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## Knox County General Sessions Court Judge Chuck Cerny honored with Leon Ruben Award for Excellence



Judge Chuck Cerny with two daughters of the late Judge Leon Ruben.

Knox County General Sessions Court Judge Chuck Cerny received the Leon Ruben Award for Excellence at the recent Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference in Memphis. The award was presented by Hamilton County General Sessions Court Judge Alex McVeagh.

"For those who don't know, Judge Cerny not only presides over the misdemeanor and felony drug recovery courts in Knox County, but he also presides over their Veterans treatment court," said Judge McVeagh. "He also is starting a mental health court. For those recovery court judges in this room, who know the amount of time, effort and energy that

takes, to preside over three of those, much less his felony tracks that his criminal court/circuit court colleagues allow him to preside over, I don't know how he does it. Well, actually I do because I sat in his courtroom one night until about 8 p.m. several years ago, when he was allowing me to shadow him."

Although he had job-shadowed Judge Cerny, Judge McVeagh really got to know him while starting a drug recovery court in Hamilton County.

"He and his family are certainly an example of people who have taken losses, have shown others what it means to live in a way that this award honors folks to live by," said Judge McVeagh. "In fact, Judge

Cerny once said, 'All human beings experience the pain that comes from loss. The only alternative is to not love people. That's not a viable alternative because loving others is something we are called on to do in our faith systems. It's also just the right thing to do.'

Understanding can come from loss. When Judge McVeagh asked Judge Cerny's staff to describe him in one word, their answer was "compassionate."

"It's a word that not only his staff use to describe him, but every participant who has been a part of his program uses to describe him. I certainly believe that Judge

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## Two named to Knox Co. Ethics Committee

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After several votes, the Knox County Commission chose two citizens to serve on the county ethics committee.

The Knox County Ethics Committee has been inactive over the past few years since complaints against elected officials began to be reviewed by the law department. Currently, the committee is looking into charges against Commissioner Kyle Ward involving a property transaction with a local developer. That ongoing inquiry has been referred to the state by Ethics Chairman Michael Covington.

Jesse R. Cragwall, Krystal Gibson, Marcus A. Hilliard, Sean Murphy and Joseph Ruffalo had submitted resumes to fill the ethics committee seats vacated by term-limited members.

A roundabout of nominations by commissioners eliminated everyone but Gibson, who was selected to fill the position with 8 of 11 votes. Another discussion and round of nominations saw Hilliard win the appointment with 9 votes. Commissioner Richie Beeler nominated Gibson and Commissioner John Schoonmaker nominated Hilliard.

Sheriff Tom Spangler's reappointment of Wade Russell Goddard to the ethics committee was approved.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS** The selection of a county-wide EMS ambulance service was postponed until the commission's November meeting at a request from the health department. Four companies, including the current contract holder, have submitted proposals for consideration.



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY

Marshal Andy Smalls (above, with Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay) was honored by the Knox County Commission. Smalls hosted "Riders of the Silver Screen" for 39 years on the East Tennessee PBS station, presenting shows, old western movies, and interviews. The 94-year-old spoke briefly to the meeting, saying he has always been a positive person. Marshal Andy received a standing ovation.

The commission also approved a multi-page document of suggested Legislative Priorities to be sent to local state representatives. The priorities include asking the state to restore funding of the Behavioral Urgent Care Center and to initiate funding for a mental health care facility.

Other state legislation requested by the commission includes installing overhead lighting at the Pellissippi Parkway and I-40, changing the percentage the county receives in tax adjustments, and

upporting the state funding amount the Knox County Sheriff's Office receives for housing state prisoners.

Approved with one vote on the consent agenda were the rehire of Pugh & Company as the external auditor and a separate Knox County school request to have the auditor examine the state retirement system.

A unanimous vote approved a request from the KCSO Employees' Merit System Board which will permit employees to run for elective office.



District 9 Commissioner Carson Dailey was honored by his fellow commissioners last week for being named "East Tennessee Commissioner of the Year" by the Tennessee County Commissioners Association. Dailey was chosen from a field of 1,620 commissioners from the state, 510 of whom are from East Tennessee.

## Delivery robots may be prohibited downtown

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The University of Tennessee has little robots that deliver food on campus and reports of unexpected problems with interfering with pedestrians are prompting the city of Knoxville to consider some action.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, Mayor Indya Kincannon's office is asking for a six-month moratorium on "Personal Delivery Devices" from operating downtown.

Communication Director Kirstin Farley told The Focus that the delivery robots will not be allowed

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## Knox farmers critical of County Growth Policy proposals

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When the Knox County Growth Policy Coordinating Committee met Tuesday afternoon in the main room of the City-County Building, the members heard from Advance Knox about the estimated growth over the next several years. About 70,000 new residents are expected by 2045 and there is already a housing shortage in Knoxville, Farragut and Knox County. About 53,000 new jobs are forecast for the same time period.

To plan for the continued growth the county's Growth Plan may be extended further and further into agricultural land. That idea didn't sit well with several farmers who spoke to the committee including Broadus Hubbs, a committee member and representative of the Knox

County Soil Conservation District.

Hubbs asked why the planned growth areas include several large farms and rural conservation areas. The reply was the need and opportunity for growth and the availability of utilities in an area. Allison Fluit of the consultant firm Kimley-Horn and Knox County Chief Engineer Jim Snowden responded to the various farm owners' comments and questions.

"The good Lord made us stewards of this land," Hubbs said.

Fluit replied that if the county continues the same land use policies as present it will become financially unstable. Snowden replied that public response indicates no one wants the status quo to continue and, if no change is made, "We'd be absorbing much more farmland."

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# House Republicans Finally Elect A Speaker

From a distance



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

Thank goodness the Republicans in the U.S. House finally got tired of fighting each other and elected Mike Johnson, a constitutional lawyer from Louisiana, as speaker of the House.

Speaker Johnson came to the House only after the 2016 elections, so I served just two years with him. I did not know him well, but he impressed me as being a very kind, intelligent man.

He will be a good speaker. I was amazed at the number of people who commented to me over the last few weeks about what most called "the mess in Washington." It seemed that almost everyone, even at non-political events, wanted to talk about the race for speaker.

Michael Reagan, President Reagan's son, is a conservative columnist and talk show host. He wrote a column about how the Democrats always stick together while House Republicans "couldn't keep Matt Gaetz and his little gang from teaming up with every House Democrat to take down Speaker McCarthy. Think how absurd this was."

He added that the fiasco over the speaker has made "the Republicans look like

children and the Democrats - the party that is hurting the country in so many bad ways - look like the adults in the room."

When asked, as I frequently was, I said from the very first that I would have voted to keep McCarthy as speaker. I would never have voted with every Democrat in the House to kick him out of the speaker's chair. No one can please everyone, but McCarthy had come close. Ninety-six percent of the House Republican Conference voted for him. All the later votes showed that the Conference was split down the middle or even worse.

Steve Scalise, the second-highest Republican, beat Jim Jordan, the House Judiciary Chairman, 113 - 99. Then, when Scalise could not get enough votes

to win on the House floor, he pulled out and Jordan was nominated. But after three long votes of the full House, Jordan couldn't win either.

Then nine people ran, with the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes in the conference dropping out. After all those votes, the final two were Tom Emmer of Minnesota and Johnson. Emmer won by a vote of 117-97.

But when it became clear he could not unify the party, Emmer dropped out four hours later. At that point, the dean of the House, Hal Rogers of Kentucky, told me it was bedlam and that the House was as near collapse as he had ever seen it, and he has been there 43 years.

Someone told me that it looked like the Republicans

were operating a circular firing squad. Bob Griffiths, my long-time chief of staff, has told me for years that Republicans lose elections because we just don't stick together like the Democrats do.

It seems at times that Republicans fight each other harder than they do the Democrats. But, finally, almost every top Republican leader realized that they were going to end up losing every close race if they didn't end this mess and come together.

I bet that Johnson himself is finding it hard to believe he is now the speaker. McCarthy, Scalise, Jordan, Emmer, and many others had been in Congress longer, had done more, and deserved it more than he did. But a lot of strange things happen in

politics, and many times life is not fair.

I do know that right now, people are still fleeing Democrat-run cities and states. They are fed up with open borders and Democrat inflation, high taxes, high crime, and the entire Woke agenda. Most people are really turned off by wealthy liberal elitists who look down at average Americans.

And most Americans know, or are beginning to figure out, that the Democrats have gone so far to the left that they are a socialist party, and socialism all over the world wipes out the middle class and gives a lower standard of living to almost everyone.

2024 is shaping up to be a big Republican year if we don't blow it by always attacking each other.

## The Speakership Mess: A Modest Proposal

The Republican caucus is a mess. Unlike the Democrats who seem to be able to vote unanimously on most issues despite some ideological differences, the Republicans have difficulty



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getting their act together. Being speaker for them is like trying to herd cats. Contrast what the Republicans were doing with the relative ease that Hakeem Jeffries was voted in as minority leader, replacing Nancy Pelosi. Although Pelosi was an anathema to most Republicans, she was the unchallenged leader of the House Democrats. When she was challenged in her congressional races, it was always from the left who asserted that she was too moderate and not progressive enough. Yet she was elected speaker unanimously by the Democrats. Jeffries is in the same

mold. Although many on the right try to paint him as a socialist, he is anything but. By New York standards he is a "moderate" and actively campaigns against candidates of the Democratic

Socialists of America. He would like nothing better than the socialists to lose in state races and in particular in races for the House. It is clear that he does not care for Jamaal Bowman and would like to see him defeated. I have written previously of how the Democrats could enact certain parts of their agenda even with the House Republican majority. All it would take would be seven defections from the Republicans and a unanimous Democrat vote. Given the mess in the Republican caucus, I would not have been shocked if a few Republicans defected to make

Jeffries the speaker. Thank goodness the Republicans finally elected a speaker, Mike Johnson of Louisiana. Who? Mike Johnson. Perhaps Johnson was the beneficiary of fatigue and exasperation, but finally we have a speaker. None too soon. The world is blowing up, the government shutdown is looming and the image in my mind is Nero playing his fiddle while Rome burns.

Johnson is a devout Christian with solid conservative credentials. He voted for McCarthy. He did not join Gaetz's gang to ouster McCarthy. But he voted against the Ukrainian supplemental appropriations bill and supported the Texas lawsuit seeking to overturn the Trump defeats in Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Johnson also voted for the resolution to impeach Joe Biden and is an advocate for single appropriations bills rather than the omnibus bills of Nancy Pelosi

that no one had the time to read. Remember "We will find out what is in the bill after we pass it?" No wonder Trump endorsed him - but of course, he also endorsed McCarthy. What will be interesting is that Johnson has only been in his fourth term making him one of the least experienced speakers in history. Hopefully he can successfully herd cats.

I liked Steve Scalise but I guess he was too establishment for those on the far right of the party. There was no possible way for Jim

Jordan to be the speaker and I was puzzled that he would try. Jordan has been a nonproductive member of Congress for 16 years with a dismal legislative record. He is famous for yelling at people and does not build coalitions. That Jordan lost votes on every ballot was not surprising. I suspect that Matt Gaetz and his cohorts (including our own Tim Burchett) staged their coup in order to get Jordan the speakership. However, their actions alienated enough other Republicans that it is doubtful

that anyone aligned with Jordan's Freedom Caucus would become speaker.

At least the Republicans tired of as my mother would say "making a fool out of themselves" and elected a speaker. I had suggested earlier that when they were at an impasse that they could elect someone who was not in Congress - someone who was super smart, a superb legislator with a solid conservative record and had emeritus status in the party, my University of Georgia economics tutor, Phil Gramm.

## What's the Difference Between a Parcel, Tract and a Lot?

A parcel, a tract, and a lot. If you say it five times fast, you may have a decent tongue twister on your hands.



By Jedidiah McKeenan jed@attorney-knoxville.com

What do these terms mean though? Is there any difference between them? Let's see how these terms are commonly defined.

A parcel is defined as, "a piece of land that has been legally divided from a larger area of land." A tract is defined as, "an identifiable portion of land, that is often a very large area of land, most commonly a tract consists

of 640 acres." A lot is defined as, "a plot of land, typically .19 acres or 8,276 square feet, which is enough for a new single-family home."

So, a parcel is an area that has been divided off from a bigger area of land and it has an undefined size. A tract is a big area of land that may be a defined size, but it may not. A lot seems to be a small, mostly defined area of land.

