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## Ambulance service AMR faces commission questions

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The approval of the contract renewal for American Medical Response as Knox County's ambulance service may not be certain given the remarks by commissioners Thursday. The special called meeting was to review

the recommendations of consultant firm Fitch & Associates that chose AMR — despite its record of complaints, response times, hospital wait times and financial woes — from four applicants to continue as the county's only 911 dispatched service.

The new contract would up the response time, rework the types

of response based on medical needs, and require more ambulance stations around the county. The county, which normally subsidizes non-profit fire and rescue organizations, would kick in \$2.1 million each year over the five-year contract.

AMR is pledging to use that money to hire and train new

employees if its contract, set to expire on February 1, is renewed. The company is promising to abide by the contract and work with other first response units and hospitals, and to fall under the powers of a new Knox County Medical Director.

AMR's difficulties and revenue loss over its past ten years

of service to the county were exacerbated by the COVID crisis, inadequate staffing at hospitals, internal turnover, and repeated violations and fines, some forgiven by the county.

Nevertheless, the consulting firm, Fitch & Associates, reviewed the four applicants and

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On Thursday, Boyd Sports CEO Doug Kirchhofer, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Tennessee Smokies mascot Homer Hound celebrate Tennessee Smokies Day at the future downtown stadium site. Jacobs issued a proclamation honoring the Southern League Champions, and Kirchhofer gave updates concerning stadium construction progress.

## Should merit board members support political candidates?

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The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors is currently prohibited from publicly supporting local and state political candidates, even with yard signs or political buttons. Members are not prohibited from attending political party events or voting their choice for office.

The rule, 3.2(f) and County Ordinance 42-534(c), could be changed if the full merit board votes to do so and the Knox County Commission agrees. That change was discussed and debated in a subcommittee meeting Wednesday afternoon. John Valliant chaired the meeting with merit board members Clarence Vaughn and John Marshall present. Deputy Knox County Law Director Mike Moyers and Commissioner Larsen Jay were also present.

Valliant contends that the commission doesn't have the power to regulate the political activity of board members because they are not county employees and serve on a voluntary basis.

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## Stadium construction moves forward as Jacobs proclaims Tennessee Smokies Day

By Ken Lay

Construction of Knoxville's new downtown baseball stadium is proceeding on schedule.

The new home for the Tennessee Smokies is scheduled to open in April 2025, in time for the opening day of the 2025 Southern League baseball season.

Doug Kirchhofer, Chief Executive Officer of Boyd Sports, which owns, the Smokies, the

Class AA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, updated the progress of the venue construction Thursday morning.

Construction is also underway on condos, which are adjacent to the venue at the east and west. Those are also set to open in April 2025.

"It's really exciting. We can see the scope and the size of the building when you look at

the steel that's been erected," Kirchhofer said. "We've made great progress and we are excited for what's to come."

Knoxville has a great minor league baseball tradition, which dates back to 1911, when Minor League Baseball first became affiliated with Major League Baseball.

"We're excited to bring (professional) baseball back to

Knoxville," Kirchhofer said. "Knoxville has a great baseball tradition.

The Smokies, who currently play at Smokies Stadium in Kodak (in Sevier County), recently added to the Knoxville area's storied baseball tradition when they won the 2023 Southern League Championship, the team's first outright pennant

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## Early voting turnout lower than desired

Knoxville Municipal Judge John Rosson places a campaign sign in front of the City-County Building. He faces Tyler Caviness for the position and was campaigning prior to a recent Knox County Commission meeting. Photo by Mike Steely.



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Early voting in Knoxville's city election has been lower than desired with only 6,474 people taking part as of Friday morning. The Knoxville Election Commission totals show that 793 people also chose to cast absentee ballots, bringing the total to 6,618. There are 67,830 currently registered voters in the City of Knoxville that voted in the 2020 Presidential Election

The General Election day is Tuesday. The small turnout may

reflect the fact that the mayor's race was decided in the primary with Mayor Indya Kincannon winning with 57.5%.

Only three contests have challengers because Cameron Brooks, challenging at-large council incumbent Lynne Fugate, passed away before the ballots were printed. In the council race for at-large Seat B, Debbie Helsey faces R. Bentley Marlow. Seat C has incumbent Amelia Parker challenged by Tim Hill. The race for municipal judge has incumbent John R. Rosson opposed by Tyler M. Caviness.

Charles Thomas, incumbent in the District 5 city council seat, is unopposed for re-election.

"I'd expect six to seven thousand voters on Election Day. Polls are open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and voters have one last chance to cast their vote," Chris Davis, election coordinator told The Focus.

Unlike early voting, where people could choose any voting location, city voters must cast their ballots at their local precinct on Tuesday.

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# U.S. Should Demand End To Bombing Of Women And Children

From a distance



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

"Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5: 9

"Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it." Psalm 34: 14

"Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it." 1 Peter 3: 11

When the Bible says the same thing in both the Old and New Testaments - "seek peace and pursue it" - it seems to me that both Christians and Jews should try as much as humanly possible to do it.

Almost every American, and most people around the world, condemned the horrible things Hamas did on October 7, especially killing and/or kidnapping small children.

Every country has the right to defend itself. But there is a huge difference between defense and needless revenge. Israel has now gone too far.

Thousands of women and children in Gaza have been killed by Israeli bombs. Thousands more have been buried under the rubble of bombed buildings.

I have never been a fan of the United Nations and have always felt the U.S. has paid far more than its share for UN activities. But the UN was right when it voted 120-14 to call for a ceasefire in the Israeli-Palestinian War.

Thus, I was disappointed (but not surprised) when the U.S. and Israel both voted no. The other 12

voting no were countries to which the U.S. has given substantial money, such as Ukraine, Iraq, and others.

Voting against this resolution and continuing to support all this bombing of women and children is not seeking or pursuing peace.

When George W. Bush campaigned for president, he said we should not be doing so much nation-building (of other nations) and that we needed a more humble foreign policy. But I was disappointed that his administration was dominated by Israel-First Necons.

Probably his most ridiculous statement was that other countries hated us for our democracy. What they really hated was that we allowed Israel to control our foreign policy in the Middle East and what this did to world peace.

I have nothing against Israel, and it is not antisemitic in the least to believe

that we should treat Israel just like we do all other friendly foreign countries and to believe that no other country should control any aspect of our foreign policy.

The Israel Lobby (and all the money it can produce) has total control of the U.S. Congress. Now though, with world and even U.S. opinion starting to turn in sympathy for the Palestinians, very few members of Congress are running to the TV cameras as they were a couple of weeks ago to proclaim their support for the Israeli bombing campaign.

Even the most hawkish member of Congress, Sen. Lindsey Graham, was squirming all over the place in a CNN interview Tuesday night, still supporting everything Israel was doing, but easing his conscience with calls for more humanitarian aid.

President Biden has said the overwhelming majority of Palestinians are not

with Hamas even though they have been horribly mistreated for the last 75 years. Gaza and the West Bank are usually referred to as "open-air prison camps." More than 750,000 Palestinians were driven from their homes and became refugees after the 1948 war. Since then, hundreds of thousands more have had their homes demolished or taken.

Now, under prior agreements, the Palestinians have some "control" over only 22% of country, but Israel limits the food, water, and fuel they can receive.

And despite requests from several American presidents to not do so, Israel has built settlements for over 600,000 Jews in the Palestinian 22%.

The only American president who ever stood up to this "ally" was Eisenhower. In 1956, Israel demanded that the U.S. join it in a war with Egypt over the Suez

Canal. Eisenhower had the courage to go on national television one week before the 1956 election to say he would cut all aid to Israel if they went to war. Israel backed down.

Now, even many Jews are speaking out against this war. Columbia Professor Jeffrey Sachs said Israel "is running out of time to save itself" because the videos of the "bloodshed, carnage" and "killing of innocents" is isolating Israel "from the world conscience" and "basic ethics."

But Netanyahu seems determined to kill and/or destroy the homes of as many Palestinians as possible. A Drudge headline said Israel was bombing Gaza "back to the stone age." If this was happening in any other country, the U.S. would be demanding an end to this genocide.

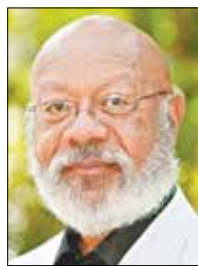
# Four more years?

I am suffering from Trump Fatigue Syndrome (TFS).

Trump dominates the news. When he was president, 92% percent of the media coverage of him was negative. Amazingly -

but not surprising - Biden has received less negative media coverage than any president on record. Who was it that said that the legacy media was the PR arm of the Democrat party?

There is a new COVID variant afoot and Biden is wearing a mask. The CDC and the media are already starting to raise the possibility of masks and mandatory vaccinations. I thought this was the "my body my choice" crowd.



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Trump has a video in which he says, "The left-wing lunatics are trying very hard to bring back COVID lockdowns and mandates with all of their sudden fearmongering about the new

variants that are coming.

"But to every COVID tyrant who wants to take away our freedom, hear these words: We will not comply, so don't even think about it. We will not shut down our schools. We will not accept your lockdowns. We will not abide by your mask mandates, and we will not tolerate your vaccine mandates."

I guess that he forgot that he was the first to impose mandates that shut the economy down,

issued mask mandates and closed the schools. Remember flattening the curve? Remember 15 days to stop the spread? That was Trump. Remember Operation Warp Speed and the rush to produce mRNA experimental vaccines that indemnified Big Pharma? That was Trump.

I don't blame Trump for his initial response with all the fear-mongering from Fauci, the CDC and all the models predicting the end of the world. But Fauci and the CDC were lying and the models were bogus. I do blame Trump for shutting down small businesses while allowing the giants to remain open leading to thousands of small business failures. I do blame Trump for not pivoting when the evidence came in showing the folly of masks and

vaccines for less vulnerable groups. Masking and vaccinating children are akin to child abuse. Those who are most vulnerable should be protected and the rest of us left alone. For the vast majority of us, COVID is a bad cold or the flu and we don't shut down and mask for either even though 50,000 die from the flu yearly.

The vaccines have come with serious adverse effects. I have two otherwise healthy friends who almost died from the Moderna vaccine. There were also adverse reactions to the Pfizer/AstraZeneca vaccine with myocarditis and pericarditis risks. It just stands to reason that if Big Pharma is indemnified then they would be less careful in the production of the drug.

Biden is so bad that

he has made Trump look good. We tend to forget Trump's inability to govern and his disastrous cabinet appointments. He pledged to end the administrative state and reform the Civil Service. He did neither. Instead, he wasted his time on trying to "repeal and replace" Obamacare. That was a mistake. The two should have been separate. The first should be to repeal and then introduce an act to replace. The effort failed due to the one vote of John McCain who likely voted "no" simply because he hated Trump. Now Obamacare with all its warts is embedded and will never be repealed.

Trump also ranted and raved about NAFTA claiming that it was the worst trade deal ever. Studies have shown that those states most adversely

affected by NAFTA actually had positive gains in employment post NAFTA. But facts don't matter in politics. So Trump and his people worked for countless hours to replace NAFTA with USMCA - the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Rolls right off the tongue. Close scrutiny shows that there is not much difference in the two despite the rhetoric.

But Trump appointed three Supreme Court justices, made America energy independent and stemmed the flow of illegals crossing the southern border. He also reduced the regulatory burden on Americans. Those positives mean four more years of Trump will be better for the country than four more years of Biden who seems intent on destroying the economy.



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## Stadium construction

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since 1978, when the Knoxville Sox won the title.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs shared his thoughts on the new stadium, but he also honored the Smokies for their most recent title by proclaiming Nov. 2 Tennessee Smokies Day.

"It's not only a stadium, it's also the private development that's coming up around it," Jacobs said. "The potential transition that it all represents for this side of town is really important.

"This is a lot of work to put together as far as the financing and all those things, and now of course, a lot more work going into construction."

Crews broke ground on the new stadium two years ago, and Jacobs said he thought opening in 2025 seemed a bit ambitious. But now, things are progressing on schedule.

"I was thinking to myself, two years, that's a long time," Jacobs said. "Then, you come out here and are like 'oh my gosh, they're going to do all this in two years.'

"Then you see all the progress that's been made and I think it's phenomenal."


The multiple-use venue will seat 7,000 spectators and will host concerts and other sporting events, including soccer matches.

Then there's the possibility that the University of Tennessee could host some baseball games there.

The Volunteers have enjoyed success in recent years under head coach Tony Vitello, and its home, Lindsey Nelson Stadium is undergoing renovation. Since Vitello arrived, UT has made two trips to the College World Series and won two SEC East Titles, a regular-season conference championship and an SEC Tournament crown.

