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A Tribute to Cameron Brooks



Wes Knott (left) and Cameron Brooks (right) with their dogs Samuel and Annabelle. Courtesy of Wes Knott.

Hill selected as the new chair of Knox County Commission

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District 6 Commissioner Terry Hill was selected to chair the next Knox County Commission and District 3's Gina Oster was chosen as vice chair. The two women were nominated without opposition in a special called meeting of the commission which met in the small assembly room of the City-County Building in an 8 a.m. session.

Hill called on her fellow commissioners for guidance as she assumed the office and thanked Courtney Durrett for her chairmanship over the past year. Commissioner John Schoonmaker, who put a list together of

various committees and those wanting to serve in those positions, was also thanked for his effort. Oster was also chosen to be the chair of the Insolvency Committee, Kim Frazier as the Rules Committee Chair, and Schoonmaker as chair of the Legislative Committee.

Commissioner Larsen Jay was selected to chair the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Richie Beeler was chosen as Telecommunications Committee chair.

The commission also voted to continue taking part in the Joint Education Committee and selected Commissioners Dasha Lundy, Rhonda Lee, Oster and Frazier to serve.



Terry Hill, right, has been chosen as the new Knox County Commission Chairperson. Gina Oster was selected to be vice chair. Both were chosen in a special-called meeting Friday morning. Photo by Mike Steely.

Dear Friend, Community Leader's Light Shined Brightly

By Ray Hill

The passing of my dear, dear friend Cameron Brooks hit me like a runaway freight train on September 1. I had believed Cameron would receive treatment and be well again and live a long life. Now I'm haunted by Cameron having told me on more than one occasion he never believed he would live a long life. I am devastated that he was right. It has never been hard for me to say "hello" to anyone, but it is nigh unto impossible for me to say "goodbye" to someone I have cared about. It doesn't seem real such a gentle and kind spirit as

Cameron's has left this earth. I first met Cameron Brooks at a reception honoring the service of Nick Pavlis, who was leaving the Knoxville City Council at the time. For almost every day since, Cameron and I talked on the telephone, sometimes more than once. Cameron and I became very good friends. We shared a love for dogs, politics, and history.

Even a passing acquaintance with Cameron revealed his absolute love for dogs. Cameron and his husband Wes had three rescue dogs: Sam, Annabelle and Lyndon. Sam was very special to Cameron and had been

found wandering the streets in upper East Tennessee before being adopted by Cameron and Wes. Annabelle was something else entirely; lively, utterly impervious to scolding, absolutely determined to have her way, and obsessed with food, Cameron liked to sing "Bad Girls" for her. Lyndon was a hound adopted from Young - Williams who soon became known as "Lyndon Nixon" and someday I will explain that. Cameron was a member of the Board of Directors of Young - Williams, a role for which he was tailor-made and cherished.

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PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

A community of support including Angelic Ministries board members and volunteers and Knox County officials, gathers with Angelic Ministries founder Betsy Frazier as her dream of creating a place of refuge for men comes true.

Angelic Ministries, local officials cut ribbon for Zion's Ranch for Men

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Zion's Ranch for Men, a men's home of Angelic Ministries, had its ribbon cutting late last month. One of the missions of Angelic Ministries is to help men who have come out of homelessness or drug addiction and who desire self-sufficiency. Zion's Ranch is a 20,000-square-foot home at 3430 Zion Lane in Knoxville.

Tony Earl, executive director of Angelic Ministries, welcomed the attendees and described the event as "a big deal to us, our supporters, our county, to

the guys we serve. It is an appointed place of refuge." And that's what it is for those coming here. It is a beautiful place to see the Lord's hands at work and what happens when people come together to see a change, a difference made in someone's life. The goal at Zion's Ranch is to "see a change, to see a difference in a man's life, to see their family changed forever. A permanent fix in their life."

Earl recognized and thanked the founder, Betsy Frazier, who founded Angelic Ministries in 2002 as "God spoke to her" and showed her a dream that,

throughout the years, she followed to fruition.

Earl also thanked board chair Parker Bartholemew as a "man of integrity and resilience, that does not stop when there is a roadblock." Earl recognized board members Joe and Brent Frazier, saying "God called them to be here," and all of the respite volunteers, contractors, commissioners, and all those who attended, including Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

One of Angelic Ministries' graduates, Billy Ipock, shared a special and motivational reading on hope. Billy also shared with The

Focus how being raised in a broken home affected his life. Struggling with drugs, abandonment, loss of family members, alcohol and jail, he describes the one thing he hadn't tried. "Angelic Ministries helped me with my spiritual growth so much that I'm on fire for Jesus right now. Angelic Ministries has taught me structure, it's taught me how to live again, to be the man that I'm supposed to be, a man born again."

Mayor Jacobs spoke on the housing crisis and housing struggles with vulnerable populations. "This is going to change the

community, addiction and homelessness. And the way to tackle that is by all of us coming together."

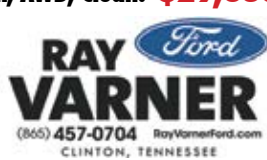
After the ribbon cutting, attendees were invited to tour Zion's Ranch for Men and the first modular tiny

homes available on the property after completion of the program.

To volunteer or donate towards the growth of Angelic Ministries, visit www.angelicministries.com.

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Three Years And Going Strong

From a distance



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

Grateful to The Focus and its readers

This is the first column of my fourth year writing for The Knoxville Focus newspaper. Every week for the past three years I have written a column, missing only the week my late wife, Lynn, passed away. I am amazed at how fast the last three years have gone by and even more amazed by how much my life has changed.

As regular readers of my column know, I believe I was greatly blessed in my first marriage, and now in my second marriage to my wife, Vickie. Vickie and I were in Sunday School and Bible School as children in the old Park City Presbyterian Church. When I was 12 years old, our family moved to Eastminster Presbyterian where I am still a member 64 years later. Vickie's family moved to Eastminster a few years after we did, and I have gone to church most of my life with her late parents and her two sisters and brothers-in-law. Vickie was married for more than 50 years to a man she met at Maryville College who was a Presbyterian minister and teacher in East Tennessee. After we both lost our first

spouses to very serious illnesses just a few months apart, neither one of us expected to get married again. But, seven months after Lynn died, I went to a church supper and sat by Vickie. I accuse her of casting a spell over me. Three and a half months later, we were married at Eastminster where I had proposed to her one day in an empty sanctuary. We are still very happily married for 16 months now. Our combined families include seven grown children and spouses and 17 grandchildren. This adds up to 31 family members (not counting us) and we are blessed to have everyone living in Knoxville. We downsized but still maintain a small home in Knoxville and a larger home in Grainger County on Cherokee Lake, about

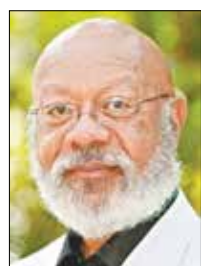
halfway between Rutledge and Bean Station. I have always enjoyed visiting other places, but I have never found any place I would rather live than East Tennessee. The people here have been so good to me and my family. I have told young people for years that people in other states have frequently teased me about my accent, and sometimes natives of East Tennessee have been called hillbillies and made fun of. But now it seems that almost everybody wants to move down here with us. My mother was from Iowa and moved here after college at Iowa Wesleyan. She had come to Knoxville to visit a sister who had married a University of Iowa graduate who had taken a job at TVA. Mama met Daddy, who was a student

at UT, and three months later, they were married in Iowa City. I had the sweetest, best mother anyone could have ever had, and I always said I am glad we let people move here or I wouldn't be here myself. I did some legal work many years ago for Steve Hunley, the publisher of The Knoxville Focus. Some time after I retired from congress, he called and asked if I would like to write a column for his paper similar to the newsletter I sent to my constituents when I was in office. I told him I would, and that I would write mainly on national issues, but I also wanted to write about a wide variety of topics, including music, sports, people I admire, iconic places in our area like Regas Restaurant and Barnes Barbershop, funny

things children have said or written to me over the years, and more. While I don't see nearly as many people as I did when I was in office, I still speak to many groups, I remain politically active, and I go to some type of family event almost every week. Almost every place I go, someone tells me how much they enjoy my columns. I appreciate that very much. This week I got a nice compliment from a man who works for the Congressional Credit Union in Washington, D.C., who reads The Focus each week online. Knoxville is lucky to have The Focus, and I am lucky to have this column.

Justice Has Never Been Blind

Brenda Russell's "Against the Law" (see the video) brings back some unpleasant memories of growing up black in the segregated south. I knew of no one under the illusion that justice was blind.



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Justice was not impartial and objective. Blacks expected and received harsher punishment than whites. Whites controlled the police departments, the judges and juries. The question is why is justice still not blind? We all know that there are racial disparities in the administration of "justice" but we must be careful not to use racial disparities as a proxy for discrimination. For example, confinement rates for blacks are greater than for whites. However, confinement rates are

misleading if blacks commit more crimes than whites. If the crimes committed by blacks are more serious than those committed by whites, then black sentences should be harsher. So the question is one of ceteris paribus (all other things being equal). Discrimination occurs if blacks and whites who commit the same crime and have the same priors receive different treatment by law enforcement and by the courts. More specifically, the correct test would be to look at treatment by race within the same law enforcement unit, the same prosecutors and the same judge. If a jury trial is involved, then the same approximate jury. Of course that is not possible, so

inference becomes important. Moreover, it would be important to see differences in enforcement, incarceration and sentencing when control of the government flips from white to black. It is obvious that in some areas now in the hands of "progressives" that their solution to disparate treatment is perverted. Rather than advocating for equal treatment, their solution has been to lessen the penalties of crimes committed by blacks. Not surprisingly, crimes have increased in cities with progressive DAs. Look at the explosion of car thefts and smash and grab crimes in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. Justice is not blind because all of its components are biased. All-white juries levy harsher punishment against blacks than whites. It was not long ago in the deep south that a

white person who committed a crime against a black could expect no punishment - even in the case of murder - because the cops, judges and juries were all white. Thankfully, those times are gone. But the question remains: will the punishment today be the same for a black committing the same crime as a white? A lot depends on the juries. Each juror is biased even though the justice system assumes otherwise. However, jurors are not tested for implicit biasness. By the way, the most widely tests for implicit biases are fatally flawed and woefully unreliable. Even the judges who administer the law are biased. When a case goes before a federal judge, it is always reported who appointed the judge. Was it Trump or Biden or Bush or Obama? This is an acknowledgment that justice is not

blind and the politics of the judge will determine the outcome. More often than not, Supreme Court decisions revolve around which president appointed the justices. If justice were blind, then the opinions of justices Brown and Sotomayor would be different than how they vote. That is, even if their examples of the benefits of an unconstitutional act were true, they still should have voted against the unlawful act given their supposed fealty to the Constitution. We all know that Donald Trump will not receive a "fair" trial in New York, Washington, D.C., or Atlanta, GA. The DAs, grand juries and trial juries are all biased and hate Trump. In order to get a semblance of a fair trial, Trump's lawyers should demand that the juries be split evenly among whites and blacks and Republicans and

Democrats. A black and or a Democrat jury in those cities guarantees a guilty verdict. Trump juries with some Republicans would likely result in a hung jury and a jury of Trump supporters would find him not guilty - all hearing the same evidence. Again, blacks have never thought that justice was blind. In fact, the term "justice" is itself a misnomer. I think that most whites have always felt the same way but since "justice" was tilted in their favor they didn't object. However, the prosecutions of Donald Trump have changed all that. Citizens see now the uneven application of the law in our system of "justice". The two-tiered justice system that has always been present in black America is now front and center. The question is whether we are finally going to do something about it?