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## Delivery robots may be prohibited

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Since March of 2022, some 40 of the little robots have been making food deliveries on campus from various restaurants.

The city council meets every other Tuesday of each month and Tuesday's meeting makes the third council meeting of October.

On the fairly light agenda is an award of \$1.7 million from the Affordable Rental Development Fund for the development of 59 multi-family housing units. DGA Grosvenor Square is the recipient and the housing is planned for 3782 Decoration Way.

DGA Holston GP, LLC may be awarded \$750,000 from the same rental fund for 25 affordable rental housing units at 2120 River Willow

Way.

Cable Solutions & Marketing LLC may be allowed to purchase property at 1904 Ulster Avenue as part of the Homemakers Program for \$7,000.

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# Publisher's Positions



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## Experience Matters In City Judge Race

The race for municipal judge has heated up with incumbent John Rosson pointing out the differences in his record and that of challenger Tyler Caviness. Rosson's campaign has sent out mailers reminding voters local lawyers have rated the incumbent judge as the most qualified candidate. 75% of the Knoxville Bar Association members rated Judge Rosson as qualified while only 29% rated Caviness as qualified. Rosson's mailer noted the judge had been practicing law for 31 years while

Caviness has "changed jobs four different times in the 5 years since he was in law school." Another mailer contrasts Rosson's experience, pointing out he presided over 1,300 cases this year alone, while Caviness has been the lead attorney on three jury trials in his "short career."

Lastly, Rosson's most recent mailer points out Tyler Caviness has never even voted in a city election until becoming a candidate himself while Rosson has voted every time. Caviness has only voted in 6 out of 17 elections since he registered to vote in 2016.

## Finally, A New Speaker

The House has a new speaker. Republicans in the U. S. House of Representatives, after three tries following the ouster of Kevin McCarthy, settled on Congressman Mike Johnson of Louisiana. Johnson gave an eloquent speech upon his election as speaker and seems poised to lead the House during these difficult times.

## Little Trust In Mainstream Media

Congressman Jared Moskowitz of Florida, a Democrat, has said once a speaker has been elected, he believed a resolution would be offered on the House floor censuring Rashida Tlaib of Michigan. Moskowitz said he believes the censure resolution would be offered because of Tlaib's insistence on promoting the lie about the Israeli Defense Department having targeted a hospital, which has proven not to be true. Moskowitz said he believes such a resolution is "something everyone should consider." Tlaib has stated she can't accept the fact Israel was not responsible for the rocket misfire by the Palestinian Islamic Jihadists. So far, the silence from most Democrats, both locally and nationally, has been deafening about condemning those antisemites inside their own party.

That may also explain the results of the new Gallop poll which shows the American people have little or no

trust in the national media. Only 7% of Americans say they have "a great deal" of trust in the media reporting. 27% say they have a "fair amount" of trust in the media while 38% say they have none at all. The results are only two points higher than the all-time record low of 2016. Still, this is the first time since Gallop has been polling on the question of trust in the media that the percentage of Americans with no trust in the media is greater than the percentage of those who have a great deal or fair amount of trust in news reporting.

According to the poll, 70% of Democrats say they have a great deal or fair amount of trust in the national media, while only 14% of Republicans and 27% of Independents feel likewise. For the third consecutive year in the annual poll, a majority of Republicans say they have no trust in the media at all.

Much of the legacy media rushed to report the Gaza hospital story without bothering to check the facts, instead reporting exactly

what the Hamas-controlled Ministry of Health reported. It is merely one of countless examples of the national media's rush to be the first to air a report, as well as follow a particular narrative.

## Congratulations, Judge Cerny

Congratulations to Judge Chuck Cerny, who has been named the recipient of the Leon Ruben Award for Excellence. Cerny, who has served for more than 25 years as a judge of the Knox County Sessions Court, is known for his compassion and adherence to the law. Cerny is nothing less than a community treasure and is a wonderful public servant.

## Rose Unhappy With FBI

Congressman John Rose of Cookeville is hot under the collar and rightly so. Rose is put out with the FBI. The congressman wrote the agency about the mass shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, as he represents some of the families involved. Rose

inquired about details pertaining to the FBI's role in the subsequent investigation. Rose only got the barest courtesy of a reply, five months later. That letter also stated the FBI was deferring to the Metro Nashville Police Department. Whoever wrote the letter must have been learning to write during the five months it took to reply. Rose, as might be expected, just ain't happy. It's worth quoting Congressman Rose's statement on the subject:

"Such a response is insulting to my constituents and completely unhelpful to anyone personally connected with the shooting tragedy and in need of answers," Rose said in a statement. "As a Member of Congress, it is my duty to ask our taxpayer-funded federal authorities like the FBI tough questions on behalf of the people of Tennessee whom I represent. But it is also their duty to make a good faith effort to adequately respond to such queries, and in this case, the FBI failed miserably."

# Pastor Fachman retiring from Meridian Baptist

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Dana Fachman, the pastor of Meridian Baptist Church in South Knoxville, is retiring at the end of the year, after 35 years of service to his church and the community. Before that, he served at Leawood Baptist in Memphis for ten and a half years, making his total ministry tenure 45 years. Pastor Fachman started at the age of 23 and has served in only two churches, which as he says, "created stability" for his family. Originally from Memphis, he and his wife Charlotte, whom he has known since he was 12, attended and married at the same church 46 years ago. On their honeymoon to East Tennessee, they "fell in love with the mountains, the area, and the people," moved there and Pastor Fachman began serving at Meridian Baptist, which was established on Chapman Highway in South Knoxville in 1953. Charlotte has also been involved in the church nursery, missions, education in discipleship coordination, and Women's Ministry, and,

according to Pastor Fachman, has been the "perfect pastor's wife."

When asked what contributed to his longevity in ministry, Pastor Fachman shared, "Gracious people, good and loving people." He further explained how the community has been a second family supporting them and their three children since the beginning of his ministry at Meridian Baptist.

"As a pastor, I let them know I have the same battles as they do as I walk with them. God has transitioned me into the role here as a pastor shepherd, a teacher of the word, an educator with encouragement, and to speak the truth in love. And I hope that's what I did."

Regarding his upcoming retirement, the pastor plans to "take some time" but has a list of things he wants to do and to stay active in the community: invest in writing, continue to do bible studies, travel, photography/photo restoration, hike, scuba dive, study family history, and watch his grandchildren play soccer.

"The toughest thing about stepping away from ministry is it has been the center of our lives; our family is here, my children and grandchildren. This will be a major transition for my immediate and spiritual families here."

A committee, made up of church leaders the pastor "trusts implicitly," has reviewed over 140 resumes to find a new pastor. "I'd like to see someone who is younger, of integrity, and has the perspective of seeing the potential in the church. God continues to bless us, and there's great potential for growth here to reach more people, a lot of room for a new pastor to come in and grow", said the pastor.

"It will be quite a transition. But I hope, in 35 years, I've touched some lives. Ministry is not growing a facility; your ministry is people, and you hope that the influence you've had in people's lives will continue and then multiply to other people. I've enjoyed watching people grow up in the Lord and mature and see their families grow."

The church is hosting



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**Pastor Dana Fachman is retiring after 45 years behind the pulpit, 35 of which have been in South Knoxville's Meridian Baptist Church.**

a retirement reception to honor Fachman and his wife Charlotte on Saturday, November 11, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Meridian

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# Judge Chuck Cerny honored with Leon Ruben Award for Excellence

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Ruben would be proud of this recipient," said Judge McVeagh. "I can't think of a better person to present this award to today. He is a shining example of somebody who truly gives that dignity and treats folks with the respect that Judge Ruben treated everyone that appeared before him."

Judge Cerny approached the podium with tears in his eyes. His voice shook in disbelief, as he accepted his award.

"I don't know what to say," said Judge Cerny. "I never dreamed in a million years I would get this award."

Judge Cerny then recalled the first General Sessions Judges Conference he attended where Judge Leon Ruben made a lasting impression.

"Leon Ruben offered a blessing and I remember he sounded like a good Methodist to me, at first," he said. That comment drew laughter from the attendees. When the room became quiet again, Judge Cerny recited the blessing in Hebrew and English: "Blessed are you Lord, who brings forth bread from the earth." And I felt in that moment that everybody had a chance to feel a part

of things. Leon Ruben was truly a great judge and a great man and he became a good friend to me. I am very honored and shocked and really surprised, but it is very kind of you all to think of me. I've tried hard to do this as well as I can. Thank you, sincerely, I appreciate you all."

Two of Judge Ruben's four children were in attendance, along with their spouses. They were moved by Judge Cerny's kind words about his friend, their late father.











The Leon Ruben Award for Excellence is given annually to a judge or judges who distinguish themselves through their outstanding service to the community, the conference and the judiciary as a whole. The award is named for Judge Ruben, who served as a sitting judge for 37 years in Nashville. He also served as a Metro Council Member and was known for his excellent contributions to the community.

Judge Cerny is a native of Indianapolis. He received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and his Juris Doctor from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Judge Cerny has served on the bench for nearly 25 years.

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HOUSING	
 Bentley has redeveloped the historic Mechanicsville neighborhood.	 Marlow's opponent admits she doesn't know anything about zoning or land use. <sup>3</sup>
HOMELESSNESS	
 Bentley lives near the mission district; he knows our homeless plan is inadequate.	 Marlow's opponent thinks we should allow the homeless to camp in city parks; use sidewalks as bathrooms; and do drugs anywhere. <sup>4</sup>
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
 Bentley attends council meetings, city workshops, and neighborhood association meetings.	 Marlow's opponent doesn't attend community meetings.

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

## The Cusp of Collapse

Read widely. Think carefully. And sift everything through your experience, common sense and conscience. This is the best way to arrive at the truth.  
JVF

A friend told me that several highly “educated” millennial coworkers did not know who Hamas was. And others in his lunch group thought that it was Pakistanis who drove across the Pakistan border with Israel to commit unspeakable acts of terrorism on October 7, 2023.

One wonders about “education” that does not teach enough geography to know that Pakistan is 2,000 miles from Israel. And one wonders about citizens who are clueless about the perpetrators of the newest “day of infamy” (FDR).

Recently, a reader suggested that I not mention Democrats so often. Perhaps he’s right. My passion for our country and my

opposition to those who are destroying it may appear shrill at times. But we are at war and Americanism is under attack all across the country and the world (Drinking the Kool-Aid column 10/9/23).

Philosopher George Santayana said, “Those who forget history are condemned to repeat it.” I wonder if the techy “young millennials” were even taught the history of the Beer Hall Putsch and the origin of the “big lie.”

In 1923 Adolf Hitler led a failed coup d’état of the post-World War I Weimar Republic. He was imprisoned but used the time to write his autobiographical book, “Mein Kampf” (my struggle). Amidst his vitriolic screed and rant against Jews, communists, gypsies, etc., he conceived of the “big lie.” Simply put, if you tell a big enough lie, often enough, people will begin to accept the lie because they have trouble believing

anyone could be so dishonest and treacherous.

Propaganda has always been used, even by Egyptian rulers thousands of years before Christ. However, today we live in a world of overt manipulation. I have no foolproof method to find the truth amidst the waves of propaganda. However, you will come closer to the truth if you follow the quoted paradigm above.

I keep asking myself, when will people wake up? Are we on the cusp of collapse from bankruptcy, nuclear war or moral degradation? Our country and the world are undeniably a mess and have become far more dangerous with the progressive left’s shill in the White House. There were no wars in Ukraine and the Middle East under President Trump. Inflation was low. The GDP was the best in a decade. We had energy independence rather than buying energy from terrorist-supporting Middle Eastern and communist states. We had border security and the respect of our enemies/adversaries. To me, these accomplishments were worth “mean tweets.”

On October 7, Hamas terrorists streamed out of Gaza and slaughtered upwards of fourteen hundred Jewish men, women, elderly and children. Babies were murdered, women were raped

and other unspeakable atrocities were committed by Hamas and by residents of Gaza who followed the jihadis into Israel. And yet the new holocaust deniers around the world, in universities like Harvard, George Washington, and Stanford and cities like NYC and London raced to deny the evidence and defend the Hamas savages. And the corrupt media, the New York Times and others printed and broadcast lies about bombing hospitals in Gaza. Even members of Congress, like the odious Rashida Talib of AOC’s squad, rushed to accept the lies of Hamas. The despicable Talib was even called out by The View, but continues to spout the “big lie.” She apparently is unaware of Proverbs 26:11. Even the vacuous and ridiculous Greta Thunberg “stands with Hamas.” Do these fools think the Hamas devils will spare them? And where are the parents of these college idiots who have apparently surrendered their younglings to the anti-Semites of academia?