Kirchhofer said he looks forward to Tennessee playing games at the new stadium.

"We'd very much love to see that," he said. "They've played at the existing Smokies Stadium, and that would be something we would look forward to, working out and hosting games here at the new stadium."



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# Publisher's Positions



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Nor is Campbell the only Davidson County legislator who is in the Hamas wing of the Democrat Party. Aftyn Behn was elected in a special election to the Tennessee House of Representatives and is calling for a ceasefire, which is the new narrative for much of the legacy media in this country. Behn posted on social media she has been "engaging with Jewish and Muslim constituents and community groups" for a few weeks and come to the conclusion the "overwhelming" consensus of opinion was a ceasefire was necessary.

In her statement posted on X/Twitter, Behn wrote, "I can't sit on the sidelines, as so many of our elected officials have done the past few weeks. Their silence is deafening. Our struggles are global and inextricably linked as our liberation is bound together. The United States is funding a genocide in Gaza right now, and this is a moment when we, as Tennesseans, need to care loudly for Palestinians as we do for marginalized communities in Tennessee."

Behn urged folks to "continue showing up to rallies and vigils in support of Gaza and Palestine" and support only those Jewish folks who are "calling for an end to the occupation."

Behn's call to action was reposted by the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America. The Democrat Socialists like the members

of "the Squad" in Congress, are notorious for their support of Hamas.

There is a movement afoot in this country to suggest, if not bluntly state, the bestial atrocities committed by Hamas against innocent children, elderly people, and citizens were somehow justified.

Sabina Mohyuddin, the executive director of the American Muslim Advisory Council in Nashville, has an opinion column in the Tennessean calling for a ceasefire. "When I heard the news of the horrific murders in Israel by Hamas on Oct. 7, I couldn't help but think: 'How many innocent Palestinian lives will pay the price?'" I wonder how many Japanese citizens thought the same thing when they bombed Pearl Harbor? I wonder how many Muslims thought the same thing when planes were flown deliberately into the Twin Towers in New York City on 9/11? It can surprise exactly nobody Mohyuddin, after tipping her hat to the "horrific murders," doesn't mention Israeli citizens again, except for another tip of the hat by a brief mention of the hostages, adding, "I also can't imagine what the fathers, mothers, and children in Gaza are going through day after day with relentless bombardment and death." That tends to happen when a government starts a war, which is exactly what Hamas did and lest we forget, the Palestinians elected Hamas to

lead their government, just as the Japanese followed their military government and the Germans elected Hitler.

Mohyuddin wails that the Israeli Defense Minister "dehumanized" Palestinians as "human animals," although she omitted the reason why he did so. How would you describe those who behead infants? Mohyuddin whines about bearing "witness to the annihilation of a group of people," which is precisely the creed of Hamas: to exterminate the Jewish people. Their creed and mission is exactly the same as that of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis.

Frankly, the entire thing ignored all the suffering and inhumanity inflicted upon innocent Israeli citizens. Igniting a war exacts a terrible price on the innocent and it did in both Germany and Japan. Many of their leaders were hung as war criminals. I wonder if Mohyuddin believes there is a single war criminal among Hamas?

Julia Steinberg has an interesting opinion piece in the Free Press with the provocative title of "Why My Generation Hates Jews." Steinberg's article begins, "I am 21 years old and Jewish. Apparently, 48 percent of my peers want people like me dead." Steinberg cites a poll, which revealed 64% of 18-to-24-year-olds believe Israel was attacked by terrorists; 77% believe "it's true that Hama terrorists killed

1,200 Israeli civilians by shooting them, raping and beheading people including whole families, kids and babies." Yet when that particular age group was asked, "in this conflict do you side more with Israel or Hamas?" 48% said they sided with Hamas.

Steinberg writes that the members of Gen Z worship identity categories "and the distinction of oppressor/oppressed." "The oppressor is always wrong, and the oppressed are always right. Since high school, we've been trained to identify and slot people based on their identities alone." I see now why it is necessary for revisionists to change history. It is all too easy to forget the masses of the German people followed the doctrines of the most famous antisemite in modern times: Adolf Hitler. It is too easy to forget the chilling and deadly "Final Solution" of the Nazi regime and the systematic extermination of 6 million Jews. Yet even the Nazis did not engage in such a large-scale butchery as that of Hamas. One family, interrupted during breakfast, was attacked by Hamas terrorists who gouged out the eye of the father in front of the children, sliced off the mother's breast, chopped off the little girl's foot and the little boys' fingers before killing them all. Then they sat down and ate the breakfast prepared by the victims.

There is nothing democratic about the Hamas

government in Palestine. No civilized society can allow butchers and baby killers to run rampant and murder entire families. Too many Democrats in this country, along with the Leftist media outlets are excusing inhuman butchery as either being justified or necessary. Just as too many of the German people did. They exacted a terrible price in blood and paid it their own blood.

## Go Away, Megan

Megan Barry, the former mayor of Nashville who left office under a cloud after spending \$175,000 of taxpayer funds in the midst of an affair with her bodyguard, is thinking about another run for office. This time Barry is thinking about running against Congressman Mark Green. Found guilty in criminal court of felony theft in excess of more than \$10,000, Barry was forced to resign as mayor as part of her plea agreement.

Barry was an idol of the Left as she sought to proclaim Nashville a "sanctuary" city where no US immigration laws could be enforced. Megan Barry thinks Mark Green deserves to have an opponent because he is pro-Life and supports the right of Americans to own a gun. Don't be surprised when Barry calls for a ceasefire any day now.

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recommended AMR.

However several Knox County Commissioners may not agree and had several hard questions and comments.

"There is still a lot of work to go," said Commissioner

Larsen Jay, who added, "You can't blame everything on Covid."

Jay and Commissioner Courtney Durrett wondered why the city wasn't consulted in the study of ambulance needs.

Chairwoman Terry Hill

asked about the priority of calls taken by AMR and the reply was that that 70% of the 911 responses turn out to be life-threatening.

E-911 Director Brad Anders told the meeting that there will be a new effort to code calls and that his agency will take over all emergency calls that will include not only AMR but the volunteer responders as well.

Commissioner Gina Oster said all the first responders and hospitals need to "sit down" and talk, adding, "This is more than an ambulance problem."

Commissioner John Schoonmaker questioned

the \$125,000 paid to Fitch & Associates for the review. He questioned the "hurried process" to approve the agreement and said the commission may not have had enough time to review it.

"Who will be enforcing this?" asked Durrett. The reply was that a monthly response meeting would be held. She suggested AMR and the county visit local high schools to help with recruiting.

Hill said there needs to be more stations in West Knox County.

The commission may vote on the new agreement this month.

# Letter to the Publisher

Commissioners,  
Something has to be done about our present emergency response ambulance contract in Knox County. I am the pastor of Sand Branch Church on Thorngrove Pk in the Ramsey community. Some of my parishioners have waited as long as three hours and eight minutes on an ambulance. Commissioners, that is unacceptable. I am hearing all kind of EXCUSES. Hospital turn around times, strict laws on how many techs must be in the wagon. Just a sign of times, etc. - EXCUSES. None of that solves the problem. Folks, the people of Knox County deserve better. What is Comission going to do? I pray you are going to stand up and demand SOMETHING HAS GOT TO CHANGE - NOW. Not stamp the same contractor to the same ways. Folks, this needs to be a wake up call to all elected officials. Quit making excuses. Quit kicking the can down the road. Make some changes that help the people that elected you to represent THEM!  
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# The patriot and hero from Lonsdale

By Joe Rector

Living in the Lonsdale community didn't use to be as demanding as it is today. Still, boys had to be tough to keep the bullies and other rougher elements away. Roger Gregg proved able to take care of himself years ago, and that same confidence in himself led to a spectacular career in the service of this country.

Gregg lived on Texas Avenue and attended the neighborhood elementary school. He earned a diploma from Rule High School in 1969. Even though he was only 5-foot-2, Roger played football, boxed, and ran track. For some time, he held the school's record in the 440-yard dash.

After graduation, Gregg enlisted in the Navy, and his preferred placement after boot camp was on

a river boat in Vietnam. Instead, he was placed in SERE (survival, evasion, resistance, and escape) training. The program was designed to prepare men for the roughest situations in a war, and Gregg said that within days he thought that what he was experiencing was real.

After his discharge from the Navy, Gregg went to work for Southern Railway as an inspector. He discovered layoffs were frequent, and he missed the military life. In 1984, Roger joined the reserves. Little did he know that for the next 26 years, he'd be a reservist, as well as an active-duty soldier. He rose to the level of Chief Petty Officer (E-7). The country expresses its appreciation for those who have served in the military. For Roger Gregg, special thanks are due since he

served in three wars: Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom III.

During Gregg's 30 years of service, he worked in several different areas. On three occasions, he was assigned to NCIS. Roger also worked with the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI for a year. After the Pentagon was rebuilt after 9/11, he spent a year working there. He worked in the CB Battalion Rear Eschelon Support. He often ran into other soldiers who thanked him for the help he gave them or their families.

Today, Roger still misses his service in the military. He explained, "As a Chief, I was able to make a difference in other soldiers' lives, and nothing is more rewarding than working with them."

After his retirement in

2012, Roger Gregg found adjusting to civilian life difficult. He praises his wife Kimberley for helping him through the adjustments. "She came from a service family and attended 14 different schools. She knows how hard it is to start over again, whether in a new assignment or after leaving the service."

His favorite thing about being a Chief Petty Officer was being able to help soldiers as they came to him with a variety of questions and problems. He especially enjoyed working with "baby officers" so that they knew how to treat their charges and how to lead in dangerous situations.

Roger Gregg surprised himself when he gave the definitions of a patriot and a hero. "A patriot is a hero. He loves his country more than himself. A hero is a



Roger Gregg

normal person who faces extraordinary circumstances and chooses to run toward them."

After spending 30 years serving his country and fighting in three wars, Roger Gregg is a patriot and a hero. He deserves the country's thanks for all that he has done. Remember Roger on Veterans' Day.

World-Renowned Budweiser Clydesdales to appear at Knoxville's 98th Veterans Day Parade

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"Post 2 is thrilled to have such an iconic symbol of America participate in our annual event," commented American Legion Commander and Army Veteran Mike Testerman.

The eight-horse hitch will be harnessed and hitched to the famous red beer wagon at the start of the parade route at the Gay Street bridge on Friday, Nov. 10 at 9 a.m.

The "Gentle Giants," as they are often referred to, will participate in the 98th Veterans Day Parade which begins at 10:40 a.m. and travels down Gay Street.

Each hitch travels with a Dalmatian. In the early days of brewing, Dalmatians were bred and trained to protect the horses and guard the wagon when the driver went inside to make deliveries.

## Should merit board members support political candidates?

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Moyers disagreed, citing Knox County's Home Rule charter and the powers of the commission.

Moyers said the restrictions on political activity are valid.

John Marshall said it is unfair to so restrict the merit board when no other county council or board is not held from political activity. Moyers said the commission may consider extending the no-political involvement to other county groups as well.

Marshall recalled the former merit council and the politics played there by the three members, both in supporting candidates and one, former Chairwoman Gina Oster, who sought election to Knox County Commission while serving on the merit body. He said, however, that board members should "stay out of the sheriff's race."

Moyers repeated that the commission has the power to restrict political activity and also the power to vote to change the ordinance if

it chooses.

Vaughn said the ordinance should not be changed and said that a politically active member of the board could be swayed on grievances filed by KCSO employees. He suggested the board remain "apolitical."

So did Commissioner Larsen Jay, who spoke to the issue during the meeting, asking, "How does a change benefit the officers?"

"It's a terrible idea to add," Jay said. He said that

if board members want to publicly support any candidate for office they should leave the board to do so.

Valliant again said the commission had no legal authority to restrict political involvement by board members. He said that politics has "brought lots of good" to the county and said it "builds relationships."

Jay asked Valliant why he joined the board if he knew that, as a member, he would be restricted from political activity. Vaughn said he knew he would be

restricted in political activity when he joined the merit board and added, "We're here to serve so they (KCSO employees) can feel safe."

Vaughn then moved, unsuccessfully, to add "federal" to the state and county elections in the proposed resolution but Valliant and Marshall voted "No." Then the two moved to pass along the proposed change to the full merit board for a vote. If passed, it then goes to the county commission for a decision.