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Publisher's Positions



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City Elections: A Disappointing Turnout

The races for city council and municipal judge were set by the few voters who chose to participate in the City of Knoxville election. Incumbent Amelia Parker will be challenged by developer Tim Hill; Judge John Rosson Jr. will be opposed by Tyler Caviness. The general election promises to be somewhat interesting even though the vote will likely decrease.

Anybody with a brain ought to be appalled by the notion a mayor of Knoxville was elected by exactly 9,429 votes. Only 16,645 residents of Knoxville chose to participate in the election this year, which is disappointing. In a city of around 190,000 residents, it is absurd to say a mayor elected by 9,000 speaks

for the majority of people, much less has a mandate.

To put it in perspective, during the last presidential election year, Mike McMillan was running for reelection to the Knox County Board of Education and won 7,700 votes in one of nine districts. Races for the school board come dead last on the ballot. The folks running the city like the fact so few people show up to vote.

So few people have any sense of what happened last time, much less before that. Too many people are moving here and think the world began the day they arrived, and nothing ever occurred before that time.

Two years ago, Daniel Herrera and Erik Wiatr poured significant resources from the local Republican Party into a dismal "ticket" hand-picked by Wiatr with disastrous results. Herrera and Wiatr like to boast it raised the number of Republicans voting inside the city, which it did, but it also motivated and energized Democrats, who turned out in even bigger numbers. That same ticket won around 43% of the vote, which was just two points less than Debbie Helsley won in her campaign for county mayor.

The leadership of Knox County's Democratic Party has done much the same thing as Herrera by quietly

aligning themselves with Tyler Caviness, a candidate for city judge, while two other Democrats, Mary Ward and Andrew Beamer, were running in the same race.

Of course, the city elections are non-partisan, although elements of both parties try and make them partisan. The Tennessee General Assembly was right to cure several problems with the city's way of electing members of city council, who should be elected from districts, not city-wide. State Representative Sam McKenzie, whose wife Gwen collects a check for sitting on the city council, praised the old system as being "diverse." Elections have nothing to do with diversity; all of a sudden, we hear a lot about "democracy" from Democrats when it is useful to them, but in a democracy, residents of districts are represented by those they elect from that district. Does anyone imagine for a single moment that Gloria Johnson and Sam McKenzie would serve in the General Assembly were the legislative delegation elected countywide rather than from districts? Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto's argument that the council made decisions for the city, not for districts; by that same silly logic every member of both the

Tennessee legislature and congressional delegation should be elected state-wide and nationally, respectively. The voices of people living inside districts elect folks so that their voices will be heard, as the needs of one district are not necessarily the same as another. The concept isn't rocket science by any means.

Jennifer Owen Files Complaint

Jennifer Owen, member of the Knox County Board of Education and a former teacher, has sent along an email received from Lynne Fugate's city council campaign to Knox County Law Director David Buuck. Owen is asking if the email is not a violation of board policy, as the Fugate email appears to have been sent through the school system. That would be a violation of the policy adopted by the board, which prohibits its politics in the school system. Fugate touts herself as experienced and served eight years on the school board where she was a strong backer of then-superintendent Jim McIntyre. McIntyre was roundly despised by teachers throughout much of his tenure and his imperious personality endeared him to few except for a majority

of the board members like Fugate.

As she did on the board of education for McIntyre, Fugate is almost always a rubber stamp for Indya Kincannon. Fugate told one political club it's pretty much a sad fact of life the mayor of Knoxville must raise taxes every four years (it's the city council that has to vote to raise them); she followed McIntyre and voted on the board of education to outsource the lowest paid employees, the school custodians. McIntyre was paid handsomely by the same board he asked to outsource the custodians, earning more than the vice president of the United States and the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Either Fugate didn't know what the board of education policy is or didn't care. Neither is a particularly good look for the Sequoyah Hills denizen.

Don Sundquist Passes Away

Former Governor Don Sundquist passed away in Memphis after a brief illness and surgery at age 87. Sundquist was part of the Republican ticket that swept Tennessee in 1994 along with the late Fred Thompson and Bill Frist. While he was a popular

governor in the beginning, Sundquist proposed a state income tax in his second term, which was a spectacular failure. That caused the former governor to be shunned by many inside his own party. For a while there, Don Sundquist did not attend Republican events, but eventually, he showed up without a fanfare here and there.

Don Sundquist never lost an election, first winning a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982 by beating Bob Clement, son of former Governor Frank Clement, in an upset. The root of Sundquist's success was that he was likable, hardworking and effective, as well as a good man.

Sundquist and his wife, Martha, made their home in Townsend, Tennessee, after his retirement, but recently moved back to West Tennessee. At the time, the former governor said the cold and all too often icy winters made it difficult for he and his wife. But Don Sundquist loved Townsend and his remains will be interred there after lying in state at Tennessee's Capitol.

The Focus family wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to former First Lady Martha Sundquist and the late governor's children.

\$20 million from state for South Waterfront Bridge before council

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When the Knoxville City Council meets tonight, it will be asked to approve Mayor Indya Kincannon to accept \$20 million from the state for the South Waterfront Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Project. That proposed span would cross the Tennessee River to link the University of Tennessee campus with the south shore.

Another resolution before the council would approve a \$475,000 contract with CDM Smith Inc. to provide initial engineering design services for the bridge. Both bridge resolutions are proposed by the Department of Engineering.

The council is also being asked to amend the city code dealing with adding "small lots of record" to permit multi-family and accessory dwellings. The ordinance change comes from R. Bentley Marlow, a developer and city council candidate.

Marlow is also asking that the code be changed to amend minimum corner setbacks and rear setbacks with the idea of adding to the "Missing Middle" income housing. He is also asking the council to amend the interior side and rear setbacks for residential use and add off-street parking spaces, plus to modify dimensional standards to accessory dwelling units.

Mayor Kincannon is asking the council to approve an agreement with Walker Consultants to do an analysis for a downtown parking plan. The council will also discuss the stabilization of the Holston River Park streambank and

apply for a \$748,517 grant from the state for stream restoration efforts at Edgewood Park with a \$39,395 city match.

Volunteer Ministry Center may get \$50,000 for its street outreach services and the East Tennessee Foundation may get \$200,000 to manage the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Sport Surface Pros LLC may get \$240,105 for maintenance of tennis courts at Inskip Park and Tyson Park/Kyle C. Testerman Tennis Courts, with a \$31,105 bump to the previous agreement. Off Duty Management may be approved to provide scheduling for off-duty city police officers.

Rezoning requests to be considered include properties at Zero and 237 Chickamauga Avenue from RN-2 single-family residential to RN-3, general residential neighborhood; 602 Citico Street from I-MU industrial mixed-use to C-G-1 general commercial; and Zero Sanders Lane from RN-2 to RN-4 general residential.

The council may also approve \$1,500 to go to Legacy Parks Foundation's 2023 Luncheon for the Parks.

The mayor is appointing Christopher Sherman, Jeff Stiles, Keira Wyatt, Nicholas Bradshaw and Officer Steve Taylor to the Wrecker Services Commission and also will name Brian Gard and John Wright to the Public Building Authority. The city audit committee is asking the council to change the composition of their body.

A Tribute to Cameron Brooks

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When my dear little Scottish terrier, Mackie, was dying of bladder cancer, it was Cameron Brooks who located a Jack Russell terrier; I had started to think perhaps a young dog might extend Mackie's life, which it did. Cameron took it upon himself to find me that dog, which explains his entire nature as a human being. Cameron was always thinking of others.

I had intended to name a puppy "Billy" and I was astonished when I noticed the Jack Russell was named. . ."Billy." Cameron came by to visit with Billy and told me once Billy was a "bougie" dog because he was perfect in every way. I couldn't argue that point at all. It will be impossible for me to look at Billy without thinking of Cameron.

As with everything about Cameron, his love of dogs was not passive. Every year Cameron Brooks was always doing something to help dogs; from raising money to save dogs from being killed to sponsoring pet portrait day where his friends could come and get their picture taken with their dogs free of charge. Cameron didn't do it for show, but because his heart really was that big. There was no pretense about Cameron, and he was not a naturally outgoing person, but he was a person who liked most people and he felt things very deeply.

Cameron Brooks was a person who gave generously, selflessly, not only of his time and money, but of himself. Cameron was devoted to his family and friends, bound to them by ties of love, affection, and an intense and fierce loyalty.

Politically, Cameron Brooks was a Democrat, but he was the kind of Democrat even the most hidebound Republican could recognize, understand, and even appreciate. Cameron firmly believed in God Almighty, fiscal responsibility, and decency. Cameron also believed in working people and had a very real

concern for working families. Our politics were not the same; for instance, Cameron was strongly against the ballot amendment having to do with right-to-work, while I was just as strongly for it. Cameron never made any political disagreement unpleasant, and he was independent in his thinking. When we didn't agree about an issue, it never affected the warmth of our friendship.

At the bottom of his politics was his strong belief in bettering the lives of working people. Cameron had not grown-up poor; quite the contrary, he readily acknowledged his family had provided for him and his education. Yet Cameron was acutely aware of those who were not so lucky or fortunate. If he disliked anything, it was elitists and their kind. Nor did he like the duplicity of some of those in politics.

The passing of Cameron Brooks robs Knoxville of someone who was seeking public office not to be somebody, but rather to do something for the people. Quiet, mild mannered, and thoughtful, yet strong-willed, nobody would have been able to move Cameron from what he believed to be in the best interest of the people of Knoxville. Cameron had what is so desperately needed in the polarized politics today and all too often absent in so many candidates: a true public servant's heart. Cameron had the ability to bring diverse and very different people together. Cameron had a knack for finding those areas where people could agree.

Politically speaking, Cameron Brooks accomplished something almost nobody else could do: his deep friendships with people crossed party lines. Truly, Cameron Brooks was one person who

could have thrived in the nonpartisan atmosphere of city elections.

Cameron was not much concerned about material things for himself, but he did good things for others. There is no doubt in my mind that had he lived, Cameron Brooks would have been elected to an at-large seat on the Knoxville City Council.

Cameron and I both showed up at a wedding a few years back and someone took a picture of us together. Cameron was amused that I had attended the wedding in a white suit, and he came by my office and brought me a gift. It was a beautifully framed photo of that same picture taken at the wedding. As my office is sometimes referred to as "The Museum," Cameron said there were photos of me and friends everywhere and he wanted to be represented there. As long as I live, that photo of us will remain within my eyesight.

In fact, the photo which accompanies my column in this newspaper of me and my beloved little Scottie Mackie was taken by my friend Cameron. I didn't know why Cameron had wanted to take it, but he was insistent and later that year, he presented me with an oversized and framed portrait for Christmas. That gift meant the world to me then and still does now, especially with Mackie gone.

I am fortunate in having so many reminders of Cameron and our friendship, which I will keep for the remainder of my own life. I cling to the comfort of knowing one day I will see Cameron again.

It is a tragedy for Cameron Brooks to have departed his life at such a young age.

His passing was sudden and is deeply painful to his many friends. Cameron Brooks left his mark on his adopted city and in the hearts of his family and friends. For those who knew Cameron, that mark will be indelible and forever.

Talman: 'there's no quit in me'

By Ken Lay

A long election day didn't quite end the way Jeff Talman would've liked. He was disappointed.

Still, he vowed to continue to strive to make Knoxville a better place as he addressed supporters at a small watch party at the Arcade Lounge in Downtown Knoxville. Tuesday night.

"We didn't quite get where we wanted to go today," said Talman, who opposed incumbent Indya Kincannon in the Knoxville City Mayoral Primary. "There's no quit in me and I will continue to work to give you the Knoxville that you deserve."

Talman was one of three

candidates to challenge Kincannon in Tuesday's primary. But neither Talman, Constance Every nor R.C. Lawhorn could garner enough votes to force a runoff in November.

Kincannon easily earned more than 50 percent of the vote. Talman was second with 29%, followed by Constance Every (8%) and R.C. Lawhorn (5%).

