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Local businesses donate \$30K for bikes for use in PE classes

By Ken Lay

It was a typical fall morning but kindergarten students at Lonsdale Elementary School had plenty of reason for celebration just after school began Tuesday.

Lonsdale was the first of the five schools selected to receive 24 bicycles from All Kids Bikes thanks to a \$30,000 donation from Kroger and Coca-Cola Consolidated in Knoxville.

The five schools will also receive two adult bicycles for instructors and helmets and educational materials. Students also received backpacks filled with non-perishable food items.

Some kindergarten students came to the school parking lot where they were greeted by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and a Coca-Cola truck.

After some brief opening remarks, Jacobs asked the students to chant "Move that truck," and the bikes were unveiled. The students ran toward the bikes

in a rapid but orderly fashion as music played from a sound system.

"This was great," Jacobs said. "It was great to see kids having a good time because young kids are under so much stress these days. Physical activity, riding bikes — studies show that has a big impact, so I'm thrilled that folks stepped up."

Lonsdale was the first stop in a day that saw bikes delivered to four other elementary schools including, Amherst, Blue Grass, Christenberry and Northshore.

The donation gives kindergartners at those schools an opportunity to learn how to ride a bike as bike riding instruction will be incorporated into the physical education curriculum.

Knox County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk was also on hand. He and Jacobs rode the instructors' bikes after

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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs takes a bike ride with a Lonsdale Elementary School Student Tuesday, Lonsdale was one of the area schools that will incorporate bicycle riding into kindergarten physical education thanks to the generosity of Kroger, Coca-Cola Consolidated and All Kids Bikes.

Ambulance service, merit board on county agenda

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Commission meets in work session today and, next Monday, in regular session. The commissioners have their plates full of items that may be discussed in either session. The agenda includes some honors, reports, appointments and contracts with companies providing services to the county.

Chairman Terry Hill will set the portion of the agenda to be discussed and other commissioners may also bring up items.

A contract with an unnamed provider of 911 EMS Ambulance Services will be discussed. AMR, the current provider for the past 10 years, is on the list of applicants.

Two people will be appointed to the Knox County Ethics Committee and one person to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Pugh and Associates, the longtime outside auditor for county finances, may be appointed once again.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board is asking to allow KCSO employees to run for elective office in order to comply with the Hatch Act. It faces a second and final reading.

KCSO is asking for approval of a letter of agreement with the state for transition of mental health patients and to get \$14,930 approved from state corrections for training equipment.

Federal funds may be approved to allow the McNabb Center to buy property and build a shelter for domestic violence emergencies. The agreement between the county and the center may also be extended.

Legal Aid of East

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School board votes to buy property in Farragut

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Board of Education voted to purchase property for a new school in Farragut at Wednesday's monthly regular session at the Summer Place.

The board voted to buy the property located at Kingston Pike and Boring Road. The measure passed by a 7-1 vote, with one abstention. Jennifer Owen, who voiced her opposition to the purchase, cast the lone negative vote. Katherine Bike passed.

Now the board and the school district must decide what to do as a demand exists for both an elementary school and middle school in West Knox County and Owen said the process was flawed because the board had been seeking property for an elementary school in Farragut.

"This makes no sense," Owen said. "If we were a development company, this makes perfect sense, but we're not a development company."

"We say that we don't have a plan, but we did. We had a plan to build an elementary school and now, we're saying that it might be a middle school."

Owen proposed delaying the vote to buy the property until next month.

The board voted against delaying the purchase by another 7-1 vote with Owen voting to pass the proposal and Bike abstaining.

The board voted to purchase the land, 41 acres, at the estimated cost of \$5 million.

Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker, who represents Farragut, implored the board to buy the property now before the

owners sold it to residential developers.

"There's nowhere to go. I'm here to support the superintendent and (board member Susan) Horn." Schoonmaker said. "There's no Plan B. There's no alternate site to go to."

"Land is so hard to come by in Farragut. This land was originally zoned for residential (development), but it was too expensive, so now, it's just sitting there. We'll be getting a premiere piece of land under value. Nobody wanted it, but now that the schools want it, other people want it too."

Both Schoonmaker and Horn noted the need to purchase the land immediately.

Knox County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk said that now that the board voted to buy the land, he would seek public input on

whether to build a new elementary or middle school in Farragut.

"There is no full-blown plan yet, but a middle school is under consideration," he said. "We need to have the property so we can bring it back to you, the board, our bosses, and to the public, so we can get input as to what to do."

The superintendent also noted that it was imperative to buy the land immediately, while it was affordable.

"You can't show all of your cards," Rysewyk said. "Because if you decide to build two buildings, an elementary school and a middle school, then the price goes up."

"We need to get our students out of the portables and better serve them."

Horn also said that all the portables are at Farragut Primary and Farragut Intermediate.

Police funding discussed at city council

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Three agenda items involving the Knoxville Police Department were discussed in Tuesday's city council meeting, each of them resulting in a divided vote. Councilwomen Seema Singh and Amelia Parker raised questions on each item.

A resolution to amend the city codes to permit the Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) to comply with a new state law was submitted by the Law Department. Those new state-wide rules have PARC forwarding citizen complaints or questions to the KPD

Internal Review Division rather than having the committee investigate them. Police Chief Paul Noel has pledged to work with PARC and keep that group informed. The vote was 7-2 to approve.

In another 7-2 vote, the council approved upping the amount to \$53.5 million with Messer Construction Company for a Real Time Information Center in the new police headquarters in the former St. Mary's Hospital. Parker questioned how the information gathered there would be used and said there's no transparency. Commissioner Tommy Smith noted the contract is going into its fourth amendment.

Parker also voted against the city applying for \$2 million, with no local match, from the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council for prevention, harm, reduction, treatment, recovery and training. The police department request passed in an 8-1 vote.

Mayor Indya Kincannon said the application was for Knoxville's share of the drug company settlements with the state and said the city has obligated \$350,000 in local funds to counter the opioid problem. Parker cited 500 overdose deaths last year and questioned the application coming from the police department. She

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The home and lot at 1209 Forest Avenue were condemned and acquired by the city council for \$151,500. The property will now be up for sale.

Some World Series Memories

From a distance



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In my column last week, I wrote that the World Series was huge back in the '50s and early '60s, at least in part because college and pro football and basketball were not nearly as popular back in those days as they are now.

Even sports fans who were not alive in 1956 have seen the photo of Yogi Berra running to the pitcher's mound in Yankee Stadium, jumping into the arms of Don Larsen after his perfect game in the World

Series that year.

I have been lucky to go to World Series games in Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Toronto and Washington over the years.

But the game I remember the best was the last game of the 1984 Series in Detroit. Detroit won the game 8 to 4 against San Diego to win the Series four games to one.

What I best remember is what happened after the game. I had gone to the game with relatives and friends: my brother, Joe; my cousin from Dayton, Richard Duncan and his 14-year-old nephew, Brett Barthel; and two close friends from Knoxville, Bob Griffiths and Melvin Miller.

Our tickets were split up into three different sections, and we were going to meet at Gate One after

the game. When the home team (Detroit) won, ending the Series, several thousand fans ran onto the field.

Bob and I had sat together, and I said to him, "Gosh, they are even ripping the sod off the field," taking every kind of souvenir.

About that time, Melvin walked up carrying some of the sod. Bob and I busted out laughing, but we laughed even harder when Melvin said: "I had to take a hard blow from a Detroit policeman to get this! She nearly knocked me out!"

I said, "She?!" Boy, did we tease him about that. I still go to church with Melvin, and I know the statute of limitations ran out many years ago concerning his "souvenir."

Many years later I was on the phone with Spencer Abraham, the Secretary of Energy, talking about Oak

Ridge. Spencer had been a one-term senator from Michigan, and he got excited when I told him I had been a batboy in Knoxville for many players who later played for Detroit. I also told him I had been to the 1984 Series.

Spencer then told me he had been in the right-field bleachers at that last game with three of his friends. He said he was 32 years old then, and at that time he was the youngest Republican State Chairman in the nation.

He said Ron Kaufman, who was the political director for then Vice President Bush, found out he was there and came to the bleachers and took Spencer up to the Press Box, where he got to sit with Bush during the game.

Spencer said he could not believe it - one minute he was way out in right

field, then minutes later he was sharing wine and cheese in a box with the vice president!

After the game, Spencer was to meet his friends at their car several blocks away. He said it started to rain and being mid-October, he huddled up in a doorway. He said he saw a street wino coming toward him and he thought he was about to be rolled. Then the wino said, "Buddy, you look like you need a drink," and offered to share his cheap wine, not knowing Spencer had just been sharing food and drink with the vice president just a short time earlier.

A few months ago, I read a book called "Ten Innings at Wrigley - The Wildest Ballgame Ever." It was a 1979 game in Chicago that Philadelphia won 23-22.

The book said: "The Philadelphia Phillies were

mismanaged from the start." They were the last of the original franchises of the major leagues that had never won a World Series. As of 1979, "they were oh-for-ninety-six-years. Their 7,705 losses were the most in major league history, 327 more than the Chicago Cubs."

One sportswriter for the Philadelphia Inquirer wrote: "It's easy to see why generations of Philadelphians never followed the examples of Chicago or Boston baseball fans in believing their team was cursed. Cursed would have been an improvement."

In the late '60s and early '70s, I followed the old Washington Senators closely. For many years, there was a saying among their diehard fans: "Washington - first in war, first in peace, last in the American League."

Bill Lee's Abuse of Eminent Domain

I don't know Tennessee Governor Bill Lee. I voted for him despite his going to Auburn and being a KA (Kappa Alpha fraternity). That fraternity was known for its racism.



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When I was at University of Georgia in the early 1960s, the KA house flew the Confederate flag and we were told to avoid walking past it. Lee himself is pictured in a Confederate uniform in Auburn's 1980 yearbook. But that was then and hopefully, his sentiments are now different. When he was elected, I had high hopes. He was a businessman and not a career politician. I admit that I have paid scant attention to him since he was elected. He has made a rather feeble effort to improve the state's dismal schools but it seems

to be half-hearted. With Republican majorities in the state House, I would have hoped that the state would be as aggressive as Arkansas in taking on the Education Industrial Complex. Doing so would go a long way in atoning for being an Auburn grad and a KA.

However, one initiative by Gov. Lee is a blight on his record. That is the Ford plant in West Tennessee. The governor likely considers the new Ford plant as a crowning achievement. The state has offered over \$800 million in incentives and Ford is building the plant to manufacture the electric F-150. The press release from the governor's office states that the plant will generate more than 27,000 new jobs and generate over \$1

billion in annual earnings. Color me a skeptic. Most economic studies show that such incentive packages seldom generate revenues that make the project worthwhile. Most of the jobs generated are not local and those currently unemployed or underemployed are not usually affected.

