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## KCSO merit board seat open for applicants

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Although John Valliant III appealed to the Knox County Commission for a reappointment to the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board, his request ran into some objections from commissioners. Now it appears his seat on the board is open for applicants.

Valliant was nominated for reappointment by Commissioner Terry

Hill. She talked about nominating him when she was the commission chairperson and described him as having no complaints and that he "did a good job."

Valliant has filed a lawsuit against the county objecting to the rule that the members of the board are restricted from political activities. Commissioner Rhonda Lee said she has learned that several other people have "an interest to serve" on the board. She suggested opening up the

application process in which Valliant and others could apply.

Commissioner Larsen Jay then moved that the commission "go back to the public process" to accept resumes. The vote was 6-5 to do so. Commissioners voting "Yes" were Jay, Lee, Shane Jackson, Angela Russell, Andy Fox and Kim Frazier. Voting "No" were Hill, Damon Rawls, Courtney Durrett, Gina Oster and Adam Thompson.

The merit board is made up of unpaid volunteers appointed by

the county mayor and commission to oversee KCSO policies and personnel. Resumes will be accepted through Friday, October 11 and candidate interviews are scheduled to start on Monday, October 21.

In other business, an attempt to delay a vote on the county changing the Knox County Code to comply with Homeland Security rules failed. Commissioner Fox, with a second from Lee, questioned the "broad statement"

on non-discrimination policy that will now apply not only to county employees but the general public in order to receive federal grants.

Fox was referring to the portion of the policy dealing with discrimination against "sex" specifically and referred to gender in school sports. Commissioner Durrett replied that the county is always required to comply with federal civil rights laws. Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers agreed, adding, **Continue on page 3**



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Tennessee men's basketball coach Rick Barnes addresses the media at last week Rick Barnes Emerald Youth Golf Tournament. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Emerald Youth Foundation. Barnes is on the Board of Directors for the foundation.

## Emerald Youth hosts Rick Barnes Golf Classic at Holston Hills

By Ken Lay

The 2024-25 college basketball season looms around the corner and the Tennessee basketball team kicked its preparation for the new campaign into high gear on Tuesday.

On Monday, Sept. 23, the day before the Vols had their first official practice, coach Rick Barnes appeared at the annual Rick Barnes Emerald Youth Golf Classic presented by First Century Bank.

The tournament, which was held at Holston Hills Country Club, is one of the primary fundraisers for the Emerald Youth Foundation, a ministry that serves inner-city youth through sports and educational opportunities.

Barnes, who begins his 11th season as UT's head

coach, had some thoughts on the upcoming season, which follows Tennessee's run to the Elite Eight round of the NCAA Tournament, and basketball wasn't far from his mind. But this day was to bring awareness and raise money for the Emerald Youth Foundation, which has served Knoxville's inner-city youth for more than three decades.

"When I first came here, my wife and I wanted to get involved in the community," Barnes said. "So, I asked Mr. (Jim) Haslam about it, and he suggested that I get involved with the Emerald Youth Foundation."

Barnes has been involved with the organization ever since, serving on its Board of Directors.

"I love the work that (CEO) Steve Diggs has done

with Emerald Youth, leading young people to Christ and making sure that every child has the opportunity to live a full life," Barnes said. "I really appreciate all the work that Steve Diggs has done."

The Emerald Youth Foundation and its work have always been close to Barnes' heart.

A native of Hickory, North Carolina, Barnes grew up as a latch-key kid and relied on coaches and other educators for mentorship and guidance.

"It's been a big part of my life since I've been here," he said. "And I feel truly blessed to be in a place like Knoxville. We're lucky to be here where people come together to support something like this."

"It's important to me

because I had people like these people, who played a big role in my life. They were a big part of my life and an important part of my life at a time when I needed them."

Final totals for proceeds raised by this year's tournament were not available at press time but Emerald Youth Foundation spokesman John Crooks said, "It was a successful tournament."

As part of this year's event, Barnes and the Winegardner Foundation issued a matching gift challenge. The community was encouraged to raise \$250,000 in support of Emerald Youth, which would be doubled by Barnes and Dean Winegardner, a local businessman, meaning the total raised could be nearly \$500,000.

## Schaad, Ball Camp intersections on Lobetti Road to be closed

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Schaad Road improvements are underway from its eastern end at Oak Ridge Highway to its junction with Ball Camp Pike on the west. The route is increasingly busy serving the new houses and subdivisions.

Lobetti Road crosses

the nearly complete section of Schaad Road and then runs south to Ball Camp, crossing the railroad track just before that intersection.

The county has been proposing to close Lobetti both at its northern junction with Schaad and where it ends at **Continue on page 3**

## Biggs announces partnership for safer neighborhoods and a safer community

Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs, Sheriff Tom Spangler of the Knox County Sheriff's Office, and Chief Deputy Bernie Lyon are joining together for a "safer neighborhoods, safer communities" initiative.

Biggs told The Focus that inside the tax statements mailed out last week is a tool for people to report suspicious activity, crime tips, or information they want an officer to have but want to remain anonymous.

"We want to be clear this isn't for 'true emergent reporting.' People should still call 911 for emergencies," Trustee Biggs said.

"However, it is a way to introduce those new to the area to their sheriff's office; it is tangible and a system that has been

proven to work. If you see something, say something. It might be surprising how being alert in your community can deter crime.

"As your Trustee, I was raised by a career law enforcement officer, and I understand how important it is for all of us

to be involved in keeping our families, homes, businesses, and children safe. Every property owner gets a tax statement from us, and we felt it was an excellent opportunity to give them a tool to be proactive in their neighborhoods and keep Knox County safe.

"As elected officials, it's our duty to the public we serve to communicate and find ways to improve the lives of our citizens. I am honored to be Knox County's Trustee and grateful to raise my daughter here."



Justin Biggs  
Knox Co. Trustee

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# Kamala Is Pretending To Be Moderate – She Never Has Been

From a distance



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Kamala Harris and her supporters are attempting to pull off the biggest scam in U.S. political history. They are attempting to fool the American people into believing that Harris, who was the most far-Left member of the U.S. Senate, is some type of moderate, middle-of-the-road candidate. Almost everyone who has any interest in American politics knows that the national media has become possibly the strongest part of the Democratic Party. The media is now trying to help Harris pull off this

scam by smiling and laughing her way into the White House. Reporters love to ask former President Trump hostile, gotcha, or even rude questions while they swoon over Vice President Harris when she speaks only in platitudes or generalities. Harris won all her elections in California, our most liberal state, by parading and bragging about her far-Left, radical policies. Now, she is attempting to become something she never has been and fool the American people by running as fast as she can to the middle. Last year a California state task force recommended as much as \$1.2 million per person for black people who have suffered five different types of discrimination. This was too much even for the very liberal Governor Gavin Newsom, and his

administration essentially defeated several different reparations bills by sending \$6,000,000 to the California State University System for further study. As I write this, a video from 2019 shows Harris telling Rev. Al Sharpton in a smiling, laughingly way how proud she would be to sign a national reparations bill. Unfortunately, this video will probably only be shown on the FOX Network. Harris is now trying to portray herself as a tough-on-crime prosecutor. Her campaigns, both in past years and now, have taken credit for hundreds of convictions that prosecutors under her handled, and while she almost never served as the lead lawyer in a case that actually went all the way to a jury. Showing her true colors, she helped raise bail money for people charged with looting and burning Minneapolis and has

spoken in the past in favor of no bail laws and against what those on the far-Left call mass incarceration. A few days ago, the California legislature passed a bill to give illegal immigrants \$150,000 in no-interest loans to purchase homes. Harris has been on record and has said in televised interviews that she favors giving illegal immigrants free everything – health-care, education, housing, driver’s licenses, etc. The Biden-Harris administration and big cities in California, New York, and other places have spent billions housing illegal immigrants, often in expensive hotels. Reporters should ask her about this, but probably won’t, so I hope Trump will continue to raise the issue. Harris wants more immigration because the Democratic Party realizes it needs more black and

brown voters to keep winning elections. However, this may end up backfiring on them. Even the liberal Prime Minister of Canada has announced a crackdown on illegal immigration in anticipation of an election there next year since so many Canadians are getting fed up, as are the minority communities in several American cities. Harris has come out strongly in favor of electric vehicles. Her administration has been basically forcing the big automakers to invest heavily in these vehicles that very few Americans want. In July, the Administration gave \$1.7 billion to revitalize 11 shuttered or at-risk auto manufacturing facilities to help push EVs. The Detroit News, in reporting this money, said, “Customers are balking at comparatively high prices, voicing concerns with range

anxiety, charging availability, and public money subsidizing private industry.” Harris and the Democrats want much higher gas prices and even more expensive vehicles because they are controlled by environmental extremists who want people to drive less and be forced to use mass transit. This just scratches the surface of her radical views, because the truth is that Kamala Harris is the most far-Left candidate ever nominated for president by America’s two major political parties. People from more than 150 countries have come across our southern border in the last year, fleeing socialist-run governments. The worst thing we can do now is elect a socialist, far-Left candidate who will wreck the economy in this country.