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

## Potpourri

It's not about left and right, but right and wrong.  
Brian Kilmeade

I love the sound of the word potpourri as it rolls off the tongue. The word derives from French and means a miscellaneous collection of things. Such are my thoughts as I begin this essay.

Who would have thought that there would be support for the Hamas "Devil-savages" who slaughtered 1400 people in Israel? Antisemitism has been around for thousands of years, but who would have thought that it is alive and well in the halls of oh-so-tolerant Ivy League universities and among "enlightened" academia? I guess we can be thankful that these people have come out of the closet, and identified themselves as true racists.

Americans certainly didn't need another point of disagreement. However, this

overt racism and bigotry may be the wake-up call we need. Leftists, across the country and around the world, have linked arms with Hamas, BLM and ANTIFA types to rail against Americanism, Jews and anyone who opposes their neo-Marxist ideology. And Progressive Democrats just exploit any controversy that furthers their power. Doubt me? Just ask AOC's squad or watch MSNBC; they'll tell you what they are. And Hamas does the same.

A pogrom is the "organized persecution or extermination of an ethnic group, especially of Jews." The term derives from Yiddish which is an amalgam of Hebrew and German and historically used by Ashkenazi Jews of Central Europe. Jews were expelled from Israel after their defeat by the Romans in 70 AD (before there was a Palestine). In the resulting diaspora, Jews fled to Central Europe and became the

Ashkenazi and to Western Europe and became the Sephardic (Spanish) Jewish communities.

Pogroms were launched against Jews during the Middle Ages and by Nazis in Germany. However, pogroms are now on American college campuses, in cities around the world and are the instruments of terror by the Hamas savages.

I watched the new Speaker of the House Mike Johnson's acceptance speech and then an interview with Mr. Johnson. I was impressed, but I'll hold my opinion for outcomes rather than verbiage. Politicians always promise the moon, but less often deliver much of anything worthy. Kevin McCarthy was removed as speaker because he didn't live up to the promises he made. Tim Burchett and others called his bluff, and now we have perhaps a more conservative speaker who understands the McCarthy lesson that business as usual in Washington, D.C., is unacceptable. Apparently, our former mayor cannot comprehend this basic truth.

Liberals are already bashing Speaker Johnson's pro-life stance and that he's a Christian who believes in the wisdom of the Bible. But no one should be surprised. Anti-American, neo-Marxist leftists hate anyone with an R beside their name

and certainly anyone who identifies as a Christian. Johnson is a Constitutional lawyer who "believes in the rule of law," is married and has a beautiful family.

Years ago, Johnson and his wife brought an at-risk teenager into their family. Much has been made of the fact that the now-grown young man is Black. Johnson stated his belief that Blacks have a tougher journey than whites. And while that may be true, I doubt that I would have had an easy time growing up in Africa. And if I were to move to France, I would never be a "Frenchman" in the eyes of those born in France. Unfortunately, humans are tribal, and too often consider the color of one's skin or religion rather than someone's character as Martin Luther King advised. Harper Lee once observed that men are prone to "nurse their hangovers of hate." This hatred drives Hamas and sorrowfully elected Joe Biden.

I read that people in Maine are rushing to buy guns after the recent murderous rampage and that Israel is in the process of arming all citizens after the Hamas slaughter. They need to arm themselves because a Hamas representative said they would "attack civilians again and again." One wonders about the mental state of someone who refuses to take

Hamas at their word. Speaking of Maine, Mr. Johnson says the problem is not about guns, but the human heart and mental health issues. I agree. He said, "The hour is late and the crisis is great, but God is not done with America, yet." I hope he's right.

October is done and Becky and I have just finished putting up our firewood for the winter. We live in a mature forest and trees, like people, get old and die. Some years ago, I wrote that winter is hard for animals in the wild. Winter is also hard on humans, especially the aging and infirm.

We've had many struggles in the Ferguson clan of late. An elderly family member has been living in an "independent living" facility for many years after being unable to manage her home. Unfortunately, time has taken a toll and essentially "renting a room" in a facility that provides meals and some activities is sometimes not enough. You're on your own in such a facility which is not licensed to pick you up if you fall. I learned that Knox County has a program with the fire department to pick you up in the event of such a fall.

When independent living is not enough, the next step is "assisted living" (AL). As an internist and geriatrician, I understand that AL is for people who need minimal-ly skilled nursing, but need

assistance with ADLs, activities of daily living, such as bathing, eating and getting around safely, as well as taking medications correctly. Rehabilitative services like physical and occupational therapy are often needed to keep people going and engaged with life. Memory care is a subset of AL. But none of this is cheap and rarely covered by standard insurance or Medicare.

Last on my cornucopia of thoughts is the so-called cancel culture which has descended on some liberals for their support of Hamas. For years the cancel culture has been a cudgel for conservatives. I'm a proponent of free speech, even to say stupid things. But there may be consequences. Now, university students are losing job offers because organizations don't want to hire racists or bigots. Doctors and dentists and others are losing their jobs because of "hate speech," once reserved for those with conservative perspectives.

As a Christian, I am charged to love, but also to speak the truth (Ephesians 4:15). So, it is a balancing act. I can forgive, but I cannot "unsee" or forget some things. Yes, it's about love, but also truth with consequences.

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# County breaks ground on Hardin Valley Community Park

By Ken Lay

Spirits couldn't be dampened by unseasonably cold weather Wednesday morning as Knox County broke ground on a new park in the Hardin Valley Community.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Commissioners Terry Hill, Larsen Jay and Kim Frazier, along with Knox County Board of Education Chair Betsy Henderson, ceremonially broke ground on a coming inclusive playground space at Hardin Valley Community Park, located at 12734 Hickory Creek Road.

Frazier expressed



Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and other leaders break ground on Hardin Valley Community Park Wednesday. The park is set to open in 2024.

gratitude to the community members of Hardin Valley. "Hardin Valley has been

my home for 27 years. My husband and I have formed countless friendships here

that will last a lifetime." she said. "Without the support

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# Large apartment development approved for Merchant Drive

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A 59-acre hillside site on Merchant Drive in north Knoxville will be developed into a four-building apartment complex after \$1.7 million in city funding was approved Tuesday evening.

The Knoxville City Council voted unanimously to approve the funds from the Affordable Rental Development Fund in an agreement with DGA Grosvenor Square LP. The site, near the Northwest Baptist Church, is has been vacant for several years

and the development of 184 apartments will contain 59 affordable housing units.

District 5 Councilman Charles Thomas praised the project, saying it "fits well into the neighborhood" and praised the developer for working with the Norwood neighborhood. Twenty-five of the site's acres atop the hill will be donated to Legacy Parks following the groundbreaking and may be named in honor of late local community advocate Lynn Redmon.

Thomas called the **Continue on page 2**



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# Too stubborn to give up

As I've stated on several occasions, my skills as a carpenter or plumber or handyman are limited. It's not so much that I am unable to learn those skills; it's more that no one ever



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taught me them. I still keep trying to complete projects, but many times they either take too long, look terrible when I finish them, or I have to hire someone to fix the additional mess I've made of things. I'm just stubborn enough to keep trying. With YouTube,

I've learned to do some things; other tasks call for more skills and knowledge than I have.

The leaves that fall each fall overwhelm my yard. They pile up in flowerbeds and along the house's foundation with each wind that blows. I wanted to keep most of them from gathering around the basement door of my house. I scrounged around and found a couple of pieces of lattice. Neither was wide enough to cover the opening, so

I used zip ties to connect both pieces. Next, I tried to stand the lattice up by weaving stakes through it and then driving them into the ground. I didn't count on the ground being as hard as concrete, nor did I have any idea that a hammer would splinter the stakes beyond use. Admitting defeat, I slid one side of the lattice between concrete blocks and hooked the other side to a post from the deck. The thing is serviceable.

I was successful enough to replace the deck flooring with Trex. I also put down new treads on the steps. However, the lowest one

has a bow in it. I'm not sure why. I screwed the Trex to the stringer as I was supposed to do, but for some reason, a bend in the thing is there. If I place a brace under it, something else will go haywire. Every time I approach the deck, that bow is the first thing in sight.

My brother's daughter Mindy bought an older home in Fountain City a few years ago. She keeps a list of projects, and Jim and I tackle some of them. For what seems to be half a year, Jim has been stripping inside doors. He removed layers of paint

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Councilman Charles Thomas called the apartment development along Merchant Drive a "textbook" example of how developers can work with a neighborhood and the city to create a housing agreement. Thomas represents the area.

## Large apartment development approved for Merchant Drive

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cooperation between the developer and the neighborhood a "textbook" example of how to plan a project. Mayor Indya Kincannon noted that the agreement will run for forty years, ensuring affordable housing there during that period.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider asked when construction might begin and was told it should start soon and be completed in about two years. The new address for the development will be 3782 Decoration Way and funding to help the project was deemed "critical" to securing finances. The city's Housing and Neighborhood Development Department requested the funding.

Additional affordable housing funds, \$750,000, were also approved by the council for DGA Holston GP LLC for 25 affordable rental housing units at 2120 River

Willow Way. The council voted to sell property at 1904 Ulster Avenue to Cable Solutions & Marketing LLC for \$7,000 as part of the Homemakers Project.

The council also approved a grant application to the federal Housing and Urban Development Department for a youth homelessness demonstration project, asking for \$54,700 with a 25% local funding match. It also approved giving Fulton High School an outdated fire truck in an agreement with the Knox County Board of Education. The school is next door to the city's new Safety Center just off North Broadway.

Personal delivery devices, those small robotic food carriers already in use on the University of Tennessee campus, will need to wait at least six months for use on city streets and sidewalks. The city council enacted a 6-month moratorium while the safety issue can be studied.

Carter Hall, the city's strategic policy and programs director, told the council there are no current regulations on the robotic delivery devices and during the study other municipalities will be contacted as well as the vendors and the UT program. Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie wondered how the units would affect walkability downtown.

The council also voted to close an alley off Wonderland Lane and give the alley to adjacent property owners and rezone 3616 Skyline Drive from RN-1, single-family residential, to RN-2 single-family residential.

## Never Forget the Veterans



Picture of a beautiful rustic scene on the Herb Barker farm, courtesy of Toni Onks Roberts.

They may have been stationed in the United States or in another country. They may have served for two years or an entire career. They may have been a member of the Army, Air



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Force, Navy, Coast Guard, or the Marines. Whatever their status, a common thread was shared among them. They are United States Veterans.

Our nation and our world are safer because of the men and women who have served and are serving in our nation's military. Today, however, our world is at a critical crossroads evidenced by the hate, violence, and unrest in the daily news. The gifts

of peace and freedom often seem distant. On November 11, Veterans Day, we will honor our country's veterans. The sight of our great American flag is always a touching reminder of

our freedom and those who have protected it. Whether blowing in the breeze on a city street or hanging quietly and proudly in a rural landscape overlooking a pasture field, it is a symbol of America and those who have willingly served and sacrificed for her. To all who have served--thank you for your service and have a blessed Veterans Day!

*Words of Faith: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." Psalm 33:12 (KJV).*

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# K.D. McKellar Goes To Congress, II

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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The campaigns of Kenneth D. McKellar and his chief opponent for the Democratic nomination in the 1911 special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George Washington Gordon had heated up. McKellar and his challenger Thomas C. Looney spoke at the same meeting and exchanged mild words about the campaign of 1910 and who was the more faithful Democrat between them. Tennessee's Tenth Congressional District was comprised of four counties: Shelby, Tipton, Hardeman and Fayette.

The mayor of Memphis at the time was Edward Hull Crump. The Commercial Appeal reported the friends of both McKellar and Tom Looney had been told Crump was remaining strictly neutral in the Democratic primary. Several of Crump's "strongest supporters" had lined up behind Looney's candidacy, while others known to be close to the mayor were backing McKellar. Evidently, a rumor was circulating in the political circles of Memphis that Crump had reached some kind of understanding with Looney. The gossip was prevalent enough that the campaign managers of both candidates had to assure supporters there was no truth in the claim. As Crump and his city ticket was up for election that November, the mayor didn't wish to offend any of his own supporters and stayed completely out of the congressional race.

Both McKellar and Looney spent time in the "country" areas of the Tenth Congressional District rather than the City of Memphis. McKellar campaigned in Somerville while Tom Looney visited Hardeman and Tipton counties. A reporter covering the race noticed both candidates carried the airs of a man confident of victory.