My displeasure stems from two sources. First, although Ford is currently advertising that it is "All in on America" noting that its F-series of pickups are made 100 percent in America, it has partnered with the Chinese to produce the batteries for the electric pickup. The Chinese factory was rejected by Virginia but approved by Michigan. The project is now on hold due to the ties of the company to the Chinese Communist Party. That company is to receive over \$500 million in government subsidies. Note that Chinese companies are

to be among the main beneficiaries of the subsidies in Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. Again, how much money did the Chinese give Hunter? Ford may be saying one thing in its advertisements but the reality is something entirely different.

My second source of displeasure is the use of eminent domain to seize the land of black farmers near the Ford plant. Eminent domain is allowed by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution which states that private property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation. In reality, eminent domain has been a weapon used by governments against black property. Blacks are five times more likely to suffer eminent domain than whites. The interstate system is testimony to the fact that entire black neighborhoods have disappeared. Urban

renewal projects were in reality urban removal projects where black property was seized with meagre compensation. Seldom, if ever, were residents offered "just compensation." I am an economist and just compensation, to me, means the market price of the property. Instead, the price paid by governments has been anything but just. In west Tennessee, where once a 70-acre tract was valued at \$10,000 an acre, the arrival of Ford caused the listing to jump to \$14.5 million. The state is again using eminent domain to displace the black farmers who own the land that the state is seeking to acquire. The state is offering a ridiculous \$3,750 an acre. This is outrageous and shameful. This is certainly no "just compensation" and is a blatant violation of the Fifth Amendment. It is also a blatant violation of what is right. As

one black farmer stated "I told them this is the biggest rip off there is. They want your land, but they don't want you to participate in the wealth."

Even if the state offered market price, the farmers still would not recoup the true value of their land which has been in their families for many generations. My farm in Georgia has been in our family since 1868. A developer once offered my mother over \$1 million for the 126 acres. Her reply was "You don't have enough money to buy this land." I am certain the West Tennessee farmers feel the same way. Ultimately, they will have little choice. But I hope they can sue the state for violation of the Fifth Amendment and receive at least the market value for their land. Regardless, Gov. Lee should be ashamed.



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Publisher's Positions



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The Ultimate Sacrifice

Our entire community was devastated by the death of Tucker Blakely, a deputy in the Knox County Sheriff's Office. It is especially poignant to consider the domestic violence call was Blakely's last before becoming a K-9 officer. Tucker Blakely had already picked out his K-9 before going out on what was his last call. Domestic violence calls are some of the most dangerous situations

any law enforcement officer will answer during his or her career.

Tucker Blakely had a heart for service, joining the United States Army at 18, where he served as a combat medic. Blakely then joined the Knox County Sheriff's Office, graduated from the Knox County Regional Training Academy in 2021. A week ago Sunday, Blakely was one of the officers who responded to the domestic violence call in West Knoxville. Matthew Rose started shooting at the deputies and officers fired back, killing Rose, but not before he had mortally wounded Tucker Blakely. Rose evidently had a criminal history and had problems with drugs and alcohol according to recent news reports.

Blakely was rushed to the University of Tennessee Medical Center where he died from his injuries. Fellow officers held a vigil outside the hospital as they prayed for Blakely. The

flashing lights in the parking lot could be seen for miles around.

Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler, struggling to contain his emotions, made the announcement of Tucker Blakely's death at a press conference. A solemn procession of law enforcement vehicles and a squad of motorcycles accompanied Tucker Blakely's body back to a funeral home in Powell, where he had attended high school. It was one last service the sheriff's office personnel and fellow officers could perform to honor their fallen comrade. It was a small tribute to a big man who deserves all the tribute we can give him and his service to our community.

By every standard, Tucker Blakely was just as fine a young man as God ever made. Blakely had a love of his country and a need to serve and protect the public. At a time when it is awfully hard to recruit law enforcement officers due to the campaign of vilification,

dehumanization and systematic abuse by those who wish to defund the police in this country and release criminals and predators back out onto the streets, Tucker Blakely shone like a beacon during the darkest of nights.

People need to sit up and take notice of the sacrifice made by Tucker Blakely, to reflect upon those people, fellow human beings, who live to serve and protect us and our loved ones. Tucker leaves behind his own loved ones, including his wife, Katarina and a 5-year-old son, his parents, and his brother Ty, who is the mayor of Maynardville. Law enforcement officers have families, too. To the family of Tucker Blakely, The Focus family extends our collective prayers and sorrow, along with thanks for his service and life. To the Knox County Sheriff's Office, The Focus family proudly stands beside you in honoring the life and service of a true public servant,



Knox County Sheriff's Deputy Tucker Blakely

brave and true. Most of us should take a moment to reflect upon the young man whose life was taken from him much too soon. A life snatched away from his wife, son, and family. That life is irreplaceable. We should say a prayer and thank God for Tucker Blakely and his life. Because of young men and women like Tucker Blakely, America still remains the home of the brave and the land of the free.

Deputy Blakely's life, far

too short and tragically ended too soon, counted for something that cannot be measured by man. Tucker Blakely lived his life in the service for others and died in the service of our community. As Sheriff Tom Spangler said so movingly, Tucker Blakely lived as a hero, and he died as a hero. Truer words have never been spoken. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 KJV

Former Principal Should Be Expelled

What happens to a student who recklessly pulls a fire alarm for the meanness of it? He or she is suspended or expelled. New York Congressman Jamaal Bowman did that very thing in the Cannon House Office Building. Bowman, a former school principal, excuses himself by saying he was in a hurry to get to the floor and thought by pulling the fire alarm, it would open an emergency exit. There are those who say it was a failed attempt by Bowman to delay a vote. Of course, Jamaal Bowman was the principal of something called the Cornerstone Academy for Social Action in the Bronx.

The bottom line is the former school principal apparently has difficulty opening doors without staff to help him. The door

in question was clearly marked as an emergency exit only and alarms would sound if opened. So, naturally, he pulled a fire alarm because that's what one does in New York to get through a door. Evidently, there's a leak in the roof and something seeped through Bowman's bald dome and it wasn't smarts.

Republicans are suspicious. Some Republicans believe Bowman was trying to delay the vote on the budget bill and Democrats were wanting more time to consider it when Bowman set off the fire alarm.

Bowman is a Leftist, a self-described "progressive" who is a member of the far Left "Squad" in Congress. Bowman's first notoriety came from a screaming rant having something to do with gun control in the corridors of the Capitol while congressmen were leaving the floor

following a vote. When Congressman Thomas Massie of Kentucky asked Bowman to stop yelling, the New Yorker screeched, "I was screaming before you interrupted me."

While there wouldn't be much of a debate about suspending or expelling a student for having deliberately set off a fire alarm for no good reason, the standard for a progressive congressman is different.

Bowman went to the trouble of sending a memo to his Democratic colleagues in the House with suggested talking points for fellow congressmen to use defending him before media outlets. That didn't go as well as he had hoped as he called Republicans "Nazis." Bowman claimed he was unaware of the reference in his memorandum, so the congressman seems to be claiming it was written by his staff and

sent to every Democrat in the House of Representatives without his bothering to read it. He must have been one heck of a principal! A regular whizbang of social education. Bowman probably has "restorative practices" tattooed someplace on his body.

After thinking about it, Jamaal Bowman really might not be at fault after all. Obviously, a social education isn't a real education and he may never have learned how to open a door. For that he has to depend upon those who went to Public School 32. Those who went to a private school doubtless take the elevators and walk through the tunnels connecting the House Office Buildings to the Capitol.

Rules For Thee But Not For Me?

Justin Jones, the former

activist turned State Representative, is suing Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives Cameron Sexton for not being allowed to talk on the House floor. Jones' lawsuit references what he calls his "illegal" ouster from that body. The House had changed its rules that those members who were repeatedly out of order would lose their right to speak on the floor for the remainder of the day. Jones was the first to run afoul of the new rule and when it was enforced, the Democrats in the House got up and left the chamber. Justin Jones is seeking unspecified monetary damages in his suit.

For someone who dislikes law enforcement, Jones certainly likes to resort to it when he needs it. Jones previously filed a complaint against fellow state Representative Justin Lafferly who objected to Jones

thrusting his phone in his face.

Blackburn Outraises Johnson 2:1

Another member of the "Tennessee Three" Gloria Johnson announced she has raked in \$1.3 million in contributions from Leftists in all 50 states in her race to win the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate. Senator Marsha Blackburn raised \$2.7 million during the same quarter, more than double the amount raised by Johnson. Add to that the \$6.5 million Blackburn had on hand. Blackburn received contributions from individuals in all 95 of Tennessee's counties and the average donation was \$20.04. Johnson's average donation was "just" \$51.27.

Local businesses donate \$30K for bikes

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the seats were raised to accommodate their heights.

"It's amazing. The kids are so excited about the big surprise," Jacobs said. "It's really cool to see these kids and their eyes light up."

Like Jacobs, Rysewyk said that the students would benefit greatly from the new bikes and the change in curriculum.

"As a kid, riding bikes is a rite of passage," Rysewyk said. "We're excited about the confidence that this gives our students."

He also expressed gratitude for those who made this happen.

"We're blessed to live in a community where education and schools are important," Rysewyk said. "So many of the corporate people that we talked to today are related to a

teacher, or have students who are in our system.

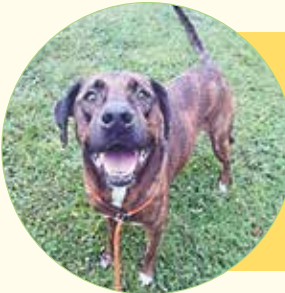
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Who wants to fill Gloria Johnson's seat?

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The Knoxville City Election isn't until November but already there are rumbles of the elections next year when multiple Knox County Commission seats, County Court Judge, Assessor of Property, Law Director, and four school board seats will be on the ballot.

2024 is also the year for the federal and state elections for president, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, state Senate, and state House. The presidential preference primary and county primary election will be Tuesday, March 5. The federal/state primary, county general and Town of Farragut municipal election will be

Thursday, August 1. The presidential and federal/state general election will be Tuesday, November 5.

Gloria Johnson, the 90th District state representative, has announced she'll seek the U.S. Senate seat now held by Marsha Blackburn. Chris Davis, Knox County Election Commission Director, said Johnson may legally seek re-election to the Tennessee legislature while running for the Senate.

Johnson has a choice to make — to only run for the U.S. Senate in the Democratic Primary or also run for her Tennessee House seat.