Talman's bid for city mayor began earlier this summer and he put together a team of volunteers in a short time, and those volunteers worked tirelessly during his campaign. The campaign, however, saw a disappointing end Tuesday night as Kincannon won her second term.

"It's all about the volunteers," Talman said after arriving to the watch party early Tuesday evening. "I love my volunteers."

"These people are all here and they're all here at the right place and the right time."

Talman truly ran a grass roots campaign and at the watch party, he took the time to individually greet and express his gratitude to those present at the event.

Throughout his run for Knoxville City Mayor, he sought to bring the community together, including those who resided outside the city limits. During his campaign he implored county residents and those from surrounding areas to

help by encouraging their friends and co-workers in the city to vote.

And he had an answer for those who don't participate in politics and even in his final remarks to his supporters, volunteers and well-wishers, he said that his run for mayor was anything but political.

"People often say 'I don't get involved in politics.' But this is not politics. It's civics," he said. "Everybody needs to become civically involved."

Talman expressed gratitude to all on hand but he was especially grateful to his wife Jennifer Ackley Talman and his longtime friend Ernie Roberts, a long-time teacher at Bearden



Knoxville City Mayoral candidate Jeff Talman addresses supporters at a watch party Tuesday night. Talman, pictured alongside his wife Jennifer Ackley Talman, did not garner enough votes to force a run-off with incumbent Indya Kincannon in November.

High School.

"I want thank my wife for all of her encouragement," he said. "Without her support, encouragement and dedication, all of this would

have never been possible.

"I also want to thank my neighbor and friend, Ernie Roberts for his support, civic service and dedication."

16,645 voters participate in City of Knoxville primary

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Knoxville's incumbent Mayor Indya Kincannon was re-elected to the city's highest office Tuesday, defeating three other candidates and receiving 58% of the primary election vote. That means she will face no opponent in the November 7 general election and will serve for four more years.

Kincannon's closest opponent, Jeff Talman, received 29% percent of the votes followed by Constance Every with 8% and R. C. Lawhorn, who got 5%. Election Commission rules have any mayoral

candidate receiving more than 50% of the vote effectively winning not only the primary but the general election as well.

Moving on to the November ballot are all of the incumbent at-large city council members.

Councilwoman Lynne Fugate got 46% of the primary vote and Cameron Brooks received 43% in the Seat A contest. Darin Worsham came in with 11% of the votes.

The Seat C primary saw incumbent Councilwoman Amelia Parker get 41% of the primary vote with Tim Hill capturing 36%. Matthew won't be on

the general ballot as he received 22%.

Seat B is currently held by Janet Testerman who chose not to seek re-election. Debbie Helsley easily captured 70% of the primary vote and will face R. Bentley Marlow, who got 30%.

The race for municipal judge was a close contest with incumbent John R. Rosson Jr. getting 38% of the vote. He'll face Tyler M. Caviness who got 36% of the votes. Candidates Andrew Beamer and Mary L. Ward got 14% or less each in the primary.

Incumbent District 5 Councilman Charles

Thomas ran unopposed and received 1,287 votes and will return to represent North Knoxville.

The official certification of the primary votes isn't done yet but it appears that 16,645 people voted early, as an absentee, or personally at their local precinct on election day. Four years ago, 19,304 Knoxville voters cast ballots in the city's primary election.

While early voting was described as "lackluster" by Election Coordinator Chris Davis, Tuesday's turnout for in-person voting added about 7,600 votes to the total.

Brooks' name will not be on November ballot

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Cameron Brooks passed away late last week after capturing enough votes to qualify him for the November general election.

Does that mean his name will appear on the November ballot?

Chris Davis, Knox County Election Director, responded to The Focus' question with the following on Friday.

"While our office has been inundated with questions regarding the status of the ballot moving forward, I want to first express, on behalf of the Election Commission, our sincerest condolences to his family and friends. Cameron was a good man and a good

friend, always quick with a smile and a greeting, and he will be missed.

"Cameron will be certified as one of the top two finishers in the City Council At-Large Seat A contest when the Election Commission meets on Thursday, September 14.

"Per TCA 2-5-204, Cameron's name will not appear on the ballot for the November 7, 2023 City of Knoxville General Election. There will be no additional candidates listed on the ballot beyond that of the top finisher in that race.

"Again, the Election Commission, as well as the community, mourns the loss of Cameron Brooks, and our sincerest condolences to his family and friends."



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Stages of Life

Our days may come to 70 years, or 80, if our strength endures.

Psalm 90:10

When I heard of my friend's diagnosis and hospitalization, I thought, "I might never see him again." There is no satisfaction knowing my prognostication proved correct. We are left with Hamlet's observation: "He was a man, and we shall not see his likeness again."

Becky and I live in the midst of a mature forest and routinely observe older trees dying for no apparent reason. I understand this is the natural order of things, but these are trees, not my friends. The writer of Ecclesiastes said there is a "time and place for everything." And while that may be true, when death comes close, it hurts.

I recently wrote about cohorts, groups of people with similar characteristics. It seems my baby boomer cohort is aging out and

we are succumbing to the inevitabilities of time, illness and death. There is an old adage that teenagers imagine themselves as immortal, if not bulletproof. Perhaps I once viewed myself as indestructible, but reality has supplanted that illusion. And now in my seventies and rapidly losing friends, it is inevitable to think about my own "crossing [of] the bar," as Alfred Lord Tennyson once penned. Please google and read the poem.

While studying for my boards in geriatrics, I was introduced to a somewhat crass and philosophical observation: To an Irishman, death is imminent. To an Englishman, death is inevitable. But to an American, death is negotiable.

Medical science has advanced light years during my career. We have antibiotics, CAT and PET scans, and now designer drugs like monoclonal antibodies and kinase inhibitors

which are advertised nightly on TV to treat cancer and many other diseases. But there is a finite limit to even advanced medical science and life.

Poets and philosophers, such as the Teacher in Ecclesiastes, the apostle Paul, John Donne ("no man is an island"), and Tennyson teach us much about death and "shuffling off this mortal coil" (Shakespeare). But experience is the ultimate teacher of life, loss and death.

It's hard to write about these inevitable aspects of life without appearing insensitive. But am I being insensitive to the aging process if I acknowledge and write about what's happening to me? Shakespeare indelicately wrote of the seven stages of life in his play "As You Like It." Others have written about the seasons of life. I envision myself in the late autumn, still with colorful verbiage as my fall foliage.

Becky and I have talked about end-of-life issues and have Durable Powers of Attorney for healthcare. And so should you. I told her when I die, I want Leo Buscaglia's book, "The Fall of Freddy the Leaf" read to my grandchildren. If you've never read this wonderful little book, you must.

Throughout my life, I traveled extensively, but no longer do so because I decided "I'm not going anywhere because I'm already

there." Perhaps I have one trip left in me because I've talked Becky into a trip to Iceland. Stay tuned.

I also imagine my life as a travel analogy. When I was young, I packed my bags with an education, then hustled to the airport with Becky for our adventures. We soared into the stratosphere of life and cruised to five continents while raising a family. I am now on the way "home," but I have not yet begun the descent and landing at my final destination. That's just as well because I'm told they do not publish The Knoxville Focus in heaven.

We all want a long life and a good life. But, if I were forced to choose, I would select the latter over the former. My family learned much from my mother-in-law, who lived long and well. However, as the ravages of aging past 100 took their toll, Joanna told us that "No one should live this long."

Western culture idolizes youthfulness. That is a mistake when considering wisdom. I once read that many scientific discoveries occur early in a researcher's professional life. Perhaps this occurs because the mind is more nimble then. We are more flexible in youth, and perhaps less influenced by orthodoxy. During my education and early practice years, I acquired a lot of facts which I organized

into a compendium of workable knowledge. However, experience brings wisdom, the discernment of how and when to apply that knowledge.

Asian cultures are said to respect the acquired wisdom of the aged more so than Western culture. While this may be changing, the older members of Asian families are historically respected and honored, even venerated.

In America I think we have missed the mark as we celebrate youthfulness without wisdom and as we watch our aged leaders struggle with dementia and debility. It seems to me we should have leadership from those who have "skin in the game" and from those who have lived long enough to acquire wisdom and not yet lost it. It's difficult to measure capability, but Vivek Ramaswamy has lived long enough, has a track record of business success and has not aged out like Biden, McConnell or Feinstein. And the utterly vacuous Kamala Harris and the poster-child John Fetterman are incapable of leading anyone.

Ageism is a term that describes discrimination based solely on someone's age. President Trump is vigorous at 77 years old, battles Democrat "haters" and still wins golf tournaments. Can you believe that he was attacked because he's a good golfer? The

self-described tolerant bunch is actually the haters among us. And we've seen what happens when haters choose personality over policy.

Granted, people were duped by the corrupt media and Joe Biden's lies. Obviously, Trump was indelicate and sometimes boorish. People wanted to believe Ol' Joe was like a kind old uncle. One "friend" said, "He's such a nice man." No, Joe's demented, a fraud, a liar, and the head of his family's cartel. And with Democrat election engineering along with hatred stoked by the threatened Washington ruling class and media, America wrongly chose personality over policy with disastrous consequences.

Democrats and Biden have damn near destroyed America. If someone wants to ruin themselves with alcohol, drugs and poor decisions, I believe rational adults should be afforded the freedom to destroy themselves. But no one has the right to destroy others or make decisions that harm our children and grandchildren. This is reprehensible.

If you want to fix the mess of the broken Washington, D.C., system, send the wrecking ball back as president. And if you're still voting for Democrats, God help you and the rest of us.

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Local residents concerned about homeless in Fountain City Park

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The Knoxville Police Department's quarterly meeting with residents Thursday evening drew a large crowd at the Central Baptist Church in Fountain City. Given the location of the meeting, one of the main topics was the homeless use of Fountain City Park.

Chief Paul Noel began the meeting that would also see Captain Nevin Long and Deputy Chief Tony Willis answering questions. Noel said the police act as "facilitators" when it comes to encountering the homeless and said that being homeless is not a criminal

offense. He noted that many homeless people also suffer from substance abuse and mental health in addition to the lack of housing.

Several citizens flooded the three officers with questions and comments including one who said the increasing number of homeless in the park creates a trash and traffic problem there and that "everything has changed there, it's not the same community anymore."

Two attendees called for a 24-hour patrol of the park, which the officers said that the department cannot do while patrolling 90 city parks and that

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Deputy Chief Tony Willis explains Knoxville Police policies dealing with a growing homeless problem and the problems at Fountain City Park.



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Dark to light

One wonderful thing about retirement is being able to stay up late without having to face work the next day. Some of us who love those late nights also have part-time jobs that require us to hit the floor early. On my workdays, the



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steamy days of August. Any imperfections on greens or tee boxes are hidden with the moisture. Resetting tee markers leaves my socks soaked and my shoes covered with a thick layer of clippings.

Summer brings an alarm jolts me awake at 5:00 a.m. I chose the job and knew that many people must rise that early to be at work on time. Even if I stay up late and rise early, I enjoy the time.

The morning world is filled with a quietness that is missing during most of the day. I pass a half dozen cars on the drive to the golf course. The starting of my car seems offensive to the night by breaking the silence and resting in homes around the community. My nosiness makes me wonder where those drivers are going, are they awake, and do they dread the day ahead. The night hypnotizes most living things; howling dogs are curled up into balls and sleeping deeply.

A golf course is a beautiful place. However, it is even more so during the dawn of a new day. As the sun rises, the natural beauty becomes more evident. I've seen snapping turtles the size of car tire rims making their ways across the fairways. A skunk or two is heading for its nest after a night of searching for food. At the edge of the woods, a doe and her baby are munching on breakfast. They look at me, hesitate for just a moment, and then scamper deeper into the woods where protection awaits them.