The campaign to succeed George Washington Gordon in Congress was not entirely a sedate affair. The Tennessean reported the voters in Tennessee's Tenth Congressional District had not witnessed such a contest since the extraordinarily bitter fight between Congressman Josiah Patterson and his challenger, Edward Ward Carmack. The Tennessean readily acknowledged the campaign between McKellar and Looney lacked the same bitterness that had marked the Patterson-Carmack contest, but reported the congressional campaign seemed to have generated quite a bit of interest on the part of the people.

When General Gordon had died, "there were as many prospective candidates as there were Abraham's stars of old" the reporter cheerfully noted, but the race had winnowed down to only

Kenneth McKellar and Tom Looney. Looney had the active backing of Malcolm Patterson, who had succeeded E. W. Carmack as the district's congressman before winning election as governor in 1906. Tom Looney also enjoyed the support of his brother-in-law, Arthur S. Buchanan, a justice of the Tennessee State Supreme Court.

Kenneth McKellar issued a challenge to Looney to meet him in debate via a letter mailed to Looney's campaign headquarters. McKellar wrote he would be delighted to meet Looney in joint debates and discuss the issues of the day "at such times and places as may be agreeable." McKellar's challenge was immediately accepted by Tom Looney, who made a formal reply. Evidently, after having had time to think it over, Looney changed his mind. A few days later, Looney announced he would decline McKellar's invitation to meet in joint debates across the Tenth District. After having met with his backers and campaign committee, Tom Looney sent another letter saying he felt debates would only stir up rancor and ill feelings amongst Democrats, something both candidates were trying to avoid.

Speaking in Covington, McKellar made a "forcible" speech calling for party harmony. Kenneth McKellar correctly forecast that current events portended the election of a Democratic president in 1912 and said Tennessee, being a Democratic state, should not fall behind.

As the date of the special election approached, the Commercial Appeal covered McKellar's closing, which the newspaper described in a headline as "convincing." The Commercial Appeal acknowledged McKellar was "so well known in the county he needed little introduction" to the voters. It was a different way of saying McKellar had good name recognition inside Shelby County. In what appeared to be an endorsement of McKellar's candidacy, the newspaper noted the candidate had talked "Solid Sense to Sensible people" in another headline.

The Commercial Appeal noted that as Kenneth McKellar had "served so excellently" as head of the Tenth Congressional District Democratic Committee for the past eight years, he knew and had worked with the most influential Democrats in the three outlying counties — Tipton, Hardeman and Fayette — as well as Shelby, that comprised the district. The newspaper especially noted McKellar's interest in one of the most important constituencies in Tennessee and the Tenth Congressional District: farmers. "He was



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Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar of Tennessee photographed in Washington, D.C., circa 1915.

born on a farm and numbers among the farmers his most influential friends," the Commercial Appeal wrote. The daily newspaper thought McKellar was "always strong in his appeals for the rural vote, for he appreciates the necessities of the farmers possibly better than they do themselves." The newspaper also took notice of McKellar's bid for support from working people and labor. "Being of the people, he is for the people," the editorial asserted.

And the people were for Kenneth D. McKellar. The Democratic primary to determine the nominee for the House of Representatives in the special election to succeed the late George Washington Gordon was held on October 7, 1911, a Saturday. Most observers thought the race would be close. The following day newspapers across Tennessee reported Kenneth McKellar's large lead in the vote returns. McKellar showed surprising strength in many precincts where Tom Looney had been thought to be well ahead. K. D. McKellar had carried both the City of Memphis and Shelby County, as well as Fayette County. Tom Looney had prevailed in Hardeman County and won Tipton County, albeit only just barely, winning by 28 votes.

Inside a solidly Democratic district and with only a Socialist opponent on the ballot in the general election, Kenneth McKellar was a certainty to win election to the U. S. House of Representatives. As the balloting occurred in an off-year and was a special election, McKellar's nomination received more statewide attention than it would have otherwise. The Knoxville Sentinel published on its editorial page a column congratulating McKellar on his victory. "Mr. McKellar is one of Tennessee's ablest young men," the Sentinel wrote, noting the candidate had been considered for election to the United States Senate by the legislature earlier in the year.

Days after McKellar's election to the House of Representatives, Tennessee newspapers reported the expenses

of the candidates. Tom Looney had actually spent McKellar, reporting expenditures of \$4,362 to McKellar's \$4,338.21. Looney had actually raised more than he had spent, reporting a \$6,000 contribution from his brother-in-law Justice A. S. Buchanan, as well as \$500 contributions from L. K. Salsbury and C. H. Raine, and assorted smaller contributions.

The first order of business was for the congressman-elect to select his personal "secretary," which today would be a chief of staff. Just as soon as the votes were tallied, the congressman-elect had been deluged with applicants and their supporters. McKellar had over forty applications to serve as his personal secretary and some individuals had importuned more than 200 of their friends to contact the congressman-elect to give their endorsements. The applicants came from every nook and cranny inside the Tenth Congressional District as well as the City of Memphis. McKellar had afforded himself some small measure of protection when he announced he would not consider anyone until after the general election.

The appointment of his secretary revealed K. D. McKellar's innate political shrewdness, as well as his ability to handle a fragile matter with a delicate touch. McKellar announced he was keeping G. H. Rhodes in the post. Rhodes had been the secretary to the late Congressman Gordon and knew the district well. "After a great deal of deliberation, I have decided to make no change. Mr. Rhodes is a splendid young man, and his past experience has well qualified him for the work. I found there was a great deal of unfinished work in Gen. Gordon's office, with which only Mr. Rhodes is familiar, and I am sure that it would not be wise to do anything else but retain Mr. Rhodes."

McKellar also wisely noted, "Mr. Rhodes does not wish to make the position permanent, but at my request has agreed to assist me at least until I become familiar with the routine of the office."

McKellar, had for the time being, fended off the job hunters and had largely insulated himself from criticism by keeping the young newspaperman as his secretary. The congressman-elect's logic was impeccable and hard to argue with.

Congressman McKellar was not done with Tom Looney. McKellar also continued to demonstrate his ability to handle his end of any political dispute. Reelected without serious opposition in 1912, Congressman McKellar was confronted by a potentially big political problem when Leander Dutro drowned in the Mississippi River while on an outing. Dutro was the postmaster of Memphis and Tennessee's United States senators were Luke Lea and John Knight Shields. Both had been elected by the Tennessee General Assembly as "fusionists," a combination of Republicans and Independent Democrats over "regular" Democrats. Yet the two men did not like one another personally and did not get along. John Knight Shields, a former chief justice of the Tennessee State Supreme Court, was apparently so obstreperous many of his friends and supporters could not get along with him.

McKellar managed to come up with Major J. C. French, an aging former Confederate veteran, to replace Dutro. Both of Tennessee's U.S. senators approved and French's nomination was quickly approved in June 1913. Then French died in August, meaning a new postmaster had to be named.

After some time bickering over a nominee, the two Tennessee senators finally agreed on a new postmaster of Memphis: Thomas C. Looney. There could have been few nominees more personally or politically obnoxious to Kenneth D.

McKellar than that of Tom Looney. Senators certainly exercised considerable sway over patronage matters in their home states, even over congressmen. There was one notable exception; congressmen had the right to name the postmasters of their hometown.

As Kenneth McKellar had predicted, a Democrat had indeed been elected president in 1912. Of the seven presidents with whom Kenneth McKellar served during his long career, Woodrow Wilson was the person the Tennessean admired the most. McKellar had already shown an ability to outmaneuver both Luke Lea and John Knight Shields and had secured President Wilson's promise to appoint Hubert Fisher as U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. Both Shields and Lea were confident their recommendation of T. C. Looney to serve as postmaster of Memphis would be approved by Wilson.

Two weeks later, Charles W. Metcalf, Jr. was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to serve as postmaster of Memphis. Both Senator Lea and Senator Shields had protested Metcalf's nomination. R. N. Gates, a reporter for the Commercial Appeal sent off a dispatch stating, "For reasons satisfactory only to those responsible for their recommendations, the administration is being importuned in too many instances to appoint men to lucrative federal offices who cannot establish any sort of title to favor." Gates wrote the Wilson Administration had been lambasted by critics who disparaged the nomination of men "whose participation in the affairs of their party is limited to the perfunctory act of casting a vote for the nominees." Gates reported Democratic senators and congressmen were grumbling "too many undeserving" individuals had already been appointed to high office under Wilson.

U. S. senators have used, albeit it sparingly, the declaration a particular presidential nominee for some federal office in their own state to be "personally and politically obnoxious" to them and the Senate almost invariably rejects the nomination. Observers waited to see whether Senators Lea and Shields would resort to using that tactic with Metcalf's nomination.

Kenneth D. McKellar won that fight and named the postmaster of his home city. McKellar later beat Luke Lea and two former governors to go to the U.S. Senate where he remained for the next 36 years.

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# Taking the Greenback Loop

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Fall is a great time to get out and visit some of the least visited small towns in our region. A family drive with a few stops in interesting places can be fun and you might be surprised with what you find.

From Knoxville, you can take Kingston Pike west until it leaves the long commercial district and enters Loudon County. Right at that county line is Dixie Lee Junction, a growing community that once drew diners to the cafe there, now long closed. If you turn left on Highway 11 there, you'll drive to Lenoir City where you can stop and take a walking tour of the historic Lenoir City Cotton Mill.

Lenoir City also has a great lakeside park that is good for walking, relaxing and fishing. Lenoir City Park has public bathrooms, great lake views, and a boat ramp. There are popular events like concerts there now and then.

From Highway 11, turn left onto Highway 321 where from the new bridge you'll get a view of the dam where the highway once crossed. Once across you can take Tellico Parkway on the right to Tellico Village or continue along what is also called the



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY



*The Fortress of Faith was built by Greenback resident Junior Banks, left, and draws visitors to the unusual structure. Banks might be there when you visit and could take you on a tour of his works.*

Highway 95, taking it south toward Greenback, a

Lamar Alexander Highway.

Further down 321, or Lamar Alexander Parkway now, you will find East Main Street on the left which will take you into historic Friendsville, a little town founded by Quakers. It was a secret Underground Railroad stop for runaway slaves who hid in a cave near the Friends Church. The cemetery at the church has the graves of early Quaker settlers and Friendsville has a small downtown section worth visiting.

You can double back toward Lenoir City on 321 and take a left onto County

community named for U.S. currency and the political party. Along the way keep an eye out for the National Campground meeting house. The congregations began meeting there in 1873 and events are still held in the historic place.

In Greenback you'll find an abandoned railroad depot and a community museum along with a "castle" built by a local man. "Fortress of Faith" was built by Floyd Banks Jr. and is located at 250 Lee Shirley Road. The community was settled by ousted residents of nearby

Morgantown, which was flooded by the TVA.

Greenback was also a stop on the Underground Railroad and was named for the "Greenback Party" a movement to increase the amount of paper money in our nation.

From Greenback you can take Highway 411 north to Maryville and then take Highway 129, which becomes Alcoa Highway, back toward Knoxville. Or you could follow Highway 411 Southwest to the town of Vonore and visit historic Fort Loudoun and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum.

Taking a Day Away with the family and visiting well-known and little-known historic places is a great educational and enjoyable experience.

# Hardin Valley Community Park

**Cont. from page 1** of the community, this wouldn't be possible.

"There's a wonderful spirit of community here and this will give us room to grow."

In his remarks, Jacobs said that the park would enhance the community.

"This project will be an asset to Knox County and to the community," he said. "This will enhance the quality of life."

"The focus is on our kids and this park will give them the chance to get outside like we used to do, and get off their screens. I want to give a

big thanks to the county commission."

Hill, who represents the Hardin Valley Community on the county commission, said that the park will be open by the summer of 2024.

In addition to the all-inclusive playground, the park will feature athletic fields and a community center.

The county also announced plans to install an accessible playground at Melton Hill Park, which is located at 3230 Williams Bend Road.

# Too stubborn

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and smoothed the surfaces. I went with him to hang the basement door before cold weather set in. We found the hinges and put them on the door and the frame. The door wouldn't shut, so we took it down, used another set of hinges, but the darn thing still refused to close. We took it down again and thought, argued, and cursed. Mindy suggested that we go home and that she would hire someone to hang the doors. We both said, "No way!"

After another fifteen minutes, we realized that the problem was our having put the hinges on backward. Jim and I felt absolutely stupid, but at the same time a sense of relief came in having figured out how to hang the

doors.

On the way home, Jim and I kept talking about how dumb we were. I told him to look at the bright side of things: we learned how to do something that we would never forget.

That proved to be little consolation to him, and I didn't buy it either.