"My mom died (recently) and I have a lot on my plate. The truth is I may run

for both, I have not decided yet," Johnson told The Focus.

There's growing interest in who might be that Democrat or Republican candidate to replace her.

Recently Democrat Councilwoman Seema Singh, in her second term on the Knoxville City Council, announced she is running for Johnson's seat. Singh is the director of Healing at Home, a non-profit agency serving abused families and partner violence. The native of India moved to Knoxville with her family in the 1970s when her father took a professorship at the University of Tennessee.

Singh became a citizen at age 13, attended local public schools and

graduated from UT with a major in psychology. She's become a moderating voice on the city council between factions. She was re-elected in 2021 meaning that if she runs and loses the state legislator race she can continue to serve on the city council as the District 3 member until 2025.

"Gloria and I have been communicating on a regular basis. I know she is a supporter of mine, our campaigns are separate. I am unaware of anyone else unrunning currently," Singh told the Focus, adding that if Johnson runs for re-election to the Tennessee House she would not oppose her.

Who else might seek the District 90 seat? The

Knoxville Focus sent out some inquiries last week and only one of those contacted voiced a possible interest in seeking the office.

Commissioner at-Large Larsen Jay says he is definitely not running in the Republican Primary for Johnson's house seat. He said he currently lives in District 90 but is building a house in Sequoyah Hills and hopes to move there before the election.

Republican David Poczobut, who opposed Johnson in the general election last year, was asked about his plans to run again. He replied, "Yes, thinking about it but have not made a decision." In that race for the new District 90 seat,

Johnson defeated Poczobut with 57% of the vote to Poczobut's 42%.

"I'm definitely not running. With over two years left on council and both boys in high school, this just isn't the right time for me. After eight years of service I left Pellissippi State in August. I'm now working on Gloria's Senate Campaign team. Juggling that, council, and my family is a great mix right now," City Councilwoman Lauren Rider told The Focus.

Councilman Charles Thomas replied, "I am presently focused on my tenure of service as a Knoxville City Councilman and am not currently seeking any other office."

Police funding discussed

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said people are afraid to call 911 on an overdose, fearing the police would respond. She also questioned the Alternate Response Team not being included in the city efforts.

In other action, the council voted unanimously to condemn and acquire a home and lot at 1209 Forest Avenue, apparently owned by Timothy Gibson, for \$151,500. The item was recommended by the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department. Chief Operating Officer David Brace responded to a question from Councilwoman Lauren Rider, explaining the city's past issues with titles once a condemned property is sold.

The council also approved the selling of the city's surplus

properties and waiving the city taxes on those properties.

In three quick votes, the council approved issuing electric, water and wastewater system bonds.

Also approved was \$1.1 million for the Old City Streetscapes Project and upping the amount to \$505,500 for the First Creek Greenway-Broadway Streetscapes Project. City easements at 3925 Schaad Road were given to Knox County for the construction of the Schaad Road Project.

Kathryn Ellis, director of the Family Justice Center, told the council that the number of domestic violence incidents has increased and described the work of the Family Justice Center and similar agencies as "dangerous for everyone working" on the problem.

Mayor Indya Kincannon spoke on the shooting death of Knox County Deputy Tucker Blakeley, noting the police department stepped up to help the Knox County Sheriff's Office during and after the incident. The council took a moment of silence for Deputy Blakeley and his family.

Wilson Food Service was hired for \$103,000 to operate "Holiday on Ice" in Market Square. Ten retiring city employees were granted monthly pension payments and the mayor's appointments to the Knoxville Tree Board and Board of Zoning Appeals were approved.

Mayor Kincannon announced the city has received \$1.8 million in federal funds to help in the Youth Homelessness effort in a renewable grant.

County agenda

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Tennessee and the Community Action Committee may each get \$1.5 million in federal Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds and the Community Mediation Center may receive \$200,000 from the same funding.

Gresham Smith Inc. is on the agenda twice: once for engineering consultation for a traffic signal at Hardin Valley and Valley Vista roads and for consultant services for the widening of Hardin Valley between Castaic Lane and Greenland Way.

The health department may get a boost of \$32,000 for its Family Planning services, upping the contract to \$4.1 million. The contract for the county's lobbying firm, Stones River

Group LLC., is up for renewal for \$6,250 per month for "government relations services."

A property swap with Axle Logistics is back on the agenda after three months of delays while the details could be ironed out. Cannon & Cannon may get \$226,900 for design services for the Halls Greenway Project.

Commissioner Larsen Jay wants to honor the life and career of Marshal Andy Smalls, an entertainer well-known for his Riders of the Silver Screen television show. The Fire and Technical Rescue Committee is on the agenda with a report from Director Brent Seymour and a presentation from Friends of the Library is on the agenda sponsored by Chairwoman Hill.



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The Doctor is in
a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Purpose

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

A retired colleague recently asked me what I do all week. He was curious about when I write my Focus column, but I sensed this question was also about retirement in general and how one fills the days. And this got me thinking about purpose.

When I was practicing medicine, I had a different purpose and focus than I do now. Much of my day then - and a lot of nights and weekends - was focused on taking care of patients. That purpose is over, although I am still available to explain medical ease to friends and family.

Through all those years I remain married to a wonderful woman whom you met last week. When the Doctor

was not in. And we just celebrated our 48th anniversary. Becky managed our home, shepherded our kids and enabled me to practice medicine. But more so, she remains my example of a purpose-filled life in Christ that fashions her general goodness.

It's now been 50 years since I came back to Christianity, to what Abraham Lincoln called his "ancient religion." As I look back through the years, I wonder if my focus was sometimes misplaced. Sure, I was a husband, a father of two daughters, a doctor, and a Christian, but did I do enough? Were my priorities correct?

As my readers know, I like movies because a shared cinematic vision may be able to express a sentiment better than the written word. An example is

the movie "Saving Private Ryan." It begins in a military cemetery in France, where the aging Private Ryan poignantly asks his wife and family if his life was good enough to justify the sacrifices others made for him. The movie graphically depicts the savagery of war which, thankfully, I have not experienced. However, the overarching question is the concept of a purposeful life.

Like Private Ryan, I have been blessed with a purpose-filled life made possible by others. Yes, I worked hard, but all my efforts would have been for naught were it not for the sacrifices of my parents, soldiers, police, industrialists, workers, scientists, teachers, etc. Unfortunately, many don't recognize or acknowledge this truth. Isaac Newton once said that he was able to describe the laws of gravity because he "stood on the shoulders of giants" - of those before him.

My medical focus is now over. My children are raised, educated and launched. I do play a supportive role as a grandfather. And never a day goes by without telling and showing my wife how much I love her. But as I list this hierarchy of purposes, I wonder if I've missed the mark. My foremost *raison d'être* (reason for being) should be my relationship

with the Lord.

The Apostle Paul was the great expositor of the Gospel. He was uniquely qualified to transmit the Christian message throughout the ancient world because he was highly educated, a Pharisee, a Roman citizen, spoke multiple languages and, after experiencing the risen Christ, he was passionately motivated to share the Gospel with the world. And he was no shabby philosopher.

In my travels, I have been to Athens, Greece and stood by the Areopagus where Paul debated the Sophist and Epicurean experts described in Acts 17:16-34. Paul compliments the Greek philosophers by noting they "are very religious," but especially impactful for me is Paul quoting the Cretan philosopher Epimenides in verse 28, "In Him we live and move and have our being." This is how I see myself. Nothing I do or think operates outside of God's creation. So if I get temporarily distracted by life, I can quickly reorient and repurpose myself. And like a tightrope aerialist, God affords me that luxury with His "safety net of Grace" (Phillip Yancey).

In my latter years, I have been blessed with a new purpose. Paul said in Ephesians chapter 4, we are

to "speak the truth in love." And in my 2nd career as a writer that new purpose is realized with this column. For me, the most difficult aspect of truth-telling is speaking in a loving manner to the confused or the minions of evil.

When you see something that is wrong or evil how should you conduct yourself? The anti-Nazi Lutheran minister Dietrich Bonhoeffer said it best, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." And make no mistake, what is happening in America and to President Trump is profoundly evil. It's not the Russians who are destroying America and interfering with the election process; it is the Democrats. And I will not remain silent.

There is much that is "not working" in our country. The Congress is a total mess. Washington and government institutions (justice system, intelligence agencies, etc.) have been corrupted. The president is demented and a shill for the destructive policies of Progressive Democrats. The border is gone. We are no longer energy independent. The military leadership is woke. We are ruinously in debt. The Democratic cities are falling apart

with drugs, crime and homelessness.

And on top of all this, President Trump is in court for a loan made years ago which was fully repaid. No matter what you think of President Trump, if the police state can destroy a former president, no one is safe. It is amazing that loons in academia, Democratic socialists, the corrupt media and entertainment nut-jobs scream for the mob to hang Trump. History teaches that when the tyrannical mob takes over, the cry for blood escalates and the "elites" are soon dragged to the guillotine, as during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror. I don't know how this will end, but we may have entered America's Reign of Terror.

So what is working in October 2023? God's majestic creation is working. My trust in the Lord is solid. My marriage is great. My kids and grandkids are doing well. My new Church is working. I have enough time, resources and good friends. My foremost purpose is to seek and praise the Lord. But I also am compelled to be a "voice crying in the wilderness," singing the Lord's song in what is becoming an increasingly foreign land (Psalm 137:4).

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Visiting the Blue Heron Coal Community

If your family is from upper East Tennessee you probably had a relative who was a coal miner. I had an uncle who was a miner until

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

he took his family to Ohio for a better living and another who worked in mines and was a preacher. My grandfather's property that I bought years ago had two old coal mines.

I knew the one thing I did not want to do when growing up was to work in the mines. I've had a long love of caving but that's totally different than the dangers



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

National Park Rangers can tell stories about the coal camp and one told about a bear who visited their office one day.

a miner faced every day. My wife and I are planning a visit to the Coal Mining Museum in Lake City but, before that, we recently went to the mock up of a coal mining community in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Blue Heron Coal Community sits in the north part

of that national park.

Having grown up often visiting my coal mining uncles, I can tell you that Blue Heron Coal Community near Sterns, Kentucky, is a great place to learn about the folks who lived and worked the mines. But unlike

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Legacy Parks Announces Fully Accessible Water Trail

New access to area waterways and new partnerships were announced to a sold-out crowd of more than 1,100 guests at Legacy Parks Foundation's annual Legacy Luncheon for the Parks.

Carol Evans, executive director of Legacy Parks Foundation kicked off the announcements with a big advancement for recreation on the French Broad River. Last year, Evans announced the goal to create access for all to outdoor recreation so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of playing in our beautiful woods and waterways with an announcement of an adaptive dock to be installed at Cruze Landing.

