowler scored twice for Central while Savannah Johnson, Paige Branum, Cadence Horner and Edie Wilds also scored for the Lady Bobcats in their season opener Tuesday night.

# Hernandez is among 49 new local head coaches

## New Head Coaches and ADs in 2023-24

### BEARDEN

Bowling, Jess Hailey  
Tennis, Shelby McGill

### CAREER MAGNET

Golf, Roy Haines

### CAK

Volleyball, Brooke Jackson  
Girls Soccer, Emma Zaczyk  
Wrestling (HS and MS), Dan Young  
Girls Tennis, Mike Davis *(Also will remain as boys coach)*  
Football, Chad Speck  
MS Football, Peyton Tinker  
Athletic Director: Chad Speck

### CARTER

Softball, Nicole Light  
Athletic Director, Jeff Browning

### CENTRAL

Boys Basketball, Marcus Huie  
Golf, Luke Ladd  
Athletic Director, Danny Sharp

### FARRAGUT

Girls Soccer, Jessica Stephens Burkhart  
Volleyball, Andre Alves

### FULTON

Girls Basketball, Tony Cooper  
Softball, Justin Torra

### GIBBS

Boys Basketball, Aaron Large  
Boys Soccer, Karl Welti

### GRACE CHRISTIAN

Girls Basketball, Dominic James Wright

### HALLS

Volleyball, Eden Glover  
Tennis, Matt Cupp  
Baseball, Ryan Gentry  
Sports Information, Doug Polston

### KARNS

Volleyball, Karen Vogt  
Football, Lee Warren  
Baseball, Drew Patterson

### KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC

Football, Steve Matthews and Philip Shadowens  
Girls Soccer, Josh Martin  
Boys Basketball, Gabe Blair  
Softball, Hannah Seavers Logan  
Boys Lacrosse, Jacobe Nall  
Girls Lacrosse (TBA)

### POWELL

Volleyball, Abigail Payne  
Bowling, Jennifer Mauri  
Girls Soccer, Zinyor Babiker  
Cross Country, Jessica Gay  
Girls Golf, Savanna Schubert  
Track, Rick Cathey

### SEYMOUR

Soccer, Fred Ellis  
Golf, Logan Jenkins  
Track, Jordan Donaldson  
Football, Terry Clark  
Volleyball, Jason Jacklet  
Softball, Hailey Graves  
Athletic Director, Jason Trost

### SOUTH-DOYLE

Cheer Team, Callie Tipton  
Tennis, Jacob Guerra  
Baseball, Matt Kirkland  
Volleyball, Allison Jacobs  
Strength & Conditioning, Tyler Brooks

### WEBB

Girls Basketball, Greg Hernandez  
Football, Don Mahoney  
Athletic Director, Dan Gill  
Assistant Athletic Director, Ricky Norris  
Athletics Administrative Assistant, Leah Roberts

By Steve Williams

Greg Hernandez had Seymour High's girls basketball program rolling in recent seasons in Class 3A and now will take the reins at Webb School, a traditional Division II state power.

"Greg brings with him an impressive resume of competitive playing and coaching experiences, but what made him truly stand out throughout the process was his authenticity, professionalism and passion for the game of basketball," said Dan Gill, Webb's new athletic director. "I am confident

he will continue to help us build a highly competitive and deeply connected program that is aligned with Webb's mission."

Former Webb coach Shelley Collier took the Lenoir City job after the end of last season.

The Focus contacted high schools in Knox County and Seymour last week and found 49 new head coaches on the job in the various sports.

**LIGHT PROMOTED:** Nicole Light filled the Carter softball position when former

head coach Ryan Burkhart moved into administration this school year as an assistant principal at Northwest Middle School.

Light, the former Nicole Blackburn, was an All-State pitcher at Carter in 2014 and 2015, according to Burkhart. She played college ball at Carson-Newman and Maryville before serving as an assistant coach two years each at The King's Academy, Powell and Carter.

**GENTRY NEW AT HALLS:** Ryan Gentry has taken over

the baseball program at Halls after longtime coach Doug Polston retired at the end of the season. Polston is still at Halls, serving as Sports Information Director.

**NEW IN BOWLING:** Powell will debut in bowling this winter with Jennifer Mauri as the head coach.

**BOBCATS HIRE HUIE:** Marcus Huie, former Farragut assistant, is the Bobcats' new head basketball coach. He replaces Joe Ward.

## New Seymour High AD is a 'big sports fan'

By Steve Williams

Jason Trost, who is originally from Buffalo, N.Y., is the new athletic director at Seymour High School.

He replaces TSSAA Hall of Famer Gary Householder, who retired at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Trost moved to Tennessee a little over two weeks ago to start his new position at Seymour High.

"I'm excited and grateful for the opportunity to represent the Seymour community and the Sevier County School System," he said last week via email.

Trost graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training / Physical Education and moved to Maryland where he received his Master's degree in Sports Administration.

Jason previously coached



A Trost family picture from 2021 when his son graduated from high school.

high school football and lacrosse and coaches recreation baseball, lacrosse and soccer.

"I'm married with two fantastic children and I'm a big sports fan," he added.

Being from Buffalo, he said his favorite teams are

the Bills and Sabers, "but now being down here, I will be rooting for the VOLS!"

His wife, Jennifer, is a nurse at the VA in Knoxville.

His daughter Jacqueline is currently in college working towards her Education degree and she will be

transferring to UT. His son Jason graduated from North Harford High School in Maryland in 2021, went to Virginia Tech last year, but will be transferring to UT in the spring to go into the Medical field.

# Fulton's father figure and guiding light passes away

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The interview was 28 minutes long and I'm glad I saved it in my tape recorder. The first 10 minutes included Bob's reaction to the Careacter Star award.

Black believed it was important to strive to have good character in sports and life. "You have to have good character to work with others," he said.

Black also believed high school is an important time in a person's life to build character. And he said coaches have to set an example.

One question I asked in the interview was how he tried to instill good character in student-athletes.

"We try to teach them as a staff here at Fulton to work with each other and the big thing is we

want them to rely on somebody with a higher power than what we are and we do that," answered Black. "We pray after every practice. We pray before and after every game. We have a sermon before a game.

"Steve Diggs with Emerald Youth is our chaplain and Coach Jay Humphrey on our staff also does some of the sermons and does a great job. So we do a lot of things to instill in them Christian character because that's what life is all about.

"I think it is so important that we talk to our kids about that, how they behave, how they treat other people and how they carry themselves through life."

Black was thankful for the ET Careacter Star award.

"It means everything," he said in the interview. "If people can look up to you and see that you're doing things right, it makes you feel good and it makes you want to be even better."

Diggs saw Black's influence up close after starting at the Emerald Youth Foundation and volunteering in the community in 1988. He said it's been a real honor to know Bob Black and to just watch him, observe him and learn from him.

Diggs added that Black was probably the best he knew for being a role model or mentor or teacher of the younger generation.

Diggs recalled one story he heard about a former Fulton female student who is now an adult. "The young lady let Coach Black know he saved her life because



Fulton players wore helmets in Friday night's game with this sticker in memory of Coach Bob Black.

he connected with her, got her engaged in Young Life and got her some support. She said he was the difference in her life."

(More on Bob Black's life from the final 19 minutes of the 2018 interview will be in the Focus' Aug. 28 issue.)



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Falcon Field was renamed "Bob Black Field" in honor of the coach and athletic director on Sept. 12, 1986. In the dedication game, Fulton defeated Alcoa. This new scoreboard was installed prior to the 2017 season.

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