Most of the projects I've completed are sad-looking things. I tried to dry-pour a concrete slab. It didn't work like the YouTube video promised. I tried to cut a place out of my workbench for my chop saw. It was cock-eyed. Still, I'm stubborn enough to keep on trying to create something that looks right. My desire to be a "craftsman" hasn't cooled, but the costs of materials could make me yell, "Uncle!"

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Thomas Polen wears a TSSAA medal earned in state competition. South-Doyle Athletic Director Daryl Chandler said Polen was a "star athlete."

# The memory of TJ honored through cross country season

**'Star athlete' at South-Doyle committed suicide**

By Steve Williams

Thomas Polen, an exceptionally bright student and versatile runner in his senior year at South-Doyle High School, shockingly committed suicide on Aug. 24, said his father at the cross country regionals on Oct. 25, a year after his son won the meet's Class A-AA championship at Victor Ashe Park.

Polen, who was 18, attended South-Doyle only one year, moving to Knoxville with his family from Illinois. Called "TJ" (Thomas James)

by many student-athletes at South-Doyle and other schools in the area, his memory has been honored throughout the cross country season this fall.

Karns had a plaque with Thomas' picture and track shoes hanging in its team tent at the region meet, while "our kids wore (TJ) ribbons and sweatbands," said S-D Coach Don Madgett.

Jeff Polen, Thomas' father, took time to talk about his son at the recent region meet.

"I wish we would have saw signs," began Jeff. "I wish we would have known that he was hurting or he didn't want to go to college or whatever the case was. My son got a 34 on

his ACT. He had hundreds of scholarships. He was one of the smartest, sweetest boys. He won this regional last year. It hurt that he didn't want to run in (college).

"But finding my son dead was probably the hardest day I ever had in my life," with his voice agonizing as he recalled that moment.

Polen had received two academic scholarships from the University of Tennessee, which together equaled a "free ride," said his father.

The tragedy happened on the opening day of the 2023-24 school year at UT. Thomas had left home to go to his first of two classes, but when the

teacher didn't show up for the first class, he came back home, recalled his father.

"I was not home," said Jeff. "My wife (Cherie) was at work. His sister (Abbey) was at school. He was the only one there and I found him dead behind my pick-up truck. He had shot himself in the head.

"No note, no message, no sadness, not a word to anyone, not a friend, not a family member, not a teammate, no one, so we have no clue.

"The pain is immense. It comes in waves. Either I'm ecstatic thinking about him and I love him to death or I'm crippled sad and on my knees

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## TSSAA FOOTBALL FIRST ROUND PLAYOFFS



PHOTO BY DAN DUNLAP

Webb senior running back Jalen Hill didn't go down easily for the Evangelical Christian defenders Friday night. Hill was the Spartans' leading rusher in their 34-7 first round playoff win.

# Bearden playoff win the result of outstanding defense

By David Klein

In its first home playoff game since 2015, the Bearden Bulldogs used a lights-out defense and timely plays on offense to beat the Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett Indians 27-0. Bearden had three red zone interceptions, two of them in the end zone, to thwart three Dobyns-Bennett drives. Sam Tummins made one of those interceptions in the endzone to stop an Indian drive. "We practiced really well this week; we did everything normal this week, nothing different and I think that really helped us not overthink anything," Tummins said.

Following a stop of Bearden's first possession, Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett fumbled the punt return. Bearden recovered the football at the Dobyns-Bennett 46-yard line. Two plays later, Jayzon Thompson ran for an 8-yard touchdown to

give Bearden a 7-0 lead with 9:48 left in the first quarter.

Adding to his first touchdown, Thompson ran for another touchdown, 17 yards, to give the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead with 5:24 left in the first quarter.

Following Tummins' interception with 9:43 left in the second quarter, Bearden drove to its 49-yard line, but the drive stalled. Dobyns-Bennett got the ball back, but failed to convert a 4th-and-1 in its own territory. The Bulldogs took full advantage as quarterback Drew Parrott threw a deep pass to Tory Beaufort. There was a personal foul on the Indians that took the ball to the Indians' 20-yard line. On 3rd-and-10 from the 20, Parrott lofted a pass towards a leaping Tummins in the back of the end zone and Tummins caught the pass as he was falling down for a 21-0 Bearden lead with

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# Webb's wish list is to keep winning and beat the Bucs

By Steve Williams

At the top of the Webb football team's wish list has to be a rematch with Boyd Buchanan.

Webb lost at BB 14-10 in their first meeting when the two teams squared off with 8-0 records in Week 10.

If the rematch were to happen, it would have to be in the Division II-AA championship game in Chattanooga

on Nov. 30, because the Spartans and Buccaneers are on the opposite side of the bracket.

Both teams crossed the first hurdle Friday night, as Webb turned back Evangelical Christian School 34-7 at David Meske Stadium and Boyd Buchanan beat Goodpasture 49-20 on its home field in the opening round of the TSSAA playoffs.

Each team is now two wins away from getting an opportunity to hoist the gold football at Finley Stadium. But the hurdles get higher and higher.

"For all of us (in the playoffs), it's just the excitement of we move on and we fill out the bracket and it's like March Madness," said Webb Coach Don Mahoney.

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## TSSAA GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONS

# Three-Peat! Bearden Lady Bulldogs win state again

By Mark Nagi

The Bearden Lady Bulldogs girls' soccer team is one of the top squads in the country, and they proved it once again recently in Chattanooga.

On October 28, the Lady Bulldogs beat Ravenwood 4-0 to capture their third straight state championship in Class AAA, while extending their unbeaten streak to 71 games. They haven't lost a game in three years.

"I don't know who would ever expect that you could win three in a row in our class," said Bearden head coach Ryan Radcliffe. "You don't really expect to go through a season undefeated the way we had been and have a big target on our back."

The TSSAA blind draw was not kind to the top contenders. Bearden, Houston, and Franklin are the three best teams in the state in Class AAA, and all three were placed on the bottom half of the bracket. In the quarterfinals, Bearden beat undefeated



PHOTO BY MARK NAGI

The Bearden Lady Bulldogs celebrate winning state once more on Saturday, October 28.

Houston 2-1. In that game the Lady Bulldogs trailed 1-0 at the half. That was the first time all season in which Bearden was not tied or leading.

"There was no panic and it kind of worried me a little bit in the Houston game," admitted Radcliffe. "The girls were still confident and some of them were even cracking jokes at halftime. I don't know if that is what helped us

in the second half come through... I think we left everything we had on the field against Houston."

The next day the Lady Bulldogs played a Franklin squad in the semifinals that had only lost a single game all season. Bearden won 3-1.

"I told the girls that I don't think there has been a team that had to go through the road that we went through just to be on this field," said

Radcliffe. "That's hats off to Houston and Franklin, and Ravenwood is a great team in their own right.

There was no easy path for us. We tried not to complain too much and just went with it."

In the championship game against Ravenwood, Bearden sophomore Jayla Blue sent a terrific touch pass to Dayton commit Breanna Mendoza, who then beat Ravenwood

keeper Lexi Grundler with a calm finish. That made it 1-0 Lady Bulldogs in the 14th minute.

Less than three minutes later, Bearden (22-0-1) had a free kick at the box of the box from approximately 23 yards away from goal. Tennessee commit Alivia Stott ran over the ball, leaving it for fellow senior Rylie Lucas, who struck a beautiful shot over the wall and to the keeper's right. That

blast put Bearden ahead 2-0.

"It was huge," said Lucas, who is committed to play next year at McKendree in Illinois and would be named championship game MVP. "It definitely gave us more confidence heading into the half. That extra goal gave us more momentum."

Bearden keeper Anna Wyatt made a diving save right before intermission to keep the 2-0 score intact.

In the 56th minute, the Lady Bulldogs got even more momentum when Stott took a pass from her fellow Tennessee commit in the Class of 2024 and finished off a breakaway to make it 3-0. An own goal off a Stott corner kick in the 77th minute completed the scoring.

"I think this senior class knows what it feels like to lose our freshman year," said Lucas. "Understanding everything you work for and all the hard workouts... it all pays off in the end. I think we set... that this is the expectation. We had messages from our alumni and that really fueled us."

## TSSAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Knox County wins four state titles; Farragut boys repeat

By Steve Williams



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUCHEIN

The Farragut boys cross country team is all smiles Thursday after winning their second straight TSSAA championship and sixth in the program's history.

than a second.

Leading the Webb girls to their title was sophomore Jazzlyn Garmer, who placed fourth in 18:05.74. The Lady Spartans, who posted a score of 41, also had Calysta Garmer, Carolina Areheart, Kristina Weaver and Lauren Davis.

Local harriers brought home awards for two state team champions and one runner-up plus two state individual champions and a runner-up.

Nineteen individuals also earned All-State awards for finishing in the Top 15 in their races.

Team-wise, Farragut's boys repeated as the champion in Division I Class AAA and Webb's girls hauled home the Division II-AA championship trophy.

Contributing to the Admirals' score of 41 were Matteo Tonnos, Braden Ebbert, Harris Cunningham, Evan Beeler and Tanner Coggin.

Tonnos was timed in 15:01.47 over the 5,000-meter course at Sanders Ferry Park and was nipped at the finish line by less

than a second.

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It was the Webb girls' first state title since 2018 and the program's 12th all-time.

Colin Eckerman, Webb senior, was impressive in the Division II-AA boys meet as he won with a 14:51.54 time and finished ahead of Catholic junior standout Keegan Smith (15:02.24). Radek Molchan, Catholic sophomore, placed fifth.

The Fighting Irish took fifth in the team standings and Webb was eighth.

Hardin Valley freshman Emma Cissna led Knox County girls in Class AAA as she came in fourth place with a time of 18:11.43. Region 2 and KIL champion Kate Robinson of West

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# The memory of TJ honored through cross country season

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alive. "I'm starting the Thomas James Polen Foundation," said Jeff. "There will be cross country scholarships (\$500 each) given to a boy and girl at South-Doyle and I'm doing the Best of the Best scholarships for (the area's) boys and girls in track and field.

"I pray everybody watches their kids and talks to them. I missed something. Just ask your kids if they're okay. Be there for them."

In addition to becoming South-Doyle's first region champion in cross country in over 30 years, Polen and his teammates set school records as they placed third in the 4x800 and fourth in the 4x400 at the TSSAA state track meet last spring at MTSU.

Thomas also set an individual school record in the open 800.

"He couldn't touch (Catholic standout) Keegan

Smith on a cross country field, but he loved beating him in the 800," his dad chuckled.

"He was a great kid and a wonderful teammate," said Chandler. "I can't say enough good things about him. I traveled with them to the state track meet and spent a day or two with them in the hotel. They were wonderfully behaved young men."

Chandler said suicide among young people is "a national problem. Mental health needs to be addressed. I think our schools are doing a better job each year with trying to identify students, and in society its people at risk. We've got to do a better job."

Chandler also mentioned the effects of the pandemic. "Kids are just now getting back to normal. They were home a year and a half. It was hard on young people and they are just now

getting back to way things were before."

Karns' Rowen Moser-Bryan, also a cross country runner, and Thomas were good friends and Thomas also respected Cade Crum, a Bearden runner, said TJ's dad. In fact, Jeff had come early to this year's region meet to watch Rowen run.

"It says a whole lot about the man (Jeff) to be out here supporting TJ's teammates," said Chandler. "That says a ton right there."

"Rowen has run numerous races with 'Run for TJ' written on his arms or his back or shoulders, because TJ meant something to him," said Jeff. "They're doing it here (at the region) with memorial-type messages."

Like many others, Chandler and Coach Madgett are still saddened by Thomas' death.

"I would just say it was a shock and a huge loss,"

said Madgett, who in addition to being South-Doyle's longtime cross country and track coach is the school's 12th Grade Dean and Science Department Chair. "Besides his running ability, I had him in Physics class and Astronomy class. He was such a good student.

He took the Advanced Placement courses and scored well on the tests.

"I just can't say he was mild-mannered. I can't say enough good things about him. It's a loss for our community and our world that we don't have him in it now."



South-Doyle runners have "Run 4 TJ" on their wrists in a tribute to Thomas James Polen, who committed suicide in August.

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# 'The color they wore was orange'

There have been some interesting stories about the color orange over the years. In early January 1971, for example, media accounts brought Vol fans the news that SEC had instituted the "white jersey rule."

That meant the home team got the choice of jersey color and the visitors had to wear white, except at LSU, where the white shirts have ruled the day, and for a year or two at Vanderbilt.