## On the Fed’s rate cut

As widely anticipated, the Fed announced a cut in its Fed Funds target rate. Mind you this is not a cut in market interest rates but a cut in the interest rate on overnight bank borrowings. The cut was 50 basis points which lowers the target range on Fed Funds from 5.25% - 5.5% to 4.75% - 5%. Normally, the Fed moves in steps of 25 basis points so in the past a change of 50 basis points would have engendered a strong reaction in the market. However, the Dow Jones only went up by 100 points which is a rounding error in a market where the Dow Jones sits at 41,503 and fell back 100 points a day later. So what happened? The reason there was little



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if any effect was that the market was anticipating a cut of 50 basis points. Any other change would have moved the market but not this one even some clueless media types called the move “historic.” Remember the story about the two-handed economist - “On the one hand / On the other hand”? If the market were excited that a 50 basis point cut would stimulate economic activity by making borrowing cheaper, the Dow Jones would have moved significantly up. If the market had thought that the Fed had panicked over the lousy job numbers, the market would have fallen. Rather, the market reaction was ho-hum – a more

wait-and-see. The Fed is signaling with the 50 bp cut that it has inflation under control and we can have employment growth without an uptick in prices. If the market felt the same way, we should have seen a stronger market reaction. Instead, the virtually stable movement shows caution and skepticism. Consumers should not get all excited either. Credit card interest rates are notoriously slow to change. Currently sitting at 22 percent, even if the entire 50 basis points were deducted, credit card rates would be 21.5% – not a whopping change. Given the demand for credit, those rates will probably stay in the same place. Where some difference will be felt is in adjustable rate loans where the adjustable rates that are indexed will fall, causing a fall in the loan rates in

the next cycle. Again the rate change will be small. The one area where the 50 basis points will be felt will be in CD rates. For the past year or so, consumers have seen fairly decent CD rates. Now those rates will fall a bit, actually hurting those savers – mainly seniors – who save using CDs. My sainted mother asked me back in 2020 when her CD rates were barely positive, “Why does the Fed hate old people?” The more important move by the Fed will be the next one. The market is actually anticipating that the Fed will continue to cut by another 50 - 75 basis points by the end of the year. Unless there is some crisis, the Open Market Committee will meet in November and December meaning another 50 basis point cut might occur at one of those meetings. However, at this

meeting of the Open Market Committee, one Fed governor argued for a smaller cut this time and perhaps next, while two governors indicated that this one cut might be enough. On the political front, there are some who will argue that the rate cut will help Kamala Harris by goosing up the economy prior to the election. Lawrence Kudlow is in this camp and he should know better. He argues that the cut wasn’t necessary right now and if there were one, then only 25 basis points should occur. Yet the markets indicated that anything other than a 50 basis point cut would have been met with a much more sizable reaction. No action or a 75 basis point reduction would have sent the markets tumbling in disarray. History has shown us that when the Fed moves in a

direction or magnitude not anticipated then markets behave almost irrationally. What about future cuts? Will they have an impact on the election? In a word, no. The election is November 5th and the next Open Market Committee meeting is November 6-7. Although I do not want to get into the technical weeds, the market is concerned with the natural rate of interest. This is unobservable but is the real rate of interest (nominal interest rate adjusted for inflation) that occurs at full employment with a stable rate of inflation. Some estimates say this rate should be 2.5%. So a very crude calculation is that if the Fed Funds rate is 4.75% and the natural rate is 2.5% then the Fed will have to cut the Fed Funds rate even more going forward.



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# Kamala Harris Too Little, Too Late

## Publisher's Position



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Evidently, there's a very good reason Kamala Harris is staying away from the press and doing no interviews. During one of her appearances last week, speaking before the Economic Club of Pittsburgh, she made the bold statement we need to guard the spirit of American inspiration.

"We have to guard that spirit. We have to guard that spirit. Let it always

inspire us. Let it always be a source of our optimism, which is that spirit that is uniquely American. Let that then inspire us by helping us to be inspired to solve the problems that so many face, including small business owners."

It becomes easier to understand in light of the vice president's reputation as the "Word Salad Queen" and she certainly has no peer in the realm of vapid-ity.

More interesting was Kamala's call for us to move past the "failed policies" that "we have proven don't work." She should know. The Biden-Harris administration has done more to harm the economy than any administration since that of Jimmy Carter. The average family is spending \$800 more per month to live than they were four years ago. The Green New Deal spending helped to boost inflation in this country substantially.

The powers that be are wanting to lull us to sleep and tell us how crime is down. Look at the figures in Washington, D.C. Murders have risen 35% and robberies by 67% in 2023 alone. Crime is still very much an issue. The Democrats just want you to believe it isn't. The Biden Department of Justice has released figures showing violent crimes like rape or sexual assault, aggravated assault and robberies increased from 2020 to 2023. According to the DOJ violent crimes increased from 5.6 per 1000 individuals in 2020 to 8.7 per 1000 in 2023.

The mainstream media continues to abuse what little remains of its credibility by fawning over Harris. Stephanie Ruhle of MSNBC used every excuse in the book and invented some of her own to pardon Harris for not answering questions in one of the vice president's rare sit-down interviews in

a protected media environment. As to not giving a clear or direct answer, Ruhle gushed, "That's okay, because we are not talking about clear or direct issues."

That same interview was the subject of astonishment and horror by no less than the New York Times which has only just now apparently noticed Harris seems unable to answer a direct question with equal directness.

"Since Ms. Harris began granting more interviews in recent days, her media strategy has been to sit with friendly inquisitors who are not inclined to ask terribly thorny questions or press her when her responses are evasive," the Times reported in rare understatement.

The New York Times coverage of the Ruhle interview with Harris reported, "Ms. Harris responded to the fairly basic and predictable questions with roundabout

responses that did not provide a substantive answer."

Ruhle had done a similar interview with Joe Biden in May 2023 where she praised him during the 14-minute session and never pressed after his fumbling replies. Surprisingly the New York Times reported Ruhle never asked Harris about whether the vice president had known anything about Joe Biden's health or inquire about his mental acuity, which led to Biden being pressured into dropping his reelection campaign.

"Ms. Ruhle joined Ms. Harris in attacking Mr. Trump ('His plan is not serious when you lay it out like that') and avoided posing tricky questions about positions Ms. Harris supported during her 2020 presidential campaign or what, if anything, she knew about Mr. Biden's physical condition or mental acuity as his own campaign deteriorated,"

the Times reported.

Finally the New York Times observed that Stephanie Ruhle's bias and clear support was "perhaps why Ms. Harris agreed to the interview in the first place." Duh.

While I suppose in a spirit of fairness the Times should be commended for noticing it at all, most of us are exasperated by the fact it has been as obvious as the nose on the collective face. Impossible not to notice.

Even locally we have those who fail to acknowledge the obvious. The Knoxville News-Sentinel's political reporter abruptly admits it's illegal for non-citizens to vote, but neither she nor her newspaper have ever acknowledged it is equally illegal for non-citizens to enter our country illegally by crossing the border and that's happened about 20 million times.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Outgoing commissioners including Carson Dailey (pictured in grey suit with wife, Tammy, and current commission members) were thanked at last week's regular Knox County Commission meeting.

## Duncan speaks to Three Rivers GOP



Former 2nd District U.S. Congressman Jummy Duncan addresses a large turnout at the Three Rivers Republican Club monthly meeting last Tuesday.

## Schaad, Ball Camp intersections on Lobetti Road to be closed

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Ball Camp Pike. The Knox County Commission's regular meeting regular session last week took up the proposed closures and saw much discussion and debate from citizens who live along the route and the commission members.

Both closures eventually passed but not without many questions. Opponents called for additional

traffic studies and a petition with 100 signatures opposed the Lobetti closing at Schaad. Commissioner Larsen Jay asked Knox County Director of Engineering Jim Snowden if residents along the road were required to sign off on the closures and read the state regulation requiring "statements of all adjacent property owners" for such closures.

Snowden said that requirement doesn't apply when the county is the applicant.

Jay replied that the county may be in conflict "with our own rules."

Commissioner Terry Hill sided with Snowden, citing a "safety factor" at those intersections and said the county closing the road is "not in the same category." She said the majority

of residents there deserve to have the road closed.

Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said the county has the authority. After some confusion about a vote on the issue, Jay made a motion to suspend the rules and approve the closures. The motion passed on its second and final reading.

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"It is incumbent for us to do it."

Fox asked if a deadline for complying was given and was told the county must comply by May.

"It's a broad statement, not just employees," Fox said of the federal requirement.

Of the adoption of the federal law, Commissioner Jay said the federal language

"seems like a very basic policy." Fox replied he wanted to understand what he was voting for.

Commissioner Frazier said that if a vote was delayed it could slow down some federal grants.

Fox withdrew his motion to delay a vote until October and Jay's substitute motion to approve the policy passed 10-0-1 with Commissioner Russell abstaining.

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# Large budget items for Sevier Ave. on council agenda

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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday it will vote on several resolutions involving millions of dollars going to the Sevier Avenue Streetscapes Project. One proposed contract

is with Whaley Construction for \$8.9 million.

Just under a million dollars, \$980,734, is proposed for engineering and inspection of the roadway project in a contract with CDM Smith. The Sevier Avenue Streetscapes Project may also reimburse Knoxville

Utilities Board \$1.2 million for expenses in relocating utilities underground there.

In other efforts, the Sevier Avenue Utility Conduit and Duct Bank Project may see a \$5.3 million agreement with Southern Contractors Inc. Woodland Avenue's Complete Streets

Projects gets \$41,500 for right-of-way appraisals in a contract with Butler Appraisal Group.

In other action, the council may approve a federal grant application for \$5 million to create technology innovations to support energy efficiency. Perez

Planning Design LLC may be awarded a contract for \$250,000 to provide services to develop a Parks and Recreation System Master Plan.

The Homemaker Program is being used to sell 205 Spruce Street to Phillip Chesney for \$50,500 and

\$138,000 may go to the Community Action Agency to help provide adult education, health, social services and recreation at the J.T. O'Connor Center.

The Ace Miller Golden Gloves Charities Inc. may get \$75,000 for its amateur boxing program.

## UT Gardens to Hold Fall Plant Sale in Knoxville

### Three Dwarf Native Shrubs on Sale Along with Many Other Selections

Fall is in the air and that means it's time to shop for plants! The University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville, will hold its annual fall plant sale beginning with a preview sale for Gardens members, volunteers and UT employees from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 4. Non-members are welcome to sign up for membership at the sale to take advantage of the 10% member discount.