Thunberg is the epitome of naivete. However, she unknowingly demonstrates the more sinister notion of intersectionality. This is a concept that claims that oppression is pervasive through “interlocking systems” of discrimination. As a result, climate warriors, BLM, ANTIFA, LGBT+, leftist

anti-Americans, jihadists, etc. can find commonality in overcoming any majority, patriarchy, cultural norm, or, as they say in the counter-culture, “The Man.”

I admire scholar Thomas Sowell who, like Clarence Thomas, is a conservative, Black intellectual who refuses to reside on the Democrat party’s plantation. In his “A Conflict of Visions,” Sowell posits an explanation for differing politics. He says the disagreement stems from the competing visions of human nature. Some have an “unconstrained vision” where people are perfectible. Similar positions were voiced by Enlightenment thinkers like Jean Jacques Rousseau. To those with unrestrained vision, Utopia can be achieved with the right policies, such as feeding and educating the masses. This is the position of progressives. It has never worked.

Professor Sowell describes the alternative worldview as a “constrained vision,” where human nature is a universal constant and social engineering cannot change human self-interest. Daniel Defoe once said, “All men would be tyrants if they were able.” As a result, social problems can only be managed rather than solved. Utopia will not happen despite enlightened thought, appeals to decency or throwing money

at problems like hatred. This is the perspective of social conservatism.

While I am a conservative and agree in principle with Dr. Sowell, I am also a Christian who believes man can be made better with the principles of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-38). If we could follow Jesus’ commands, we would not need the other 630 rules in the Bible, The Constitution, speed limits nor the useless and corrupt United Nations. Man’s nature gets in the way of Jesus’ commands.

Man may not be perfectible, but he can be made better. It is like the notion of calculus; we may not be able to achieve perfection in this reality, but perhaps we can move closer, if not close enough, to be happy and successful human beings.

The important concepts are man is imperfect and is lost without a relationship with God. In fact, we are created with “A God shaped vacuum in the heart of every person” (Blaise Pascal). We are incomplete and lost without recognizing, seeing, and seeking the Ultimate Reality.

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# City opens Scott Cleveland Trail at West Hills Park

By Ken Lay

One of Knoxville’s most popular parks officially added another amenity Thursday morning.

Legacy Parks Director Carol Evans, Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon, Knoxville Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto and other leaders and dignitaries participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the new Scott Cleveland Trail at West Hills Park.

The four-acre trail is on land donated by Nancy Cleveland and named to honor her brother Scott.

Nancy Cleveland donated the land next to West Hills Park to Legacy Parks Foundation, which gave the land to the city to construct the new trail, which is one

of several recent changes to the park. The City of Knoxville recently resurfaced basketball courts, tennis courts and pickleball courts, Kincannon said in her remarks before the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“The public/private partnership with Legacy Parks Foundation allows us to add a new feature to this park that is not found in this area,” Kincannon said. “We love our Smoky Mountains, but I might get there twice a year, this trail is a slice of the Smokies, and you’re in town just off of I-40.

“I remember bringing my kids here to play on the playgrounds, and I remember using the (swimming) pool. We look forward to

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Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon, City Councilman Andrew Roberto and other officials cut the ribbon to open the new Scott Cleveland Trail at West Hills Park Thursday.

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## Leaves of Fall

I was beginning to wonder if they were going to change color at all this season. Then, Mother Nature delivered---right on time. It's October, and autumn is showing up in the beautiful fall foliage. The forest green leaves of summer have all but disappeared, turning the landscapes into a tapestry of red, yellow, and orange.

The image of a single leaf hanging from a cluster of leaves on the tree branch was a reminder of the colorful season we are now seeing, a season that has also had its share of monumental sorrow. Our rural community has been touched time and again recently by sadness. I think of a young officer who lost his life on a domestic call. After his memorial service at Clear Springs Baptist Church in Corryton, the burial had barely taken place when evil emerged overseas in a place

called Israel. "Israel." It was a word I first learned in Sunday School as a youngster many years ago and never dreamed that it would one day be the site of such unimaginable barbaric acts. Images of bloodstained baby beds, orphaned children, and utter destruction have been heart wrenching. Days later, Clear Springs became the site of another memorial service. This time it was for a Gibbs High School graduate who lost his life in the service of this country, just over two years since another Gibbs graduate gave his life in service for our nation as well. So much sadness as we inch closer to Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. For a moment, I will take in the beauty of a simple leaf almost suspended in time and think about---and pray for---a time of healing and peace for our nation and for our world.

*Words of Faith: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 (KJV).*



By Ralphine Major  
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# How can that be possible

Believe it or not, I've calmed down quite a bit over the last few years. Before that, my temper or "righteous indignation" many times took over my mind and body and caused me to do or say some things of which I might not have been proud. Well, I have to admit an incident over the weekend led to that fury rearing its ugly head with full force.

Amy and I went to bed early last Friday after a long, busy, and tiring week. Three rounds of mowing leaves, making appointments, and taking part in other activities had taken their toll on us. I was in the middle of an unusually deep sleep when the phone yanked me from unconsciousness. Amy answered it, and from her side of the conversation, I could tell that something was seriously wrong. One of our good friends had fallen for the second time that day, and she had trouble expressing her thoughts at times. Her energy was depleted, and she lay in bed for the entire evening.

The woman on the phone was the best friend of the stricken woman. She called her every night between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. to make sure she was all right. After seven calls without an answer, the friend drove to the house and found the woman on the floor. The Karns Fire Department made its second trip of the day to help. During their first trip, the men didn't convince the lady to go to the hospital.

We arrived shortly, and the two who had driven to the house said that they needed to get home to check on one of their family members. Amy and



By Joe Rector  
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I found our friend asleep. Our presence left her confused and surprised. We feared that she might have suffered a serious event and made the decision that she was going to the hospital.

Amy placed a 911 call to request an ambulance. It was about 12:30 a.m. The person taking the call was understanding and asked several questions to better assess the situation. Then she told Amy that it would be some time before an ambulance came since they were all out on calls. She promised to call back when one was on its way.

After we hadn't heard from anyone for a couple of hours, Amy again called 911. She was told that a record of the call was on file and that an ambulance would arrive as soon as possible. At 9:00 a.m. the next morning, we were still waiting for one. Our friend needed to go to the bathroom but was too weak to make it back to bed. We called the fire department again, and they arrived promptly. One of the officers had been at the house the night before. They gently took care of her and treated her with kindness and respect.

Amy called again for an ambulance, but now one wasn't available because crews were with patients they'd delivered to hospitals. We'd called the lady's children, and her daughter contacted us to find out at which hospital her mom was being treated. She was angry when we told her about the problem, and she said goodbye. In only a few minutes she called again to tell us an ambulance

would be at our location in fifteen minutes. She was right. I wondered how someone in Colorado could get an ambulance when we in Knoxville couldn't.

Knoxville is a modern city with many things of which it should be proud. In many ways, officials have made the city and county more welcoming to visitors, and the many parks and trails offer excellent exercise sites. However, our leaders are letting us down when it comes to health concerns. The ambulance service evidently doesn't have a large enough fleet to serve the community. How can that be possible? Why don't county leaders demand better service or void the contract with this company and find another more reliable one?

This failure to address a known problem reminds me of a meeting with the Knox County Commission concerning a new subdivision. The Karns Fire Department engine dangerously maneuvered a curve on the road into which traffic would dump. The person speaking for the roads in Knox County replied to our objection to the subdivision, "There are a lot of narrow roads in Knox County."

That was it. The developer was permitted to build the subdivision, and folks still take their chances on the roads; the fire engines take a longer route to avoid problems.

Our friend is recovering from her health emergency. Let's all say a prayer that another person won't meet a different fate because not enough ambulances are available to answer calls or have an accident as they drive on dangerous county roads to provide assistance.

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# K.D. McKellar Goes To Congress, I

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Tennessee has been fortunate to have sent some to Congress who have wielded real influence in the Nation's Capitol. Tennessee has also had a few men who served for decades in Washington, D.C. Carroll Reece and Jimmy Quillen, both of whom served upper East Tennessee in Congress, served together for a remarkable 68 years, each serving for 34 years. Albert Gore Sr. served in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate for 32 years. John "Jimmy" Duncan served in the House for 30 years. Yet Tennessee's longest tenure in Congress belongs to Kenneth Douglas McKellar, who served 42 years as a member of the House and the United States Senate. McKellar served 36 years in the U.S. Senate, longer than any other Tennessean. K. D. McKellar was also the first person ever to be popularly elected by the people of Tennessee.

When Kenneth D. McKellar was born, a Tennessean sat in the White House. Born on January 29, 1869, President Andrew Johnson occupied the White House in anticipation of vacating it for General Ulysses S. Grant. Senator McKellar left office on January 3, 1953, when General Dwight D. Eisenhower was soon to take the oath of office as president of the United States.

The reason for McKellar's longevity in Congress was not the Crump machine as some assert, but rather his own hard work and ability. McKellar had been born in Alabama and had worked his entire life. McKellar fared well at the University of Alabama where he earned a bachelor's degree, as well as a law degree. As a young man, he traveled from Alabama to Memphis, where his brother Robert was a railroad official. The young attorney intended to get a railroad pass from his brother and head to California where he expected to settle. While visiting family members in Memphis, K. D. McKellar liked the city, enjoyed the people and decided to stay. McKellar practiced law and was earning top dollar for the time and became a prominent attorney. McKellar also participated in Democratic politics. The future senator was the lawyer for Congressman-elect Edward Carmack, who had defeated incumbent Josiah Patterson narrowly. The redheaded Carmack's election was challenged by Congressman Patterson and a Republican House was expected to seat the more conservative incumbent over the firebrand. McKellar helped Carmack to be seated by the GOP majority.

Active in Democratic Party politics and those of Memphis, K. D. McKellar had been endorsed by

significant elements for the gubernatorial nomination in 1910, but he demurred. He had also been nominated in 1911 when the Tennessee General Assembly was electing a United States senator. According to family legend, McKellar's entry into elective politics was almost accidental.

Shelby County was represented in Congress by 74-year-old George Washington Gordon, a former Confederate general who had been superintendent of schools in Memphis. Despite his age, Gordon had only first been elected to Congress in 1906 and the former general was seriously ailing when he returned from Tate Springs, where he had hoped to recuperate. Evidently, the general's condition continued to deteriorate at the resort and his physician advised him to return to Memphis. The Commercial Appeal duly reported Congressman and Mrs. Gordon had arrived at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. B. Martin. The congressman was "seriously ill" according to the newspaper.

Gordon's doctor accompanied the congressman back to Memphis while the family promptly summoned the general's usual physician, along with a nurse. George Washington Gordon had been in failing health for some time, and the congressman had been absent for much of the last session of the House. The following day, August 9, 1911, the Tennessean reported the congressman was dying. Tennessee newspapers reported Gordon's steady decline.

George Washington Gordon died that same day. As always, when an incumbent officeholder dies, the speculation about a successor begins before the body is cold. Yet there was immediate speculation K. D. McKellar would become a candidate. The Nashville Banner published a story stating McKellar was "practically assured" of seeking the Democratic nomination to succeed General Gordon. At the time, Kenneth McKellar was the chairman of the Tenth Congressional Democratic Committee. McKellar was strongly in favor of allowing the people to nominate their own choice in a primary as opposed to a convention selecting the nominee.

Family lore had it that K. D. McKellar was vacationing when Gordon died. When the 74-year-old Gordon went to meet his Maker, the most apparent prospective candidate was Thomas C. Looney, who had run against Congressman Gordon in the 1910 Democratic primary and polled a good vote. Looney was the son of famed Confederate Colonel Robert F. Looney. One of McKellar's brothers wired him while he was on vacation to inform him



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Kenneth D. McKellar circa 1911.

of Gordon's death and the groundswell of support for him if he would run for Congress. Supposedly, McKellar wired back a terse telegram from the golf course: "Not interested."