Tennessee head coach Bill Battle voted against the SEC order that is often referred to as a "Gentlemen's Agreement." "You're dadgum right I did," Battle said in 2005 when he was asked about the issue for the first "Tennessee Football Vault." That was as close as Battle ever came to saying words he shouldn't have.

Orange jerseys were an article of faith for the Vols from 1922-71, home and away, with notable exceptions the 1953 Cotton Bowl against Texas, the 1963 Alabama game at Legion Field, and the 1969 Cotton Bowl, again against Texas. They were all losses by an 87-13 margin. You could understand why the fan base was up in arms over this development. Vol historian Allen Spain also reminds us that the Vols wore white jerseys at home

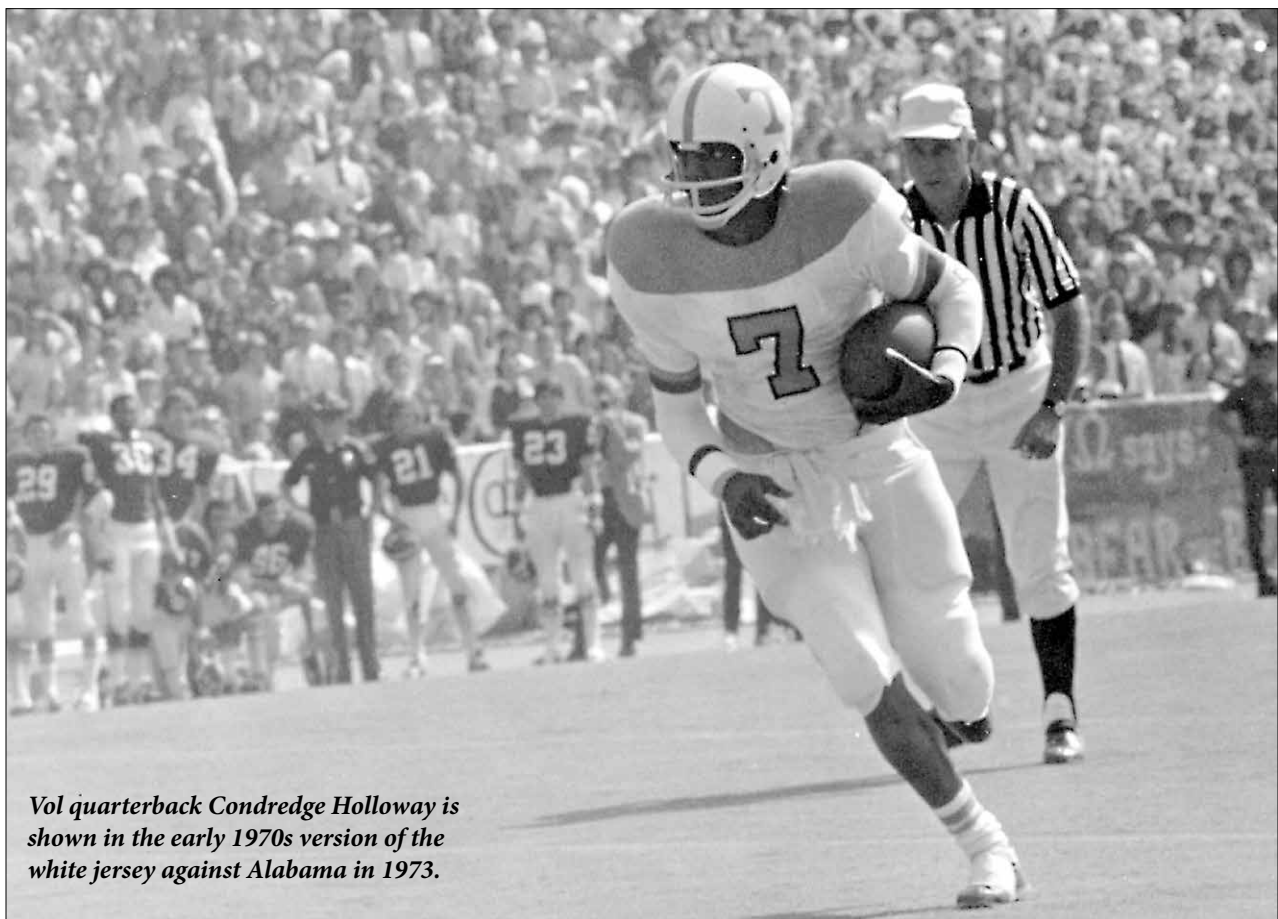
in 1935. That left the Vols in white jerseys away from Neyland Stadium. That caused great fear and trepidation among the Vol faithful. The debut of the white jerseys came Oct. 2 at Florida Field, as it was known back then.

Not only were the Vols having to wear the white shirts, but first year Florida coach Doug Dickey, aware of the impact white jerseys had on Vol fans, also had the Gators outfitted in orange. The Vols won 20-13, but it wasn't easy.

The Vols wore the now-famous white shirts with the orange collar that night and seven more times between 1971 and 1973. The Vols were 5-3 (.625) over that time span and won once more in the 2004 season opener against Texas Tech.

The Vols showed up in those jerseys at Alabama (1971 and 1973), at Vanderbilt (1972), at Georgia (1972), at Ole Miss (1973), Kentucky (1971 and 1973), and the aforementioned Florida game (1971). One Vol fan said those white jerseys with the orange collar were "so ugly you just had to love them."

Those jerseys were put in mothballs after the 1973 season, replaced by ho-hum white jerseys. In 1977, John Majors came marching home, adding some pizzazz to the road shirts with splashes of orange on the sleeves and shoulders. Over the years, Tennessee fans have gradually, perhaps grudgingly,



Vol quarterback Condredge Holloway is shown in the early 1970s version of the white jersey against Alabama in 1973.

accepted the white shirts. The white shirts did carry the day twice at Notre Dame, in 1991 and 2001, both unbelievably significant and exciting victories.

Only once has there been an issue with the jerseys the Vols wore on the road. An Auburn assistant coach showed up for the 1972 Tennessee-Wake Forest game, the second scouting visit after being there a week earlier against Penn State. The News-Sentinel's Tom Siler reported his presence, citing that as a violation of another SEC "Gentleman's Agreement."

How did the Vols react? There was little said during game week, but when the

Vols ran onto Legion Field on Sept. 30, they showed up in their traditional home uniforms.

A tempest in a teapot? Perhaps. The Vols lost a defensive struggle (10-6), the third loss in three years against Shug Jordan's crew after winning three of four games played from 1966 through 1969.

There are other interesting sidelights to the orange jerseys over the years. Rumor has it that the legendary Gene McEver was known to change his number every so often, particularly at home games. He apparently had a financial interest in program sales and worked hard to

let fans know what number he was wearing on any particular day.

Then there was the day in October 1999 when rumors abounded that the Vols would wear black jerseys (with orange pants) against South Carolina. The Vols warmed up in orange, but, when the "T" opened, here came the Vols in black shirts. It was the worst kept secret in town, but caused a stir all across the expanse of Neyland Stadium. The Vols also dispatched the Gamecocks that night, and all was well.

For the "100 Years of Volunteers" ceremonies in 1990, singer Dave Loggins,

a native of Mountain City, performed a song he had written called "Orange Memories." More than 30 years later, it's still a classic. It's a haunting melody and script. "The color they wore was orange" was a dominant theme.

That's why there's nothing like the love affair Vols have had with the orange shirts. Take a look at the sea of orange that envelops Neyland Stadium, game after game, season after season. You can have all the "throwback jerseys" you want, on significant occasions, maybe, but there's nothing like the real deal, the orange shirts with white pants.

## - MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL -

# Warriors notch comeback victory to remain undefeated

By Ken Lay

Whittle Springs Middle School boys basketball coach Cam Ward knew his team would face a hostile crowd Thursday afternoon during its game at Bearden.

The Warriors played the game before a packed and spirited house. They got off to a sluggish offensive start, but roared back to defeat the Bruins, 35-31, in a non-league game in West Knoxville.

"We had a game Monday and we came back and practiced Tuesday, and I warned them that it would be loud over here," Ward said. "I've coached at Bearden before and I knew it was going to be loud."

"It was. The crowd was in midseason form. These fans love their team and they love their school."

The Warriors struggled early, scoring just two points in the first quarter and falling behind, 14-8, by halftime. Whittle Springs

entered the contest with a perfect 2-0 record with wins over Halls and Pigeon Forge and Ward wanted to keep the winning streak going and see his team keep its perfect record intact.

"When we came into the locker room at halftime, I challenged them," said Ward. "I said, 'We're 2-0 and I asked them what we had to do to be 3-0.'"

Well, the Warriors, who managed just two field goals over the first 12 minutes of the game, and were a paltry 2-for-7 from the free throw line, obviously got the message after the halftime. Only two players scored for the Warriors in the opening half as Albert Harris and John Whittington had two points apiece.

"They responded. We had eight points at halftime and we scored 27 points in the second half and we had more than three times the offense in the second half,"

Ward said. "I'm really proud of the kids because this is really a tough place to play and (Bearden) coach (Ben) Zorio does such a great job."

The Warriors rallied in the third frame and used a 13-7 run to tie the game, 21-21, heading to the final frame thanks to a late free throw by Whittington, who finished the game with nine points.

The Warriors finally took their first lead against the Bruins when Yahya Awolowo converted a free throw with 4 minutes, 54 seconds remaining in the game. Harris added a

3-pointer a short time later to give Whittle Springs a 25-21 lead as the Warriors went on an 8-2 run to open a 30-23 advantage before things got crazy.

The Bruins (0-1) pulled to within 30-28 as T.J. Vallejo scored three points and Jamarius Hollingsworth added a bucket before Keirus Cox made a free throw for Whittle Springs to make it 21-28 with 22.5 seconds to go.

The Warriors were called for a technical foul after they turned the ball over with 7.1 seconds left. Vallejo made both free throws to pull the Bruins to

within 31-30 and Bearden was awarded the ball. They came up empty on that possession before Whittle Springs took a 34-30 lead on a 3-pointer by Harris, who was fouled on the play before the Warriors' fans stormed the floor with 0.9 seconds left and Whittle Springs were assessed another technical foul before Harris completed the four-point play to make it 35-30.

Vallejo made one of the two technical free throws to score the final point of the game.

Despite a tough loss, Zorio was pleased with

Bearden's effort against the Warriors.

"We have a young crew," Zorio said. "We have four seventh graders and one sixth grader in our rotation."

"We had several opportunities, and credit Whittles for making a big defensive play. I'm proud of my kids for their effort and their fight. We have a lot to work on and a lot to build on."

Harris led all scorers with 17 points (including 13 after halftime).


Vallejo paced the Bruins with 12 points and seventh-grade post player Dontae Campbell added nine.

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# Knox County wins four state titles; Farragut boys repeat

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placed sixth.

Also in the Top 15 were HVA senior Maddie Archdale in ninth, Karns senior Rylie Gifford in 10th and Hardin Valley freshman Alexandria Vesser in 13th.

Hardin Valley was runner-up in the girls' team competition.

CAK senior Joshua Cross took first place in Division II-A with a time of 16:33.03. Teammate Andrew Mansfield came in ninth as the Warriors placed third among teams.

Grace Christian Academy's girls finished 8th.

In Class A-AA, Anderson County's Ava Moody placed third, while Alcoa's girls team finished third. Anderson County's boys took sixth place as a team. L&N STEM Academy finished 20th.



PHOTOS BY BARRY HOUGHIN

**ABOVE:** The Webb girls cross country team poses for a picture after winning the Division II-AA state championship Friday. Four of their top five runners will be back next season, so the future looks bright. **TOP RIGHT:** Colin Eckerman of Webb crosses the finish line a second ahead of McCallie's Jack Bowen. The Webb senior's time at the state was the best among all four of the classifications. **RIGHT:** Hardin Valley freshman Emma Cissna finishes in fourth place in Class AAA and leads the Lady Hawks to runner-up honors.



## A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

# Road trip to Unicoi County ends better for A-E this time

By Steve Williams

Austin-East pulled out a 48-43 win over Unicoi County in a Class 3A first-round playoff game Friday night at Erwin.

"Before I give you any quotes, I want to say: all praise and all glory be to God," said A-E Head Coach Antonio Mays, who was contacted on the phone as he and his team made the two-hour trip back to Knoxville.

At the time of the phone call from this reporter, it was about 15 minutes after midnight. Coach Mays said they were near Morristown and less than an hour from Knoxville.

The Roadrunners had a 14-point lead, said Mays, but the Blue Devils came back.