The sale is open to the public Saturday, October 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday attendees can stick around after their morning shopping to enjoy a free garden tour beginning at 11 a.m. and to learn about proper planting techniques from UT Plant Sciences Distinguished Lecturer Andy Pulte at 12:00 p.m.

The sale will include an expertly selected inventory of credible plants, perennial herbaceous flowers, ferns, and grasses, carnivorous plants, shrubs and trees, tropical houseplants, conifers, daffodil bulbs and more.

This year's featured plants include three exemplary dwarf native shrubs—Sugar



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Shack® Buttonbush, Sugarina® 'Crystalina' Clethra and Legend of the Small® Fothergilla. All three of these breeding breakthroughs provide landscape value and multi-season interest in a more compact form. Another featured plant is Black Hat® Rhododendron, which received the American Rhododendron Society's 2022 Rhododendron of the Year award.

Gardens' staff and Tennessee Master Gardeners will be available to help with plant selections and answer landscaping questions. Proceeds from the Fabulous Fall Plant Sale support the Gardens' mission and provide critical operating funds. For directions and more details on the inventory, go to the UT Gardens website: utgardens.tennessee.edu.

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## Do You Still Have to Sign Legal Documents in Cursive?

Recently I had a client who was born and raised in a county adjoining Knox County.



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She was in her twenties and had received her high school diploma. When it came time to sign documents she asked if it was okay if she printed her name because where she grew up, they did not teach them how to write in cursive.

I was a little surprised, and I did not know the answer, but

since printing her name was the only option, that is what we went with and what was filed with court. Thankfully her case ended successfully, and no one raised any issues related to my client printing her name instead of signing it in cursive.

To my knowledge there is no Tennessee law that states that legal documents must be signed in cursive, however, Tennessee Code Annotated section 49-6-1034 states that cursive writing shall be taught in all public schools so students can create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting.

I am not sure where the breakdown occurred regarding my client's schooling, or she simply did not pay attention during the cursive writing classes, but I was glad that her lack of cursive writing ability did not impede her case being completed.

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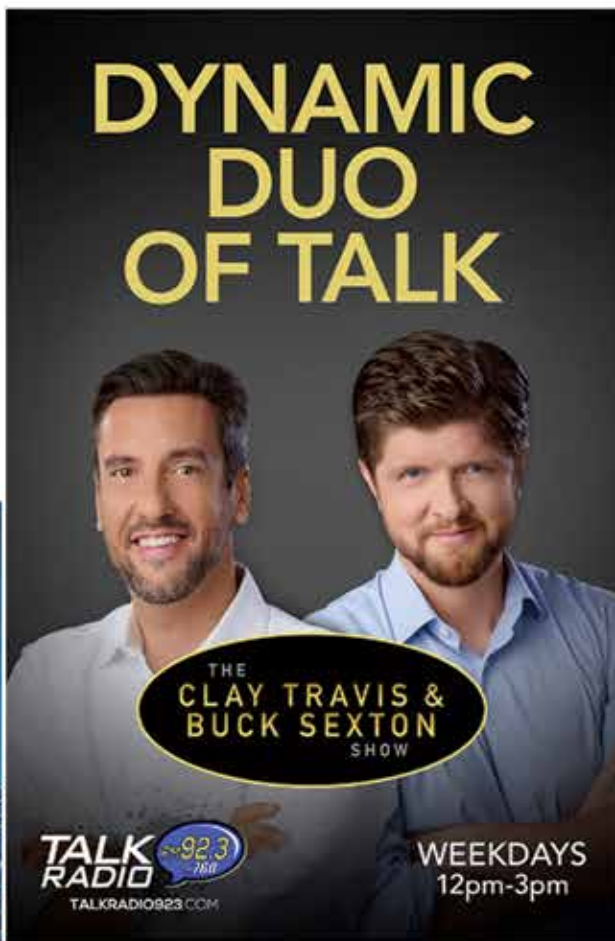
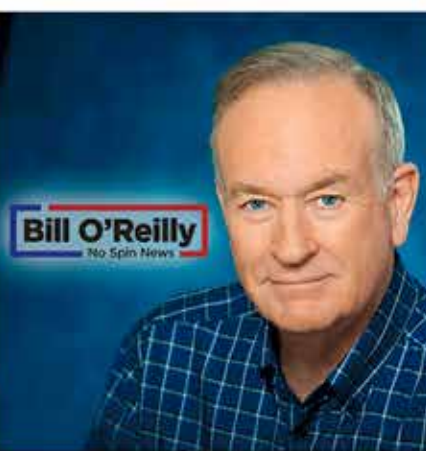


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### Day Two

"I never knew grief felt so much like fear."  
C.S. Lewis

In last week's essay, I told the story of Martin Luther, a Catholic priest who courageously refused to go against his conscience. He was excommunicated from his church but escaped and avoided execution.

Hopefully, I can still afford to follow my conscience because The Constitution guarantees my freedom to think, write and act as long as I obey the law. I left my church of 45 years as a matter of conscience. It was tough, but I could not, "Go along to get along." Becky and I found a new and better place of worship, a vibrant Sunday School community and I have never looked back.

The Easter story is

the heart of Christianity because without the resurrection there is no Christianity. Lee Stroebel was a journalist and atheist who, like C. S. Lewis set out to debunk Christianity. Both failed and became devout Christians.

I have read their books and last week I summarized Lewis' proof of Christianity described in his famous "Trilemma." (Read my essay "Courage" in The Focus archives.) Stroebel's proof of Christianity is the

"5 E's": Jesus Existed, Jesus was Executed, there was an Empty tomb, there were upwards of 500 Eyewitnesses to the resurrected Christ, and lastly, there was Early adoption of the Christian message and ethos (whereas myths take many generations to take hold).

Even atheists know of

the Easter story which occurred over a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Friday Jesus was unjustly tried and convicted in a "kangaroo court" and executed. On Sunday Jesus arose. But Day Two was the subject of my minister's recent sermon which was also addressed by John Ortberg in his book, "Who Is This Man."

I suspect ministers read each other's books and sermons as background material. I certainly consider many sources and perspectives which I then put into my own words. This is called exegesis. When there is a direct quote, I use quotes. Sometimes I paraphrase the thoughts of others as I did with Lewis and Stroebel. I don't knowingly plagiarize, but I'm not perfect. Admittedly, this is an opinion column, so I don't use footnotes as I did in the scientific papers I've published.

My minister poignantly used Day Two as a metaphor for the struggles we all experience in life. It is the "day after your deepest dreams have died." You might say America is languishing and suffering in a Day Two reality as we wait in hope for a future where we again have economic prosperity, controlled

borders, safety in our cities and peace in the world.

Although we will never have perfection in this fallen world, we know what we had in President Trump's early presidency before the COVID pandemic from China. Compare that to the disastrous three and half years of the demented Biden and his co-pilot, Kamala. Americans' safety and prosperity have diminished. Antisemitism is rampant. Drugs and criminals flow across open borders to kill our citizens. Children are lost and trafficked. Wars rage across the world because the Biden/Harris foreign policy is a disaster and bad guys no longer respect or fear America. We buy energy from communist nations like Venezuela rather than maximizing our own vast energy reserves. And even candidate President Trump is not safe after years of dehumanization and vilification by Democrats who wish him dead by an assassin, aided by the ideologically complacent and therefore negligent Secret Service protection service.

I'll continue the Day Two metaphor with influenza because it's almost the flu season and the doctor in me is still there. Becky and I will be getting our flu shots

the first of October. Flu shots significantly lessen the chance of getting an influenza virus infection and also reduce the severity of this viral scourge.

Influenza is not just a "cold." The common cold is caused by viruses like adenovirus, rhinovirus and coronaviruses different from COVID. I've had COVID twice despite the initial double vaccination in 2021 and then two boosters. And I've had influenza which is much worse than Covid.

I once had a patient who told me he had influenza while traveling. I asked him how he knew he had influenza and he told me that he had a high fever and felt like he had been beaten up. "Doc, I hurt so bad I was afraid I wouldn't die."

That's influenza. I felt the same way when I had influenza; fever of 104°, severe muscle aching and headache. I was so weak I could barely drag myself to the toilet. I will never again miss a flu shot and risk the misery of influenza, which often lasts a week or more and fatigue which can persist for weeks. Furthermore, influenza can cause life-threatening complications, including pneumonia.

So, what do we do when

we find ourselves in a Day Two crisis? Ten years ago, I was deathly ill. I'm not trying to be dramatic, but Becky and I thought there was a high likelihood that I would soon die. I defied the odds and survived a huge operation, including complications and a year of additional treatments. What sustained me was my faith/trust in God and, of course, my partner in life, Becky.

Garry Wills is a Catholic theologian and author. In his book, "What Paul Meant," Wills notes that the Greek word for faith is "pistis," but contextually it can mean trust. Most of the time I am thankful for God's blessings of life, wife and my Lord, Jesus Christ. But I know that "the valley of the shadow of death" is real. I've been there and have prayed the 23rd Psalm hundreds of times during scans and doctor visits. During those "Day Two" times of life, I am glad that I can lean on hope and trusting in God.

Our national motto is "In God we trust." It is also my mantra. I've asked many people how someone functions without this trust and a sense of the sacred. I remain perplexed.

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## Catching Up With

# Mark Cawood

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You may not have met him face to face yet but it is probable that you have seen him out and about in one of his classic cars. Knoxville's Mark Cawood apparently has wanderlust and you never know where he might be or what he might be driving.

You've likely seen him in his Mayberry police cruiser or his classic Mustang. Over the years he's been a Knox County Commissioner, a movie actor, and a Facebook favorite as he keeps his visits here and there posted on his social media page.

On any given day you can see postings of Cawood with one of these classic cars out in the American

West, up North, back East, or tooling around the Knoxville region.

The Knoxville Focus caught up with Cawood and asked a few questions.