"Through an invaluable partnership with Knox County, the City of Knoxville, TWRA and

TVA our vision for this project has expanded significantly over the last year and we are excited to announce a 20-mile world-class, fully accessible water trail on the French Broad River from Seven Islands to Downtown Knoxville," said Evans.

In addition to the accessible dock at Cruze Landing, two more accessible docks have been fully funded and will be installed at Seven Islands and Asbury Landing to create ideal access at 5-to-7-mile intervals along the river providing a truly adaptive and complete paddling experience for all. "This accessible water trail will be the first of its kind in the state and what we hope will be the first of many," said Evans.

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the coal camps I saw as a child, which were dirty, class oriented, and impoverished, Blue Heron is clean and well planned. It has the coal tippie, the track across the river, and a number of metal exhibits that represent the school, church, bath house, homes, and an example of a mine of the period.

Walking into the mine you will get an idea of how low and narrow the mines were, so low that often the miners were on their knees working. Two old tram cars are there, one inside the mine and one outside. The mock mine is well done and represents the mines I remember as a child pretty well.

The Blue Heron coal town operated from 1937 until 1962 and hundreds of coal families lived and worked there. The park now has more than a dozen steel open-air "ghost" structures, each with a button that activates a recording recollections of the former residents. The ranger's talk last about 30 minutes and there's a trail to the Devil's Jump overlook.

The main park is flat but some of the walking trails hilly. A walk across the tippie bridge, originally a track that brought in coal to be loaded, takes you across the river and offers a great view.

We found the easiest way to reach Blue Heron from Knoxville was to take I-75 north to the Royal Blue Exit and take Highway 62 west to Huntsville to



PHOTO BY LETTIE STEELY

A photo marker of a Blue Heron woman stands in front of a "ghost structure". There are more than a dozen of these metal open-air structures in the park, and each has a photo marker with a voice recording of people who lived and worked there telling the history of the coal town.

join Highway 27 north through Oneida and on to Pine Knot, Ky. At the light there we took Highway 742 all the way to the historic coal camp.

But don't trust your Onstar or GPS, you may find yourself lost and at the end of a dead end road. We did that one time and that's really frustrating when you end up on the wrong side of the river with no way across.

Until a few years ago the Big South Fork Scenic Railway out of Sterns, Ky., brought visitors to Blue Heron. Because of some track and bridge problems it doesn't currently run that route and takes visitors to the old coal town of Barthell. Talks are underway to fix the railroad and let the train return to the park. That's a great ride and a very good day away venture.

If you're planning a trip to Blue Heron you

might want to stop by the Huntsville Jail and take a look. There's also a Scott County Museum in Huntsville and lots of fast food and sit-down restaurants in Oneida. We picked up some fried chicken there and had a picnic at Blue Heron. While we were there we were informed to watch for bears.

There's a pretty large campground at Big South Fork with about four dozen electric and water sites that operates through November.

You can find Blue Heron on the internet or on the National Park Service web site. You may also call (423) 569-9778.

Blue Heron might be an even greater trip as the leaves change and the weather cools. Any day out with the family, especially to a free attraction, is worth a couple hours of driving there.



Picture of beautiful white-tailed deer on a September morning in fall, by Ralphine Major.

Nature's statues

I never cease to be amazed by their grace and beauty. Oftentimes, I have shared with Focus readers photos of nature. One of my favorite subjects is the white-tailed deer so often seen in the East Tennessee area. With winter soon taking over from the autumn season, it is the time of year especially when pictures of deer may be seen on Christmas cards and wall décor.

A few days ago, I spotted a couple of deer near some brush. With caution, I stepped toward them knowing that one more step

could cause them to bolt. They seemed to be looking straight at me. Amazingly, the deer accommodated me for an entire couple of minutes. They stood as still as statues as I inched ever so cautiously toward them, clicking a series of images from a distance. So motionless were the deer that I began to wonder if they were going to run away at all. These magnificent animals can dash at record speeds across open fields and over fences. What a delight to watch them! The wonder of the white-tailed deer--what beauty nature affords us! It was God's gift for the day!

Words of Faith: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so." Genesis 1:24 (KJV).

Ball Camp Boys

My brother and I were on the golf course when he received a call. On the other end of the line was Mike Floyd. He was asking us to join him and some other men for lunch. Mike informed us it would be a "Ball Camp" meeting. Curious about what that meant, we agreed to be there. As it turned out, the time was well spent with some good folks.

We met at Moody's, a small restaurant on the Knoxville side of Oak Ridge. As usual, Jim and I arrived early, again proving that we believe if a person is on time, he's late. We looked inside but recognized none of the men we were meeting. In only a couple of minutes, Mike came in with Johnny Dickens, and in a few minutes, Steve Buffalo walked through the door.

The years have zipped by, and we, who were good friends in our elementary school years, are now old men who rarely see each other. The food came out, and the chattering

continued. At first, we recalled events and occurrences that were important to each of us. I told Johnny I remembered how he used to take a bag of chips and crush them before pouring the pieces into his bologna sandwich. He said that he still does that. I had earlier written about Steve Buffalo's sandwiches of sausage on white bread with a coating of mayonnaise and how much I wanted to taste it. Steve said he has no memory of his lunches but declared that they might have been what I said since his family raised pigs.

The truth is that when we were young, Ball Camp was considered a second-rate community. Karns was the place to live. Many who worked at the plants in Oak Ridge lived in that area. Ball Camp, Hardin Valley, and Solway just didn't reach the level of the community just over the hill. That belief led to even stronger ties among students at the school. We fought hard in sports

competitions and had our share of successes against the more highly regarded community teams.

Other stories from so long ago had us laughing; others made us shake our heads. That sadness especially hit when the name of a classmate came up and the information of his or her passing was mentioned. Wrapping our minds around those deaths was difficult when our last memories of individuals were when we sat in an elementary school classroom.

All of us are retired. Steve Buffalo continues to do contract work in Oak Ridge. Jim and I work in the summer mowing at Knoxville Municipal Golf Course. Yes, we've all had our bouts with illnesses and other maladies that accompany old age. Still, we all stay active and enjoy each day that the Good Lord gives us.

Jim and I stay in touch with a high school friend who didn't live in Ball Camp. Kenny Mills is being held "prisoner of war" in Georgia. I'm not a big phone guy, but when Kenny calls, the conversations can last for an hour or more. It's possible that reuniting with these Ball Camp friends might lead to some long phone calls too.

We began to list other men who lived in the community and talked about increasing the number to invite for future lunches. If you are one of those Ball Camp boys and want to come to the next get-together, contact one of us for information. Heck, you can contact me at my email joerector@comcast.net. Guys like Joey Wallace, Steve Cox, and Sam Marcum have plenty of memories to share, and others do too. Let's build our group and tighten our ties from so many years ago. We need to be expeditious in this because time is running out.



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The Poet in Congress

John S. McGroarty of California

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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"One of the countless drawbacks of being in Congress is that I am compelled to receive impertinent letters from a jackass like you in which you say I promised to have the Sierra Madre mountains reforested and I have been in Congress two months and haven't done it. Will you please take two running jumps and go to hell." - Letter to an impatient constituent from Congressman John S. McGroarty.

Only the saintliest of those who have held public office has not wanted to reply to a demanding constituent as did John S. McGroarty. Yet when he died, the San Bernadino Daily Sun referred to the former congressman as a "gentle soul." McGroarty was frequently described as kindly but colorful. The editorial also noted McGroarty was "first of all a poet." Yet John Steven McGroarty was a man of many talents. A gifted writer who profoundly appreciated the natural beauty of Southern California, McGroarty authored a mission play still performed to this day. In his long life, John S. McGroarty wore many professional hats, moving from Pennsylvania to Montana where he worked for the Anaconda Mining interests as an executive.

In 1901 McGroarty moved to Los Angeles where he spent the rest of his life. McGroarty wrote for the Los Angeles Times and in his spare time penned books and plays and at one time was the chief editorial writer for the newspaper. McGroarty's views on race endeared him to Los Angeles' Black community. John McGroarty also found the time to edit the West Coast Magazine. Historian, playwright, poet, writer, and politician, John McGroarty was not only a busy fellow but also a man of many interests.

McGroarty's "The Mission Play" was estimated to have been seen by 2.5 million people in 3,500 performances by the time John McGroarty died in 1944. McGroarty's regular column was entitled "From the Green Verdugo Hills" which ran regularly in the Sunday edition of the Los Angeles Times for twenty-eight years.

Author and critic Henry Van Dyke once wrote, "It remains for a Pennsylvanian and a Celt, a poet and historian, to tell the story of California as it should be told. This he has done in his Mission Play - - - which stands as the greatest of all the world's pageant dramas."

McGroarty built a wood and stone house, Rancho Chuppa Rosa in Tujunga in Los Angeles. Today it is the McGroarty Arts Center. The California state legislature voted to name John

S. McGroarty the Golden State's Poet Laureate in 1933 and the columnist remained one of the Golden State's more notable citizens. That notoriety did not diminish his chances when McGroarty announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for a seat in the House of Representatives from California's Eleventh Congressional District. Speaking before the Seventh Assembly District Democratic Club, McGroarty said, "I've about made up my mind to be a candidate." That declaration prompted Mrs. Alice Kraft to propose a resolution endorsing John McGroarty's candidacy. The entire group came to its feet in a standing vote of support for McGroarty's candidacy. McGroarty then told his listeners, "Recently somebody said, 'If you send John McGroarty to Congress, he'll just be a "yes man" for Roosevelt.'" John McGroarty paused and then said, "I want to tell you that's just what I will be. If, by some miracle I should be sent to Congress, every morning I will wake up, call the White House and ask him what his pleasure is. Then I will go down and vote as he tells me."

"If he is not there," McGroarty continued, "I will say, 'Is this you, Eleanor? What do you think of such and such bill?' I will vote as she tells me."

John McGroarty said as a historian he believed Franklin D. Roosevelt to be "the second greatest president" in America's history. McGroarty told his audience "There is no question in my mind about that." The congressional candidate also predicted, "During the next year he will be subjected to the bitterest attacks ever made on any president with the exception of George Washington. They will not be as strong as those made upon Washington, for they called him everything a filthy tongue could conceive, but this year is crucial for President Roosevelt."

McGroarty denied he was even remotely anything resembling a socialist, but also decried a system that allowed some to build great fortunes while leaving others with incomes so little "that any setback like illness or a death in the family would be an expense too great to overcome."