The dew on the grass is thick during those humid,

out hordes of golfers. One man arrives early every day that he plays. Although he has a portable oxygen system on his back, he swings clubs with ease and experiences plenty of success. Two women play together; one walks while the other rides. I'm amazed that they play so early because I'm still mowing with the lights on to see the outline of the boxes.

On those days when I work, I can be found on the couch during the afternoon. My feet are up, and my head is turned to the side as I take a needed nap. The boxes are in good shape for the weekend players. I'll enjoy late nights for the next couple of days, but on Sunday night, bedtime comes at about 9:00 p.m. Most mornings the alarm never rings. I lie awake well in advance of the time when it sounds. Amy is snug in the bed and Sadie is curled in the crook of her legs to be near her and protect her from harm.

Monday, I'll once again arrive at the golf course in the dark. The route is branded on my brain, and I can finish many of the tee boxes before the sun comes up. I hope to see the deer again and pray that I don't encounter a skunk. A little time in the dark is a peaceful, comfortable time. I'm glad to have it.



Picture of the GHS Marching Band in the early seventies at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee, by the late Jack Atkins, Jr. (GHS '65), used by permission from his son, Trey Atkins (GHS '91). Trey's brothers are Gibbs graduates as well--- Chris (GHS '89) and Todd (GHS '96) who is one of the current football coaches at Gibbs. What a great family legacy!

The Gibbs Eagles Marching Band at Neyland

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The title was intriguing---'No Stadium Tour.' I was unaware that the Gibbs football team did not play any of their games on the home field in 2022. I have been a Focus writer since 2011, but I have been a Focus reader even longer. Steve Williams' article of July 24, 2023, sparked the memory of a time many years earlier when Gibbs played their home games elsewhere.

For many years, Gibbs did not even have a football team. A young Ken Sparks was hired in the late sixties to restart the program, and

S. L. Valentine became the new band director soon afterwards. (Both Sparks and Valentine are deceased.) With no field to practice on, the band rehearsed in an open field just below the driveway in front of the school. At that time, the field was along Tazewell Pike. The field was not marked for marching; and as I recall, it was sloping terrain. That year, Gibbs played all their home games at the Halls High School football stadium. In a year or two, things improved. Gibbs had a new football field, and the band had new uniforms. Recently, I came across the picture shown

here of the Gibbs High School (GHS) Marching Band performing at an event in the early seventies at Neyland Stadium on The University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville. Though I had long forgotten that day, I was impressed to see the band's intricate drill formation. I doubt the circle would have looked that great on the unmarked, open field only a couple of years before! Have a safe school year!

Words of Faith: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Colossians 3:17 (KJV).

The Lion of White Hall, III Early efforts toward abolition

By Jadon Gibson

Cassius Marcellus Clay, called "the Lion of White Hall," was in a reflective mood when he was interviewed by a newsman in 1891. He was 81 years old at the time and perfectly willing to speak

about the many fights and duels in his life as a politician and an anti-slavery crusader.

Tom Marshall headed the mob that nearly killed Clay and destroyed his newspaper office. Although Clay and Marshall were both captains in the Mexican War not long thereafter their interests went in different directions. Their relationship became intense and it wasn't long before Clay challenged Marshall to a duel.

"Marshall rode over to his tent and soon he came back with his pistol," Clay related. "I went in my tent and came back out with a pistol in each hand. Both were cocked. Evidently Marshall was somewhat a coward because he turned his horse and rode back to his tent.

"Later that evening he tried to drown himself in the Rio Grande River but some of the men saw him and stopped it. As I said before some are afraid to fight but not afraid to commit suicide."

Clay was asked about his encounters with Sam Brown.

"I was in a political race against a man named Wickliffe and he chose to say some disparaging things about my wife in one of his speeches," Clay recalled. "I challenged him to a duel in which we would fire at ten paces. Both of us missed but I believe there was collusion between our seconds and they hadn't loaded our pistols with balls. The guns fired but there were no balls in them to be fired.

"I demanded a second firing but the seconds would not permit it and we all left the grounds. Again I'll say I wouldn't miss him at ten paces. I can shoot the heads off eleven out of twelve squirrels at a much greater distance."

Wickliffe's campaign for Congress wasn't going well and the pro-slavery party was concerned. On one occasion Wickliffe

and Clay were scheduled to give speeches on the same platform.

"During his speech I rose and asked if I could interrupt him as what he was saying was untrue," Clay explained. "The pro-slavery men were upset with me and called for Sam Brown to confront me.

"Brown was one of the biggest bullies in Kentucky. It was said he had forty fights and never lost a one. I learned the next day that Brown was armed at my speech and I didn't have my dueling pistols. While Wickliffe was giving his speech I interrupted him again and when I did Sam Brown called me a liar and hit me with his umbrella. When I saw it was Sam Brown, I knew there would be a fight and it would be serious. I had a long Bowie knife in my breast pocket and jerked it out but Brown's friends grabbed my arms and hauled me back about fifteen feet. Then I saw that Brown had drawn his revolver, telling his cronies to move away from me. They withdrew and I stood alone and he had his pistol pointed at me."

Clay started toward him but a loud blast was followed by a sharp stinging in his breast.

"I thought it had gone clear through me and I decided to kill him if I could before I died. I came down on his head with a tremendous blow with my knife, splitting his scalp open but not his skull. I struck him again and again, keeping him off-guard so he was not able to fire. With one cut of my knife, I sliced his nose right in two, leaving it looking like a pancake. Another cut left his ear hanging by a shred and with another I put out his eye.

"Brown's conspirators grabbed me and struck me with hickory sticks and chairs but I broke away and again went after him. They picked him up

and threw him over a seven-foot fence to keep me away from him. It ended the fight and although I was the assaulted party, they tried me in court for mayhem."

Henry Clay, the famous statesman and presidential candidate, defended his cousin in court and surprisingly he had Sam Brown confess to the conspiracy that resulted in an acquittal for his cousin.

"I wrote a note of thanks to Sam Brown for his evidence. I told him I was willing to be friends and bury the hatchet without any further problem. He wasn't agreeable with that and I understand why. The doctors patched him up as best they could but he was still a horrible looking object. I fully expected he would insist on a duel or, even worse, attack me unexpectedly to get his revenge. I met him several times after that however and he never touched me. I have no doubt that he stayed in Lexington with the intent to kill me but probably didn't have the courage to do so after considering our previous melee."

Frank Carpenter, the reporter interviewing Clay in 1891, was curious and asked where Brown's pistol ball had struck him. "Just over my heart," Clay replied. "It would have killed me but when I jerked my knife out of the scabbard, which was tipped with silver, it was pulled up just over my heart. The ball struck and became embedded in the silver. There was a red spot and then a bruise over my heart. The whole matter seemed providential... like it was an act of God that I was still alive."

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Edward H. Moore of Oklahoma

Pages from the Past



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There was a time when Republicans in Oklahoma were pretty scarce in many areas of the state. Yet there were traditionally Republican areas in the Sooner State and during the decade of the 1920s, Oklahoma boasted two GOP United States senators. John W. Harrel had been elected in the 1920 Republican tidal wave and was ousted in 1926 by Congressman Elmer Thomas who remained in the Senate until 1951. William B. Pine, a successful oil man, was first elected to the U.S. Senate in the 1924 election and defeated in 1930 by former Senator Thomas P. Gore, who was blind. Pine was the GOP candidate for governor in 1934 and ran a decent race, but the Great Depression and the drought had hit Oklahoma especially hard and the Sooner State was solidly backing Franklin D. Roosevelt and his New Deal.

There is little evidence to prove Edward Hall Moore served six years in the United States. Moore's papers as a member of the United States Senate seemed to have disappeared as they were never deposited with a college, university or archive. Moore and his wife had no children and if his papers were left to a nephew or niece, God only knows what happened to them. Still, Moore's life was both colorful and interesting. Ed Moore demonstrated a remarkable knack for making money and his success as a businessman was nothing short of amazing. If a man can truly possess the "Midas touch," Ed Moore certainly had it. Moore's life was yet another example of an American success story.

Moore was born in 1871 in Missouri and like so many others of his generation, he taught school as a young man. E. H. Moore had worked his way through college as a janitor. Moore had an affinity for making speeches, but he also enjoyed hearing a good speech. Because he enjoyed oratory, Ed Moore decided to attend law school and graduated from the Kansas City School of Law with a degree in 1900. To get to law school, Moore rode his horse nine miles. Moore set up a law practice in his native state of Missouri briefly, but moved to Okmulgee, in what was then called the "Indian Territory." Eventually, E. H. Moore formed a legal partnership with attorney Edgar T. Noble. Moore returned to Missouri in 1905 to marry his sweetheart, Cora McComb.

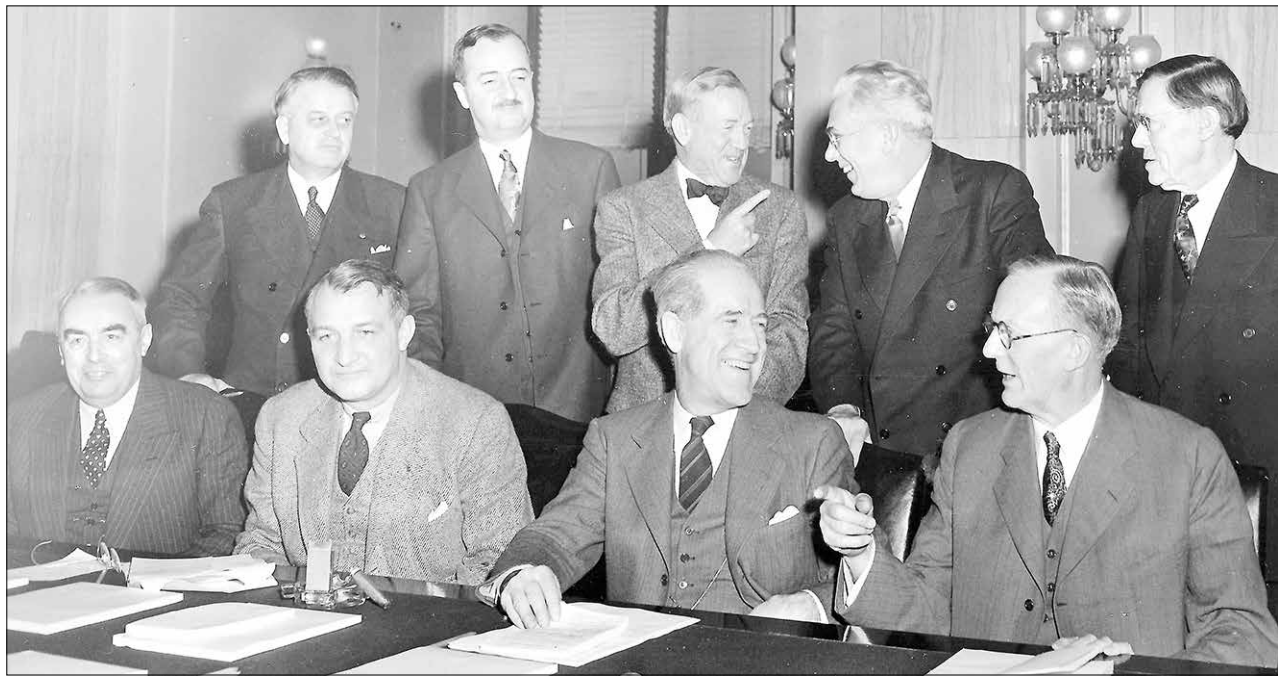
Moore had a well-deserved reputation for being frugal with his money and his first business ventures centered around investing in real estate. Much of his real estate investments centered around what would

eventually become a 10,000-acre ranch where Moore raised cattle. E. H. Moore became bored with his legal practice and branched off to a new business: oil, forming the Independent Oil & Gas Company. Moore was what was known as a wildcat oilman and his first strike in "liquid gold" occurred in the Holmes Field in Okfuskee County, Oklahoma. Moore owned oil properties in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. Moore sold his oil business to Phillips Petroleum in 1930. Reputedly, Moore sold his holding for \$40 million dollars. That sum is the equivalent of more than \$700 million today.