When supporters of a prospective McKellar candidacy sadly reported the attorney had no interest in running in the special election, the aptly named Looney allegedly and foolishly boasted McKellar was afraid to run. Possessing a quick and fiery temper, McKellar immediately wired his brother to make public his announcement he was running for the House of Representatives, instructing his brother to pay the filing fee. K. D. McKellar cut short his vacation and hurried home to begin his campaign to represent Shelby, Fayette, Hardeman and Tipton counties in Congress. At least that was the story recounted by the senator and family members ever afterward. History seems to reveal McKellar was quite interested in succeeding General Gordon in the House.

McKellar was actually the first entry into the Democratic primary to succeed the late George Washington Gordon. K. D. McKellar made his announcement official on August 14, 1911, in the form of a speech to voters inside Tennessee's Tenth Congressional District. McKellar said he would resign his post as chair of the committee overseeing the selection of a candidate and would seek a primary election to determine the nominee.

While K. D. McKellar made his own announcement official, supporters of former Governor Malcolm Rice Patterson were busy promoting his own candidacy. Patterson had held the seat before G. W. Gordon before winning election as governor, but a series of scandals had kept him from running for a third two-year term in 1910. The former governor remained a highly controversial figure even inside the Democratic Party. The McKellar-Patterson rivalry would continue for well over a decade.

Tom Looney made his own declaration of candidacy shortly after that

of McKellar. Looney's announcement followed a statement issued by Malcolm Patterson, who said while he appreciated the urging of his friends, he would not run for Congress. Almost as soon as Patterson's statement hit the newspapers, T. C. Looney made his candidacy official. Looney had never been likely to run against Patterson as the two were friends and Looney had managed Patterson's gubernatorial campaigns. At least initially, Looney appeared to be a formidable candidate. He had carried the City of Memphis in the 1910 primary against Congressman Gordon and had received a large vote in the three counties outside of Shelby. Tom Looney said he, too, favored a primary election to select the Democratic nominee for the U. S. House of Representatives.

The Tenth Congressional District Democratic Committee met on August 22, 1911, at the Shelby County Courthouse and true to his word, K. D. McKellar resigned as chairman. The committee called for a primary election to determine the Democratic nominee in the special election to succeed George Washington Gordon; if no candidate received a majority of the votes cast, there would be a run-off election to determine the winner. The call for a primary election was hotly contested by Hugh Simonton of Tipton County. Simonton was described by the Commercial Appeal as "of the old line Democrats" who believed primaries had weakened the Democratic Party and increased strife amongst its membership.

The Columbia Herald speculated on the race to succeed General Gordon and acknowledged Looney's previous campaign to win a

seat in the House for himself. The Herald noted Looney's cordial ties to Malcolm Patterson and felt sure the former governor would back his old friend. Kenneth McKellar, the Herald acknowledged, was "one of the leading lawyers" in Memphis and had been a presidential elector for the Parker-Davis ticket in 1904. "McKellar, until the Taylor-Hooper race last year, had always been affiliated with the better element of his party," the Herald reported. The newspaper also thought McKellar would be a strong favorite of those voters who favored temperance, especially as he had been the campaign manager for E. W. Carmack's first race for Congress against Malcolm Patterson's father, Josiah.

By the time of the filing deadline, only K. D. McKellar, Thomas C. Looney, and C. C. Ogilvie had qualified to run in the special House election. McKellar quickly offered up his issues for the coming Democratic primary. Noting he had been a lifelong Democrat and active in numerous campaigns for other candidates, McKellar endorsed the platform adopted by the Democratic National Convention in 1908, as well as that adopted by the state convention in 1910. K. D. McKellar emphasized his support for reducing the tariff "on all articles which will reduce the cost of living," especially on "woolen and cotton goods, shoes, meats, flour and all other articles that are consumed by all classes of people." McKellar pointed to the fact such bills had been passed by the Congress, only to be vetoed by President William Howard Taft. If elected to Congress, McKellar pledged to help pass the bills once again. McKellar stated his support for securing reciprocal trade

agreements with other nations when it would be to the advantage of American producers and manufacturers. Kenneth McKellar said he would push for reciprocal trade agreements to benefit Tennessee commodities like "cotton seed products, cotton goods" and all "produce and merchandise produced and manufactured in Tennessee and the other Southern states."

As a congressional hopeful, McKellar also stressed his longtime commitment to better roads in the Volunteer State. K. D. McKellar said he would work to get some kind of aid from the federal government. The candidate ticked off other concerns to the people of Tennessee's Tenth Congressional District like flood control and river navigation.

As Kenneth D. McKellar campaigned for a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives, there was no mass media candidates could utilize to reach masses of voters. No radio or television; indeed, many homes were lucky to have electricity.

The only way candidates could reach the voters was through personal contact, the mails and newspapers, both weeklies and dailies. It was common at the time for candidates to press the flesh when the Circuit Court was in session, especially when there was a big docket. That event drew both K. D. McKellar and Tom Looney. That same evening, McKellar spoke to a "large and appreciative audience." A reporter covering the event for the Tennessean watched both Looney and McKellar as they moved through the crowds where they "met old friends and made new ones." The reporter thought it would be a close contest between the two. A few sparks flew as the two candidates spoke and both emphasized their loyalty to the Democratic Party.

When McKellar noted his own activities as a Democrat, he pointed out he had been the chairman of the 1910 Democratic State Convention and had run the headquarters for Bob Taylor in Shelby County. McKellar drewled that he wondered where Looney had been, as he never saw him at the headquarters during the Taylor campaign. Tom Looney jumped to his feet and cried he had never been asked to participate in the campaign and said it was a well-known fact that the old regulars had been kept "in the rear" of the gubernatorial contest in 1910. Looney snapped he had worked and voted for Taylor along with every other Democratic nominee for office and had been active in his own ward.

The campaign for Congress had begun in earnest.

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Clerk and Master

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT AT MEMPHIS SANDRA M HERNANDEZ MELGAR PLAINTIFF, vs JOSE LUIS MEZA ROSAS, DEFENDANT. NO. CH-23-0033 Part II**

ORDER OF PUBLICATION TO THE HONORABLE CHANCELLORS AND CHANCERY COURT JUDGES OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

It appears from the Complaint for Divorce filed in this matter that the residence of the Defendant, JOSE LUIS MEZA ROSAS, is unknown and cannot be ascertained even after diligent search and inquiry.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, THAT JOSE LUIS MEZA ROSAS make an appearance herein at the Shelby County Chancery Court on Dec 17, at 9:00 a.m. and plead, answer or demur to the plaintiff's Complaint for Divorce or the same will be granted upon default and this cause will proceed ex parte, and that a copy of this Order be published for a period of four consecutive weeks, once a week, in the Knoxville Focus Newspaper.

This 21 day of JUNE, 2023.

Chancellor Jim Kyle

Wendy Villafana, Attorney  
6610 Summer Avenue Ste 303  
Bartlett, Tennessee 38134  
(901) 761-9280

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: CONSUELO VANESSA CONTRERAS; IN RE: GERARDO GARCIA-LOPEZ VS. CONSUELO VANESSA CONTRERAS NO. 206623-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CONSUELO VANESSA CONTRERAS, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon CONSUELO VANESSA CONTRERAS, it is ordered that said defendant, CONSUELO VANESSA CONTRERAS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with ANDREW D. BEAMER, an Attorney whose address is 616 WEST HILL AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 12th day of OCTOBER, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
CLERK AND MASTER

### ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

**In the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee In re Estate of Anna Grace Norton, Deceased Felicia Coalsan Administrator, v. Michael Norton, Steve Norton, Randy Norton, Deborah Cornelius, and Kayla Swann, Respondents. No. 87464-1**

Order for Service of Process by Publication From the sworn Petition for Sale of Real Property and for Order requesting service of process by publication and the entire record, the Court finds that the whereabouts of the Respondents Steve Norton, Randy Norton, and Deborah Cornelius are unknown and the residence(s) of the defendant(s) is/are unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, or defendant(s) is/are a non-resident(s) of this state.

It is therefore ORDERED that the Respondents Steve Norton, Randy Norton, and Deborah Cornelius shall be served by publication of the following notice in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper located in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, as provided by law.

Notice TO: Steve Norton, Randy Norton, and Deborah Cornelius

It is ordered that said Respondents, Steve Norton, Randy Norton, and Deborah Cornelius file an answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Felicia Coalsan, an Attorney whose address is Owings, Wilson, & Coleman 900 S. Gay Street, Suite 800, Knoxville, Tennessee within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or the real property of Anna Grace Norton located at 8914 A Drive, Mascot, TN 37806 will be sold. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

ENTERED October 11, 2023.

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

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: 111 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37915**

**IN RE: JUSTIN VAUGHN AND CRYSTAL VAUGHN v. 111 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37915 NO. 207576-2**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant 111 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon 111 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, it is ordered that said defendant, 111 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Luke D. Durham, an Attorney whose address is 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 804 Knoxville, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 6th day of October 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: DAWN FLATFORD AND LYNN FLATFORD**

**IN RE: WILSON & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE v. DAWN FLATFORD AND LYNN FLATFORD NO. 206438-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DAWN FLATFORD AND LYNN FLATFORD, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DAWN FLATFORD AND LYNN FLATFORD, it is ordered that said defendant, DAWN FLATFORD AND LYNN FLATFORD, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with H. KEITH MORRISON, an Attorney whose address is ONE EAST CENTER STREET, SUITE 310 FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS 72701 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 16th day of OCTOBER, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### PUBLIC NOTICE CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

**Carole K. Kollmer Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, v. Christopher D. Kollmer, Defendant/Cross-Defendant, and ORNL Federal Credit Union Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff/Cross-Plaintiff. No. 204563-1**

LOCATION:

SITUATE in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being Lot 85, Chesney Hills Subdivision, as shown on the map of record in Instrument 200711070037947, in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office, to which map

specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

BEING the same property conveyed to Christopher Kollmer, unmarried, and Carol Kollmer, unmarried, as tenants in common with right of survivorship, by Warranty Deed dated December 20, 2018, of record in Instrument 201812260039049 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

This parcel is commonly known as 9852 Chesney Hills Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931.

Sale is pursuant to the Order for Partition Sale by Clerk and Master entered September 11, 2023, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: Tuesday, the 28th day of November 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

TERMS: The sale will be for cash. The purchaser may either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within thirty (30) days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid.

ORNL Federal Credit Union shall have the right to credit bid at the sale and in the event of sale to a third-party, its priority lien shall attach to sale proceeds with its same priority as it had on the real property described herein. Upon closing, ORNL shall be paid in full first out of sale proceeds in exchange for full and complete release of its lien. Any outstanding lien held by Chesney Hills Subdivision shall be paid in full. The sale is subject to any lien(s) that are junior to the mortgage lien of ORNL Federal Credit Union.

The Clerk and Master shall establish a minimum bid to be announced at the sale in an amount determined in his discretion to be in the best interest of all parties under the circumstances at the time of sale. If no bid in excess of the minimum is received from a third-party buyer at the sale, the Clerk and Master shall have the discretion to declare a "no sale." The Clerk and Master is further authorized to accept an upset bid within ten (10) days following the sale and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555; J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: ANGELA DENISE SELLS IN RE: SAMI SAMER RAWASHDEH VS. ANGELA DENISE SELLS NO. 207629-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ANGELA DENISE SELLS, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ANGELA DENISE SELLS, it is ordered that said defendant, ANGELA DENISE SELLS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with ZACHARY TOLBERT, an Attorney whose address is 7220 WELLINGTON DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 16 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: MICHAEL HAVEARD IN RE: BRYAN ANDREW BYRD v. MICHAEL HAVEARD NO. 207412-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MICHAEL HAVEARD, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MICHAEL HAVEARD, it is ordered that said defendant, MICHAEL HAVEARD, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JORDAN T. NEWPORT, an Attorney whose address is 900 S. GAY ST., SUITE 2100 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of OCTOBER, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE ORTMAYER ACUFF CROES DOCKET NUMBER 88247-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY LOUISE ORTMAYER ACUFF CROES who died Jun 21, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

date of death. This the 6 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE ORTMAYER ACUFF CROES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUSAN ACUFF BLAS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
3513 WAKEFIELD CT  
MARTINEZ, GA 30907

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ESTATE OF BETTY JANE RECTOR BLANKENSHIP DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 88073-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY JANE RECTOR BLANKENSHIP DAVIS who died Apr 15, 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 6 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF BETTY JANE RECTOR BLANKENSHIP DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
FRED ENICK BLANKENSHIP, II; EXECUTOR  
12840 FRED BLANKENSHIP WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT DONALDSON DOCKET NUMBER 88531-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES ROBERT DONALDSON who died Aug 31, 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 9 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT DONALDSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACK D DONALDSON; EXECUTOR  
11133 CROWN POINT DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANNE DRAKE DOCKET NUMBER 88553-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA ANNE DRAKE, who died on July 8, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 18 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANNE DRAKE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STELLA PRATER  
4122 CHICOT ST., APT. H  
PASCAGOULA, MS 39581

KEVIN A. DEAN, ATTORNEY  
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ESTATE OF WANDA JOYCE DUNKEL DOCKET NUMBER 88529-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WANDA JOYCE DUNKEL who died April 7, 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 6 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF WANDA JOYCE DUNKEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DIANA LYNN LEE MERRIMAN; EXECUTRIX  
350 COMB RIDGE ROAD  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN. 37807

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ESTATE OF MARY JANE EMMETT DOCKET NUMBER 88486-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MARY JANE EMMETT, who died March 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 and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.  
Claims filed with the Clerk are subject to applicable defenses and limitations that may be asserted.