John S. McGroarty won the Democratic primary over five other candidates with a decisive plurality. In the general election, McGroarty faced the Republican incumbent, Congressman William E. Evans. Evans had first been elected to serve California's Eleventh District in 1926 and had been reelected



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Congressman John S. McGroarty strikes a pose for photographers.

relatively easily every two years until 1932. Congressman Evans barely scraped by that year as the Depression had deepened and people were suffering. McGroarty's name recognition proved to be an asset, as was his pledge to back President Roosevelt. On Election Day, John S. McGroarty won with 54% of the ballots cast.

In Congress, Congressman McGroarty became an advocate for what was known as the Townsend Plan. That plan was conceived by Dr. Francis Townsend, who had enjoyed a varied career marred by little financial success. The essentials of Townsend's plan was every person in the United States would receive the sum of \$200 per month (worth more than \$4,200 in today's money), yet there were restrictions to the good doctor's plan. Recipients must be retired, they could not be criminals, and they had to spend the entire \$200 each month. The funds to provide for the scheme were to come from the imposition of a national sales tax of 2%. In a country where there was no Social Security or any other kind of governmental safety net, the Townsend Plan was wildly appealing to millions of people, especially when the country was mired in the Great Depression.

Congressman John S. McGroarty sponsored a bill, which according to the Los Angeles Evening Post-Record "differed radically" from Dr. Townsend's original plan. Republican congressman Bertrand W. Gearhart, who represented Fresno in the House of Representatives, readily acknowledged, "The most serious objection to the Townsend old-age revolving pension plan has been removed by the revised McGroarty bill." According to Congressman Gearhart, "This objection was that the pension could not be paid, that it would wreck the federal treasury and perhaps

create an uncontrollable inflation. The revised bill, by creating a pension fund which will be distributed among aged and needy persons, completely eliminates that objection." Congressman Gearhart also noted McGroarty's bill required the administrative costs of the pension to be paid out of the taxes collected. Gearhart, like McGroarty, was a strong supporter of providing old-age pensions for elderly Americans.

Despite Congressman McGroarty's statement he would ask what President Roosevelt wanted to be done in Congress and then do it, the Californian encountered stiff opposition from the White House in his quest to adopt the revised edition of the Townsend Plan in the House. The First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, warned the plan created "false hope" for many desperate people. Congressman McGroarty snapped back that the entire New Deal program "has raised a hell of a lot of false hopes." Bruce Catton, then an editorial writer for the Newspaper Enterprise Association (NEA), wrote, "In this one sentence the gentleman seems to have put his finger on the distinguishing feature of the present era - - - the thing which makes it both a more encouraging and a more potentially dangerous time than any in recent years." Catton acknowledged, "It is an era of hope; of high hopes, some of them, held by people in all classes of society. The course our society will take in the next generation may easily depend very largely on the extent to which these hopes can be satisfied." So it remains true to this day.

Congressman John McGroarty, then 74 years old, ran for reelection to Congress in 1936. It was even a better year for Democrats than 1934 had been, but it was also true the congressman represented a fundamentally

GOP district in Congress. Congressman McGroarty faced Republican Carl Hinshaw, a successful realtor and insurance man in the general election, as well as candidates running on the Progressive and Communist tickets. McGroarty won a bare majority in the general election while Hinshaw didn't poll quite 40% of the ballots cast. The Progressive candidate won nearly 9% of the vote, while the Communist didn't tally even 1%. President Roosevelt had won a landslide reelection, carrying every state in the nation save for Vermont and Maine.

1936 had not begun with John S. McGroarty devoted to the New Deal. Apparently unhappy with the Roosevelt Administration for its opposition to the Townsend Plan and his own bill, Congressman McGroarty had run at the head of a Townsend Plan ticket in the California presidential primary, much to the displeasure of FDR and his associates. There was a deepening divide between factions of California's Democratic Party into two hostile camps. One, headed by U.S. senator William Gibbs McAdoo, represented the regular Democrats who were, more or less, New Deal stalwarts. The other faction of Golden State Democrats were known as "Epics," who supported old-age pensions and several political panaceas. For any of those who doubted Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal popularity in California, the vote in the Democratic presidential primary reiterated he remained a champion vote-getter. President Roosevelt polled more than 755,000 votes as compared to just over 100,000 for Upton Sinclair, leader of California's "Epics" and a paltry 58,146 for the Townsend Plan ticket headed by Congressman John S. McGroarty.

McGroarty chose not to run for reelection to Congress in 1938.

Perhaps he sensed his district was swinging back to its Republican roots. It may well have been he wanted the distinction of serving in statewide office. McGroarty announced he was seeking the Democratic nomination to serve as California's Secretary of State. That particular office was occupied by one of the most accomplished vote-getters in California, Frank C. Jordan, who was a Republican. At the time, candidates in California could "cross-file," meaning they could run in the primary of their own party, as well as that of other parties. It was not uncommon for candidates to cross-file in the Republican, Democratic and Progressive primaries in the Golden State. Frank C. Jordan had served as California's Secretary of State since 1911 and his vote-getting prowess was such that he outran the Democratic candidates inside their own primary, including Congressman John McGroarty. Jordan died in office in 1940 and his son, Frank M. Jordan beat an interim appointee to become California's Secretary of State in 1942. The younger Jordan held that office until 1970 when he too died in office at age 81.

John McGroarty was 76 years old when he lost the 1938 election. It was the end of his political career, and the philosopher of the Green Verdugo Hills entered a contented semi-retirement. It was John S. McGroarty who sponsored the bill in the House of Representatives which saved the sugar pines in Yosemite National Park. The former congressman also saw the introduction and passage of the Social Security Act and his dream of old-age pensions realized.

In his declining years, McGroarty suffered through the loss of his beloved wife Ida, a loss from which he never recovered. Ida McGroarty also left behind her elderly mother for whom the former congressman cared until she too passed away. When McGroarty died after a "lingering illness" at age 81, Elmer Ellsworth Helms, a longtime friend of the former congressman, sent a letter to the editor of the Los Angeles Times mourning the passing of his friend and published a letter sent to him before McGroarty's own death. Helms wrote he was nearing 81 himself and imagined the day when he would "find Brother John wandering around the Green Verdugo Hills of the Land Celestial."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIE MAE LAREW GASTON
DOCKET NUMBER 88328-1

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

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIE MAE LAREW GASTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN EDWARD GASTON, JR.; EXECUTOR
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ORLANDO, FL 32811

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAURAEASE HARVEY
DOCKET NUMBER 88479-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAURAEASE HARVEY who died July 17, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 22 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF LAURAEASE HARVEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES D. HAYS
DOCKET NUMBER 88476-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHARLES D. HAYS, who died on August 14, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLES D. HAYS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAIL Z. HILDEBRAND
DOCKET NUMBER 88490-1

NOTICE is hereby given that on 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GAIL Z. HILDEBRAND, who died on February 2, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the CHANCERY COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on (1) or (2) below; otherwise, their claims will be forever barred.

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF GAIL Z. HILDEBRAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ERIC G. HILDEBRAND
JESSICA A. CANTRELL

DANIEL W. STARNES, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY HUGHES
DOCKET NUMBER 88376-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY HUGHES who died June 10, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF BETTY HUGHES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN JACKSON
DOCKET NUMBER 88495-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KIMBERLY JACKSON who died April 22, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN JACKSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUANITA P JAMISON
DOCKET NUMBER 88472-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of SEPTEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUANITA P JAMISON who died Apr 25, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 22 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JUANITA P JAMISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHAN BAYLESS; EXECUTOR
1248 BLAIRFIELD DRIVE
CANE RIDGE, TN. 37013

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE LOY
DOCKET NUMBER 88409-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of SEPTEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA SUE LOY who died May 21, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (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 this first publication; or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE LOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACK RICHARD LOY; EXECUTOR
8218 SHELTON ROAD
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

GAIL F WORTLEY ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VALERIA MCBEE
DOCKET NUMBER 88413-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of SEPTEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VALERIA MCBEE who died Mar 25, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF VALERIA MCBEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARILYN WILSON; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
907 WEDGEWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN HACKWORTH MCLAIN
DOCKET NUMBER 88406-1

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN HACKWORTH MCLAIN, who died on June 29, 2023, issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN HACKWORTH MCLAIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA KAY MEIER
DOCKET NUMBER 88455-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of SEPTEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA KAY MEIER who died Jul 26, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 12 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF LINDA KAY MEIER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TRACY ANNE NOWELL; EXECUTRIX
2404 TORI ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA YVONNE NELSON
DOCKET NUMBER 88453-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLORIA YVONNE NELSON who died August 18, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

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

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

This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF GLORIA YVONNE NELSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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1362 EASTSHORE DRIVE
ALAMEDA, CA 94501

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KANTILAL PATEL
DOCKET NUMBER 88458-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of KANTILAL PATEL who died August 3, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF KANTILAL PATEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY MEDLEY PRESSLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 88485-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JUDY MEDLEY PRESSLEY, who died on September 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from decedent's date of death.

This the 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JUDY MEDLEY PRESSLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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4209 MASCARENE ROAD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN EARL RAINWATER
DOCKET NUMBER 88450-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of SEPTEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN EARL RAINWATER who died Jul 14, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 13 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN EARL RAINWATER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIRGINIA P RAINWATER; EXECUTRIX
601 SCHENLEY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLAYTON KENNETH REAGAN
DOCKET NUMBER 86708-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of SEPTEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLAYTON KENNETH REAGAN who died Mar 13, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in

(1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLAYTON KENNETH REAGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK E. ROUSE
DOCKET NUMBER 88253-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JACK E. ROUSE who died July 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

Fulfilling a Promise to a Veteran

**From the Mountains
By Jadon Gibson**

Cumberland Gap changed hands several times during the Civil War.

The rebels held the Gap for a year before General Ambrose Burnside led his troops in an assault on the rebels in September 1863.

Burnside tricked his adversaries into believing they were out-manned.

He moved his troops and artillery into position while being watched by the rebels on the distant mountain. Under the cover of darkness, he removed them only to have them openly move again into position the following day. This was done a third time.

Feeling his troops were outnumbered, Confederate General John Frazer surrendered his dug-in force even though they had a superior position.

Lt. William R. McEntire was a member of Company A of the Ninth Georgia

Artillery and was in command of a cannon at Fort Pitt, near the Pinnacle on Cumberland Mountain.

When he was told to surrender he refused and ordered his men to continue firing.

Reports are that they gladly complied. He and the defiant members of his company were eventually arrested and placed under guard.

However, after dark individuals of the pesky unit were able to demonstrate their continued defiance by

tearing down the Yankee flag.