Despite his reputation for being careful with his money, Ed Moore was generous in helping others. E. H. Moore was a member of the congregation of the First Christian Church of Tulsa and it was said no man gave more to churches in Oklahoma. Moore also helped innumerable young men and women by financing their educations.

While being very wealthy, Moore apparently missed the oil business and in 1932 he formed E. H. Moore, Inc. Once again demonstrating his shrewd business acumen and ability to locate oil, Moore had more than 400 successful wells in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and California before he sold that business to his employees in 1941. Two years later, as he entered the United States Senate, Moore sold off his cattle holdings.

Moore had been a Democrat his entire life and his entry in politics was largely accidental. In 1942, former United States Senator William B. Pine was seeking to make a comeback by opposing the Democratic incumbent, Josh Lee. Lee had been elected in 1936 and had won the Democratic primary over several strong candidates. In the general election, Lee had decisively defeated Herbert K. Hyde, who had been Pine's administrative assistant while Pine had been in the United States Senate. Pine won the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate but died suddenly, suffering a heart attack at his desk. Oklahoma Republicans quickly sought out E. H. Moore to become the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate. Moore had become disillusioned by the New Deal, which he criticized sharply. As



The 1942 Class of Republicans elected to the US Senate. Standing (Left to right) Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, C. Douglass Buck of Delaware, Minority Leader Charles McNary, Homer Ferguson, Edward H. Moore of Oklahoma. Sitting (Left to Right) Edward V. Robertson of Wyoming, Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia, Harlan J. Bushfield of South, Albert W. Hawkes of New Jersey.

a delegate to the 1940 Democratic National Convention, he had opposed a third term for Franklin Roosevelt. Moore had outraged Oklahoma Democrats by his rabid support for Wendell Willkie, the GOP presidential nominee in 1940. E. H. Moore became one of the most notable of the Democrats for Willkie organization. Republicans had yet another good reason to offer their nomination to Moore.

Sooner State Republicans believed the millionaire oilman could finance his own campaign in the general election.

TIME magazine quoted Moore stating his philosophy after he had won election to the United States Senate: "I consider money a tool with which to work. It's a responsibility and I've used it to give employment to thousands of men... I want to use my money in my own business to help build my country. That's my religion."

When E. H. Moore accepted the GOP nomination for the United States Senate, the Democrats in Oklahoma immediately began hitting the millionaire oilman. Robert S. Kerr, the Democratic nominee for governor, and an oil millionaire himself, criticized Moore for having opposed most of the war program passed by Congress. Kerr said in a speech he imagined E. H. Moore still opposed most of the programs passed by the Congress to prosecute the Second World War. "The same kind of criticism that nominated E. H. Moore also defeated Woodrow Wilson in winning the peace after the first World War and crucified him," Kerr cried.

"Can't you imagine defeating Senator Josh Lee with E. H. Moore?" Bob Kerr asked an audience full of Democrats, who laughed and applauded.

Moore opened his wallet, and he bought impressive ads in Oklahoma newspapers, both large and small. The elaborate ads told Moore's life story and advertised the candidate as a Democrat and the "Coalition Candidate for U.S. Senate" on the Republican ticket. In his

opener in his campaign to win a seat in the U. S. Senate, Moore spoke bluntly and forcefully. The 71-year-old candidate declared himself an enemy of "all appeasers and compromisers." Moore denounced the "incompetence, confusion in a time of critical national crisis" in Washington, D.C.

"Our country is approaching bankruptcy because of political bungling," Moore barked. "We will spend to the limit to preserve our future and win this war. We will overlook and condone mistakes honestly made but we want men with principles and not greed. We want to get rid of demagogues who use this war as a smoke screen as a protection for their nefarious schemes. We want men in the United States Senate who will not be ordered around. We want to preserve our institutions. We have a duty to ourselves and to those who follow us."

Moore snapped, "We regard sit-down strikers in the same class as soldiers who have turned traitor. Labor racketeers have our national administration by the throat. We will break this stranglehold. We will make labor bosses amenable to the laws of this country."

When E. H. Moore began his campaign for the U.S. Senate, few political professionals gave the oilman much chance of winning the general election. Moore's plain talk was considered by most political observers to be too direct for most voters and Moore was getting a late start. Besides, Senator Josh Lee was a formidable incumbent. Joshua Bryan Lee had been named for perhaps the greatest orator of his time and that "incomparable Democrat," William Jennings Bryan. Lee had actually been a professor of oratory and a good one. When first elected to the United States Senate in 1936, Lee's campaign had fired the imagination of many young people, including his former students, who were quickly labeled "the Rover Boys" who had widely campaigned for their former professor. Once

elected to the Senate, Lee had rewarded many of his "Rover Boys" with plentiful New Deal patronage. Senator Lee was a vocal and avid supporter of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal administration.

Oklahoma Democrats reeled from the surprise endorsement of E. H. Moore's candidacy for the United States Senate by Governor Leon Phillips, a Democrat. Governor Phillips had only given the New Deal superficial support, but once elected in 1938, Phillips had done much to obstruct the Roosevelt administration. Nor did Phillips support the candidacy of Bob Kerr to succeed him as governor, but he did not openly back the GOP gubernatorial nominee. France Paris, chairman of the Oklahoma Democratic Party, denounced Governor Phillips, saying, "He was born a Republican and... is to this day an unreconstructed Republican."

On Election Day, with a light turnout, E. H. Moore beat Senator Josh Lee by almost ten percentage points, winning with quite nearly 55% of the ballots cast. E. H. Moore became the first Republican to win a seat in the United States Senate in Oklahoma since 1924. Senator Josh Lee was so surprised by his defeat, he did not come out of his hotel room for two days. Republicans barely missed electing their gubernatorial nominee over Robert Kerr and won a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives, but Oklahoma Republicans had underestimated their own strength and either did not nominate strong candidates or failed to field candidates for local offices, losing by default.

Moore immediately surprised many of both parties by originally asking to sit on the Democratic side of the Senate Chamber, but he remained steadfastly loyal to his new political party, as well as his commitment to ending the New Deal. True to his word to Oklahomans, Senator Moore supported legislation to fund and support the war. As a member of the U.S. Senate, E. H. Moore was very much an

internationalist while many of his GOP colleagues were still isolationists. Yet Senator Moore never deviated from his opposition to bureaucracy and the New Deal in domestic legislation. Moore stubbornly opposed most pork barrel projects, which at the time, was almost a requirement for senators and congressmen. No hypocrite, Senator E. H. Moore voted against most pork barrel projects for his own state of Oklahoma.

During his time in the United States Senate, E. H. Moore passed no significant legislation, but rather contented himself with casting his vote and staying true to his principles, which he had clearly and unequivocally stated during his campaign.

Many Oklahomans admired Edward H. Moore for his honesty and love for the Sooner State. In 1948, Moore was inducted into Oklahoma's Hall of Fame as a "statesman and philanthropist." The 77-year-old senator also announced he would not seek a second term in the U. S. Senate.

When President Harry Truman made his whistle stop tour of Oklahoma, he had harsh words for Senator Moore. Truman praised Governor Bob Kerr who was seeking to replace Ed Moore in the Senate. Truman asked for Oklahomans to vote for Kerr. "We need a man like Bob Kerr to take Old Man Moore's place. He never was any good in the first place," Truman growled.

"I know Old Man Moore. I served with him in the Senate for quite a while, and if he did anything for the people it was by accident and not intention," Truman added.

Of course, the feeling was mutual between Harry Truman and Ed Moore.

E. H. Moore retired to his home in Tulsa and lived two more years before dying of a heart attack after having visited his office.

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ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

In the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee

In re Estate of Franklin Hatfield, Deceased Felicia Coalson Administrator, v. Emma Jo Trotter Thomas, Harold Hatfield, Jr., Michael Hatfield, Margaret Marshall, Beverly Capone, David Anderson, Mark Anderson, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, and Shriners Hospital for Children Respondents.
No. 86381-1

Order for Service of Process by Publication

From the sworn Petition to Probate Copy of Last Will and Testament and for Order requesting service of process by publication and the entire record, the Court finds that the whereabouts of the Respondents Mark Anderson, David Anderson, and Shriners Hospital for Children in Lexington Kentucky are unknown and, after a diligent inquiry, cannot be ascertained or they have not accepted service. It is therefore ORDERED that the Respondents Mark Anderson, David Anderson, and Shriners Hospital for Children in Lexington Kentucky 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: Mark Anderson, David Anderson, and Shriners Hospital for Children in Lexington Kentucky

It is ordered that said Respondents, Mark Anderson, David Anderson, and Shriners Hospital for Children in Lexington Kentucky 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 Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Franklin Hatfield will be admitted to probate, without bond and without the necessity of filing any accounting or inventory. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

ENTERED: July 14, 2023

Chancellor John F. Weaver
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: ALEXIS MARIE MURPHY AND KEVIN D. HEWGLEY IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF TESSA ANN MURPHY, 05/02/2021 MORGAN ASHLEY HECK AND BOBBY CURTIS HECK VS. ALEXIS MARIE MURPHY and KEVIN D. HEWGLEY

NO. 206228-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALEXIS MARIE MURPHY and KEVIN D. HEWGLEY, 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 ALEXIS MARIE MURPHY and KEVIN D. HEWGLEY, it is ordered that said defendant, ALEXIS MARIE MURPHY and KEVIN D. HEWGLEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with H. Daniel Forrester, III, an Attorney whose address is 224 N. Main Street Clinton, Tennessee 37716 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 25th day of August 2023.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HARRY JACKSON BALLARD
DOCKET NUMBER 88288-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRY JACKSON BALLARD who died June 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 17 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF HARRY JACKSON BALLARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROL WITT
7704 GROVE RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37942

JERRY M MARTIN, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA ELLEN BARKER
DOCKET NUMBER 88264-3

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 MARTHA ELLEN BARKER, who died September 5, 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 16 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARTHA ELLEN BARKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA S. BLACKWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 88277-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLORIA S. BLACKWELL 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 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 16 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF GLORIA S. BLACKWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TONY MILLARD BURNETT
DOCKET NUMBER 88267-3

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 TONY MILLARD BURNETT who died on June 13, 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 creditors 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 16 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF TONY MILLARD BURNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY JUNIUS BYRD
DOCKET NUMBER 88280-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BILLY JUNIUS BYRD who died June 1, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 16 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF BILLY JUNIUS BYRD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KATHERINE A. YOUNG ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF IMOGENE RAYFIELD COX
DOCKET NUMBER 88326-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IMOGENE RAYFIELD COX who died Jun 24, 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 16 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF IMOGENE RAYFIELD COX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEVEN R COX; EXECUTOR
8316 BOSS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL DEBELLIS
DOCKET NUMBER 88254-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of AUGUST, 2023, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of JOHN MICHAEL DEBELLIS, deceased, who died on May 31, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred;

(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 as described in (1)(A); or

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

This 17 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL DEBELLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA ANN MOORE
1911 SAINT GREGORY'S COURT

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JULIE D. DEMARCUS
DOCKET NUMBER 88177-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testament (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JULIE D. DEMARCUS, who died on June 8, 2023, were issued to all 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 claim 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 17 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF JULIE D. DEMARCUS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDNA E ENGLAND
DOCKET NUMBER 88270-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of AUGUST 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDNA E ENGLAND who died May 24, 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 10 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF EDNA E ENGLAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE FOY
DOCKET NUMBER 88246-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID WAYNE FOY, who died September 18, 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 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 months from the date of the first publication described in (1)(A); or