This the 12 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARY JANE EMMETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARIE VINOSSI  
GAIL F. WORTLEY ATTORNEY  
3715 POWERS STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ESTATE OF HELEN C FERGUSON DOCKET NUMBER 88551-2**

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

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

This the 11 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF HELEN C FERGUSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELIZABETH FERGUSON; CO-EXECUTOR  
1164 TREYMOUR WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

GORDON FERGUSON; CO-EXECUTOR  
3515 OAKLEIGH COVE  
MURFREESBORO, TN. 37129

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN GIST DOCKET NUMBER 88506-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY ANN GIST who died May 1, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN GIST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JULIE C. COPPER  
354 KENWAY LOOP  
MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

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

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ROBERT ROGERS DOCKET NUMBER 8263-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT ROGERS, who died on April 11, 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 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 OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF ROBERT ROGERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JUDY WILMOTH  
415 LONDONDERRY ROAD  
HARROGATE, TENNESSEE 37752

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARYE KATHERYNE ROSE DOCKET NUMBER 88526-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARYE KATHERYNE ROSE who died Aug 15, 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 6 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF MARYE KATHERYNE ROSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM S BENNETT; EXECUTOR  
304 ROGERS RIDGE ROAD  
KINGSTON, TN. 37763

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE TILLERY, JR DOCKET NUMBER 88532-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT LEE TILLERY, JR who died Sep 1, 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 6 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE TILLERY, JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ALISON TILLERY; ADMINISTRATRIX  
2301 ROBINSON RIDGE COURT  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LARRY FRANK WALLACE DOCKET NUMBER 88166-1

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-captioned Estate is being administered through the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee (Probate Division), and Glen A. Kyle is the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Personal Representative thereof.

Pursuant to T.C.A. §30-2-306, a copy of the published or posted notice as to this estate is enclosed.

All claims against the estate arising from a debt of the decedent shall be barred unless filed with the Clerk of the herein-named Court within the period described in the enclosed notice unless T.C.A. §30-2-307 affects a longer time.

The herein Notice will serve as your actual notification for the filing of claims aforesaid.

### ESTATE OF LARRY FRANK WALLACE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GLEN A. KYLE  
4931 HORNBERG DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JENNICE IRENE WOLFE DOCKET NUMBER 88468-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JENNICE IRENE WOLFE who died July 24, 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 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 OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF JENNICE IRENE WOLFE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAROL COBB BELL  
6404 GRAPEVINE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

GLENNA W. OVERTON-CLARK ATTORNEY  
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE SUITE D200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DOLLIE EUWANA CLEVENGER DOCKET NUMBER 88588-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOLLIE EUWANA CLEVENGER, who died on October 20, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### Estate of DOLLIE EUWANA CLEVENGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAMELA CLEVENGER PHIBBS  
19964 BUTTERMILK RD.  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

KEVIN A. DEAN, ATTORNEY  
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF KATHLEEN THOMAS CODY DOCKET NUMBER 88463-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHLEEN THOMAS CODY who died Jun 20, 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 OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF KATHLEEN THOMAS CODY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN EDWARD FULLER, JR.; EXECUTOR  
6717 BONNEVILLE DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF GEORGE D. DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 88540-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of GEORGE D. DAVIS, who died on August 22, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned 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 paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below; otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

(1) A Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) 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 posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)A); or

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

This the 19 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF GEORGE D. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MR. GREGORY D. DAVIS  
7915 TAZEWELL PIKE  
CORRYTON, TN 37721

STEPHEN K. GARRETT, ATTORNEY  
7838 BARKER ROAD  
CORRYTON, TN 37721

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARY RUTH HENRY DOCKET NUMBER 88573-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect

of the Estate of MARY RUTH HENRY who died September 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 days prior to the date that is for (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or

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

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF MARY RUTH HENRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHY HENRY SHIRK  
10145 BOB GRAY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

J. WHITSON SMITH, ATTORNEY  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JEREMY BLAKE HUTCHENS DOCKET NUMBER 88618-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEREMY BLAKE HUTCHENS who died Oct 3, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 19 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF JEREMY BLAKE HUTCHENS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
AMY HUTCHENS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
7915 BLACKS FERRY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ROBERT A. KUSZYNSKI DOCKET NUMBER 88281-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT A KUSZYNSKI who died May 31, 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 16 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF ROBERT A KUSZYNSKI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SCOTT HALAMA and WILLIAM HALAMA, III

DANIEL F. WILKINS, ATTORNEY  
7632 GLEASON DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOHN FRANKLIN MAGILL DOCKET NUMBER 88579-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN FRANKLIN MAGILL who died Sep 16, 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 20 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF JOHN FRANKLIN MAGILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MERCEDES SCIBILIA; ADMINISTRATRIX  
1340 HICKEY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MEGAN ELLISON JEAN MAY DOCKET NUMBER 88570-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MEGAN ELLISON JEAN MAY who died Aug 20, 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 20 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF MEGAN ELLISON JEAN MAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VALERI J MAY; ADMINISTRATRIX  
230 CEDAR BRANCH TRAIL  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37772

J. WHITSON SMITH, ATTORNEY  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF OAKLIE KERMIT MCCONNELL, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 88564-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of OAKLIE KERMIT MCCONNELL, JR. who died Sep 21, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 20 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF OAKLIE KERMIT MCCONNELL, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATRINA SMITH; EXECUTRIX  
377 HAWTHORNE OAKS WAY  
POWELL, TN. 37849

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES HERMAN NORMAN, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 88585-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES HERMAN NORMAN, SR. who died June 28, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This is the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF JAMES HERMAN NORMAN, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL JOSEPH NORMAN  
1005 BULL RUN ROAD  
LUTTRELL, TN 37779

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS, ATTORNEY  
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE SUITE G  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BEVERLY A PHILP DOCKET NUMBER 88552-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY A PHILP who died Aug 26, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF BEVERLY A PHILP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ALLAN S PHILP; EXECUTOR  
1909 HICKORY GLEN ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BETTY JOANN PYLE DOCKET NUMBER 88582-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY JOANN PYLE, who died September 7, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate

Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and w1n1atured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)A Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

Claims filed with the Clerk are subject to applicable defenses and limitations that may be asserted.

This the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF BETTY JOANN PYLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEBRA A. KITTS  
8052 LECLAY DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BRADY A REEDER DOCKET NUMBER 88564-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRADY A REEDER who died Aug 31, 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 20 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF BRADY A REEDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRENDA L MCCLOUD; EXECUTRIX  
5336 GAINESWOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MAURA ELGIN SHELL, JR. DOCKET 88549-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of MAURA ELGIN SHELL, JR. who died September 23, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 19 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF MAURA ELGIN SHELL, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LYNDA S. SNIDER  
904 CHRIS ROAD  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 1990  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF COREY LEVELLE TOWE DOCKET NUMBER 88583-1

Notice I hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER, 2023 letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of COREY LEVELLE TOWE who died October 25, 2022, were issued to Shawn Towe 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 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 20 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

### ESTATE OF COREY LEVELLE TOWE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHAWN TOWE  
1313 TARWATER RD  
KNOXVILLE



# Wreaths Across America seeks donations for local campaign

By Mike Steely  
Senior Writer  
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Each year wreaths are placed on Knox County's three veteran cemeteries, at more than 18,000 graves. This year Wreaths Across America hopes to place 18,000 wreaths locally and is looking for your donation of \$17 per wreath. Chris Albrecht, veteran and local wreath program coordinator, said the grassroots effort receives no federal or state funding. "We are dependent on donations from individuals and corporations," he said. Over a dozen veterans are buried

a week at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway. Wreaths will be placed there as well as the National Cemetery on Tyson Street downtown and the Old East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Lyon's View. Wreaths will be placed on Saturday, December 16 at noon. More information is available by calling 865-207-4294 or online at [knoxwreaths.wordpress.com](http://knoxwreaths.wordpress.com). Checks can be sent to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 50054, Knoxville, Tn. 37950.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on NOVEMBER 6, 2023 at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917.  
1. 15 Ford Mustang 1FA6P8TH0F5354754  
2. 21 Honda Insight 19XZE4F51ME002355  
3. 21 Toyota Corolla JTDEPMAE8MJ179973  
4. 00 Ford Ranger 1FTYR10C6YT831596  
5. 04 Honda Pilot 2HKYF18674H588634  
6. 08 Toyota Camry 4T1BE46K78U786650  
7. 06 Ford Taurus 1FAPP53U36A184036  
8. 95 Chevy Blazer 1GNCS13W4SK241989

not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.  
1) 00 MERCURY COUGAR 1ZWF2T6L3Y5619468  
2) 15 FORD FOCUS 1FADP3E23FL373944  
3) 01 TOYOTA TACOMA 5TEHN72N712738126  
4) 01 LEXUS JTHJF104510232506  
5) 05 V.W. BEETLE 3VWCM31Y35M365894  
6) 14 CHEVY CRUZE 1G1P655B4E7416937  
7) 01 BUICK 1G4H154K914237146  
8) 00 TOYOTA 4RUNNER J180M84RY0066858  
9) 10 V.W. 3VWRL7AJAM089866  
10) 02 PONTIAC G.PRIX 1G2WR12172F152275

13) 07 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM56437A229481  
14) 05 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU94135K072185  
15) 96 TOYOTA AVALON 4T1BF12B7TV127574  
16) 01 TOYOTA CELICA JTDDR321710095920  
17) 05 JEEP CHEROKEE 1J4HR48N55C578305  
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20) 03 NISSAN 350Z JN1AZ34EX3T009585  
21) 02 CHEVY BLAZER 1GNDT13WX2K237673  
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23) POLARIS RANGER 3N3STNE990LN231029  
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25) 06 FORD 1FAPP3N36W146977  
26) 05 GMC W45 J8DC4B16257008212

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, TN 37919. These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law. The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below

# City opens Scott Cleveland Trail

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many years of use by generations of families of West Hills. This will encourage people to get outside and enjoy healthier and happier lives." Roberto echoed the mayor's sentiments. "This is special to me because I grew up in West Hills," he said. "I remember coming here for swim

lessons. "Knoxville is really in a good place right now." Legacy Parks Foundation Director Carol Evans expressed her gratitude to Nancy Cleveland for the donation of the land. "We're grateful that Nancy allowed us to create another amenity in an already great city park," Evans said. "Natural

surface trails are easy on the joints, provide both solitude and adventure and expand the options for ways in which everyone can enjoy the outdoors."

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- BOYS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS -

## Tonnos' move to USA still helping Admirals

By Steve Williams

Matteo Tonnos and his family moved from Ontario, Canada to Knoxville in July of 2022 and four months later he helped Farragut's boys cross country team win its first state championship since 2001.

Tonnos, now a senior, and Coach Chelsea Osborne's Admirals will be trying to repeat that accomplishment this Thursday at the TSSAA state meet in Hendersonville.

Matteo has fallen in love with the Knoxville area in many ways.

"It's incredible," he said. "The sports opportunities. I love the religious culture here, it's great. And yeah, I've just been loving it here. And an extra perk is it's not freezing cold like it is in Canada. I hate the cold."

Tonnos lived close to the Canada/USA border and about 20 minutes from Buffalo, N.Y.