Soon McEntire and the others were shipped off to prisons in the north and the Gap remained in Union hands for the remainder of the war.

McEntire and the other prisoners were kept under harsh conditions until they were released on June 16, 1865. Not unlike the others, survivors of Company A returned to Georgia not knowing what to expect. McEntire fared worse than most. His wife and children had been killed, falling before Sherman's march through Georgia. Only ashes remained where his home and farm buildings once stood.

He found little to hold to in Georgia, so young McEntire left it all behind and migrated to Texas as many others did in that era. The initials GTT meaning "gone to Texas" were common in courthouses at the time.

McEntire remarried and became quite successful in Texas ranching and banking circles. When Civil War Company A held their yearly reunions he always attended. These events were held in or near the Atlanta area. With each successive meeting, the number of veterans attending dwindled.

The men who attended enjoyed reminiscing about the war but McEntire remained bitter about the misguided surrender.

When McEntire called the roll of 150 names at the 1904 reunion in Smyrna, Georgia, only 21 were present. Most of the others were deceased.

McEntire died in 1917, while he was in his 80s, but not before making an unusual request of his grandson, George McEntire.

"If it is in your power I want you to return to Cumberland Gap on September 9, 1963, 100 years to the day after our surrender," he uttered. "I want you to promise me that you'll stand near Fort Pitt on Cumberland

Mountain, look to the north, and curse the Yankees."

George appeased his grandfather by making that promise. Although he never knew if he would be able to keep the promise it remained in the back of his mind.

The years passed and finally, 1963 arrived with George becoming more excited with each passing day. His health and finances were such that he could make the trip.

George McEntire drove from his Texas home arriving at Cumberland Gap

National Historical Park on September 9, 1963. When he told his story to a park ranger, McEntire was informed that the name "McEntire" was carved into a rock near the Pinnacle.

They drove to the Pinnacle and walked to the rock. Still evident after a century of weathering was the etching on the rock which read, "W. R. McEntire - Liet. Co. A-9 Ga. Bat. Arty. - Sept. 9, 1863." McEntire's chest swelled with a greater appreciation for his grandfather who had initiated the trip with his unusual

request 46 years before.

"He was quite concerned and embarrassed because of the surrender to the Yankees a century ago," George McEntire said. "I'm not as upset as he was but I'm here to keep my promise to him anyway."

The Middlesboro Daily News headline the following day read, "Texan Appeases Dead Grandpa, Curses Yankees from Pinnacle."

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Jadon Gibson is a widely read Appalachian writer from Harrogate, Tennessee.



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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT B. WILSON
DOCKET NUMBER 88256-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT B. WILSON 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 his or her estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 21 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT B. WILSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES A. BEARDEN
DOCKET NUMBER 88457-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES A. BEARDEN who died March 15, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF BARBARA R. MARKS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF THOMAS WAYNE BROWN
DOCKET NUMBER 88454-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of SEPTEMBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THOMAS WAYNE BROWN who died Dec 20, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 29 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF THOMAS WAYNE BROWN

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE CRAIG
DOCKET NUMBER 88483-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of BOBBY JOE CRAIG who died Aug 21, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of 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 (4) months from the date of the first publication or

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE CRAIG

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CONSTANCE GOODMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 87689-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CONSTANCE GOODMAN who died Jan 25, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court

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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF CONSTANCE GOODMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF: W. C. HAYNES
DOCKET NO: 88115-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of October, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of W. C. HAYNES, who died on May 22, 2023, was issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF W. C. HAYNES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY NOBLE HEISKELL
DOCKET NUMBER 88043-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY NOBLE HEISKELL who died December 15, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates

prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY NOBLE HEISKELL

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WARREN WOODROW KIRBY
DOCKET NUMBER 88493-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WARREN WOODROW KIRBY who died July 22, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF WARREN WOODROW KIRBY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY ANN MITCHELL
DOCKET NUMBER 88229-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of OCTOBER, 2023 letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY ANN MITCHELL who died MAY 30, 2023, were issued to LINDA LEONARD, by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

ESTATE OF MARY ANN MITCHELL

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALICE FAYE PARTON
DOCKET NUMBER 88358-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ALICE FAYE PARTON, who died JULY 15, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF ALICE FAYE PARTON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL DENNIS SCOTT
DOCKET NUMBER 88124-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL DENNIS SCOTT who died on March 5, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 if the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

date of death.

This the 2 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL DENNIS SCOTT

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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items and services:

Bid 3471, General Medical Supplies, due 10/30/23,
Bid 3477, Concrete Work and Repair Services, due 11/8/23,
Bid 3480, Hygiene Products, due 11/7/23

For Additional Information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County Surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

ROLL CALL:
1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG;
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY;

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:

5a. All Start Market, 8920 Maynardville Hwy, District 8m Ms. Soniya Merchant, Owner
1st offense- February 6, 2023, 2nd offense- September 25, 2023
Beer Permit issued November 9, 2015

5b. 441 Market, 9730 Norris Freeway, District 8, Mr. Leon Vineyard, Owner
1st offense- June 28, 2021, 2nd offense- September 25, 2023
Beer Permit issued December 19, 2023

5c. Casey's #4039, 6900 Maynardville Hwy, District 7, CGS Stores, LLC, Owner
1st offense- September 25, 2023
Beer Permit issued February 2, 2023

6. DISCUSSION ITEM FOR THE REQUEST FOR A NAME CHANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT: AZTEK #112, 7322 OAK RIDGE HWY, DISTRICT 6 TO THE LOCAL MARKET. ADJOURNMENT;

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids - KCDC, the Public Housing Authority for Knoxville & Knox County, posts all of its solicitations at www.kcdc.org/procurement. Click on 'Open Solicitations' and follow the link.

HIGH SCHOOL REGION GOLF TOURNAMENTS

West girls earn first state berth

Bulldogs back in state after 40 years

By Steve Williams

Championship performances by two Knox County golf teams Monday (Oct. 2) had their coaches looking up historical information after the Region 2-AA tournament ended at Three Ridges.

Tyler Lane, Bearden boys' coach, discovered his Bulldogs qualified for the TSSAA state tourney for the first time since 1983.

West's girls coach Todd O'Dell believed his team qualified for the state for the first time in school history and said he would check all of the old trophies at WHS. The school confirmed the following morning that was indeed true.

"We were definitely the underdogs of the day," said O'Dell. "We were probably picked to finish third

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PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Clockwise from far left: CAK FRESHMAN TANNER VARNEY drives his ball on Hole No. 1 to three feet off the green and 15 feet from the pin to set up his winning birdie on the third playoff hole in the Division II-A East Region tournament on Oct. 3 at Three Ridges. WEST HIGH'S ANNA CLAIRE GIBSON hits her approach shot on the green at No. 9 (her 18th hole of the round). Gibson's 77 score led the Lady Rebels to their first-ever TSSAA state tournament berth. GIBBS JUNIOR JAYDEN THOMPSON lines up a putt on Hole No. 9 (her 18th hole of the day) as she finishes play in the Region 2-AA tournament. HALLS' NATHAN JEANSONNE blasts a shot out of the sand trap on Hole No. 18 at Three Ridges in the Region 2-AA tournament last week.

- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 8 -

Seniors help Webb roll to 42-9 over GCA

By David Klein

At senior night at Webb School, the Webb Spartans used a dominating performance by their seniors, a crisp offense and swarming defense to roll over divisional opponent the Grace Christian Academy (GCA) Rams 42-9. Webb is now 8-0 on the season in Division II-AA East and heads into the bye week with an engine of steam and momentum.

"There was so much going into this evening with a special group of seniors," Webb coach Don Mahoney said. "On a senior night, we can't say enough about them and how thankful we are for them, their careers, what they have accomplished. That, I think, was the big reason for us to start fast with the intentions of what we wanted to do with it. Credit to our guys being well prepared from our coaching staff and just the approach that they



PHOTO BY DANNY DUNLAP

Jack Wagner was slinging in the rain at David Meske Stadium Friday night. The Webb senior quarterback threw two touchdown pass in a 42-9 win over GCA despite the wet conditions.

took with a lot of things this week, activities on campus, with here at Webb,

the Senior Night. The guys stayed really focused and I can't say enough about

them." Webb put two quick touchdowns on the board

with a 4-yard touchdown run by Jalen Hill and a 29-yard touchdown throw

from quarterback Jack Wagner to Gregory Tate III. Tate's touchdown put the Spartans up 14-0 with 7:13 left in the first quarter.

The Spartans then took advantage of three consecutive turnovers on three consecutive offensive plays by GCA quarterback Weston Edmonson to open up the game and take a 28-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. Barrett and Hill each scored their second touchdowns of the game, a 10-yard touchdown reception by Barrett and a 6-yard touchdown run by Hill.

Senior defensive back Markeis Barrett had two interceptions in that GCA turnover span. Barrett said, "They (defensive line) makes it easy for us to get picks because they put pressure on the quarterback and a lot of times, he makes a bad read or the read they think is there, by the time he throws it,

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- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 8 -

Gibbs pulls away from Carter, 34-21

By Steve Williams

Gibbs High's football team continues to build momentum.

The Eagles won their fifth game in a row in a physical battle with Carter on Friday night, pulling away for a 34-21 win over their Region 2-4A rivals at Ernest Whited Stadium.

Behind a young but cohesive offensive line, senior running backs Boone Brockwell and Wyatt West provided an effective 1-2 punch on the ground.

Brockwell ran for two touchdowns and 101 yards on 18 carries. West, who was filling in for Brady Hughes, gained 81 yards on 21 attempts.

Hughes played his normal linebacker position in the game and led the Gibbs defense with 10 tackles and one TFL. He didn't see action on offense to protect a "thumb issue," according to Coach Brad Turner.

"I think we just persevered through some adversity," said Turner said after the game. "We were up in the first half, but we had four turnovers. We've lost one game this year and that was the four turnovers against Halls, so I'm a little concerned there. We challenged our guys at halftime to come out and create some turnovers and get us



PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS

It's 5 on 5 as Gibbs' Boone Brockwell carries the football and Carter's Spencer Russell defends in the Region 2-4A battle Friday night in Corryton. Gibbs won 34-21 to remain unbeaten in region play.

some more possessions.

"Credit to Carter. They had a great game plan and they played very physical on defense. They sort of took us out of a couple of things, but we finally just made our mind up that we were going to run right at them with that many people (nine) in the box and our guys did a good job with that.

"But I really think our

defense was the key," continued Turner. "Our defense got us out of some tough situations and made stops when they had to."