"I think there was like 53 seconds left to go in the game and they took the lead," he continued. "But we hit a long pass from Shane Cherry to Isaiah Flowers to set us up and Demarcus Allen caught a slant and we went ahead with like 23 seconds left.

"They had a really big play set them up to throw a Hail Mary and we tackled the kid."

That ended the game.

"It was exciting and a good high school football game," added Mays. "My coaching staff did a phenomenal job of coaching on the fly and making adjustments not just at halftime but in between series.

"We came here two years ago and they beat us. A lot of the freshmen that played in that game are juniors now. My seniors that were playing (tonight) obviously were sophomores at the time.

"The kids fought and we got us one."

The win lifted the Roadrunners to 4-7, while Unicoi County finished 7-4.

The A-E head coach was asked what the win meant for his team.

"The most important win of tonight is that the kids were able to learn some lessons that transcend the football field," said Mays. "We're coaching these kids to play football, but we're actually coaching these young boys into men and there were certain plays and certain times in the game that our kids had to learn from.

"I felt winning this game allows us to learn lifelong lessons that maybe we wouldn't have grasped because we would have been frustrated through a loss. I thank God for that, because that's why we are here."

The Roadrunners will play at Alcoa (9-1) in the second round Friday.

### Gibbs advances with comeback win

Gibbs overcame a 20-3 half-time deficit to get past Northview

Academy 28-27 in overtime in a Class 4A first-round playoff game at Ernest Whited Stadium in Corryton Friday night.

Northview scored a touchdown on the first possession of the OT period. The Eagles' Brady Hughes, however, blocked the extra point kick, which opened the door to a victory.

Boone Brockwell scored the tying touchdown on Gibbs' first play and Benji Angola kicked the winning extra point.

"Our defense stepped up in the second half," said Gibbs Head Coach Brad Turner.

The Eagles (9-2) will play at undefeated Greeneville (9-0) in the second round Friday.

"Obviously, we've got to heal up a little bit," said Turner.

As far as facing the Greene Devils, the Gibbs coach said, "You gotta believe you can win. We have the opportunity to do something special."

In other playoff action, Knoxville Catholic defeated Father Ryan 37-14 for its first-ever Division II-AAA victory.

Halls' turnaround season ended in a 35-14 loss at Morristown West. That sets up a match between Lamar Brown's West Rebels and the Trojans of Morristown West, where Brown coached before taking the West job.

### Titans' Mr. Football semifinalists named

Semifinalists for the Tennessee Titans' Mr. Football awards, including Kicker of the Year, were announced last week and four are from Knox County: Steven Soles, Jr. of Powell in Division I Class 5A; Markeis Barrett and Cooper Cameron of Webb in Division II-AA; and Owen Taylor of Halls for Kicker of the Year.

Three finalists in each category are to be announced on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

This is the 39th year that the Mr. Football Awards have been presented to Tennessee's best high school football players.

### Wreaths Across America

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## High School Football Scores and Schedule

Playoff Scores	
<b>First-Round Games   Nov. 3</b>	
<b>Class 3A</b>	
A-E 48, Unicoi Co. 43	
<b>Class 4A</b>	
Greeneville 48, Fulton 14	
Gibbs 28, Northview 27 (OT)	
Elizabethton 38, Carter 0	
<b>Class 5A</b>	
Sevier Co. 51, Central 20	
Powell 42, Tenn. High 14	
Morris. West 35, Halls 14	
West 34, Daniel Boone 0	
<b>Class 6A</b>	
Bearden 27, Kingsport 0	
<b>Division II-AA</b>	
CPA 42, CAK 6	
Webb 34, ECS 7	
<b>Division II-AAA</b>	
Catholic 37, Father Ryan 14	

Playoff Pairings	
<b>Second Round   Nov. 10</b>	
<i>(Kickoff time 7 unless noted)</i>	
<b>Class 3A</b>	
Austin-East (4-7) at Alcoa (9-1)	
<b>Class 4A</b>	
Gibbs (9-2) at Greeneville (9-0)	
<b>Class 5A</b>	
Powell (8-3) at Sevier Co. (10-1)	
Morris. West (6-5) at West (10-1)	
<b>Class 6A</b>	
Bearden (8-3) at Jeff. Co. (10-1)	
<b>Division II-AA</b>	
Webb (10-1) at FRA (10-1)	
<b>Division II-AAA</b>	
Catholic (6-5) at MUS (9-1)	

## Bearden playoff win

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two seconds left in the first half.

"You know I've been playing with Sam since third or fourth grade," Parrott said.

"He's been my number one target since. You know we trust each other; I trust him to make a play on the ball. Whenever we got vertical routes going, he's my number one target. I love that guy."

Bearden thwarted multiple Kingsport drives in the second half, stopping the Indians on two straight fourth downs and Ethan Couvertiere made an interception off Kingsport's Austin Sykes' pass in the end zone. However, the Bulldogs could not get anything going offensively to take advantage of the defensive stops.

Kingsport had one last opportunity to put points on the board, but Nick Hodge intercepted Sykes' pass at the Bearden 2-yard line and ran the interception back 98 yards for a Bulldog

touchdown as the clock ran out. There were multiple penalty flags on the play, but the touchdown stood and Bearden celebrated the 27-0 win.

For the game, Dobyns-Bennett outrushed the Bulldogs, netting 151 yards to the Bulldogs' 93, but Bearden's defense made the plays when Kingsport got into Bulldog territory.

"Hats off to our defense," Bearden coach Josh Jones said. "They've played outstanding all season long. Our defensive staff does a good job preparing them. The kids buy in, lock in, focus up. The foundation of our program is built on effort and that's what they play with. Couldn't be more proud. To shut this team out, saying that was unrealistic, but we made it happen."

Bearden (8-3) travels to Jefferson County (10-1) Friday for the second round of the Class 6A playoffs. Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett ends its season at 5-5-1.

# Webb's wish list is to keep winning and beat the Bucs

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"Webb, to their credit, made a lot of plays in critical moments," said ECS Coach Blake Butler. "That kind of helped bust the game open.

"I felt like our kids came out and fought hard. Unfortunately, we just made some mistakes that cost us. That's how football goes. Webb is a well-coached team and they play hard and sound. My hat is off to them. It's a tough moment. There's only one team happy at the end of the year."

ECS finished 4-7, but Mahoney said they played more like a 9-1 or 8-2 team.

It took most of the first quarter before Webb scored to take a 6-0 lead. After an interception by linebacker Cooper Cameron at midfield, the Spartans scored from the 2 when wide receiver Markeis Barrett showed off his great hands in the back of the end zone to pull in the TD pass from Jack Wagner.

Webb's second score took only three plays as Gregory Tate III hauled in a 74-yard pass from Wagner. A two-point pass to Barrett made it 14-0.

A diving interception by DB Harvey Niendorff got the ball back at the Spartans' 19, but the two teams traded punts the remainder of the quarter.

A 60-yard TD catch by RB Jalen Hill was nullified by an illegal block as the second half started. The Eagles from West Tennessee showed some life when Kade Butler hit Max Stegall on a 74-yard catch-and-run and Olin Giles' PAT kick made it a 14-7 game.

The Spartans answered with a 10-play, 64-yard drive and Hill scored on a 5-yard run around the left side. The PAT kick by Clay Fultz upped the advantage to 21-7.

ECS returned the kickoff to the 46, but Tate got Webb's third interception.

A 26-yard Wagner pass to Cameron and a 15-yard run by the QB led to a 22-yard TD aerial to Barrett, who seemed to find a magical path into the ECS end zone. The PAT by Fultz made it 28-7 with 1:53 on the third quarter clock.

Another interception by Tate stopped the Eagles at the Webb 11. Baxter Johnson's 35-yard catch

highlighted another Spartan scoring drive as Wagner connected with Barrett for a 24-yard TD at 8:30 in the fourth.

There would be no more scoring, but a fifth INT for the secondary and Niendorff's second of the night.

"The key to the win was the second half and how we were having the ability to run the football," said Coach Mahoney. "Our defense, I can't say enough about five interceptions."

Hill, a tough 5-9, 180-pounder, led Webb's ground game with 143 yards on 18 carries. Barrett totaled 87 yards with his eight receptions. Wagner passed for 225 yards, completing 14 of 23.

There was a lot of yellow on the field as ECS was penalized for 137 yards and Webb 120.

Webb (10-1) will play at Franklin Road Academy (10-1) Friday.

Boyd Buchanan (11-0) will host Northpoint Christian (8-3) in the second round.

Webb fans' wish list probably includes pulling for the Buccaneers for two more weeks, but not a day more.



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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 O. 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 Coalson 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 Coalson, an Attorney whose address is Owings, Wilson, & Coleman 900 S. Gay Street, Suite 800, Knoxville, Tennessee within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or the real property of 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  
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### 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

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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.

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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 liens(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 ANGELS 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 defen-

dant, 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

**TO: TOM HUMPHREY, LARRY SPENCER, ERIC SPENCER, and CHRISTOPHER SPENCER, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint.**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS BENJAMIN FOSTER**

vs.

**THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF LILLIE JANE HUMPHREY, BEING JACQUELYN HUMPHREY AULT, CYNTHIA HUMPHREY EASTER, TIMOTHY HUMPHREY, TOM HUMPHREY, LARRY SPENCER, ERIC SPENCER, CHRISTOPHER SPENCER, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT.**

NO. 207084-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TOM HUMPHREY, LARRY SPENCER, ERIC SPENCER, and CHRISTOPHER SPENCER, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint, 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 , TOM HUMPHREY, LARRY SPENCER, ERIC SPENCER, and CHRISTOPHER SPENCER, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint is ordered that said defendant, ! file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with KARA L. STEVENS, an Attorney whose address is 9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 1200 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922 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 at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 31st day of OCTOBER, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOLLIE EUWANA CLEVINGER 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 CLEVINGER, 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 CLEVINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**PAMELA CLEVINGER 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 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 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. GEFREY D. DAVIS 7915 TAZEVELL PIKE CORYTON, TN 37721**

**STEPHEN K. GARRETT, ATTORNEY 7838 BARKER ROAD CORYTON, 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 (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 24 day of 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 and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 19 day of 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 to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 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**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF OAKLIE KERMIT MCCONNELL, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 88600-3**

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

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## 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, TN 37920

MICHAEL CROWDER, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 442  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EDDIE FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 88594-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDDIE FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON, who died on August 3, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF EDDIE FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
HIRAM C. WILLIAMSON  
2412 CRAGHEAD LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JERRY W. BINKLEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 88554-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JERRY W. BINKLEY, who died on August 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 (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 26 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JERRY W. BINKLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELAINE M. BINKLEY, EXECUTOR  
839 CINDERELLA CT.  
DECATUR, GA 30033

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HARLEN L BREEDEN  
DOCKET NUMBER 88562-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARLEN L BREEDEN who died Jul 30, 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 first publication as described in (1)A); 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 HARLEN L BREEDEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JASON BREEDEN; EXECUTOR

140 WALLER AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN. 37803

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BRENDA L. SCOTT CLONINGER  
DOCKET NUMBER 88178-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2023, Probate Letters of Testamentary, in respect to the estate of BRENDA L. SCOTT CLONINGER, Deceased, who died on November 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 Decedent's estate, are required to file such claims with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the date prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 to Creditors 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 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF BRENDA L SCOTT CLONINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JULIA CLONINGER  
7235 NICHOLS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

JOHN NOLAN SHARBEL, ATTORNEY  
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE  
BLDG. D, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOAN TERESA DILELLO  
DOCKET NUMBER 88565-1**

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

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 20 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOAN TERESA DILELLO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RUSSELL VAN PATTEN; EXECUTOR  
10731 BALD CYPRESS LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EVELYN DIANA SMITH FLAHERTY  
DOCKET NUMBER 88589-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVELYN DIANA SMITH FLAHERTY, who died on October 10, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the 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 25 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF EVELYN DIANA SMITH FLAHERTY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RICHARD DELMAS BREEZY  
WYNN, EXECUTOR  
2742 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

RICHARD T. SCROGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY  
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES HENRY HAWKINS, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 88592-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of OCTOBER, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES HENRY HAWKINS, JR. who died August 7, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (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 of this notice if the creditor re-

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 25 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES HENRY HAWKINS, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
AUDREY ANITA JACKSON;  
ADMINISTRATOR

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY  
CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 4415  
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ADAM HAYES  
DOCKET NUMBER 88633-3**

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

- (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 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF ADAM HAYES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DR. WILLIAM HAYES, JR.  
1148 E. NOKOMIS CIR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