He said he has been running cross country since he was in the third grade. He's also on a club swim team, races in triathlons and cycles.

His dad's work brought

the family to the United States.

Tonnos and his veteran teammates were impressive winners in the Region 2 Class AAA meet last week at Victor Ashe Park, putting up a near-perfect 20 score. Hardin Valley (57) and West (100) also qualified for state, which again will be held at the Sanders Ferry Park course.

Tonnos also led the way individually as the Farragut harriers placed 1-2-3 at the finish line. Tonnos' time over the 5,000 meters was 15:40.2. Senior

teammates Braden Ebbert and Harrison Cunningham were clocked at 15:58.5 and 16:04.6, respectively.

Rounding out the Admirals' top five were juniors Evan Beeler, who placed fifth, and Tanner Coggin, who came in ninth.

"We have a super strong team and just wanted to leave this race with a lot of confidence going into state, so that we can win (this) week and have a big post-season," said Tonnos.

Coach Osborne said Brentwood also will be one  
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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Farragut's Matteo Tonnos takes a blow and visits with other runners at the Region 2 Class AAA Cross Country Championships last week. Tonnos moved to Knoxville from Canada with his family in the summer of 2022. He and the Admirals will be competing for TSSAA state honors Thursday.

- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 11 -

## Bearden falls at Bradley Central, 46-14

By Mark Nagi

The Bearden Bulldogs knew that they would have a serious challenge when they made the trip to Bradley Central on Thursday, October 26th. The stakes were high, with the winner capturing the Region 2-6A title, and a number 1 seed in this week's playoffs.

On this night the Bulldogs were no match for the top ranked team in the state, losing 46-14.

"They've got a really good football team and I obviously didn't do a very good job getting ours prepared," said Bearden head coach Josh Jones. "We didn't bring our 'A' game. We probably brought our 'C minus game.'"

Bradley Central (10-0, 5-0 in Region 2-6A) jumped out to a quick start thanks to two rushing touchdowns from QB Kaleb Martin. But late in the first quarter the Bulldogs got something going. First, it was QB Drew Parrott scrambling and finally finding RB Jayzon Thompson for a 38-yard gain down to the Bears 40.

A couple of plays later,

Parrott kept the football himself and sprinted 31 yards into the home team's end zone and with 45 seconds to go in the first quarter, making it a 12-7 game.

Martin came through with another touchdown run, and followed that up with a touchdown pass, and it was 25-7. But Bearden (7-3, 4-1 in Region 2-6A) fought back on the ground thanks to a 41-yard touchdown run from Jaheim Merriweather with 4:37 left in the half, and it was 25-14.

But just when it looked like the Bulldogs had some momentum, Bradley Central converted on a fake punt, leading to Kaleb Martin's fourth rushing touchdown of the night. At the half, it was 32-14 Bradley Central.

"He's tough and there's a reason why he is committed to Miami Ohio," said Jones of Martin. "They have some really good players. They play hard."

In the third quarter, Boo Carter scored on a short touchdown run, and it was 39-14 Bradley Central. The

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Halls' Kameron Bates races by Central's Jayden Clemons on his way to paydirt in the Red Devils' 52-34 win in the Battle of Black Oak Ridge Thursday night. The site of the longtime rivalry this season was Dan Y. Boring Stadium at Joel Helton Field. Photo by Christopher Lopez-Ortiz.

## Halls uses defense, running game to down Central 52-34

By David Klein

In a battle for third place in a Region 2-5A game at Central, the Halls Red Devils used turnovers and an outstanding run game to beat the Central Bobcats 52-34. Halls earned a number three seed in the State 5A playoffs.

Halls scored two touchdowns in 49 seconds to build a 28-14 half-time lead. It was a streaky first half as Halls raced out to a 14-0 lead, then saw the Central Bobcats tie it at 14 before Halls scored consecutive touchdowns.

Halls struck first on an 8-yard

Kameron Bates touchdown run with 6:28 left in the first quarter. After Central went nowhere, Halls faced a 2nd-and-20 from its own 41-yard line. Quarterback Amari Lethgo lofted a pass to Drew Ross, who was behind the Bobcats' defense all alone and ran it 59 yards for a touchdown. The score put Halls up 14-0.

Answering the Red Devils, Central quarterback Samuel Myers threw a 63-yard touchdown pass to Dante Strickland to cut it to 14-7 Halls.

Following a turnover on downs, Central marched in four plays to score a touchdown on a 6-yard

Myers to Cory Bingham touchdown pass. Central had tied the game at 14 with 6:45 left in the second quarter.

Halls went back up on Bates' 2-yard touchdown run, his second of the game. The Red Devils moved ahead 21-14 with 3:27 left in the second quarter.

"Offensive line was amazing tonight," Bates said. "I think we had 400 rushing yards total as a team." Indeed, Halls rushed for 420 yards on 49 carries, an 8.6 yards per carry average on the night. Bates totaled

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## - HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 11 -

# West 24, Powell 23 in OT

## Rebels claim fourth straight region title

By Steve Williams

Some called it a classic. West Head Coach Lamar Brown agreed, but also thought it was "old school football."

Brown's Rebels overcame a 10-point deficit in the third quarter and went on to defeat Powell 24-23 in overtime in the Region 2-5A championship game at Bill Wilson Field.

"In this day and time, I think this was an old school football game," said Brown. "You run the ball and play defense and that's what both teams hang their hats on."

It wasn't a Rivalry Thursday TV game, but it was a Thursday night thriller.

The LED lights went crazy when Patrick Schmid's PAT kick in OT went straight through the middle of the uprights and the Rebels stormed the field followed by their fans.

Powell had the first possession in overtime and quarterback Deuce Rodgers, on third-and-goal, scored on a 5-yard keeper. But Dylan Stooksbury's extra point attempt just missed wide left.

That left the door open for West to win. On third-and-goal at the 4, running back Marshaun Bowers was lined up in the backfield on the right hash mark. He took the handoff from QB Hunter

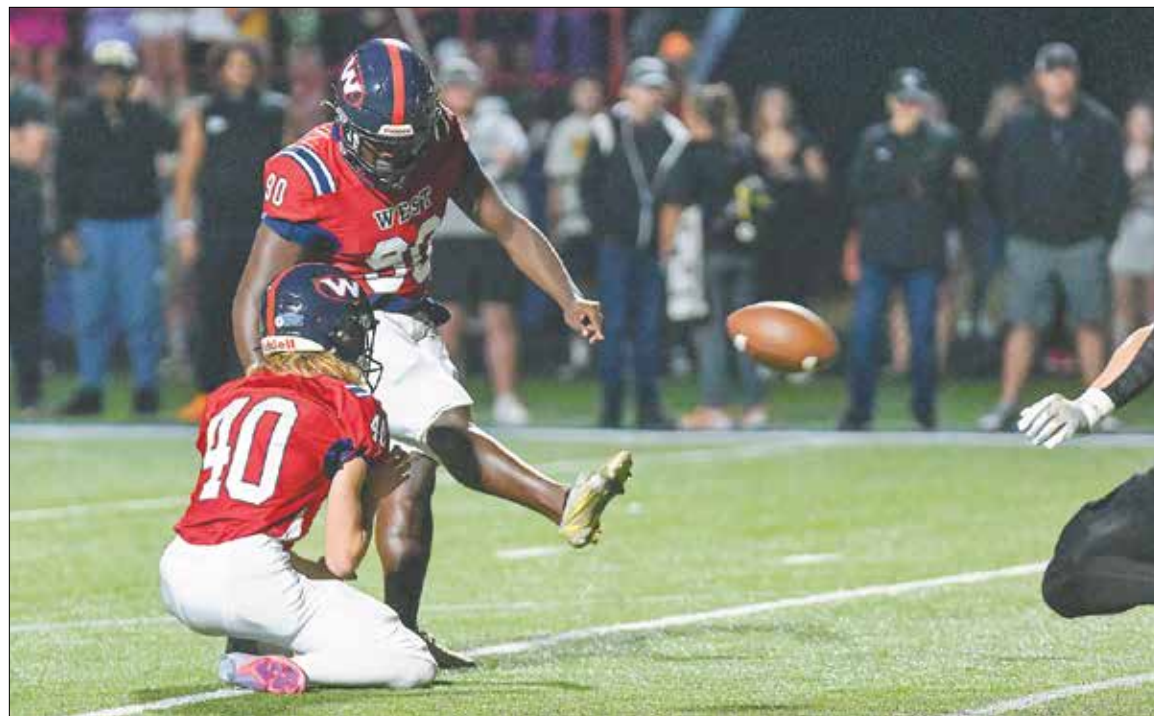


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**Rebels win by a foot!** West senior Patrick Schmid sends the football on its way through the uprights in overtime to give Rebels a 24-23 win over Powell Thursday night in the Region 2-5A championship game. Jones Bollig, the holder, also had an outstanding night as the West punter.

Dance and raced around the left side to score, getting a key block from John Whitesell.

The region title was the fourth in a row for West, which won the state championship last season.

The Rebels will go into the playoffs with a 9-1 record and host Daniel Boone (3-6) Friday night. Powell (7-3) also will be at home in its playoff opener Friday against Tennessee High (7-3).

It's possible the Rebels and Panthers could meet again in the third round.

"My hat's off to Powell," said Coach Brown. "Coach Lowe does a great job with that football program. His kids are well coached

and they play really hard. That was a really good football team we beat.

"And then on my kids, I'm so proud of the way they fought. We're fighters. It's not always pretty. It's not always well executed. But our kids are prepared to fight 48 minutes. That's what we are hanging our hat on right now. It seems like they find a way."

Powell Coach Matt Lowe said: "A whole lot of credit goes to West. They made the plays when they needed to.

"Obviously, my frustration as the guy that works with the offense is that we had some opportunities in the third quarter

to add to our lead and try to pull away a little bit and we couldn't do that.

"And then we turn around there in the fourth quarter, and there are some big third downs and some big fourth downs. I thought our defense had a chance to make a play and hold on to the lead, but we weren't able to do that."

Lowe also said the overtime "tells you how even these two teams really are and how similar these two teams really are.

"I'm proud of my kids' efforts. We've just got to make plays when they are there."

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## High School Football Scores and Schedule

### Week 11 Scores

(End of Regular Season)  
Anderson Co. 56, S-D 10  
Austin-East 60, Scott 28  
Baylor 42, Catholic 0  
Boyd Buchanan 48, GCA 20  
Bradley 46, Bearden 14  
Cleveland 29, HVA 3  
Farragut 13, Maryville 10  
Gibbs 59, Fulton 30  
Carter 56, Seymour 21  
Halls 52, Central 34  
Webb 48, Lakeway Christ. 21  
West 24, Powell 23 OT  
Lenoir City 55, Karns 13  
Silverdale Bapt. 55, CAK 27  
Friendship Christ. 49, TKA 7

### Playoff Pairings

#### Friday | First Round

(Kickoff time 7 unless noted)

#### Class 3A

A-E (3-7) at Unicoi Co. (7-3)

#### Class 4A

Fulton (2-8) at Greeneville (8-0)

Northview Acad. (7-3) at Gibbs (8-2)

Carter (6-4) at Elizabethton (8-1)

#### Class 5A

Central (5-5) at Sevier Co. (9-1)

Tenn. High (7-3) at Powell (7-3)

Halls (8-2) at Morristown West (5-5)

Boone (3-6) at West (9-1)

#### Class 6A

Kingsport (5-4) at Bearden (7-3)

#### Division II-AA

CAK (4-6) at CPA 9-1

ECS (4-6) at Webb (9-1)

#### Division II-AAA

(To be announced)

## A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

# Farragut notches character victory

By Steve Williams

Going into the final week of the regular season, Farragut's chances of making the playoffs were slim.

The Admirals would have to win at Maryville and Hardin Valley would have to upset Cleveland on the road.

Farragut did its part and that speaks volumes for the Admirals. They didn't just show up. They beat a Maryville team that had overcome injuries and was playing its best ball of the season, including knocking off previously unbeaten Alcoa in Week 10.

"I am so proud of our football team, our players and our coaches and

so happy for Coach (Eddie) Courtney for the outstanding win Friday night," said Farragut Athletic Director Donald Dodgen Saturday. "Great team effort. Great coaches' effort."

Sophomore Ryan McCue kicked a 35-yard walk-off field goal to give Farragut its 13-10 victory. He also booted a 24-yard FG earlier in the game and was 2 for 2 on PATs.