**When did you become fascinated with classic cars?**

I bought my (now) classic Mustang in 1970 for \$995. I was the third owner. I about traded it in 1972 and my mother talked me out of trading it.

**Tell us about any future road trip plans.**

I have been in every state. My goal for this year is to do 12 road trips and 36-day trips. I'm on target to do it.

**Tell us about your family and business or retirement.**

I've had a variety of jobs. I started out at age 16 working in a Convenient Food Mart. I actually worked 40



Left: Knoxville's Mark Cawood gets attention whether he's cruising around Knoxville behind the wheel of his Mayberry Sheriff Car or in any of the 50 United States. Caywood's companion the day the photo was taken was Bo "Briscoe Darling" Pierce. Right: Cawood enjoys lunch in his Mayberry Sheriff's Office shirt.

hours every week and still managed to attend Karns High School.

**Didn't you venture into local politics at one point?**

I was on the Knox County Commission from 1986

until 2003. I was elected from a highly Republican district as a Democrat.

**Have you ever been pulled over while driving your Mayberry sheriff's car?**

I have been a Mayberry

fan since I was a child. Yes, I get pulled over fairly often. Officers love to have their pictures made with the car.

**How would you like to be remembered?**

I want to be remembered

as a Christian who really cares about others, a person who loves to travel, and a person who likes to pull a good joke on others. I can also take a good joke being pulled on me.

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# FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

# Escape and Survival

**By Jadon Gibson**

We are fortunate that individuals from pioneer America had the foresight to write down many interesting stories for us that allow us to look back on and ponder those bygone days.

John Wetzel taught his sons Lewis and Jacob to load and fire a rifle at an early age knowing it could eventually save their lives and the lives of others. Times were much different then. After the boys became proficient at handling and shooting a gun, he had the lads practice loading and firing while running. The elder Wetzel had a friend who was run down and killed by Indians while holding an unloaded rifle in his hands. At that time the guns would fire only once before reloading.

Several years later, when Lewis and Jacob were 13 and 11 years old respectively, they were working in the field when a shot rang out from an Indian's rifle and struck the older lad. Although it was a glancing blow, it took a small part of Lewis' breast bone, therefore it was a serious wound. Instead of killing the two brothers with their tomahawks, the Indians decided to take them captive. That night one of the Indians prepared a poultice and applied it to Lewis' wound and the following day it was secured to his chest as they traveled.

The Indians didn't confine the boys. Due to the youthfulness of the lads and Lewis' injury, the Indians felt they weren't a threat to escape. On the second night, the lads proved them wrong.

"Wake up Jacob, we've gotta go home," Lewis whispered to his younger brother after the Indians were asleep.

"Lewis, I'm too tired," Jacob whispered once he was awake. "I can't."

"We need to git away while we have a chance," Lewis reasoned with him. "If we wait it might be hard for us to find our way back. We'll be too far away."

By this time the younger lad was wide awake and was "gung-ho" about the escape plan. The boys slipped into the brush to begin their return trek.

"We can't walk home barefooted," Lewis told Jacob. "You sit here by this log and I'll go back and git us some moccasins."

When Lewis returned with the moccasins, he remembered that the Indians still had his father's gun which the boys had with them when they were captured.

"I'll be right back Jacob. I forgot to get papa's gun. You keep real quiet."

Lewis returned to the camp for the second time without being detected. Then they embarked on their journey with the older brother cautioning Jacob not to speak lest they be heard and captured.

"Whisper if you must speak," he told him.

Meanwhile, one of the Indians woke and found the boys gone. Soon several of the braves were racing along the trail to overtake and recapture them.

"What's that noise?" Jacob later whispered to his brother. "I'm afraid it's a bear and it sounds like it's chasing us."

"No Jacob, I believe that's Injuns," Lewis answered. "Let's hide in here."

Lewis and Jacob left the path and stepped into some bushes and hunkered down. Soon the Indians passed.

After several minutes lapsed the boys proceeded to follow the path the Indians had taken since it was the way to the settlement. Lewis cautioned his brother to watch and listen for Indians and to be ready to take cover if need be. Less than an hour passed before they heard the Indians returning and they hid beneath the thick leaves of a rhododendron bush.

Again they were successful in evading the Indians and were soon back on the trail going home. Lewis became weaker and weaker as his wound began to bleed but they continued their travels. After a while, they heard what sounded like horses approaching them from the rear.

"We've got to hide a'gin, Jacob," Lewis whispered.

As the boys peered from behind the thick bushes, they saw two Indian horsemen ride by. Lewis began to feel faint but he didn't want to worry Jacob so he simply suggested that they rest. After a while, they were back on the trail heading homeward.

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*Editor's note: Lewis and Jacob Wetzel's struggle to survive will be continued.*

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

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# D. Worth Clark of Idaho

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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David Worth Clark was something of a political wunderkind in his day, first winning election to Congress at age thirty-two. While he only served a single term in the United States Senate, it was during one of the most critical times in American history. D. Worth Clark came to the U.S. Senate just as the Second World War was about to erupt and he left that august body as the war was coming to a close. Indeed, the rise of the aggression of the Japanese Empire in the Far East and the bellicose ambitions of Germany's Adolf Hitler worried millions of Americans. Those worries helped to propel D. Worth Clark into the United States Senate. Idaho was the same state that kept William E. Borah, "the Lion of Idaho," in the U. S Senate from 1907 until his sudden death on January 19, 1940. Borah was one of the most fervent of the many prominent members of the Senate who opposed an interventionist foreign policy. Borah, a Republican, proved to be impregnable at the polls, winning in the solidly Democratic year of 1936, easily beating Governor C. Ben Ross in the general election. Like Borah, D. Worth Clark was profoundly against internationalism, earning him the sobriquet of "isolationist." The truth of the matter is most Americans were at heart isolationists, as very few wished to involve their country in another world war.

Politics likely ran through D. Worth Clark's blood; it certainly did through the family bloodline as two of his uncles, Barzilla Worth Clark and Chase Addison Clark, served a term as governor of Idaho. Worth Clark's cousin Bethine, daughter of Governor Chase Clark, married Frank Church, who would represent Idaho in the U.S. Senate for 24 years. D. Worth Clark did not hold on to the shirttail of his uncles, as he had already been elected to the House and Senate as his uncles reached the governor's mansion.

A compact man with wavy hair and piercing eyes, D. Worth Clark was a native of Idaho, having been born in Idaho Falls. A superlative student, Clark graduated from the University of Notre Dame and went on to Harvard Law School, turning down a Rhodes scholarship to attend. With the ink on his law degree barely dry, D. Worth Clark went home to Idaho, settling in Pocatello where he began the practice of law. As with many beginning lawyers, Clark accepted a position with a government agency to learn his craft. For about two years, Worth Clark worked as an assistant state attorney general before resigning in 1934. The attorney

general, cigar-smoking Bert H. Miller, would later follow D. Worth Clark to the United States Senate.

Clark's resignation from the Idaho Attorney General's office was due to the death of Congressman Thomas Coffin. Only 47 years old, Coffin had been hit by a car while walking on the grounds of the Capitol. A few days later, Congressman Coffin died from his injuries. When announcing his campaign for Congress to serve Idaho's Second Congressional District, Clark declared, "My platform is simple. I shall support Roosevelt in his recovery program, but I shall always vote as the interests of Idaho demand." That caveat would remain in place throughout D. Worth Clark's political career.

Clark did not have an easy time of it inside the democratic primary. The death of Tommy Coffin had caused no less than fifteen candidates to file for the primary. The Idaho Statesman thought Clark and Judge Robert M. Terrell and Lewis Williams, Idaho's Commissioner of Welfare, were the leading candidates, but each of the other candidates seemed to have pockets of support inside the Second District and there were another four candidates "so closely bunched right behind" and the seven remaining candidates made it anyone's guess as to who the nominee would be.

Worth Clark gained traction orating in small towns and hamlets and medium-sized cities, bellowing "no Idaho river should run to the sea as long as an Idaho farmer needs water." Clark won the Democratic nomination to face Republican Heber Q. Hale in the general election. The fall campaign saw Clark continue his energetic campaign throughout the district. The general election was anticlimactic with Clark beating Hale with better than 60% of the ballots cast.

Two years later, Congressman Clark faced the man who quite nearly won the GOP primary two years earlier: Henry Dworshak, who would enjoy an even longer political career. Still, 1936 was a banner year for Democrats nationally and in Idaho, the only exception was the ever-popular William E. Borah. Once again, Clark won with better than 60% of the vote.

As many congressmen do, D. Worth Clark was casting his eyes toward the United States Senate. Of course, there was no beating Borah, and the other seat was occupied by James P. Pope, a former mayor of Boise and a Democrat who had first been elected in 1932 on Franklin Roosevelt's coat-tails. Pope was a stalwart of the New Deal in the Senate and a loyal



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*(Left to right) U. S. Senators Joseph F. Duffey of Pennsylvanian and D. Worth Clark of Idaho at a Christmas tree in the Senate Office Building where senators and staff gathered toys for underprivileged children, December of 1939.*

supporter of Roosevelt's program. True to his word, D. Worth Clark had a wide independent streak and did not hesitate to vote against the New Deal when he thought it was contrary to the feeling in Idaho. Harold Yeamans, a blind attorney from Buhl who had twice run for Congress inside the Democratic primary, summed up the feeling of many staunch New Dealers in the Gem State. "President Roosevelt should put a candidate in the field against every senator and representative who opposed him on vital issues --- and that includes D. Worth Clark," Yeamans snapped.

By October of 1937, the Idaho Statesman was reporting Congressman D. Worth Clark was a "virtual certainty" to challenge Senator Jim Pope inside the Democratic primary the following year.

As a member of the House of Representatives, D. Worth Clark did not have to take a stand on President Roosevelt's effort to pack the U.S. Supreme Court, but the congressman announced he was unalterably opposed to the very notion. "It may serve liberalism today," Congressman Clark said, "and a despotic reactionary tomorrow."