FELICIA F. COALSON ATTORNEY  
900 S. GAY ST. SUITE 800  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BRENDA BAILEY KISABETH  
DOCKET NUMBER 88617-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRENDA BAILEY KISABETH who died Sep 8, 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 24 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF BRENDA BAILEY KISABETH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHERINE KISABETH BOCKMANN; EXECUTRIX  
550 FARRAGUT COMMONS DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY BETH (ELIZABETH) LEWIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 88595-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of October 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY BETH (ELIZABETH) LEWIS who died Jul 5, 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 MARY BETH (ELIZABETH) LEWIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PATRICIA ELAINE RUTHERFORD;  
ADMINISTRATRIX  
7622 MORRIS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALEKSANDRA B LIPECKI  
DOCKET NUMBER 88568-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALEKSANDRA B LIPECKI who died Aug 6, 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 re-

ceived 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 ALEKSANDRA B LIPECKI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
YVONNE L HOSEY; EXECUTRIX  
7250 RUGGLES FERRY PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LEONARD N. LUTTRELL, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 88619-1**

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

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF LEONARD N. LUTTRELL, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
BRANDON L LUTTRELL  
1122 WOODDALE CHURCH ROAD  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ANTHONY LYNN DUNLAP  
DOCKET NUMBER 88513-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ANTHONY LYNN DUNLAP who died August 27, 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 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF ANTHONY LYNN DUNLAP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
MIKA LEANN BURNS  
2107 STRAWBERRY DRIVE  
NEW MARKET, TN 37820

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL DAVID MAY, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 88577-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of October 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL DAVID MAY, JR. who died Sep 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 20 day of October, 2023.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL DAVID MAY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CRISTY MELINDA HIRSCH; EXECUTRIX  
2711 KEITH AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA A MOORE  
DOCKET NUMBER 88584-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA A MOORE who died May 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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA A MOORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHARON L MOORE; EXECUTRIX  
4309 SAN JUAN LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CATHERINE MERRELL PALMER  
DOCKETS NUMBER 88418-1**

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

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the 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 day 1 of NOVEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE MERRELL PALMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NORMA LEA DANIEL  
8344 HARBOR COVE DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TRACY DENISE REED  
DOCKET NUMBER 88571-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of OCTOBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TRACY DENISE REED who died Aug 6, 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 TRACY DENISE REED

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
FELICIA A LASTER; EXECUTRIX  
2112 MOSAIC LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 3

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

# A guilty conscience needs no accuser, II

By Jadon Gibson

Floyd Williams had very little schooling. A reporter from the Hazel Green Herald newspaper, Spence Cooper helped Floyd Williams write his confession on July 7, 1885. His hanging drew near in the small Kentucky town of Campton. Cooper did an excellent job in telling the young man's story. Floyd had an affair with Peyton "Pate" Stricklin's wife and was nearly killed when he was caught in Pate's bed. Had Pate's gun not misfired he surely would have killed Williams. "She jumped up and hurried me out the door saying he would kill me if I didn't leave," Floyd's confession continued. "About a week later Pate came and tried

to get me to go back to work for him. It really surprised me. I just couldn't do it 'cause I didn't trust him. "Then he sent his wife to get me to change my mind. After listening to her I agreed to go back with her and work with her husband. I worked for Pate but then he refused to pay me. He said I should get payment from his wife. I told him that wasn't our agreement and he told me to leave and threatened to kill me if I ever came back to his house. "I did some work for John Rose putting up fencing then one day Pate Stricklin came by. I couldn't believe it. He said he had thought about it and decided he had done me wrong. He wanted me to come back and do some more work for him. I

knew better than to go but I finally told him I would think about it. I had to say something to get him to leave. "Then he sent his wife again to get me to return. I told her if I did one of us would probably die. She left but came back again the next night saying he had some ground for me to work and to fatten up a hog. He said he promised he would do me right. I decided to talk with him about it." When Floyd arrived Pate asked him if he trusted him. Floyd answered he was afraid he wouldn't live up to his side of the bargain. Pate insisted that he would and agreed to have a nearby preacher draw up papers to sign. Floyd relented and fattened up a hog on Pate's

corn and in turn the two were to share the meat. When Pate had the hog slaughtered he took all the meat. He put it in his smokehouse and wouldn't give any to Floyd. Heated words were exchanged and the two men drew their guns but Pate's wife and another man intervened, preventing gunplay. "Pate argued that I failed to clear off some of the land and plant corn as I was supposed to do," Floyd explained. "The following day I went back but afterwards Pate came and said it was too late. He told me to do nothing more. I saw him at the blacksmith shop later that day and we had trouble again. "His wife came later and told me Pate was going to

kill me the next morning. She said if I ever planned to kill him I should do it soon before he waylays me. "After dark I went down to the blacksmith shop and took a gun that belongs to George Miller," Floyd continued. "I took and hid it in a fence corner. "I woke up early the next morning and the clock struck five as I put on my shoes. I got the gun where I had it hidden and went up the creek to the cornfield. I was afraid the gun wouldn't fire after being outside all night so I fired it at a small beech tree. It worked and I found that the bullet was true. "I took a pistol ball and loaded the gun and went to where Pate was to plow that day. I hid where I could see

him good as he hooked up the plow. He soon arrived with his wife and little girl not far behind. As he hitched up his horse to the plow I shot the fatal shot that sent his soul into eternity. "In the middle of the afternoon, I heard from a neighbor that Pate had been shot and killed. I went with my brother and two other men to Pate's home to show our condolences. "There were nearly twenty people there and they all looked at me like they knew I was guilty. A guilty conscience needs no accuser I guess." COPYRIGHT 2023 JADON GIBSON

Jadon Gibson is a freelance writer from Harrogate. His stories are both historic and nostalgic in nature.

# An Oak for Those with Limited Space

## UT Gardens' November Plant of the Month

In 1974 the legendary nurseryman Earl Cully planted a thousand acorns from a cross of the columnar English oak (Quercus robur 'Fastigiata') with our native swamp white oak (Q. bicolor). Only a few of the hundreds of seedlings had the desired attributes of both species that Cully was looking for and made it into this final cut. Regal Prince® was Cully's first introduction and Quercus × warei 'Nadler' Kindred Spirit®, with an even tighter habit, was the second. The original Kindred Spirit is located in Jacksonville, Illinois, on what was once Mr. Cully's property. It is over 40 years old and has long since proven itself. From its American swamp white oak parentage, it inherited the ability to tolerate constantly damp, as well as dry soil, cold hardiness, heat tolerance, powdery mildew resistance and limbs that withstand wind and ice.

The shiny, dark, leathery leaves have silvery green undersides and are particularly noticeable when dancing in the wind. In fall, the foliage turns golden brown before dropping to reveal a strong framework of upswept branches. Despite being a hybrid, it produces attractive medium size acorns that provide a food source for small mammals. Rising like an exclamation point, Kindred Spirit serves as a powerful vertical element in the landscape and its tight upright habit gives it a formal feel. The tree makes a bold focal point, and when planted in a row, forms a handsome property-defining screen or windbreak. Due to its hybrid nature, it possesses "hybrid vigor." When grown in average to good garden conditions it will be fast-growing in its youth. A young Kindred Spirit can easily grow 12- to 24-inches a year. Expect it to reach 30- to 40-feet tall and 6- to 7-feet wide in 30 years. Kindred Spirit prefers a sunny site and average to good soil with

regular water during periods of drought during its first couple of growing seasons. Once established, the tree is quite drought tolerant, though constantly damp soil will pose no problem. It is tolerant of urban pollution and salt. It grows best from USDA Zone 4b to 8a, and can be seen in the UT Gardens, Jackson, in the upright tree collection and in Knoxville growing behind the Food Science Building on the UT Institute of Agriculture campus. The UT Gardens includes plant collections located in Knoxville, Crossville and Jackson, Tennessee. Designated as the official botanical garden for the State of Tennessee, the UT Gardens are part of the UT Institute of Agriculture. The Gardens' mission is to foster appreciation, education and stewardship of plants through garden displays, educational programs and research trials. The Gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public. For more information, see the Gardens website:

utia.tennessee.edu/state-botanical-garden. The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is composed of UT AgResearch, UT College

of Veterinary Medicine, UT Extension and the Herbert College of Agriculture. Through its land-grant mission of research, teaching and extension, the Institute

touches lives and provides Real. Life. Solutions. utia.tennessee.edu. Submitted by Jason Reeves Curator of the UT Gardens Jackson.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS R TUCKER DOCKET NUMBER 88587-2

Notice is hereby given that on the day 27 of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS R. TUCKER who died November 6, 2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 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 27 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF THOMAS R. TUCKER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SONYA LAY AND MARGARET MURRAY 3913 STONEBRIDGE DR POWELL, TN 37849

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY 1810 MERCHANT DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILTON ALMON TURNER SR DOCKET NUMBER 88558-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of

NOVEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of MILTON ALMON TURNER, SR. who died July 19, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF MILTON ALMON TURNER, SR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) EMILY MARIE BROWNING TURNER 7609 CHARLTON ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID E. WINSON DOCKET NUMBER 88580-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of OCTOBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID E. WINSON 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 (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25 day of OCTOBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF DAVID E. WINSON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MIRIAM CAROL WINSON 703 HAMID PLACE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920 MICHAEL R. CROWDER, ATTORNEY 4TH FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA BLDG. P.O. BOX 442 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## MISC. NOTICES LEGAL SECTION 94

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

- Bid 3468, Proposed Bridge Replacement on Huday Road Over Legg Creek, due 12/7/23;
- Bid 3488, Construction of Hardin Valley Academy Addition, due 12/12/23;
- Bid 3489, Wheelchair Safety Guards for CAC, due 12/7/23;
- RFQ 3492, Architectural and Engineering Services, due 12/7/23;
- Bid 3493, Motorcycles, due 12/7/23

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE. ROLL CALL: 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG; 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; 3. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY; 4. APPLICATIONS:

- 5a. ISHVIKA INC.....Forks of the River 2601 E Governor John Sevier Hwy Knoxville, TN 37914 Off Premises (District 9)
- 5b. D'S SMOKE BEER INC .....D'S SMOKE AND BEER 3821 E Governor John Sevier Hwy Knoxville, TN 37914 Off Premises (District 9)
- 6. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS: 6a. 441 Market, 9730 Norris Freeway, District 8, Mr. Leon Vineyard, owner 1st offense - June 28, 2021, 2nd offense - September 25, 2023 Beer Permit was issued on December 19, 1983 6b. Casey's #4122, 6804 Clinton Hwy, District 7, CGS Stores, LLC, owners 1st offense - May 23, 2022, 2nd offense - October 16, 2023

Beer Permit issued February 2, 2022 6c. Kenjo, #21, 8901 Oak Ridge Hwy, District 6, Mr. Charles Carruthers, owner 1st offense - July 25, 2022, 2nd offense - October 16, 2023 Beer Permit issued November 5, 1993

## ADJOURNMENT:

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System for Employees of KCSO Board of Directors Meeting Monday, November 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Merit System Office Room 103, Old Court House 300 W. Main Street

NOTE: Those wishing to sign up to speak on the agenda item can do so via the Merit System website at www.knoxcounty.org/meritsystem, emailing merit.systems@knoxcounty.org or calling the office at 865-215-4446. The deadline to sign up to speak is Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Executive Committee of the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, November 7, 2023, in suite 403 of the City-County Building, 400 Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902 immediately following the November Agenda Review meeting which begins at 11:30 AM.

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and claims being held on the storage lot of Ogles Wrecker Service located at 4401 Asheville Hwy. Failure to claim these vehicles will be a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent

to sell vehicles. 2015 Chevy Cruze 1G1PC5SB4F7115727 2004 Nissan Sentra 3N1CB51D64L886424 1996 Chrysler TWC 1C4GP64L1T837276 2016 Chevy Malibu 1G1ZE5ST1GF310882

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following vehicle will be sold at auction on at 9:00 a.m. on November 22, 2023, at Eurotech Knoxville, 7223 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37931. Phone 865-693-8911. 2016 Land Rover LR4 white VIN SALAK2V-67GA838627 Owners name: Matthew and Vivian Hatfield instead of Matt and Vicky

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for title: Charles Frazier hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 2004 CHEVY 1500 TRUCK, Vehicle Identification Number 1GCEK-19T94E107737. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Charles Frazier by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to PO Box 6704, Knoxville, TN 37914. Published in The Knoxville Focus Monday, November 6, 2023.