The win snapped a 17-game losing streak to Maryville that dated back to 1991.

Workhorse Wyatt Drummy also played a key role in the victory, carrying the ball 38 times for 166 yards. The Admirals' lone touchdown came on a 22-yard pass from Cam

Duncan to Robbie Jacobs. Courtney coached like he had nothing to lose and Farragut was five for five on moving the sticks on fourth down.

The Admirals ended their season 2-3 in Region 2-6A and 4-6 overall. Maryville slipped to 2-3 and 6-4.

**TURN THE PAGE:** It's playoff time. Eleven Knox County teams have qualified for the TSSAA playoffs, which get underway Friday.

Four teams - West, Powell, Halls and Central - are in the Class 5A bracket.

Three teams qualified in Class 4A - Gibbs, Carter and Fulton.

Bearden is the only local team in the Class 6A bracket.

Austin-East represents Knox County in Class 3A.

In Division II (private schools), Webb and CAK are in the Division II-AA bracket.

The Division II-AAA bracket is on hold as Lipscomb Academy will be appealing disciplinary action to their football program this (Monday) morning. The outcome of this meeting will impact the matchups for games 101, 103 and 107 of the Division II-AAA Bracket, including Knoxville Catholic. The teams who are affected will be notified as soon as a final decision is reached by the Board of Control at today's meeting.

**GIBBS LEADERS:** Senior defensive end Cash Mount

was selected the Defensive Player of the Game in the Eagles' 59-30 win over Fulton in Week 11. He was credited with 14 tackles, 1.5 sacks and 4 Tackles for Loss.

Boone Brockwell, a touchdown machine this season for Gibbs, added five more TDs in the win over the Falcons and again was named the Offensive Player of the Game. The senior slotback totaled 181 yards on 15 carries, including a 50-yarder.

#### MR. FOOTBALL AWARDS:

Nominees were sent in last week for these awards. For the 17th consecutive year, the Tennessee Titans continue to serve as the title sponsor for the Mr. Football

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In early November, TSSAA will announce five semi-finalists for each class and Kicker of the Year on the TSSAA website.

#### KFOA BANQUET:

Terry Brown, an NFL official, will be the featured speaker at the Knoxville Football Officials' annual End of the Year/Awards Banquet on Monday, Nov. 6, starting at 6 p.m. at the Crown Plaza.

## Bearden falls at Bradley Central, 46-14

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Tennessee commit for the Class of 2024 also had an interception to snuff out a Bearden drive in the fourth quarter.

That game was not what Bearden had in mind, but the Bulldogs still earned a number 2 seed, and will host a first-round playoff game against Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett on Friday, November 3rd.

"We love playing at home and playing on Kingston Pike," said Jones. "We have an incredible student section. The support in our home games is unbelievable. Dobyns-Bennett, they do a great job up there, big physical football team with sound fundamentals. That coaching staff

does a really good job. No matter who they graduate that is the same looking team every year. They won't beat themselves. We are going to have to try to be more physical than them and play with good technique."

Class 6A football in East Tennessee feels wide open, as the results prove it. Farragut didn't make the playoffs yet beat a Maryville team that the previous week beat Class 3A powerhouse Alcoa.

"There are no nights off in Class 6A," said Jones. "No fresh breath of air. 6A is a line of scrimmage league. Everyone is pretty solid across the board at the line of scrimmage. Every Friday is a new night."

# Halls uses defense, running game to down Central 52-34

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35 carries for 265 yards and two touchdowns on the night.

Forty-nine seconds later after a successful Halls' onside kick, running back Harlen Hunley scampered 45 yards for a touchdown. Halls went up 28-14 and took that lead into halftime.

Halls Coach Brent Hughes said of the onside kick, "We got the best kicker in the state of Tennessee. We wanted to put pressure on the other team to execute. So, we're always trying to out-execute the other team and we had a great kick and our guys we practice it, and they just made a great play."

In the second half, Central made a mini-comeback. Myers found Daniel Sackle for a 37-yard touchdown; the Bobcats made the extra point to cut it to 31-21 West.

Thriving on the touchdown momentum, West's Torin McAfee ripped the

football away from Hunley and ran it back 40 yards. One play later, Myers threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Dante Strickland. Suddenly, the Rebels had cut the lead to three, 31-28 with five seconds left in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was all about West's three straight turnovers and Halls capitalizing on those turnovers. On the second of those turnovers, Halls' Michael Harrop took the ball away from Strickland after Strickland caught it in midair. The interception gave Halls a first-and-10 at its own 19-yard line. Halls would cap the drive with a Hunley 15-yard touchdown run to put Halls up 38-28.

Harrop intercepted the ball a second time on Central's next possession. One play later, Lethgo threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Brody Rogers. The score put Halls up 45-28. "I was sitting on the route. I went for it, it worked," Harrop said about the

interception.

Running back Marcus Moore padded Halls' lead with a 5-yard touchdown run with 1:52 left in the fourth quarter to make it 52-28 Halls as Halls had scored 21 straight in the fourth quarter.

Central managed a 6-yard touchdown pass from Kaden Long to Cory Bingham as time expired. Central missed the extra point to make the final score 52-34 Halls.

Halls, 7-3, plays at Morristown West on Friday in the first round of the 5A playoffs. Central, 5-5, plays at Sevier County.

Hughes praised the defense. "We didn't play great," Hughes said. "But at the same time, they did what they've always done. We had key seniors step up and make plays when we needed to."



# 'Tennessee faithful were shocked'

The date was Dec. 27, 1969. On that day, no one knew what was in store for the Vol football program in the aftermath of Tennessee playing Florida in the Gator Bowl.

The Vols, SEC champ and ranked No. 11 (AP), were squaring off against No. 14 Florida in one of those infrequent games against their rivals from the Sunshine State, the first such contest since a 20-0 Vol win in Gainesville on Nov. 12, 1955.

Events off the field overshadowed the game, a 14-13 win for the Gators. Word got out that there were behind-the-scenes negotiations for Vol head coach Doug Dickey to go to Florida.

"Doug Dickey will have first refusal as the new head coach at the University of Florida," wrote the Knoxville Journal's Ed Harris on Dec. 23. That news hit Big Orange Country like a sledgehammer.

Harris also noted, "Dickey admitted he had discussed the possibility..." and followed up with this comment: "All statements must come from Florida."

Would Dickey, a Florida



**Doug Dickey (L) and U.T. Athletic Director Bob Woodruff (R) are shown at the Southern Railway Station in the early morning hours of Dec. 2, 1963.**

alum who played quarterback for Bob Woodruff in the early 1950s, leave the "Garden of Eden," as Kentucky basketball coach Adolph Rupp once called the Tennessee program?

Who would be his successor if he did?

Knoxville News-Sentinel sportswriter Marvin West had seen things come full circle in Dickey's first tenure in Knoxville. He was at the Southern Railway Station in Knoxville early in the morning on Dec. 2, 1963, when Dickey arrived,

and saw the final chapters of the Dickey years in late December 1969 into early 1970.

"Tennessee faithful were shocked," wrote West. "Thousands were insulted. It was unthinkable that anybody would walk out on the Volunteers."

Dickey had found five current or eventual All-America selections when he arrived on campus—Steve Delong (1964, having already been honored in 1963), Frank Emanuel (1965), and Paul Naumoff, Austin Denney,

and Ron Widby (each honored in 1966).

He and his staff brought in 12 more — Johnson (1966-67), Richmond Flowers and Albert Dorsey (1967), Charles Rosenfelder (1968), Steve Kiner (1968-69), Jimmy Weatherford (1968), Chip Kell (1969-70), Jack Reynolds (1969), Jackie Walker (1970-71), Bobby Majors (1971), and Conrad Graham and Jamie Rotella (1972).

Tennessee could have won the game, probably would have, had the Vols capitalized on several opportunities in the Orange Zone and didn't give up a blocked punt for a touchdown. It was a frustrating afternoon.

A few days later, Dickey did leave. The final Dickey worksheet at Tennessee was 46-15-4, with two SEC titles (1967, 1969), five bowl games, and the Litkenhous national championship in 1967.

Bill Battle, a 28-year-old ends coach who had played for Bear Bryant at Alabama in the early 1960s and had been on staff since 1966, was Woodruff's choice.

There were those, including Trustee and Athletics Board chair Col. Tom Elam and school president Dr. Andy Holt, who wanted John Majors. When push

came to shove, however, Battle got the call. Holt had told Elam, "Your vote is my vote," but Elam, ever the believer in the chain of command, reluctantly ended up backing Woodruff's decision.

Ironically, Tennessee and Florida were scheduled to play the next October. In one of the most anticipated games of that era, maybe ever, the Vols won decisively, 38-7, with Vol fans sitting in the south end of Neyland Stadium giving Dickey a standing ovation as the Gators left the field.

What is the lesson from all this?

There often appears to be another (and better) "Garden of Eden" somewhere else.

That wasn't the case for Dickey at Florida, however.

"When I went to Florida, there was a lot of dissension among the Florida people about how all this had transpired," Dickey said. "The press and supporters had been spilt apart between Ray Graves and Steve O'Connell. It was not a happy scene, and I was the victim."

Graves was from Knoxville. He had captained the 1941 Vol squad and had coached the Gators since 1960. O'Connell was university president. O'Connell wanted Dickey,

but there were also a significant number of UF supporters who wanted to keep Graves or promote veteran assistant coach Gene Ellenson.

Dickey stayed at Florida until 1978. He coached at Colorado in 1979, before taking a management position with Florida Tile in Lakeland.

Dickey got a second chance to impact the Tennessee program in 1985, when Woodruff retired, and Doug became athletics director, helping lead another significant chapter in Tennessee sports history.

Few men ever get one chance to have such an impact on a collegiate football program. Doug Dickey earned two chances and made the most of both of them.

On that December day, one era was ending and another was beginning. John Majors came home as head coach in 1977. It would be 1985 before the Vols would win another SEC title. SEC titles would also come home in 1989 and 1990.

Rarely have one day and one game had such an impact on the Vol football program.

## - MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL -

# Tyler Howell returns to sidelines as coach at Powell Middle

By Ken Lay

Tyler Howell wasn't exactly looking to get back into coaching. But he got a call that he just couldn't refuse. A chance to return to the place he used to play was just too good to pass up.

He's glad that Powell Middle School lured him back to the sidelines when he was named head coach of Powell Middle School's boys basketball team.

Howell played at Powell Middle in 2002-03 and was a captain for the Panthers when they won the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Basketball Tournament with a win over rival Halls.

On Friday night, Howell coached a home game against the Red Devils and saw his team cruise to a 52-16 victory.

This one wasn't close as the Panthers opened a 15-2 lead in the first quarter and quickly expanded their advantage to 30-5 by halftime.

"This is a special group and they're really fun to watch," said Howell, who was the head girls basketball coach at Fulton High School from 2017-22. Before becoming the Lady Falcons' head coach, Howell was an assistant to John Fisher from 2012-16.

When Fisher left North Knoxville to become the head girls coach at Powell (also his alma mater), Howell replaced his mentor, who was in attendance Friday night.

Howell, who took a hiatus from coaching to spend time with his wife and three kids, answered the call to return to Powell Middle after Steve Waugh (who coached both the Lady Panthers and the Panthers) left to take a teaching job in Clinton.

"I wasn't really getting back into it right away," said Howell, who played his high school ball in Powell under legendary head coach Mike Ogan.

But another mentor encouraged Howell, who remains a physical education teacher at Fulton, but another mentor did a little encouraging --- or perhaps prodding. Longtime Powell

Middle coach Darin Courtney thought his former player would be a good fit.

Courtney, who won multiple league and tournament championships with the Panthers, was also at Friday night's game against the Red Devils.

"Coach Courtney was the first coach that I ever won a championship with and he was really a big help and a big reason why I got this job," said Howell. "I'm glad to be back home. Ad I can't say enough about Coach Fisher.

"He's a great mentor and a great friend and we talk every day,

"We talk daily and we talk about ball and we talk about life. He gave me my first opportunity to be a coach."

To say that Howell is glad to be back in Powell is an understatement.

"I'm glad to be home, be back where I grew up," he said. "Powell is a great community."