Quite likely, Clark wanted to separate himself from Senator Pope, who supported the president. Clark's stand won him plaudits from the Statesman, which commented, "He exhibits a high quality of courage which must be applauded by everyone." Noting the congressman had been largely supportive of Roosevelt and the New Deal, as well as having been critical of many decisions rendered by the Supreme Court, the newspaper admired Clark's determination to keep the judiciary independent from the executive branch of the government.

It surprised no one in Idaho when Congressman D. Worth Clark made his challenge to Senator Pope official on March 23, 1938. Known as a tireless campaigner, D. Worth Clark

knew how to reach as many people personally as possible, which is vital in a state with a small population. One example was that of Mrs. E. J. Cummings, a columnist for the most widely read newspaper in the state, the Idaho Statesman. No pontificator upon politics, Mrs. Cummings was advertised as "Mrs. Idaho-on-the-Farm Writes of Cabbages and Kings, Crop Control and Other Things." Mrs. Cummings wrote in her column about hearing from Congressman Clark. "D. Worth Clark called. Gee! Did I feel important!" Apparently, the two discussed several issues that occurred to Mrs. Cummings who noted the congressman "did not commit himself on anything ... " Still, the proud housewife and columnist wrote: " ... Compton I. White and Pope have never let me know they knew I existed."

Clark campaigned for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate by stressing his independence. That was a good strategy in a state where the most popular and revered politician in the state --- William E. Borah --- was so independent that President Calvin Coolidge once wondered how Borah, who enjoyed horseback riding, could bring himself to travel in the same direction as the horse.

David Worth Clark won the Democratic primary, ending the political career of Senator James P. Pope and causing President Roosevelt to declare his victory as "immoral." FDR huffed that Clark had narrowly defeated Senator Pope because as many as 20,000 Republicans had crossed over to vote for him. Clark won the general election decisively,

dispatching Republican nominee Donald Callahan.

Once in the Senate, Clark joined the powerful "isolationist" bloc of which William E. Borah was one of the leaders. D. Worth Clark arrived in the United States Senate at a critical juncture when foreign policy was eclipsing the New Deal domestic policy. Fear of American involvement in another foreign war knew no political party; the non-interventionists were both Democrats and Republicans. Nor did the non-interventionists find themselves bound to either conservatism or liberalism; rather they agreed on American foreign policy and fought hard against any effort by Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull to tinker with, weakening or otherwise diluting neutrality legislation.

Pearl Harbor changed the minds of virtually every American and formerly isolationist senators faced primary challenges and frequently lost. Times and attitudes change. D. Worth Clark encountered a primary challenge from Glen Taylor, a showman who had made himself a toupee and sang with his family. In a four-man primary, Taylor, who ran to the left of Senator Clark, eked out a win by 216 votes. Once out of the Senate, Clark began a law practice in Washington, D.C., and Boise.

In 1948, the former senator traveled to China as an investigator for the Senate Appropriations Committee, headed by Tennessean Kenneth McKellar. The United States had continually poured billions of dollars into China to prop up the government of Chiang Kai-Shek, which appeared to be ready to topple

from the civil war with the Communists, led by Mao Zedong. Even TIME magazine, which had been such a harsh critic of Clark while he served in the U.S. Senate, stated his trip to China had consisted of a "hardworking month of travel and talk with Chinese on all levels ... "

Clark returned to Washington, D.C., and proposed "immediate and extensive" additional military aid, as well as "combat advisory aid," money for military operations, and further monetary aid to "stabilize" the Chinese currency, which was in a deplorable condition. D. Worth Clark also recommended "strict U.S. supervision of the distribution" of monies spent and supplies provided to China. Much of the money that had been sent to China during World War II had never been spent for what it had been intended but rather had been eaten up by graft and corruption. The former senator from Idaho concluded his report to his one-time colleagues with a blunt statement. "Piecemeal aid will no longer save failing China from Communism. It is now an all-out program or none, a fish-or-cut-bait proposition."

Two years later, D. Worth Clark sought a political comeback by challenging the man who had beaten him in the 1944 Democratic primary: Senator Glen Taylor. A wide swath of the electorate in Idaho was embarrassed by Taylor's behavior in the Senate and many Democrats were still angry over Taylor having accepted the vice-presidential nomination of former vice president Henry A. Wallace's "progressive" party in 1948. The Wallace campaign was accused of having been seriously infiltrated by Communists, which later proved to be true. Taylor never really recovered from his apostasy. Worth Clark beat Glen Taylor by 948 votes with Congressman Compton I. White running a respectable third. The former senator lost the general election to GOP nominee Herman Welker, who went on to become one of the closest associates of Wisconsin Senator Joe McCarthy in the Senate.

In 1954, D. Worth Clark moved his family to Los Angeles where he practiced law. The former senator had invested in radio stations in San Francisco, Van Nuys, California, and Honolulu, Hawaii. Clark also held an interest in a bank in Las Vegas. On the evening of June 19, 1955, Clark was watching television with his wife Virgil and his daughter when he was stricken with a heart attack and died. D. Worth Clark was only 53 years old.

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## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MICHAEL D. TARALLO  
IN RE: SANTANA L. TARALLO  
-vs-  
MICHAEL D. TARALLO

Docket# 158921

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MICHAEL D. TARALLO is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose: whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MICHAEL D. TARALLO.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by SANTANA TARALLO, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with D. COLTON BAKER, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is P. O. BOX 758, ALCOA, TN 37701, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 28TH day of AUGUST, 2024.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Michelle Henry  
Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS  
IN RE: LATISHIA ROCHELL BELCHER  
VS. ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS  
NO. 209210-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS , 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 ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS, it is ordered that said defendant, ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JERRY R. GIVENS, an Attorney whose address is 9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 504, 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 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 12th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE

No. 2024-CV-79

CANDICE OLIVIA ENOCH, and  
STEPHEN DALTON ENOCH, Petitioners,  
v.  
KERINGTON BINGHAM, Mother,  
and UNKNOWN, Father,  
Respondents.

NOTICE OF ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SERVICE FOR RESPONDENT MOTHER KERINGTON BINGHAM

Please take Notice that in this action, an Order for Service by Publication has been signed and entered directing that Respondent/Mother, KERINGTON BINGHAM, may be served by publication in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, for four (4) consecutive weeks. Respondent/

Mother, KERINGTON BINGHAM, is directed to serve an answer upon Petitioners' Attorney, Kara Bellar, by mailing it to Post Office Box 192, Carthage, Tennessee 37030, or by delivery to Attorney Kara Bellar's physical address located at 216 Main Street North, Carthage, Tennessee 37030; and, Respondent/Mother, KERINGTON BINGHAM, is to file an answer with Smith County Circuit Court, 322 Justice Drive, Suite 115, Carthage, Tennessee 37030, according to law. If Respondent/Mother, KERINGTON BINGHAM, fails to serve an answer, a default will be taken against named Respondent/Mother for the relief sought in the Petition. The final hearing in this matter is scheduled for October 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Macon County Justice Center, 904 Highway 52 Bypass East, Lafayette, Tennessee 37083. Please be present if you wish to be heard. Failure to appear may result in adverse action being taken against you.

Attorney for Petitioners Kara Bellar  
216 Main Street North  
P.O. Box 192 Carthage, TN 37030

Publication Dates: September 23, 2024, September 30, 2024, October 7, 2024 & October 14, 2024

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DEVONTE J. BLAIR  
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE  
CHILD WHOSE NAME FOR PURPOSES  
OF THESE PROCEEDINGS IS:  
HADDEN BLAIR, DOB 2/7/2011

By:  
GABRIEL AND EUGENA MATIAS,  
Petitioners,  
vs.  
MICALEA R. RANGEL,  
Respondent / Mother,  
and  
DEVONTE J. BLAIR,  
Respondent/ Father.

NO. 206250-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DEVONTE J. BLAIR, 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 DEVONTE J. BLAIR, it is ordered that said

defendant, DEVONTE J. BLAIR, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with MEGHAN A. BODIE, an Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1650 KNOXVILLE, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B ARMSTRONG JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: GUSTAVO JUSTICE  
IN RE: PAUL E. JUSTICE  
-vs-  
GUSTAVO JUSTICE

Docket # 160583

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GUSTAVO JUSTICE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon GUSTAVO JUSTICE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by PAUL JUSTICE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with T. J. NORTON, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 236 E. MAIN ST. #103, SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 20TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2024

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Michelle Henry  
Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS  
IN RE: LATISHIA ROCHELL BELCHER  
VS. ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS  
NO. 209210-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS , 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 ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS, it is ordered that said

defendant, DEVONTE J. BLAIR, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with MEGHAN A. BODIE, an Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1650 KNOXVILLE, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B ARMSTRONG JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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This 20th day of September, 2024.

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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: GUSTAVO JUSTICE  
IN RE: PAUL E. JUSTICE  
-vs-  
GUSTAVO JUSTICE

Docket # 160583

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GUSTAVO JUSTICE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon GUSTAVO JUSTICE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by PAUL JUSTICE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with T. J. NORTON, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 236 E. MAIN ST. #103, SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 20TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2024

Mike Hammond  
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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND  
and MICHAEL D. REDMOND  
IN RE: HAMILTON HOUSE  
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND  
and MICHAEL D. REDMOND  
Defendants

NO. 209303-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, 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 ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, it is ordered

that said defendants, ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with KEVIN C. STEVENS, an Attorney whose address is 550 MAIN STREET, SUITE 400, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 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 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 24th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHENG YE  
IN RE: CHEN CHEN  
vs.  
SHENG YE

NO. 209126-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHENG YE, 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 SHENG YE, it is ordered that said defendant, SHENG YE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RACHEL E. DONSBACH, an Attorney whose address is 550 W. MAIN ST., STE. 600, 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 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 24th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHENG YE  
IN RE: CHEN CHEN  
vs.  
SHENG YE

NO. 209126-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHENG YE, 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 SHENG YE, it is ordered that said defendant, SHENG YE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RACHEL E. DONSBACH, an Attorney whose address is 550 W. MAIN ST., STE. 600, 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 JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 25th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DEVONTE J. BLAIR  
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE  
CHILD WHOSE NAME FOR PURPOSES  
OF THESE PROCEEDINGS IS:  
HADDEN BLAIR, DOB 2/7/2011

By:  
GABRIEL AND EUGENA MATIAS,  
Petitioners,  
vs.  
MICALEA R. RANGEL,  
Respondent / Mother,  
and  
DEVONTE J. BLAIR,  
Respondent/ Father.