Junior quarterback Maddox Brackfield scored on a 3-yard run on the last play of the first quarter and Benji Angola's PAT kick gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

Gibbs extended its lead to 14-0 when Hayden Mills

hauled in a 16-yard pass from Brackfield with 8:25 on the second quarter clock.

A great one-handed catch by Carter's Brody Martin gained 23 on a pass from Brody Sparks and led to Spencer Russell scoring the last touchdown of the first half on a 1-yard run. Russell also scored the first TD of the second half

on an 8-yard run to pull the Hornets into a 14-14 tie.

Brockwell scored his first touchdown on a 10-yard run to put Gibbs back on top 21-14. It came after Coach Turner took three points off the scoreboard when Carter roughed Gibbs' snapper on a successful FG by Angola. But the Hornets got a 45-yard kickoff return by Jody Scruggs and pulled

into a 21-21 tie late in the third quarter when Russell ran 11 yards for his third TD.

Backed up at its 5-yard line, a short punt by Carter provided Gibbs with good field position at the Hornets' 29. Brockwell ran 23 yards off right tackle to score and Angola's PAT gave the Eagles a 28-21 advantage with 23.7 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Gibbs executed a scissors-type onside kick and recovered the ball at the Carter 39. That led to a 26-yard field goal by Angola and a 31-21 lead with 8:56 to go in the game.

After the Hornets turned the ball over on downs, tempers flared and a brief skirmish broke out with 3:07 remaining. Carter sophomore lineman Jake Coffey was ejected.

Gibbs took over possession inside the Hornets' 10-yard line and Angola tackled on a 20-yard field goal with two minutes to go.

The Eagles (3-0, 6-1) played at Morristown East (0-7) Thursday before heading to Anderson County for a pivotal region game on Oct. 20.

With the loss, Carter slipped to 1-2 in the region and 4-4 overall.

High School Football Scores and Schedule

Week 8 Scores

Bearden 38, Cleveland 21
Bradley Central 40, HVA 7
Campbell Co. 49, Karns 14
Gibbs 34, Carter 21
Kingston 51, Austin-East 6
Fulton 38, Seymour 7
Webb 42, Grace Christian 9
West 8, Anderson Co. 7
Oak Ridge 35, Farragut 3
Powell 41, Central 7
Catholic 47, B. Academy 42
White County 41, CAK 7

Week 9 Games

(Kickoff at 7 unless noted)

Thursday

Jefferson Co. at Farragut
Gibbs at Morristown East

Friday

Bearden at Oak Ridge
Lipscomb Acad. at Catholic
MTCS at King's Academy



PHOTO BY DANNY DUNLAP

Rain didn't stop the Webb student section from having fun in a Hawaiian-themed evening as they watched their Spartans remain undefeated.

Seniors help Webb roll to 42-9 over GCA

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we're right there to get it because we've seen the play develop."

Hill ran for his third touchdown of the game, a 20-yard touchdown, with 9:54 left in the second quarter to make it 35-0 Webb.

GCA finally got a first down with nine minutes left in the second quarter. It would lead to a field goal with 3:07 left in the second quarter, which made the score 35-3.

Webb went right back down the field as Hill sprinted for a 57-yard touchdown,

his fourth touchdown of the game to put Webb up 42-3 with 1:16 left in the second quarter. Hill finished the game with 14 rushes for 164 yards and four touchdowns.

"The key was definitely my blockers, my linemen," Hill said. "Beautiful holes, beautiful gaps. It was really a very important week, especially for our seniors. To us, it was a really big game."

The mercy rule took effect in the second half with a continuous running clock, and the Spartans had their reserves in the game. Grace Christian scored a touchdown with 6:40 left in the game on

Steven Riffey's 6-yard run. That made the final score 42-9 Webb.

Both teams are off this week for Fall Break. Webb plays a huge Division II-AA East game at undefeated Boyd-Buchanan on October 20 that will essentially determine the regular season Region Title. Boyd-Buchanan is coached by Gary Rankin, former coach at Alcoa, where he won 13 state championships in 16 seasons. Rankin is the winningest high school football coach in Tennessee history. Grace Christian, 3-5, (1-4 Division II-AA East) plays at Silverdale Academy on October 20.

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'I feel confident we are now building a good program'

You may not remember it, but there was once a 9-3 Tennessee team that was not ranked by The Associated Press (AP) during the entire season. (In a major contradiction, the Vols did finish No. 17 in the CNN-USA Today poll.) That was in 1983.

John Majors said he saw light at the end of the tunnel, even after a 1-2 start.

"For the first time in six years, I see daylight," said Majors. "I know I may sound like a crazy man, but I feel confident we are now building a good program, and I am not going to change my mind one iota."

Defensive tackle Reggie White was team captain and was a dominating figure up front for the Vols, earning All-SEC and All-American honors.

Junior Alan Cockrell was the quarterback, his second year back under center after his 1981 knee surgery. He threw the ball all over the field in a 41-34 win over Alabama at Legion Field in October. His performance included

two 80-yard TD passes, one to Lenny Taylor on the Vols' first play from scrimmage. That came after the Tide had taken the game's opening drive in for a score. The other went to Clyde Duncan.

Munford's Johnnie Jones gained 1161 yards rushing that season, 66 of which came on a memorable run at Legion Field. A crowd of 77,237 watched as Jones hit left end, cut back to his right, and etched his way into the series history books. The play, called "49 Option," culminated a 17-point rally from 34-24 down to the eventual 41-34 margin.

During his recruitment, Ed Murphey, a Vol fan from nearby Brownsville, had told Johnnie he would score the winning touchdown against Alabama. Jones initially thought Murphey was just blowing some recruiting smoke, but thought differently as the years progressed.

"After all these years," said Jones, "it looked like he knew what he was talking about. At least that's how it happened that day in Birmingham."

The Vols were coming off a 6-5-1 season that ended on a two-game losing streak, to Vanderbilt

(28-21) in the season finale at Nashville and to Iowa (28-22) in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

The Vols got off to a 1-2 start, with losses to Pittsburgh (13-3) and Auburn (37-14), sandwiched around a 31-6 win over New Mexico.

After that, the Vols played well, defeating The Citadel (45-6), LSU (20-6), and No. 11 Alabama. There was no hangover after the Alabama game, as the Vols found their way down from the clouds to win decisively against Georgia Tech by 37-3.

After a 7-0 win over Rutgers at the Meadowlands, the Vols inexplicably stubbed their collective toes in a Homecoming night loss to Ole Miss by a 13-10 count. That was the night it was so cold at Neyland Stadium that U.T. president Ed Boling said "No" to future November night games. That policy lasted until Notre Dame came calling Nov. 6, 1999.

The Vols ended the regular season by knocking off Kentucky (10-0) and Vanderbilt (34-24).

The Vols trailed 24-20 against Vanderbilt, but rallied behind Jones, who

had 248 yards rushing for the game, Cockrell, and Duncan for 14 fourth quarter points. In one historic moment, Tennessee alumnus Lindsey Nelson did the play-by-play for the CBS telecast.

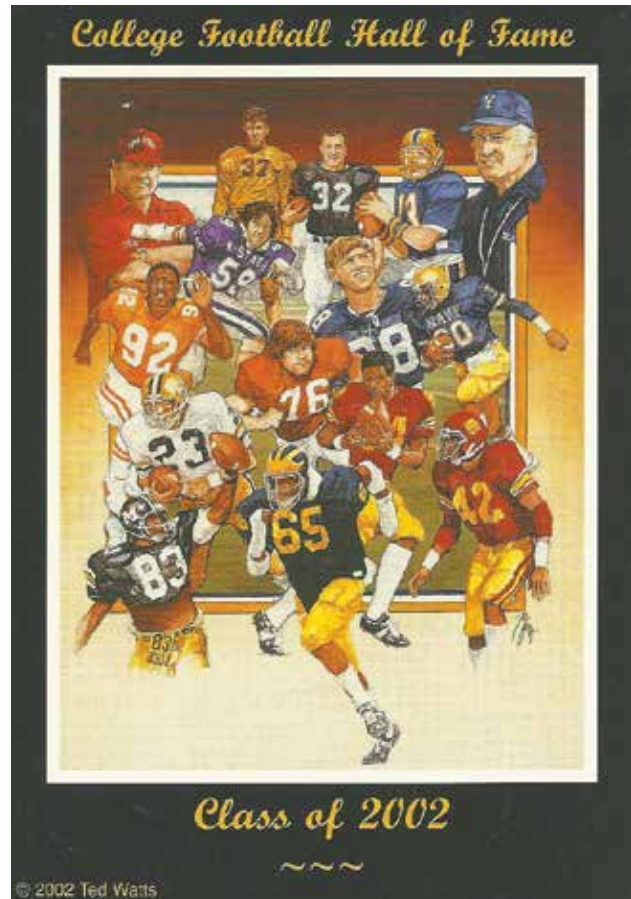
The Florida Citrus Bowl win over No. 16 Maryland (30-23) capped the Vols' finest season since 1972 (10-2) with a 9-3 record.

The Vols trailed 20-16 entering the fourth quarter, but Jones, who gained 154 yards on 29 carries, scored twice to give the Vols a hard-earned victory.

In his final collegiate game before moving on to pro baseball, Cockrell threw a 12-yard TD pass to Taylor, part of his 185 yards passing on the night. Fullback Sam Henderson scored on a 19-yard run, with Fuad Reveiz adding a 25-yard field goal. Linebacker Alvin Toles recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass.

Fans recalled the success of the 1983 season when the news broke that White had died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004. Under his leadership and the careful tutelage of defensive coordinator Larry Marmie, the Vols went from worst to first defensively in the SEC.

"Reggie White could turn



Reggie White was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, class of 2002

a football game around like no one else," said Majors. "He could dominate not only the man in front of him, but also the side of the line of scrimmage he was on. People changed their game plan to run to the other side, and he could still make plays. He was a lovable and likable guy with a great sense of

humor, who was also serious about football and serious about his religious beliefs."

One national ranking service may not have honored the Vols this season, but there were a number of memorable moments that engendered hope for the future.

Tennessee Football Outlook

By Mark Nagi

Five games in... seven games to go. College football is (in my opinion) the greatest sport in the world, partly because it also has the shortest season. We look forward to the games for nine months and are only guaranteed 12 of them.

The Tennessee Volunteers sit at 4-1, thanks to a dreadful performance at Florida, which was followed by a spectacular bounce-back performance against South Carolina two weeks later. They've also beaten Virginia, Austin Peay and UTSA, but those games don't hold the same level of importance.

The schedule really kicks into high gear over the next few weeks with a home game against Texas A&M, a road game at Alabama and another road game at Kentucky.