In his first competition, the new Powell coach guided his team to three consecutive wins last week and a tournament championship in the Emory Road Classic, a middle school tournament that features the Panthers, the Red Devils, Karns and Gibbs. In addition to its win at home Friday, Powell defeated the Beavers and the Eagles.

And the win against Halls was special for Howell.

"I'm not sure if these kids know what this rivalry means. Right now, they're just playing," he said. "But it's just an old-school rivalry," he said. "They don't like us very much and we don't like them."

The Panthers (3-0) won the first chapter of the heated Emory Road Rivalry, but the two teams will play their annual Knox County Middle School Basketball showdown on Nov. 15 at Halls.

"We talked to them before the game about the rivalry, and it's early," Howell said.

On Friday, two Powell players posted double figures in the scoring column as Eli Peters had 18 points and Chaz Wood added 14.

# Hyder returns home to capture her first win as Powell's coach

By Ken Lay

A coach never forgets her first victory. But for Torey Hyder, her first win was particularly special.

Hyder, who was named the head girls basketball coach at Powell Middle School after Steve Waugh departed for a job in Clinton, won her first-ever win as a head coach when the Lady Panthers in their final game of the Emory Road Classic Friday afternoon, notching a 28-24 win over longtime rival Halls at Powell Middle School.

"This was really special for me, getting my first win as a head coach at home against Halls," said Hyder who played middle school basketball at Powell under longtime coach Sara Greene. "These kids may not realize what this means, but it means a lot to me."

After middle school, Hyder, a guard, went on to have a solid high school career at Powell, which boasts one of the proudest basketball traditions in the Volunteer State. She graduated in 2011 and after college she landed a job as an assistant at Carter Middle School. She later moved on to Carter High when former Lady Hornets coach Bo Lewis moved from the middle school to the high school.

After her time in Strawberry Plains, she took a break from basketball.

"After Carter, I took a little break from coaching to concentrate on teaching," said Hyder, who teaches second grade at Powell Elementary School. "Then I went up to Union County to help my cousin, who is the (head girls coach) at Union County (High School)."

Over the summer after Waugh, who coached both

the boys and girls teams at Powell Middle, left, Hyder got the chance to come back home to coach her former middle school team.

"I'm glad to be at home," she said. "Powell is my home and it's always been my home. It's a great community and I'm just happy to be home."

The Lady Panthers opened their season early last week and lost their first two games to Karns and Gibbs in the Emory Road Classic, an annual season-opening event, which was first played when Gibbs Middle School opened,

Halls was declared the tournament champion in 2023, but it was the Lady Panthers, who despite being at a height disadvantage, stopped the Lady Devils' bid to finish the tournament undefeated.

Halls (2-1) and Powell were locked in a 6-6 tie at the end of the first quarter before the Lady Panthers opened a slim 13-11 lead by halftime.

But Hyder issued a challenge to her team during the break and she got the response she wanted.

"I challenged our girls at halftime. They hurt us on the boards and I told our girls that I didn't want their big girl (Audree Riehn) to score a point in the second half," Hyder said.

Riehn had seven of her game-high 10 points before halftime and while the Lady Panthers didn't completely keep her at bay they held her to just a single field goal and one successful free throw over the final 12 minutes of the contest.

"I'm just so proud of our girls," Hyder said.

Powell turned up its defensive pressure early in the third frame as Reese Barnes made a pair of

steals and turned them into two transition lay-ups to turn the tide to the Lady Panthers and give them a 15-13 lead. Powell led 20-19 heading into the final stanza.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Lady Devils regained the upper hand as Bella Wires made the first bucket of the period and Riehn added a free throw to give the Lady Devils a 22-20 lead with 3 minutes, 30 seconds remaining, but Powell tied the game a short time later on an offensive rebound and a bucket by Maliyah Whitehead to help the Lady Panther pull even, and knot the game, 22-22.

A 3-pointer by Hannah Hayes, gave the Panthers a 25-22 lead with just under two minutes to play.

Powell all but put the game out of reach with 30.4 seconds left. After the Lady Devils were called for an intentional foul, Barnes made the subsequent foul shots to make it 27-22.

"That intentional foul was big and Reese made the free throws and put us ahead by five," I think," Hyder said. "The two steals and early baskets (in the third quarter) were also big for us."

Halls' Claire McGinnis scored the Lady Devils final points of the game before Barnes made a free throw in the waning seconds to provide the final margin.

Hayes led Powell with nine points. Barnes had eight and Macie Overton scored seven, all in the first half to keep the Lady Panthers within striking distance.



## - GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS -

## Robinson's goal now is to make 'All-State'

By Steve Williams

Helping her team qualify for the TSSAA Cross Country Championships was in the forefront of Kate Robinson's mind coming into the Region 2 Class AAA meet last Wednesday morning at Victor Ashe Park.

It didn't happen for the West team, but Robinson did all she could as she was the first to cross the finish line, covering the tough 5,000-meter course in 18 minutes and 44 seconds.

After receiving congratulations from others and getting most of her breath back, Kate said her goal now was "to make All-State," which would require her to place in the Top 15 at state Thursday at the Sanders Ferry Park course in Hendersonville.

"I was just trying to get the best place for my team," said Robinson. "The team was what mattered today, so I was just trying to do my best for them."

"I was kind of pacing with (runner-up) Emma (Cissna) of Hardin Valley most of the time and then I just tried to break away at the end."

Kate said she made her



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

**West senior Kate Robinson reaches the finish line first in the Region 2 Class AAA Cross Country Championships Oct. 25 at Victor Ashe Park. She hopes to earn All-State honors this week in the TSSAA state meet in Hendersonville.**

move about a "half a mile" before the finish line.

Robinson said she trained a lot between her victory in the KIL and the region meet.

Her goals for state?

"I would love to be just All-State," she said. "That would be awesome. That was my goal from the

beginning of the year. And I think I can place hopefully very well."

The Top 15 finishers in the TSSAA meet are recognized as All-State.

"I could not be more proud of Kate," said West Coach Jason Altman. "She missed the most of her junior (cross country)

season with an injury and that had to be difficult for her because I know how competitive she is.

"But she was patient and had a great track season last spring. She came in fourth at state in the 1600, running a PR of 5:04. And she put in the work this summer. Knowing it's her senior year and her last shot, I told her we had some big goals.

"She's got the talent, but she's also got a work ethic and competitive fire that any coach would love to be able to coach her."

In Division I Class AAA and Division II Class A, the Top 3 teams earn state berths plus the Top 5 individuals not on the Top 3 teams. In Division I Class A-AA, the Top 4 teams earn state berths plus the Top 5 individuals not on the Top 4 teams. In Division II Class AA, teams and/or individuals are submitted online.

Four freshmen and a veteran led Hardin Valley Academy to the region team title with its 36-point total. Emma Cissna took second place in 18:57.6 and Alexandra Vesser was fourth. Senior

Maddie Archdale placed sixth. Ninth-graders Ana Marquez and Ava Woodyat came in 11th and 13th, respectively.

Farragut (75 points) and Bearden (87) were second and third in the team standings.

Others qualifying for state individually were Karns' Rylie Gifford, who placed third in 19:13.2, plus Oak Ridge's Dylan Job, Karns' Hannah Kramer and West's Bryden Asti.

### South-Doyle state bound in A-AA

South-Doyle's team placed fourth in Region 2 A-AA to qualify for state. Addie McCarrell led the Lady Cherokees with a 13th place finish.

Ava Moody of Anderson County was the individual winner with a time of 19:13.7 over the 5,000 meters.

Alcoa captured the team championship, followed by Anderson County and third place Stone Memorial.

L&N STEM Academy just missed qualifying for state as a team, but senior Nika Davenport qualified as an

individual as she placed 10th in the region.

### Third place in region puts GCA in state

Grace Christian Academy, led by sophomore Adeline Kose, placed third as a team in the Division II-A East Region and qualified for the state this Thursday.

Providence Academy captured the team title with 61 points, followed by Silverdale Baptist (81) and the Lady Rams (91).

Edith McCall of Boyd Buchanan prevailed in the individual competition with a time of 21:44.4.

CAK's Ava Grau also was a state qualifier.

**Dates for TSSAA Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Championships At Sanders Ferry Park in Hendersonville Thursday, Nov. 2 Division I Class AAA Division II Class A Friday, Nov. 3 Division I Class A-AA Division II Class AA**

## West 24, Powell 23 in OT

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The game was full of big plays and great individual performances.

The first quarter was scoreless and featured the punting of West's Jones Bollig. Midway through it, the junior punted a high and beautiful spiral that turned over and rolled to the Powell 17-yard line – a 56-yard punt. He had two other 40-yard punts and two 38-yarders. And with the score tied in the fourth quarter, Jones made an athletic play, pulling down a high snap that could have been disastrous, and then barely getting the punt off.

In the second quarter, Powell's Rodgers completed a 14-yard pass to tight end Matthew Clayton on third-and-12 which led to Stooksbury's 33-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead.

West finally got on the board late in the first half when wide receiver Connor Cummings made a cut to get inside his defender and scored on the 32-yard pass from Dance, giving the Rebels a 7-3 lead.

Only 1:01 remained in the half, but a 42-yard kickoff return by Connor Wheeler set up first-and-10 at the West 38. The Panthers worked the clock and used their timeouts perfectly. A 10-yard pass from Rodgers to Fabby

Neiwoh on fourth-and-7 moved the sticks. After a 13-yard run by Wheeler and a timeout at 18.3, Rodgers hit Adam Weaver with a 22-yard slant pass for six and a 10-7 halftime lead.

Powell also had first possession after intermission to put together back-to-back scores. The Panthers went 63 yards in five plays. Rodgers broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage and ran in from 20 yards out to extend the lead to 17-7 at 9:50 in the third.

West was forced to punt and Powell threatened to score again. In fact, it looked like Stooksbury had hauled in a 17-yard TD pass, but the official ruled it incomplete for bobbling the ball or catching it beyond the backline of the end zone. On fourth-and-3 at the 13, Wheeler was tripped up by All-State linebacker Ryan Scott for no gain.

The Rebels turned up the tempo and it paid off. Antwain Burdine picked up a big first down with a 10-yard catch on third-and-6 to move the ball to the West 28. The Rebels continued their charge, but had to settle for a 22-yard field goal by Schmid. It cut their deficit to seven (17-10) with 1:07 left in the third quarter.

West got a huge break when Stooksbury shanked a punt that went six yards to the Powell 30.

Three plays later, Devin Jamison broke multiple tackles on a 25-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 17-all with 10:54 remaining.

Powell had the ball inside West territory when punter Bollig leaped to pull down a high snap and managed to get off a 13-yard punt. But a one-handed interception by Burdine three plays later got the ball back for the Rebels.

Scott made another great play in the closing minute of regulation when he cut down Rodgers and forced a punt. It was a one-on-one matchup between the two and only green turf behind Scott if Deuce had gotten past him.

Only 25 seconds remained in regulation play. An 18-yard run by Bowers and a 15-yard catch by Burdine got the ball to the Powell 37. After spiking the ball to stop the clock, Dance rolled right and threw to Cummings in the end zone. The pass fell incomplete.

The game that was called a classic by some and "old school football" by Coach Brown would be settled in overtime.



*The first race of the day started at 9 in the morning with cool temperatures. By the time the Division II-A East Region began that afternoon, runners had to deal with the heat as well as the 5,000-meter course at Victor Ashe Park. At far right is Berean Christian School senior Dalton Claiborne. Photo by Steve Williams.*

## Tonnos' move to USA still helping Admirals

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Anderson County won the team title with a score of 41. Vance Laster, the runner-up in the individual competition, led the Mavericks. Alcoa (77) placed second.

Cumberland County's Zachariah Ostrander crossed the finish line first in 16:15.3.

Sophomore Nicholas Burke finished seventh to lead the West team.

Other local runners qualifying individually for state were Karns' Rowen and Rylan Moser-Bryan.

### L&N team and Gibbs' Spierdowis make state

Sophomore Connor Arnold led L&N STEM Academy to third place and a state berth in Class A-AA. The Gryphons had a score of 88.


Also qualifying individually was Gibbs' Will Spierdowis, who finished 11th.

Seniors Joshua Cross, who posted a winning time of 17:20.3, and Andrew Mansfield swept top individual honors for Christian Academy of Knoxville in the Division II-A East Region.

The Warriors' team placed second and also qualified for the state with a 70 score.


Lakeway Christian (63) took top team honors and Clayton-Bradley Academy (88) placed third.

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