NO. 206250-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DEVONTE J. BLAIR, 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 DEVONTE J. BLAIR, it is ordered that said

defendant, DEVONTE J. BLAIR, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with MEGHAN A. BODIE, an Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1650 KNOXVILLE, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B ARMSTRONG JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: GUSTAVO JUSTICE  
IN RE: PAUL E. JUSTICE  
-vs-  
GUSTAVO JUSTICE

Docket # 160583

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GUSTAVO JUSTICE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon GUSTAVO JUSTICE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by PAUL JUSTICE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with T. J. NORTON, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 236 E. MAIN ST. #103, SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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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 (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 SEPTEMBER, 2024

ESTATE OF SUZANNE G. ADAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELLIOTT D. ADAMS, III  
908 STATION VIEW RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

RICHARD D. ADAMS  
303 PLUMLEAF COURT  
FRANKLIN, TN 37069

STEPHENS P. ADAMS  
461 WHISTLER COVE  
FRANKLIN, TN 37067

RACHEL E. SANDERS, ATTORNEY  
1348 DOWELL SPRINGS BLVD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 3790

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HECTOR FERNANDEZ BARBA  
DOCKET NUMBER 89999-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of HECTOR FERNANDEZ BARBA, who died on the 23 day of June, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF HECTOR FERNANDEZ BARBA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARTHA LUNA DE FERNANDEZ,  
ADMINISTRATOR  
9009 COLCHESTER RIDGE RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

S. DAVID LIPSEY, ATTORNEY  
1430 ISLAND HOME AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL BARRIER  
DOCKET NUMBER 89946-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID MICHAEL BARRIER, who died April 10, 2024, 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 12 day of September 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL BARRIER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NANCY FREEMAN BARRIER,  
ADMINISTRATRIX  
611 SOUTHBROOK DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ANDREW J. HEBAR, ATTORNEY  
550 MAIN AVE., SUITE 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF IMA JEAN BENNETT  
DOCKET NUMBER 89996-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IMA JEAN BENNETT, who died July 3, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF IMA JEAN BENNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GLENN EDWARD BENNETT  
PO BOX 7192  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE BERRY  
DOCKET NUMBER 89550-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINE BERRY, who died January 9, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication 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 12 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE BERRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAVID BURNS  
1637 DRINNEN ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

ADAM J. CARR, ATTORNEY  
109 PARKWAY, SUITE 2A  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE BERRY  
DOCKET NUMBER 89550-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINE BERRY, who died January 9, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication 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 12 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE BERRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAVID BURNS  
1637 DRINNEN ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

ADAM J. CARR, ATTORNEY  
109 PARKWAY, SUITE 2A  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

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of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINE BERRY, who died January 9, 2024, 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 (







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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ROBIN LYNN MALCOLM DOCKET NUMBER 89988-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROBIN LYNN MALCOLM who died July 17, 2024, 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 SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBIN LYNN MALCOLM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LAURA LYNNETTE WEST, ADMINISTRATRIX  
9711 DAWN CHASE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LINDA BOATMAN MATHIS DOCKET NUMBER 89982-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LINDA BOATMAN MATHIS, who died August 12, 2024, 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:

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

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

This the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LINDA BOATMAN MATHIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHERRY L. MECHLING, ADMINISTRATRIX  
1613 WISTERIA VIEW WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ANNA MARIE MCFALLS DOCKET NUMBER 89835-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ANNA MARIE MCFALLS, who died December 26, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ANNA MARIE MCFALLS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 800  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

MATT JARBOE, ATTORNEY  
310 GREAT CIRCLE RD., 3 WEST  
NASHVILLE, TN 37243

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN DAWN OAKS DOCKET NUMBER 89974-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of GWENDOLYN DAWN OAKS, who died testate on August 18, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident or non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the date prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise the 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 a 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 SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN DAWN OAKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HELENA OAKS  
729 MORGAN STREET, APT. #1  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

DANIEL KIDD, ATTORNEY  
1308 WILSON ROAD, STE. 102  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ROSE MARY KITTS PRESSLY DOCKET NUMBER 90021-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROSE MARY KITTS PRESSLY, who died on the 6th day of July, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROSE MARY KITTS PRESSLY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BARRY DEAN PRESSLY  
1062 HEATHCHASE DRIVE  
SUWANEE, GA 30024

MATTHEW B. FRERE, ATTORNEY  
1001 E. BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF TIMMY ALAN RIVERA DOCKET NUMBER 90012-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TIMMY ALAN RIVERA who died June 6, 2024 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 the four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF TIMMY ALAN RIVERA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOE M. RIVERA  
618 CITRUS WOOD LANE  
VALRICO, FL 33594

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELEANOR GARDNER ROSEN DOCKET NUMBER 89961-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of ELEANOR GARDNER ROSEN, who died July 25, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 (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 the 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 SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELEANOR GARDNER ROSEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARGARET VIRGINIA BELD  
4633 WOODBRIDGE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

STEWART M. CRANE, ATTORNEY  
577 PICKLE ROAD  
LOUDON, TN 37774

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES ROGERS SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 90019-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES ROGER SMITH, who died July 2, 2024, 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), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES ROGER SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JILL MARIE WEEKLEY  
9710 ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

JOY ELIZABETH HENDRICKS  
12322 CHIRPING BIRD LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

MARSHALL PETERSON, ATTORNEY  
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOHN ZOE CAVANAUGH THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 90010-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOHN ZOE CAVANAUGH THOMAS, who died on July 29, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN ZOE  
CAVANAUGH THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PARK CAVANAUGH THOMAS  
PAIGE THOMAS CALDWELL

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BETTY J. WIMES DOCKET NUMBER 89907-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY J. WIMES, who died July 16, 2024, 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:

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

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

This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BETTY J. WIMES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DE ERIK ROBS, ADMINISTRATOR  
1613 HAZEN STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES CURWOOD WITT, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90018-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES CURWOOD WITT, Jr., who died August 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES CURWOOD WITT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JANET CAROLE CAVENDER WITT  
9201 MESA VERDE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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## MISC. NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE.**

**NOTE:** Anyone who wishes to sign up to speak on Ordinance 0-24-9-101 can do so via the Commission website at [commission@knoxcountytn.gov](mailto:commission@knoxcountytn.gov), emailing [commission@knoxcounty.org](mailto:commission@knoxcounty.org) or calling the office at 865-215-2534. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

- Call to Order / Roll Call.
- Public Forum and Discussion regarding Ordinance 0-24-9-101 amending the Knox County Code, Appendix A - Zoning, Article 4, Section 4.108 creating standards for Drive-Through Facilities, Article 5, Sections 5.31.02 through 5.31.03 pertaining to the CA (General Business) zone, and 5.32.02 through 5.32.03 pertaining to the CB (Business and Manufacturing) zone, to allow consideration of Drive-Through Facilities within these zones, and Section 5.37.03 pertaining to the CR (Rural Commercial) zone, Section 5.38.03 pertaining to the CN (Neighborhood Commercial) zone, and 5.91.03 pertaining to the TC (Town Center) zone, adding references to the drive-through standards. (Ord. No. 0-90-9-130, adopted 9-10-90, as amended). A complete copy of the proposed amendment is available and may be obtained at the Knox County Commission Office, Suite 603, in the City-County Building.
- Adjournment.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive resumes from candidates seeking appointment to one (1) vacancy on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors to serve a three (3) year term expiring September 30, 2027. Resumes should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail or hand-delivered no later than Friday, October 11, 2024 at 4:00 pm to:

**Office of the Knox County Commission  
Suite 603, City County Building  
400 Main Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902  
Phone: 215-2534  
FAX: 215-2038  
E-mail: [commission@knoxcounty.org](mailto:commission@knoxcounty.org)**

The Knox County Commission shall interview candidates on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. during the Commission's Optional Agenda Review meeting in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

The appointment shall be considered during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Knox County Commission on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

### The following provisions apply in accordance with Ordinance 0-22-6-103:

- Membership is completely voluntary, and members will receive no compensation for their service.
- The Board meets quarterly, unless a special-called meeting is held.
- Applicants must be over 21 years of age; of good moral character; a citizen of the United States and the State of Tennessee; and a resident of Knox County.
- No person shall be eligible to serve as a member on the Merit System Board of Directors if they have previously been employed by the Knox County Sheriff's Office department within the ten (10) calendar years preceding his/her appointment by the Commission, or if any member of such person's immediate family is or becomes employed by the Knox County Sheriff's Office or the Knoxville Police Department at any time during such person's term of service as a member of the board council. For purposes of this section, "immediate family" shall include spouse, parent, grandparent, siblings, in-laws, or children.
- Members will be required to attend an Ethics training provided by the Knox County Human Resources Department, as required of all employees of Knox County.
- The County Commission finds that the actual or apparent political influence on the members of the Merit System Board is injurious to the credibility of the board and undermines its mission as an apolitical civil service system for KCSO employees. Therefore, membership on the Merit System Board shall be conditioned upon the following:
  - No person holding a position on the Merit System Board shall take an active part in any political campaign while a member of the Merit System Board.
  - No member of the Merit System Board shall solicit money for political campaigns.
  - No member of the Merit System Board shall make any public endorsement of any candidate in any campaign for elected office.
  - A member of the Merit System Board shall not use such position to reflect the member's personal political feelings as those of the Sheriff's department or to exert any pressure on anyone to influence that person's political views.
  - No member of the Merit System Board shall display any political advertising or paraphernalia on such person's body or automobile while conducting business on behalf of the Merit System Board. However, nothing in this part shall be construed to prohibit or prevent any such employee Board Member from becoming or continuing to be a member of a political club or organization and enjoying all the rights and privileges of such membership or from attending any political meetings while not on duty. Such employee Board Member shall not be denied freedom in the casting of a vote.
  - During a Merit System Board Member's term of service, should that Member take active steps toward becoming a political candidate, such member shall immediately resign from the Board of Directors.