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

This 18 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE FOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY A HEADRICK
DOCKET NUMBER 88302-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of AUGUST 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY A HEADRICK who died Jun 30, 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 15 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF NANCY A HEADRICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CYNTHIA J QUALLS; CO-EXECUTOR
2017 LINDSEY LANE
JEFFERSON CITY, TN. 37760

JOHN E HEADRICK; CO-EXECUTOR
1249 MEADOWLANDS CIRCLE
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37876

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT ANTHONY JAKE
DOCKET NUMBER 88297-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of AUGUST 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT ANTHONY JAKE who died Jul 7, 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 15 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT ANTHONY JAKE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARILYN JOYCE JAKE; EXECUTRIX
11415 BERRY HILL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT ROLAND KENNEDY
DOCKET NUMBER 88285-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of AUGUST, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT ROLAND KENNEDY who died May 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 17 day of AUGUST, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT ROLAND KENNEDY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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525 RODDY DRIVE
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ESTHER HORNER KING
DOCKET NUMBER 88300-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of AUGUST 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ESTHER HORNER KING who died Jun 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 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

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CONCURRENT NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 5, 2023

Knox County Grants and Community Development (KCGCD)
400 W. Main Street, Suite 364
Knoxville, TN 37902
865-215-3980

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Knox County Grants and Community Development.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 21, 2023, KCGCD will submit a request to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for the release of Block Grant Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as The Knox County Recovery Housing Program for the purpose to construct ten (10) units of transitional housing for individuals recovering from substance misuse at an undisclosed location in Knox County. If released, \$500,000 in CDBG-RHP funds would be used for this project to assist with the construction costs.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

KCGCD has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at KCGC, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 364 Knoxville, TN 37902, and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to KCGCD via email at alanna.mckissack@knoxcounty.org. All comments received by September 20, 2023, will be considered by KCGCD prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The KCGCD certifies to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development that Mayor Glenn Jacobs in his capacity as Knox County Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows KCGCD to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development will accept objections to its release of funds and KCGCD's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of KCGC; (b) KCGCD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Community and Rural Development, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 27th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102. Potential objectors should contact Community and Rural Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs
Certifying Officer

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- HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY -

HVA's Archdale is coming on strong in senior season

By Steve Williams

Having made tremendous progress over the last nine months, Maddie Archdale began her senior year with an impressive victory.

The Hardin Valley Academy cross country standout ran a 5K time of 18:09.80 to win the Chick-Fil-A Saturday Light Fever meet in Hendersonville on Aug. 19, crossing the finish line more than 22 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

around midnight, was held at the Sanders Ferry Parkway course, which is the same course that hosts the TSSAA state meet. Some 130 girls were in the field. The Lady Hawks came in fifth as a team.

"Maddie's time was 1 minute and 7 seconds faster than she ran at the State Championships in 2022," said Coach Dusty Miller Friday. "She currently has the fastest time in the state this year.

"Maddie has taken leaps and bounds the last nine

months. Her work ethic is second to none and her racing intelligence and discipline is light years ahead of where she was this time last year. Her training has been great and we have big goals for this year."

Hardin Valley senior Carson Long took second place in the boys' race with a time of 15:59.20, leading the Hawks to third place in the team standings. Brentwood took the team title. Close to 150 boys competed.

Metro Knox XC shortens course distance

Don Madgett reported the Metro Knox XC Coaches Association hosted two-mile meets at Tommy Schumpert Park on Aug. 19 and Victor Ashe Park on Aug. 24.

"Two miles is a short course we choose in August because it is early and also because it is hot," he said.

Farragut's boys and girls dominated the meet at

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PHOTO BY BARRY HOUGHIN

Webb School's Carolina Areheart smiles as she finishes in first place in a two-mile race at Victor Ashe Park on Aug. 24. The Lady Spartans took the Top 5 places at the meet to post a perfect score.

- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 3 -

Versatile Bowers ignites West past Farragut, 38-31

By Steve Williams

Marshaun Bowers reached paydirt three different ways Friday night to lead West to a 38-31 win over Farragut at Bill Wilson Field.

The 5-8, 187-pound senior scored on a 73-yard run from scrimmage, a 32-yard catch-and-run and a 95-yard kickoff return in the final quarter.

He also was defending in the secondary when the Admirals were trying to pull off their third straight fourth quarter comeback but failed to complete a fourth-and-five pass at the Rebels' 27-yard line.

"He's a special athlete," said veteran Farragut Coach Eddie Courtney.

The victory lifted West to 3-0. Coach Lamar Brown's team will have another tough test this week at Maryville, which will be trying to bounce back from a 21-13 loss to Bradley Central.

"I was hoping Maryville would win that game," said Brown. "The last thing I wanted was to play them when they're mad."

Bowers rushed for 139 yards on 18 carries and



JASON CANTRELL, CADENCE CAPTURES

With West offensive lineman Britton Carver (58) eyeing Farragut strong safety Kent Carbaugh (15), quarterback Hunter Dance hands off the football to Marshaun Bowers Friday night at Bill Wilson Field. Bowers scored three touchdowns in the game to lead West to a 38-31 win.

caught two passes for 46 yards. He also had two other long kickoff returns in addition to the one he took to the house.

"I thought our kids kept playing especially offensively when we didn't start out great in the first quarter," said Brown. "We got it rolling and made some

plays. We also made some big plays on defense when we had to and had a couple of big sacks (including two ferocious ones by C.J. Smith). They knew this was going to be a fight.

"Marshaun is a warrior for us," added Brown. "He's an unbelievable tailback. He's just learning

the position, having moved there from slot receiver this year. He's getting better every week and more comfortable. He's a really good football player all over the field."

Senior Hunter Dance, who did not get to play his junior year due to a shoulder injury, had three

touchdown passes, including two to Antwain Burdine. He had another TD pass to Connor Cummings that was nullified by a holding penalty.

"Hunter makes great decisions and threw some great balls tonight," said Coach Brown. "He's getting

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High School Football Scores and Schedule

Week 3 Scores

- Bearden 45,
- Anderson County 27
- Boyd Buchanan 30, CAK 8
- Campbell Co. 39, TKA 36
- Chatt. Christian 49, GCA 23
- Gibbs 49, Karns 20
- HVA 51, Cocke Co. 0
- Carter 49, G-P 29
- Catholic 35, SJP II Ala. 8
- Central 14, Rhea Co. 7
- Halls 21, Fulton 0
- Webb 41, Silverdale 7
- West 38, Farragut 31
- Northview 28, Seymour 21
- Oak Ridge 35, Powell 21
- South-Doyle 55, A-E 51

Week 4 Games Friday

- (Kickoff at 7 unless noted)
- G-P at Austin-East
- Grace Christian at CAK
- Cleveland at Farragut
- Anderson Co. at Fulton
- Hardin Valley at Halls
- Ooltewah at Central
- Oak Ridge at Karns
- TKA at Lenoir City
- West at Maryville
- Webb at Notre Dame
- Heritage at Powell
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- Carter at South-Doyle
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- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 3 -

Webb crushes Silverdale, 41-7

By David Klein

A dominating first-half performance by the Webb Spartans against the Silverdale Seahawks took place Friday night at Webb. Spartan quarterback Jack Wagner threw four touchdown passes to three different wide receivers to build a 41-0 halftime lead, and Webb used their second-string players and a running clock in the second half to cruise to a 41-7 win.

Webb continuously took advantage of great field position in the first half. The Spartans began their first drive at the 50-yard line and converted a 4th-and-11 with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Wagner to Grant Morton for a 7-0 lead with 8:40 left in the first quarter.

On its next drive, the Spartans converted a 3rd-and-9 and Wagner threw his second touchdown pass to Greg Tate III, who outleapt the Seahawk defender and wrestled the ball away from him for the touchdown catch. Webb led 14-0 with 3:45 left in the first quarter.

Silverdale struggled mightily on offense and quarterback Chase Walker threw three first-half interceptions. Tate III intercepted two of those passes, returning one of them 33 yards for a touchdown to give the Spartans a 34-0 lead with 4:24 left in the second quarter.

Tate III said, "The play before that, the quarterback kept looking my way. I knew he was going there. So, play after that, he was looking my way again so I told myself I was going to bite on it and I bit on it and it went to me and I took it to the crib (end zone)."

In between Tate III's touchdown catch and interception return for a touchdown, Wagner threw a 14-yard touchdown pass and a 33-yard touchdown pass to Markeis Barrett. Barrett was the leading

receiver on the night with five catches for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

Barrett talked about the balance in the receiving game with multiple players able to make plays. "Overall, we spread the ball. Every receiver can make a play and our quarterback is going to get it to us. We also have a very good run game so offense is pretty balanced."

Webb's rushing game was nearly equal to the passing game with 168 yards on the night. Jalen Hill had 119 of those yards and a 2-yard rushing touchdown with 10 seconds left in the first half to give the Spartans a 41-0 lead going into halftime.

Silverdale's only points of the night came on Tate Standerfer's 2-yard run with 4:32 left in the game to make the final score 41-7. Silverdale had just 82 yards of total offense and two passing yards.

Webb Coach Don Mahoney had effusive praise for his defensive players and staff on the night and for creating the conditions for making the interceptions happen. "The staff does a great job of getting them prepared for all three levels as I like to refer to," he said. "When the secondary makes a play, the D-line is the one applying some kind of pressure and impact on the quarterback right? The coverage of the linebackers, the secondary, good job of reading eyes and breaking out of their coverage and breaking on the ball. Can't say enough, again the staff I think did a great job preparing them."

Webb travels to Division II-AA opponent Notre Dame on Friday. "It's our first road game," Mahoney said. "Every one of these (region games) counts as two. It's magnified. It's that much greater; it's that much bigger. We just got to keep building and getting better."



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUCHEIN

Powell's Connor Wheeler runs in traffic with center Byron Finger looking to block in the Panthers' game against Oak Ridge Thursday night at Blankenship Field. Wheeler rushed for 120 yards, but Powell lost to the Wildcats 35-21.

Powell falls at Oak Ridge, 35-21

By Mark Nagi

A week ago, Powell lost a heartbreaker in the final seconds at Farragut. Things didn't get better at Oak Ridge. In a matchup that we could end up seeing again in the Class 5A playoffs, the Panthers lost 35-21 at Blankenship Field on Thursday, August 21.

"A lot of credit goes to Oak Ridge," said Powell head coach Matt Lowe. "They made the plays they had to make to beat us. Frustrated that we didn't close things out or be more productive in the first half."

Powell got a break on their first possession when a player running into the punter resulted in a flag and first down. Now with new life, the Panthers good job of reading eyes and breaking out of their coverage and breaking on the ball. Can't say enough, again the staff I think did a great job preparing them."

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Oak Ridge (2-0) looked to tie the score on their first drive of the game, but Panthers defensive back Markus Jackson picked off Wildcats QB Blaine Stansberry at the Powell 1-yard line.

The Panthers tried to add to their lead. They picked up 33 yards on a pass from Rodgers to Fabby Neiwoh down to the Powell 48. But later in the drive, Rodgers was picked off by Oak Ridge senior Vashawn Nalls at the 6-yard line at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Powell (1-2) once again drove deep into Wildcats territory, but a fumbled exchange was recovered by Oak Ridge defensive end Elijah Bradley at the 12.

Those two red zone giveaways would be costly for Powell.

"We had a couple of key turnovers that could have put us up by a couple of scores," said Lowe. "I've gotta do a better job of coaching up those situations and putting guys in the right position."

The Wildcats tied the game when Stansberry found Brandon Heyward in the middle of the field. He broke a couple of tackles and coasted into the end zone on a 50-yard touchdown, tying the game at 7 with 1:10 to go in the half.