Let's start with the Aggies. Tennessee's tradition of seeing backup QBs play lights out against them (2001 LSU QB Matt Mauck still haunts the dreams of Vols fans) could continue Saturday. Max Johnson was at one time the starter at LSU. Now, has been thrust onto the big stage again, and tasked with keeping Texas A&M's season afloat.

Jimbo Fisher is so desperate to win in College Station that he brought in disgraced coach Bobby Petrino as their offensive coordinator. Tennessee will try to prove that was the wrong decision.

As for Alabama, the Crimson Tide saw their 15-year winning streak broken last October in a 52-49 loss to UT. It was one of the best games in the history of this historic rivalry and set off a celebration the likes of which hadn't been seen at Neyland Stadium since the Florida game in 1998.

The Crimson Tide are not as dominant as they have been for more of Nick Saban's 16-season reign of terror, but the Vols will be the underdogs at Bryant-Denny Stadium, a place they haven't won at since 2003.

That leaves us with Kentucky. Much like Tennessee can't find a way to win in Gainesville, the Wildcats almost always come up short when facing its I-75 rivals. During the dark times of the Dooley, Jones and Pruitt eras, the Cats often had more talent on their rosters, but the Vols found ways to win.

Mark Stoops once again has a very good team. They will also get two weeks to prepare for the Vols as they have a bye before the UT game. This contest will also be at Kroger Field in Lexington.

If you are a Tennessee fan, would you take two wins out of those three games? That would put you at 6-2, with top-ranked Georgia the toughest remaining game on your schedule (but don't discount Mizzou, which feels like a trap game before UGA).

The Vols resurgence under Josh Heupel might not be completely unexpected. Heupel has had success with his system at every stop. But the speed of the rebuild has been a massive surprise. This is year 3, and the Vols are 22-9 since Heupel began manning the Shields-Watkins Field sidelines.

Compare that to a 16-19 mark under Jeremy Pruitt. The program is in considerably better shape today than it was in early 2021.

As Tennessee fans know full well, all dynasties eventually crumble and the good times never last forever. Alabama was in the wilderness for most of a decade before they got lucky and hired Saban. Nebraska is still trying to find a way to return to the glory days of the 1990s.

No matter what happens the rest of the season for the Vols, it is always good to see them back in the national conversation. They are no longer an afterthought.

DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Panthers advance to regionals after Cinderella district run

By Ken Lay

Oak Ridge --- A Cinderella story came up a little short of a fairy tale ending for Powell High School's volleyball team Thursday night. But the Lady Panthers still have at least one chapter remaining to be written, maybe more.

Time will tell as they advance to the Region 2-3A Tournament Tuesday

Powell made a surprise appearance in the District 3-3A Tournament Championship match and dropped a three-set match to top-seeded Clinton, 25-11, 25-13, 25-12 at Wildcat Arena.

The loss ended a district tournament run for Powell (11-14) that saw the sixth-seeded Panthers upset third-seeded Karns in four sets in the quarterfinals and oust No. 2 seed and tournament host Oak Ridge in five sets in a doubleheader Wednesday night.

Even in defeat, Lady Panthers coach Abigail Payne couldn't have been prouder of her team's performance.

"I've been working with them on their mental toughness all year and you can see that it paid off," Payne said. "If you look at where we were early in the season, we've grown up a lot this year, and you saw it here tonight."

"We've really grown up and I'm so proud of the girls."

Powell didn't quite have enough to take down the top-seeded Lady Dragons, who breezed through the district's regular-season schedule, dropping just one set to Halls in the regular-season league finale for both teams.

Payne said she felt like Wednesday's elimination doubleheader really took a toll on her young squad. Powell defeated the Lady Beavers 25-21, 16-25, 25-19, 25-23, and followed

that up with a 25-22, 12-25, 25-23, 22-25, 15-9, to reach the championship match.

"We had a big night last night and I really think that showed tonight," Payne said. "But we didn't quit tonight."

"We have a really young team and I'm really, really proud."

Against Karns, Genevive Kwak, an all-tournament standout, posted 12 kills, five aces, two blocks and eight digs. Emalee Schultz chipped in with 11 assists, five digs and one block.

Against Oak Ridge, Kwak came up with 13 kills. Ryanna Comer added six kills and London Smith finished with five kills for Powell, which certainly impressed Lady Dragons coach Lorri Johnson.

"They played really hard. They played really hard against us and they played great last night against Oak Ridge," Johnson said. "I talked with (Payne) earlier.



Powell High's Genevive Kwak attacks the net in the Lady Panthers' loss in the District 3-3A Tournament Championship Match at Oak Ridge Thursday night. Kwak was named to the all-tournament team as Powell qualified for the region tournament in Clinton Tuesday despite losing to the top-seeded Lady Dragons. Photo submitted.

We talked about the logistics for the region (tournament) and I told her to be sure that her team came in here wearing crowns because they were definitely Cinderellas."

Powell and the Lady Dragons both advance to Tuesday's Region 2-3A Tournament at Clinton. Semifinal matches begin

at 5 p.m. Semifinal winners advance to the championship match at 6:30 and also qualify for Thursday's state sectional.

Clinton will face District 4 runner-up Hardin Valley Academy and Powell will play Maryville, which won the District 4-3A Championship.

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HIGH SCHOOL REGION GOLF TOURNAMENTS

West girls earn first state berth

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or fourth, so it was a big upset for us winning."

Only six strokes separated the first through fifth place teams on the scoreboard as West totaled 158, followed by Bearden (160), Halls (161), Maryville (163) and Gibbs (164) in the 18-hole round. Farragut shot 176.

Anna Claire Gibson, a junior who came to West from CAK last year, led the Lady Rebels with a 77 and placed third individually. Calley Holbert, also a junior, carded an 81. Senior Riley Phillips shot an 89. Only the top two scores figured into the team total.

"All three of them played really well and I'm very proud of them," said O'Dell. The key to the upset victory?

"They stayed true to their game and didn't have some big blowup holes," said O'Dell, who is in his 10th season as golf coach.

Carson Cameron, the Class AA boys' state runner-up in 2021, also played for O'Dell.

Other girls who qualified for this year's Division I-AA state tourney, which begins today at the Sevierville Golf Club, are first place medalist Sophia Gambini of Heritage, who shot a 2-under-par 70, Bearden's Maya Hira (76) and Halls' Lauren Davis (79).

Bearden's boys totaled 300 to finish five strokes ahead of runner-up Halls (305). The Bulldogs' region title did not come as a surprise like the West girls' did. In fact, Bearden came in as the District 4-AA champion and had won the 5Star Prep Masters tournament at the start of the season.

Bryce Harmon led Bearden with a 71, followed by Jaden Morrell (72), Conner Hall (75), Grey Loftin (82) and Charlie Culbertson (83), with the top four scores making up the team total.

"I was really proud of both the boys and girls," said Coach Lane. "They played



CAK's Isabella Coughlin,
Division II-A East Region champion



Bearden's Bryce Harmon,
Region 2-AA boys champion

hard. They were focused. Several of them struggled at various points in the round but did a good job of bouncing back.

"They played for each other, which is what we try to do. They never gave up and the boys especially were rewarded in the end. It was just a special season all-round for the boys and girls."

Hardin Valley's Jacob Sheffield tied Harmon in regulation play but lost on the third playoff hole when he made a bogey and ended up the second place medalist. The other two individual state qualifiers were Halls' Ethan Whitaker (72) and Evan Caldwell (73).

Minus its coaches, FBA gives CAK a battle

By Steve Williams

The golf rivalry between Christian Academy of Knoxville and First Baptist Academy was softened a little at this year's Division II-A East Region tournament in the wake of FBA co-coaches Johnny and Karen Cox's son Jeremy Cox having gone through heart surgery in Cleveland, Ohio.

Johnny and Karen were with their son when the tournament was played at Three Ridges last Tuesday. Jeremy had also assisted the FBA team some.

"We prayed about it a ton as a team," said Cooper Roberts, a senior on the First Baptist team, after the Eagles fell short of defeating CAK, which now has won six state titles in a row.

The difference on the scoreboard was only two strokes, as the Warriors won 294 to 296. Both teams, however, will advance to the Division II-A state tournament this Thursday and Friday at the Sevierville Golf Club.

"Before (the match) today we talked about it," added Roberts. "We're out here playing for them at that point. Obviously trying to play good no matter what, but definitely with the situation with Jeremy and both of our coaches not able to be here made us want it even more.

"We were pleased because we made it to state, but definitely we all can think back to two or

three (missed) shots that would have got us the win. But obviously this is just survive and advance, so we're hoping we can win at state."

Freshman standout Tanner Varney shot a four-under 68 to lead CAK and defeated Colin Keino of Maryville Apostolic Christian with a spectacular birdie on the third playoff hole to take first place medalist honors.

"FBA is a good golf team," said CAK Coach Donnie Cooper. "We had to play good to beat them."

The Warriors also got 73s from Bryson White and Cooper Russell. Alex Gaetz added an 80 and Tyler Stafford an 81. The team's total is based on top four scores.

For FBA, Lane Stokes shot a par 72, followed by Roberts' 73, Brady Morris' 74, Max Green's 77 and Luke McGhee's 82.

"That's tough when your coach isn't there," said Coach Cooper. "They allow us to coach from green to tee and Johnny and Karen weren't here. His kids performed well today. Really well."

Outside of the two-team race to the region title, Maryville Apostolic finished third at 321, followed by Silverdale 331, Collegedale 337 and Boyd Buchanan 342.

Individual boys' state qualifiers were Keino, Grace Christian's Jacob Rose (69) and William Rhoton of The King's Academy (71).

CAK's girls captured the region title with a 145. Isabella Coughlin led the Lady Warriors with a one-under-par 71. Alexis Fishel contributed a 74 and Grady Thomas a 77. Boyd Buchanan (159) was runner-up and also advances to state.

Individual state qualifiers were Addison Newman (76) of Lakeway Christian and Lily Kate McKinney (86) of TKA.

GOOD NEWS: FBA co-coach Johnny Cox on Friday afternoon texted: "Jeremy is doing great and will be coming home Saturday (Oct. 7) at noon."

Lady Irish advance to state in II-AA

Knoxville Catholic's girls team qualified for this week's state tourney by placing second in the Division II-AA East Region. Teagan Walker carded a 73 and Tori Tampas an 81 for the Lady Irish.

Palmer Sykes of Webb was an individual qualifier with her round of 79 at the Sevierville Golf Club.

In boys action, Webb's Tate Woodruff (70) and Catholic's Grant Odom (73) earned state individual berths. The Spartans placed third as a team with a 316 score, while the Irishmen came in fourth (321).

Baylor swept the boys' and girls' team titles.

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