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(865) 686-9970.**



HIGH SCHOOL GOLF



With blue sky above, First Baptist Academy's golf team celebrates its first Division II District 1-A championship on Sept. 19.

It was a banner season for FBA

**By Steve Williams**

After four runner-up finishes, First Baptist Academy's boys won their first Division II-A District 1 golf championship at Three Ridges on Sept. 19.

The Eagles also had a 58-3-1 record going into region play, which Co-Coach Johnny Cox believed to be a school record.

"I think the key to winning this year was a lot of hard practice and the kids practiced on their own a lot plus what we practiced with those kids," said Cox, who coached the team with his wife Karen.

"They are successful because they put a lot of time and a lot of effort and

work into their golf game." Cox said he and his wife spent hours and hours of practice time with them.

"Our goal is to outwork other teams," said Johnny. "We practice two hours (including) 45 minutes on chipping and 30 minutes on putting every time we practice. And we feel like the most important part of golf is the short game – the chipping and putting."

FBA nipped perennial state power Christian Academy of Knoxville 294 to 295 for the Division II-A District 1 championship. Grace Christian placed third with a 310.

Lane Stokes, a junior, led the Eagles with a 69. Alex Green and Brady

Morris carded a 74 and Luke McGhee had a 77.

CAK won the district girls' title plaque as Alexis Fishel (77) and Grady Thomas (79) combined for a 156.

After winning their first district title, Cox said he and his wife "haven't made a decision on the future" regarding coaching in 2025.

"I enjoy the golf," said Johnny. "Been in it for 36 years."

But he now has grandchildren he likes to be around and helps coach one in football.

The FBA team, which began the season by winning the 5Star Prep Masters, didn't have any

seniors. The Eagles had three juniors and three sophomores.

**CAK boys bounce back to win region**

CAK, hampered by injuries much of the season, made a solid showing in the Division II-A East Region at the Harrison Bay course in Chattanooga Sept. 24 to capture the title and return to the TSSAA state tournament in Sevierville next week (Oct. 7 and 8).

Bryson White led the way for Coach Donnie Cooper's team with a 73, followed by Tyler Stafford's 74, Cooper Russell's 75 and

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



PHOTO BY TANNER WALKER / 5STAR PREPS

Running back Connor Wheeler picks up yardage for Powell as Halls' Travis Brasfield chases the Panthers' senior standout. Powell won, 32-7, in the annual Battle of Emory Road.

Streaking Powell stops Halls, 32-7

**By Steve Williams**

Powell's tough and talented defense was so good Saturday, Coach Matt Lowe said after the game the Panthers could have won even if their offense hadn't scored.

In other words, the Panthers weren't just sack happy; they wanted to light up the scoreboard too against rival Halls.

Powell handed the Red Devils a 32-7 loss and plenty to think about on their long trip back home on Emory Road.

Coach Lowe said there was no question Powell's defense was the key to the win. "It's unreal. They've done a great job the last five weeks, but today they really came out to play."

Senior defensive end Charvon Thomas had at

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Ryan Radcliffe named TSSAA Coach of the Year

**By Ken Lay**

Bearden High School's boys soccer team is seemingly an annual regular at the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

The Bulldogs have a string of consecutive district championships too big to count. They won another district tournament title in 2024 and made another state tournament appearance and won yet another state title with a victory in late May over Ravenwood.

The 2024 season had one more last award for the Bulldogs as head coach Ryan Radcliffe was named TSSAA Boys Soccer Coach of the Year recently.

"It's a great honor," said Radcliffe, who was also a state champion as a player for the Bulldogs and currently guiding the Lady Bulldogs on a quest for an unprecedented fourth straight Class 3A state championship. "It's a tribute to the boys for all their hard work."

"It seemed like it had been a long time since the boys won state, even though the last time was in 2019."

The coach noted that the time between state titles for his boys team

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Bearden bests Farragut, 38-14

By Mark Nagi

On a night in which Farragut official named its home stadium after former Head Coach Eddie Courtney, it was their biggest rivals spoiling the party.

In a game delayed a day due to severe weather across the region, the visiting Bulldogs knocked off Farragut 38-14 on Saturday, September 27.

“We’ve told our kids all week long that Bearden/Farragut means a lot to our school, and it means a lot to our community,” said Bearden (3-2, 2-0 in Region 2-6A) Head Coach Josh Jones. “But for us it had to be about winning another region game. We couldn’t get caught up in the rivalry. For us it was to wake up Sunday morning 2-0 in the region. That was our goal this week.”

Midway through the first quarter, Bearden got on the scoreboard following a smashmouth 9 play, 55-yard drive. Every snap went to running backs Jayzon Thompson and Torian Riggins. The drive finished with a 3-yard TD run by Thompson, and it was 7-0 Bearden.

“The game plan tonight was to run the football early and often,” said Jones. “I



PHOTO BY CARLOS REVEIZ

*Bearden sophomore Kenneth Simon, son of former UT linebacker Kevin Simon, picks off a Farragut pass and races 42 yards to score. It was his first career interception and gave the Bulldogs a 38-7 lead.*

challenged our offensive line to be more physical. I thought our run game was really good tonight.”

Following a Farragut 3 and 0, Bearden embarked on a 15-play drive which took 6 minutes off the clock. The drive stalled deep in Ads territory, so they settled for a William Pendergass chip shot field goal, and it was 10-0 Bulldogs.

The next time Bearden got the football, quarterback Drew Parrott broke a big one, a 66-yard run down the sideline for a touchdown, and it was 17-0.

Farragut (0-5, 0-2 in Region 2-6A) was able to put forth a positive drive late in the first half. Sophomore quarterback Corbin Hobson hit Landon Collins for a 14-yard gain

to the Bearden 30, and two plays later Hobson found speedster Robbie Jacobs for a 30-yard touchdown.

It was a 17-7 game with 1:18 to go in the second quarter, but that gave Bearden enough time to drive down the field and score a touchdown of their own on a two-yard option run by Parrott. It was 24-7 at the break.

Things went from bad to worse for the home team in the third quarter when the Ads fumbled deep in their own territory. That gave the Bulldogs the football at the Ads 9-yard line. On their ensuing snap, Parrott fired a pass to Troy Beaufort, who caught the football in stride in the end zone. That increased the lead to 31-7.

“I can’t say enough good

things about Drew Parrott,” said Jones. “He is the ultimate teammate. He is going to do whatever he is asked for his team, and he is going to do it at a very high level. He managed the offense very well. He made some great reads and great decisions. He’s a playmaker.”

The Bearden defense stepped up again on the next drive when sophomore defensive back Kenneth Simon, son of former Tennessee Volunteer linebacker Kevin Simon, picked off a Hobson pass and raced 42 yards into the end zone. His first career INT gave the Bulldogs a 38-7 lead.

The final result was not in doubt, but Farragut ended the scoring in the final seconds with a short touchdown run by Luke Finnegan, giving us a 38-14 tally before the clock ran out.

“We are trying to find an identity as an offense,” said Farragut Head Coach Geoff Courtney. “We are trying to play with tempo to get the energy up and see if we can play a little bit better.”

Next on the schedule, Farragut will play at Bradley Central on Friday night while Bearden hosts Maryville on Thursday night.

# Karns fails to find momentum against Fulton

By Ken Leinart

It was an odd game. At least for the Karns High School Beavers, but it was not so odd for the Fulton High School Falcons after the Broadway Bruisers came out with a 28-8 non-region road win.

Playing at Hardin Valley Academy the Beavers, the home but not home team, ran into a case of inconsistency and Falcon running back Albert Johnson.

Johnson scored in the first and fourth quarters Saturday night – the first score on a three-yard run, the fourth quarter score a 28-yard explosion – and senior Falcon quarterback Javon Moulden threw two touchdowns to take the win.

“Al is playing well right now. Al is understanding that sometimes getting vertical and getting three yards is a win,” Falcon Head Coach Justin Long said. “I’m proud of that guy. I’m proud of what he brings us ... He’s been showing some leadership behind



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

*Fulton’s Derrick Smith looks to turn the corner against Karns Saturday night. He extended a 5-yard toss from QB Javon Moulden into a 66-yard TD in the first quarter and totaled 116 yards in the Falcons’ 28-8 win over the Beavers.*

the scenes.”

Unofficially Johnson carried the ball 17 times for 136 yards and two touchdowns and the runs covered the gamut of tough carries up the middle to

the break out jet streams like his fourth quarter touchdown.

Moulden’s two scoring passes came on a little slant to senior Falcon Derrick Smith, who hauled

in about a five toss and turned it into a 66-yard first quarter score.

With 1:05 left in the third quarter Moulden connected with Travis Ballenger for a 23-yard score.

Sophomore kicker Emanuel Mosquera connected on all four of his extra point attempts.

“Javon (Moulden) gets better every night, better every game,” Long said. “I’m proud of how he’s managing the game.”

Defensively the Falcons just played basic, hard-nose football. “We talked about doing the basics ... Just play the game the way you’ve been coached and leave it at that.”