Oak Ridge then took the opening kickoff of the

second half and embarked on an 8-play, 80-yard touchdown drive. De'Jauvis Dozier plowed into the end zone for 6, and it was Oak Ridge up 14-7.

After a Powell 3 and out, Kailas Clearman came away with a leaping interception for the Panthers at the Oak Ridge 33. That led to one of the big plays of the game at the end of the third quarter. On 4th and 4 at the 50, Powell went for it, but running back Connor Wheeler had no room to run and was stuffed after a gain of only a yard.

Wheeler had 120 rushing yards against the Wildcats and now has gained 429 total rushing yards in three games this season. "The young man (Wheeler) is extremely talented and there is some talent in front of him," said Lowe. "We have got to do a better job of getting him the ball and creating some space there, so we certainly think that is who we are right now, and we have to develop those other parts."

The Wildcats turned that turnover on downs into points with a 4-yard rushing TD by Dozier, and it was 21-7 with 9:33 left in the

fourth quarter.

Powell wasn't done thanks to a 9-play, 70-yard drive. A short TD run from Rodgers made the score 21-13 with 5:03 to go in the game. But a 77-yard TD pass from Stansberry to Almani Rembert made it 28-13 with 4:16 to go.

A 17-yard TD pass from Rodgers to Dylan Stooksbury and a 2-point conversion made it 28-21 with 54 seconds left. But an onside kick was returned for a touchdown by Will Pressley, effectively ending the game.

"Anytime you are dealing with younger kids, first year guys it is a big environment," said Lowe. "Being on TV, being a Thursday game, two really good football teams... all of that plays a factor... so we have to clean that stuff up in order to have a chance to beat good teams."

Lowe added, "In the second half, bottom line they wanted it more than we did. At the line of scrimmage, they wanted it a little more than we did."

Powell will look to bounce back on Friday night when they host Heritage.

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

HVA coach: 'I knew these guys had it in them'

By Steve Williams

Jeff Miner has not been surprised with Hardin Valley Academy's 3-0 start this season.

"I knew these guys had it in them," said Miner, who is in his second season as the Hawks' head coach.

After 1-9 records in 2022 and 2021 and a 2-8 record in 2020 that included a Covid win, Hardin Valley has defeated Karns, Morristown East and Cocke County in its first three games this season.

"I know they're a good football team full of good players," said Miner. "They've worked incredibly hard and gotten bigger, faster and stronger all off-season. They work hard in practice and do everything we ask. They've bought in."

Miner was defensive coordinator at Oak Ridge for nine years prior to taking over the Hardin Valley program last season.

"Different guys step up every week, so it's hard to point out one person," added Miner. "Our guys are a team. They've bought in to what we are teaching



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUCHEIN

Powell High School's marching band performs at halftime in Oak Ridge Friday night.

and coaching, and they play for each other."

After their 51-0 win over Cocke County in Week 3, the Hawks will be getting their toughest test so far this Friday night when they travel to Halls. The Red Devils also are 3-0.

Linebacker Kaden Cutcher had a Pick Six and also scored a safety

in HVA's win over Cocke County. He also had two solo tackles and assisted on six others.

Offensively, Brady Loveland carried the ball eight times for 76 yards and a TD.

Other statistical leaders in the win included quarterback Caleb Standifer and wide receiver Isaac Shelby

on offense and linebacker Nathan Holbrook and lineman Andrew Beeler on defense.

HALLS ROLLING: The Red Devils under second-year head coach Brent Hughes shut out host Fulton 21-0 in Week 3. Their first two victories came against Campbell County and

Hornets sting G-P, 49-29

It wasn't a region game, but Carter notched a big road win over highly regarded Gatlinburg-Pittman Friday night.

The Hornets returned to Strawberry Plains with a 49-29 win over the Highlanders.

"Incredibly proud of our kids and our football program tonight," said Carter Head Coach Justin Pressley. "We challenged our kids to play big and they stepped up. We got to keep it rolling and keep improving as a team!"

Isaiah Monday completed 21 of 26 passes for 307 yards and three touchdowns with one interception.

Also contributing to the TD parade were Spencer Russell, Jody Scruggs, Isaiah Webb and Gabe Dennis.

Russell had eight catches for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Scruggs carried the ball 16 times for 119 yards and two TDs.

Webb got into the end zone with a fumble return and also ran for one TD. Dennis snagged two passes for 70 yards and contributed one touchdown.

Carter is now 2-1 overall. It was G-P's first loss after two wins.

Gibbs.

Fulton and Halls were meeting for the first time since 1992. The two schools had only played each other in football a total of seven times since 1958.

REGION BATTLES: Week 3 marked the start of

region play for many schools across the state. Teams began battling their regional rivals with the goal of securing a playoff spot come the end of the season. Of the 176 total games across the state in Week 3, 78 were region games.

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'He wanted to report the games and the people involved'

During Ben Byrd's career at the Knoxville Journal and in his other published works, there were precious few wasted words. He made his point clearly and moved on. He was a tenacious defender of the King's English.

When Ben was the recipient of the 2016 "Thanks for the Memories" award from the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, these were the 14 carefully chosen words submitted by his family that established the storyline for his life and career.

- Loving Son.
- Devoted Brother.
- Patriotic Sailor.
- Dedicated Husband.
- Nurturing Father and Grandfather.
- True Friend.

Ben now belongs to the ages, having died Sept. 12, 2016, but those words defined his life.

In March 1942, at age 17, he joined the U.S. Navy following Pearl Harbor and spent most of World War II aboard the USS Borum (DE-790), a Buckley-class destroyer escort. The Borum helped protect convoys carrying troops and supplies from Britain to the Normandy beachhead during the D-Day Invasion in June 1944.

"There was no place on earth I would rather have been on that day," he said.

He piloted the USS Borum as it blockaded the



Legendary Knoxville Journal sportswriter Ben Byrd is shown with long-time friends Haywood Harris (L) and Gus Manning (R).

Channel Islands and assisted British forces in their occupation of the Islands. "The Borum had the distinction of being among the first ships in the invasion area and the last to leave," he wrote in a June 5, 1984, column. "One by one the others departed, but our ship and our sister ship, the USS Maloy, stayed.

"During the fall and winter of 1944-45, we moved around the Cherbourg peninsula to patrol the Channel Islands of Alderney, Guernsey, and Jersey, British territory which remained in German hands until the end of the war. Peace came to Europe May 8, 1945. On June 6, exactly a year after D-Day, we pulled up one last time off the coast of Omaha Beach. With our little three-inch guns, we fired a salute to the men who had gone there with us and had

stayed forever. "And then we turned toward the west, and home."

He signed on with the Journal in 1947, staying until the paper's last issue, Dec. 31, 1991. Many Knoxvilleians didn't have their early morning coffee until the Journal arrived, and they found Ben's daily column, Byrd's Eye View, or searched for his coverage of a Vol sporting event.

When the Journal became Knoxville's afternoon paper in 1986, his writings were still anxiously awaited, especially his "Free Thought Association" feature that purported to predict the winners of college football games each Saturday.

He found time to author three books, biographies of Archie Campbell and John Majors, and a history of the University of Tennessee

basketball program. He also shared billing with cartoonist Charlie Daniel on a book of Daniel cartoons titled, "UT Football Cartoons by Daniel, with some free thoughts by Ben Byrd." He won national awards for his writings and was honored by Congressman Jimmy Duncan in the April 15, 2010, Congressional Record.

When Belmont College, coached by Ben's son, Rick, came to Thompson-Boling Arena for a game against Tennessee, Ben sat on press row, watching intently. The game was still in question down the stretch, and the television people had a camera on Ben as play progressed.

Sitting there with the media, Ben couldn't cheer or show outward emotion, but the cameras occasionally showed a grimace when things weren't going so

well or a quick smile when things were. Ben had covered a number of exciting finishes, but watching his son coach in a tight game, against Tennessee or anybody else, had to have been something special.

"There were the personal attributes, fairness, decency, humility, more than anything, that I remember," said Rick. "He never cared about credit or recognition. He wasn't interested in being a rabble-rouser or stirring things up. He wanted to report the games and the people involved. It was a different world back then."

He also found time to support events in the community, particularly the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley and its major yearly fundraiser, the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.

"My work has also

brought me into close contact with coaches, players, officials and other citizens of the world of sports," he wrote in the Journal's final edition. "Again, they are too numerous to name, but to say that they have enriched my life is an understatement.

"Sports is an enchanted land through which the little boy or girl who lives inside all of us loves to wander, but too many of us too often forget that winning and losing are not life or death.

"Rudyard Kipling told us to meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same, but then old Rudyard never attended a football game at Neyland Stadium."

"Perhaps the most important lesson he taught was the value of loving other people," said daughter Kathy Byrd. "He once told his granddaughter that she will learn that the more people who love you and the more people who you love, the better off you are. He taught that in the way he lived and interacted with his family, friends, and even strangers."

No one knows exactly how many University of Tennessee games Ben Byrd covered at Shields-Watkins Field/Neyland Stadium, Thompson-Boling Arena, and elsewhere, but he told each story as few others could. When the next history of Tennessee athletics is written, his name belongs on page 1 and throughout the narrative.

HVA's Archdale is coming on strong in senior season

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Tommy Schumpert Park. Farragut junior Evan Beeler posted a 2-mile winning time of 10:31.92 as the Admirals totaled a perfect score of 15 points. Ten of the Top 15 finishers were from Farragut.

Central came in second place and L&M STEM Academy third.

In the girls' race, Farragut junior Kenzie Lefler won with a time of 13:20.75. Thirteen of the Top 15 finishers were Lady Admirals. CAK placed second and G-P third.

Smith and Areheart prevail at Ashe Park

Knoxville Catholic junior Keegan Smith was clocked in 10:09.70 as he took first place in the 2-mile run at Victor Ashe Park on Aug. 24. Webb's Colin Eckerman was runner-up with a time of 10:16.04.

Twenty-four teams competed in the boys' meet with the Fighting Irish coming out on top with 21 points. Oak Ridge (74) was second and Karns (104) third.

Sophomore Carolina Areheart led the way as the Webb girls swept the Top 5 places for a perfect score of 15. Areheart was timed in 12:23.26. Following her were sophomore Jazzlyn Garmer, junior Kristina Weaver, sophomore Calysta Garmer and senior Anna Graves.

METRO KNOX SCHEDULE: The Victor Ashe Park Fall Classic was scheduled this past Saturday. The next meet on the Metro Knox XC schedule will be Sept. 9 at Norris Dam.

- GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL -

Lady Bulldogs sweep Farragut, give coach birthday present

By Ken Lay

For the second consecutive year, Katy Davidson was treated to a big birthday present by her Bearden High School volleyball team.

Davidson, the Lady Bulldogs' second-year head coach, celebrated her birthday by watching her team sweep Kingston Pike rival Farragut, 25-20, 25-22, 25-13, Thursday night at Bearden High.

"This happened last year too," Davidson said. "We beat them last year on my birthday, so we're 2-for-2."

Bearden (6-2 overall, 2-1 in District 4-3A) fell behind the Lady Admirals 9-5 in the opening set before storming back to take a 10-9 lead thanks to a huge service run by Kara Hughes, who served up four consecutive points after a side-out.

Farragut (6-7, 1-2) would briefly regain the lead, going up 11-10 before the Lady Bulldogs reeled off seven straight points to pull ahead, 17-11.

Farragut would rally and again take the upper hand opening a slim 19-18 advantage before Bearden scored seven of the final eight points to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

The Lady Bulldogs started fast in the second set as they jumped out to a 9-4 when senior A.C. Myers scored a service point.

Again, however, the Lady Admirals would respond as they pulled to within 9-5 on a side-out before Addison Owen came off the bench to score seven points in a row, giving the Lady Admirals a 12-9 advantage with an ace.

The two teams battled and were on a roller coaster ride and Farragut held a 21-20 lead before Hughes came up with three consecutive service points to help the Lady Bulldogs take the lead and close out the set with two of the next three points.

The third set belonged to the Lady Bulldogs, who opened a 19-6 lead and cruised to victory, making their coach's birthday a happy one.

"I was really proud of A.C. and Makiyah Greenlee, our seniors, and our sophomore,



PHOTO BY KEVIN LEMERE.

Bearden's A.C. Myers goes for the kill as she battles Farragut's Elsa Morrison (20) and Avi Lieb (3) at the net. Myers finished with 13 kills as the Lady Bulldogs cruised past the Lady Admirals in straight sets Thursday night.

Alyssa Spradlin," Davidson said. "We really battled and we have some tough games coming up.

"This district is tough." Myers finished with 13 kills and three aces and senior Elena Arana finished with eight kills.

Spradlin helped Bearden close out the final set in rapid fashion as she had four kills and two blocks in the game.

The frustration continued for Farragut

first-year head coach Andre Alves.

"They gave up (in the third set), he said. "We were in the first two games, but we had untimely and inappropriate unforced errors.

"Eventually, you get to the point where they have a deflated and defeated attitude. It's like they don't want to play. They're excited when things go well, and then, we have unforced errors. We miss a serve, we get aced or we hit a ball out of bounds."

'I couldn't have asked for a better life'

(This is the third column in a three-part series on Bob Black after his passing on Aug. 14, 2023)



By Steve Williams

When I interviewed Bob Black in August of 2018, it hadn't been long since he had told his wife Brenda he had retired from teaching but would continue coaching football at Fulton High. He had been doing both for 53 years.

"More than anything it was for family and to spend time with my wife," said Bob.

"I know I did the right thing," he added, "because when I went home and told her I had quit teaching but was still going to coach, she (let out this loud) 'Yay!' So I knew then that I had made the right decision.

"We were sitting on our deck this morning like we always do, drinking our coffee. Before I left, she was mapping out all the things we were going to do on our day trips and other things that we had never been able to do."

That's just one of the stories on my voice recorder Coach Black shared with me in the football office that August day five years ago.

Bob and Brenda had four children and lost a daughter to cancer. "But I got her four kids to raise," said Bob. "I have 12 grandkids and two great-grandsons. And so I have a full house

a whole lot of the time and that's the way I like it. I wouldn't have it any other way."

Brenda and Bob became "Mimi and Popaw" to those young ones.

"They all want to come out and eat Mimi's cooking, let me tell ya," added Popaw. "She can cook. She learned from her grandmother and mother that she lived with over on Armstrong. There's no recipe. You just put it together. A pinch of this, a pinch of that. A little bit of this, a little bit of that. And buddy they all love it.

"Rob (who followed in his dad's footsteps at FHS) lives right straight across the street and he loves to come across that street and get his knees under momma's table. Let me tell ya, because she can cook."

In addition to his coaching, Bob was Athletic Director for 30-plus years. He taught Civics one year, Driver's Ed for 15 years and finished as a Physical Ed teacher.

"I've had a great life," said Black. "A lot of good things happened to me, not my doing, but (you can see) a lot of honors hanging all over the wall here that I've had. I've been very lucky, very fortunate to do all of the things I've done and experienced in this ride as a high school coach and teacher. I couldn't have asked for a better life. I really believe it was what I was supposed to do."



Surrounded by love! The Bob Black family on Thanksgiving 2022. Coach Black sits in the center of the picture with his wife Brenda standing beside him. Bob had Alzheimer's disease the past few years and died on Aug. 14 at age 80.

The Wall of Fame at Fulton, the Hall of Fame at Carson-Newman, the All-Century Team at C-N, the Tennessee FCA Hall of Fame, the TSSAA Hall of Fame, the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame. Black is in every one of them.

"I'll accept it, but it wasn't something that I tried to do or get people to vote for me ... I just loved to play and I did for a longtime," he said.

Black also was the Young Life director at FHS for over 30 years. It's a non-denominational high school Christian group.

"At my church for probably 30 years, I did the children's sermon every Sunday morning and I taught my Sunday school class."

In sports, Black also excelled as a college baseball umpire in the SEC and ACC for years. He was selected to work the SEC tournament 14 times and three years worked the Division 2 College World Series.

"Mississippi State was my favorite because that place was wild when they were playing," said Bob. "And Bo Jackson (at Auburn) was my favorite player. The guy never argued. What you called, that was it. He just played baseball and he was great. If he hadn't gone into pro football (and injured his hip), he would be in the Hall of Fame in baseball."

Black started with "the little" Baby Falcons and later played football at

Fulton High and Carson-Newman College and then several years with the Knoxville Bears, a semi-pro team. "And I enjoyed every minute of playing," he said.

Looking back, Bob even admitted taking some chances when he was in college of playing "sandlot" ball when he came back home from Carson-Newman on weekends.

"Now if Coach Harmon had caught me, he'd killed me," said Black.

"On the Saturdays we played at Carson-Newman, if I went home or I got back in time on Sunday afternoon, I'd just cross the street to Christenberry Field and play in the sandlot with no pads," he recalled laughing. "I just loved to

play. And if we're going to have a football game, I'm in."

As time went by over the years, more and more people knew Coach Black. Some of the first players he coached had become parents and then grandparents.

"I'm Popaw to all of them," he said.

"Now I've got one player that calls me 'old Black,'" he laughed. "And that's fine too, because I love him, because he comes and hugs me, (saying) 'Hey old Black.' He's a current player. I know him and I know our relationship. And I have that (relationship) with our linemen."

Versatile Bowers ignites West

Cont. from page 1 — experience. There's no doubt he's growing and getting better every week."

Dance completed 17 of 29 passes for 185 yards. Burdine totaled 73 yards on his five receptions. Syxx Hoard chipped in 55 yards on six catches and also had a 33-yard interception return that set up Bowers' score just before halftime.

Farragut took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on Cam Duncan's 11-yard pass to Jordan Sheppard. Zain Kureshi-Smith set up the score with a pick at the West 27.

The Rebels moved ahead 14-7 in the second quarter and were on top 28-14 after three stops. The two teams combined for 27

points in the fourth quarter and the Admirals were still in the game until the closing minutes.

"We would make a play at one end and then give them a play back on the other end," said Coach Courtney. "But our guys kept fighting."

Duncan threw four TD passes, including two to Landon Collins (58 and 54 yards) and an 83-yarder to Brooks Burnette in the second half.

Linebacker Jack Alley led the Farragut defense with 18 total tackles, including 12 solo stops.

Patrick Schmid's 39-yard field goal gave West a 31-21 lead with 7:01 left in the game.

After Farragut pulled to

within three points (31-28), Bowers answered with his long kickoff return to make it 38-28.

Four minutes still remained when Farragut LB David Broda recovered a West fumble. Duncan's 22-yard pass to Landis Davila gave the Admirals a first down at the West 18. A 7-yard sack by Anderson Smith and Wyatt Deroche helped force Farragut to settle for Ryan McCue's 33-yard field goal with 2:19 remaining.

The Admirals attempted an onside kick, but West's Jack Keith recovered it at the 50. Two runs by Bowers picked up a first down and the Rebels ran out the clock.

HVA coach: 'I knew these guys had it in them'

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FIVE TD NIGHT: Senior slot back Boone Brockwell was named Player of the Game in the Eagles' 49-20 win over Karns. He scored five touchdowns, carrying the ball 12 times 161 yards, including an 81-yarder. He also caught two passes for nine yards.

Defensive Players of the Week for Gibbs were junior LB Brady Hughes (13 tackles, one interception) and senior DE Cash Mount (10 Tackles, one TFL, and one sack).

It was Gibbs' first home win since beating Halls in the 2021 season opener. Gibbs did not have any home games in 2022 due to construction on its stadium not being completed.

WEEK 3 HIGHLIGHTS also included Bearden and South-Doyle getting

their first wins. The Bulldogs defeated Anderson County 45-27 and the Cherokees outscored Austin-East 55-51.

COTTRELL RECOGNIZED: Former West High standout Nathan Cottrell was recognized at halftime of the Farragut at West game Friday night. He was a two-time All-State running back and the MVP of the Rebels' Class 5A state championship win in 2014.

Cottrell, who has the WHS record for most career touchdowns (64), played college football at Georgia Tech and in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"We framed his (No. 5) jersey with a plaque of his accomplishments," said West Athletic Director Paul Romero. "We wanted to recognize him to celebrate his recent retirement from the NFL."

- GIRLS' SOCCER -

Central off to best start since 2016

By Ken Lay

Central High School's girls soccer team is off to a blazing start. The Lady Bobcats have won their first seven matches this season.

But longtime coach Bill Mize isn't letting Central rest on its laurels because there's plenty of soccer left to be played this season.

The Lady Bobcats (7-0 overall, 2-0 in District 3-3A, notched a key 3-2 league victory over Powell Thursday night as Paige Branum tallied twice and her sister, Peyton also scored for Central, which led the Lady Panthers 3-1 at halftime.

"We're 7-0 and off to our best start since 2016 when we went undefeated in the regular season," Mize said. "We're capable of playing with anybody, but any team in our district is capable of beating us."

Central shut out Carter Tuesday night, recording a 9-0 win over the Lady Hornets in a non-district match.

Teighley Fowler had a hat trick and Brianna Teske scored twice. Paige Branum, Madison Armstrong, Cadence Horner and Edie Wilds also tallied for Central, which faces a pair of tough road tests as they travel to Clinton to tangle with Anderson County Tuesday before returning to district play at Karns on Thursday.

"Those games will be good tests for us," Mize said.

Lady Eagles stay hot: After getting off to a 0-2-1 start, Gibbs has won three consecutive games. The Lady Eagles blanked Clinton, 4-0, in the District 4-2A opener

for both teams on Thursday, Aug. 24 at Ernest Whited Stadium in Corryton.

Gibbs (3-2-1) continued its winning ways with a pair of shutouts on the road.

Gibbs took down Austin-East 8-0 Tuesday and blanked Carter 4-0 on Thursday.

Natalie Teague scored twice against the Lady Hornets and the Lady Eagles also got goals from Natalie Teague and Gracie Underwood.

Against the Lady Roadrunners, Karleigh Dean Underwood each tallied twice for Gibbs. Neomy Casillas Teague, Kylie Musto and Kristin Oliver also found the back of the net.

Struggles continue for Lady Hawks: Hardin Valley Academy is off to a 0-5 start under new head coach

Masey Fox in 2023.

HVA lost to Germantown-Houston Friday afternoon in the Bearden Invitational at Bearden's Turner-Allender Field. Sophia Roberts scored in the second half against the Lady Mustangs. It was the first time that the Lady Hawks have found the back of an opponent's net since their 4-2 season-opening loss at Powell.

Farragut and West play to a 2-2 draw Tuesday night at Bill Wilson Field: The Lady Admirals and Lady Rebels were both unbeaten when they faced off against each other on Sutherland Avenue early last week.

The Lady Rebels held a 2-0 lead at halftime thanks to a pair of markers by Phoebe Scott.

Farragut scored a pair of late goals from Kennedy Dade and Lilah Mitchell.

Both West and Farragut suffered their first losses later in the week. The Lady Rebels dropped a 3-0 decision to Baylor in Chattanooga while the Lady Admirals fell 2-1 at home to Collierville in a home match in the Bearden Invitational.

Lady Bulldogs continue to dominate: Bearden kept its perfect record intact with an 8-0 win at Powell on Tuesday. The Lady Bulldogs also defeated Collierville 7-1 Thursday in the first round of the Bearden Invitational.



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