For the Beavers, there were flashes of brilliance. A three-play scoring dive in the second quarter to cut the score to 14-6 showed some of that. Senior Avery Westfield carried three times and each run was better than the previous as he hit nine yards, then 24, then 37 yards for a second quarter score.

“Running back is a new position for him (Westfield). He was our slot back, then when we lost Doug (Turner), we put him back there,” Karns Head Coach Brad Taylor said. “He’s still learning a lot, but he showed flashes tonight.”

The two point conversion failed.

“Consistency,” Taylor said of what was missing from the Karns’ attack Saturday night.

“We’d make a big play and then we’d end up behind the sticks. We’d make a big play on defense and then they’d bust one. We just couldn’t get the momentum going in our favor tonight and couldn’t make a big play when we needed one.”

The Beavers went aggressive on special teams, attempting a fake punt and an onside kick. They didn’t work.

“We tried to be aggressive on special teams,” Taylor said. “When one phase of the game was lacking, we couldn’t make

it go in another phase. We just just never got any momentum.”

Karns tallied the final points of the night off an errant Falcon snap on a punt attempt late in the fourth quarter, recording a safety.

“It was weird,” he said. “The whole night. There weren’t a lot of fans here. Playing on a Saturday was different, playing at a neutral site was different. You never know how your kids are going to respond.”

“I thought it’d be a fun, cool atmosphere ... But it was just weird.”

# Streaking Powell stops Halls, 32-7

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least five sacks and back-to-back sacks in one series.

The win was the fifth straight for the Panthers, who are now 5-1 overall and 2-0 in Region 2-5A. For Halls (4-2), it was its first region test.

The feel of the game was a little strange, with it being scheduled in the early afternoon because of Friday’s postponement due to Hurricane Helene. There were many empty seats on both sides probably due to the rain that was in the forecast. A light rain did fall steadily over half of the game but finally let up in the second half.

Powell running back Carson Wheeler, who darts and dips like a humming bird, gave his team the lead in the opening possession with a 52-yard touchdown run as he went around the left end and outran everyone to the end zone. Dylan Stooksbury blocked off the last defender.

Powell again threatened in its second possession, but Halls’ Harlen Hunley forced a fumble.

Late in the first quarter, Powell quarterback Deuce Rodgers was picked off by Halls’ Brody Rogers.

Still, Halls couldn’t pick up a first down and punted for the third straight time.

Halls’ fourth punt was partially blocked and Powell recovered the ball at the Red Devils’ 1-yard line. Rodgers forced his way across the goal line on second down to increase the Panthers’ lead to 13-0.

Halls’ offense finally started moving the ball with quarterback Amari Lethgo throwing for three first downs in a drive to the Powell 34. But Wheeler intercepted his next pass at the 6-yard line.

Two plays later, Halls’ Dom Cupp tipped Rodgers’ pass up in the air and Hunter Toney caught it inside the 5-yard and hauled it into the end zone.

The PAT kick cut Powell’s margin to 13-7.

The Red Devils recovered a surprising onside kick and all of a sudden had some huge momentum. But the Powell defense stiffened and forced a punt.

The momentum that Halls still had didn’t last long after intermission as Powell senior Abu Keefer picked off Lethgo on second down and sprinted into the end zone to up the Panthers’ margin to 19-7.

After Halls punted, Wheeler had runs of 11 and 20 yards that set up Rodgers’ 37-yard TD pass to a streaking Fabby Neiwoh for a commanding

25-7 lead.

The Panthers completed the scoring with Rodgers rolling out to the right and hitting Stooksbury who was all alone and jogged in on the 10-yard play with 3:23 on the clock.

“Our kids fought really hard, we just weren’t opportunistic when it was time to be that,” said Halls Coach Brent Hughes. “We’ve got to heal up quick, grow from this and move on.”

The Red Devils play at Heritage in a region game Friday, while Powell will entertain Karns in a non-region contest.

## High School Football Scores + Schedule

### WEEK 6 RESULTS

GCA 47, Lakeway 12  
Webb 27, CAK 21  
Prv. Christ 17, TKA 14  
AC 42, Carter 7  
Bearden 38, Farragut 14  
Central 34, S-D 0  
Fulton 28, Karns 8  
West 38, Heritage 13  
Maryville 49, HVA 7  
Powell 32, Halls 7  
TSD at South Carolina

### WEEK 7 GAMES

Kickoff at 7 unless noted

#### Thursday

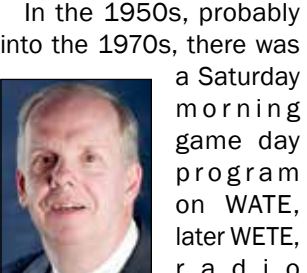
Maryville at Bearden  
Sevier Co. at HVA

#### Friday

West at Alcoa  
GCA at Austin-East  
Farragut at Bradley  
Webb at Brainerd  
Chatt. Christ at CAK  
Campbell Co. at Gibbs  
Halls at Heritage  
E-Harding at TKA  
Northview at Carter  
South-Doyle at Fulton  
Central at Oak Ridge  
Karns at Powell  
S. Greene at Seymour  
MBA at Catholic



# The Same Score Two Weeks in a Row?



By Tom Mattingly

In the 1950s, probably into the 1970s, there was a Saturday morning game day program on WATE, later WETE, r a d i o c a l l e d “Pigskin Panel,” featuring E. L. “Tip” Tipton, Russ Bebb, Ben Byrd and Ed Harris.

It was part of the Saturday morning lineup that also featured “Grandstand Quarterback,” with former Vol quarterback Freddie Moses, and “The 50-Yard Line,” with Chuck Ketron.

Bebb, Byrd and Harris were sportswriters with the Knoxville Journal. Tipton was a local beer distributor who was on the panel probably because he sponsored the program.

Their job was to predict the winners of that day’s games, including the one involving Tennessee. The panelists also tried to predict the score of Tennessee’s game that week.

As any fan can tell you, predicting winners and scores is definitely an iffy proposition. It always looks easier when somebody else does it.

Speaking of weekly game scores, the question for today is this: How many times since 1926, when Capt. Neyland arrived as

head coach, has Tennessee won by the same score in consecutive weeks?

The answer is four times, out of more than 1,300 games.

That happened in 1937 against Sewanee and Georgia (both 32-0), in the afore-mentioned 1967 season (more about that season and the game score momentarily), in 1981 against Auburn and Georgia Tech (10-7), and in 2002 against Vanderbilt and Kentucky (24-0).

In 1937, George Cafego’s sophomore season, the games were in Knoxville, Sewanee arriving on Oct. 13 and Georgia on Oct. 20.

That latter game was the last time the Vols and Bulldogs would play until 1968. The Vols finished 6-3-1, and, with a host of talented sophomores leading the way, improved to 11-0 the next season.

In 1967, Tennessee played Georgia Tech on Oct. 14 in Knoxville, with starting quarterback Dewey Warren on the planks with a knee injury.

It didn’t help that No. 2 quarterback Charley Fulton was injured midway in the Tech game, with third-stringer Bubba Wyche leading the Vols to victory. Wyche also led the Vols’ victory over Alabama at Legion Field the next week, the first win for the Vols over the Crimson Tide since 1960.

In 1981, Tennessee was rebuilding and coming back from monster losses to Georgia and Southern Cal to start the season. The Vols also lost freshman quarterback Alan Cockrell to a knee injury in the Auburn game. The Vols did have enough in the tank to edge the Tigers and then the Yellow Jackets, but it wasn’t easy.

Auburn had the ball on the Vol 4 at the south end with 15 seconds to go, but was out of timeouts. Quarterback Ken Hobby fumbled the snap, and that was that.

In 2002, Tennessee appeared to be on the right combination of vitamins and minerals down the stretch run by pitching shutouts in the final two games of an otherwise disappointing season.

The Vanderbilt game was at the professional stadium in Nashville, while the game against the Wildcats, still sleepwalking from the “Blue Grass Miracle” against LSU a few weeks earlier, was in Knoxville.

Here’s the untold story from the 1967 football season. The morning of the Tennessee-LSU game, Oct. 28, all four panelists thought Tennessee would win, apparently not worried about a letdown from the previous week’s effort against Alabama.

When Russ’s turn came to pick the score



The “Pigskin Panel” in 1972. Credit to Ed Harris, “Bob Neyland: 37 Years a Volunteer”

of the Tennessee game, he thought for a moment about the task at hand, looked at the scores from the previous two weeks, and had an epiphany.

(Russ was the inventor of “Russ’ Ratings,” an incisive look at the game in Monday’s Journal. He was also a long-time spotter and statistician for George Mooney and John Ward on the Vol Network.)

Those previous two week’s scores had been 24-13 over Georgia Tech and the Crimson Tide, so this one might as well end that way, Russ thought.

There was no particular reason, his thinking went, this game should end any other way. It made as much sense as anything else. History does not record the score the other panelists chose.

The Vols were hard-pressed to win 17-14, given that LSU had come from down 14-0 to knot the count in the fourth quarter. The Vols led 14-0 late in the third quarter, but the Tigers fought back in the fourth quarter.

It came down to two field goal tries in the final minutes, one made by Tennessee’s Karl Kremser and one missed by LSU’s Roy Hurd.

In reality, however, what does this all mean? There’s no purgatory for journalists who fail to predict winners and scores correctly on the Saturday morning football talk shows. It’s onward and upward to the next week’s show. No one in the listening audience is keeping score.

A few weeks later it will all be forgotten, except by columnists trying to fill a word count and otherwise trying to enlighten the reading audience.

## A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

# Knox County Schools play it safe with Helene in town

By Steve Williams

Week 6 of the 2024 high school football season definitely will be remembered for Hurricane Helene as Knox County Schools posted a message around 5 p.m. on Thursday (Sept. 26) that all schools would be closed on Friday (Sept. 27) and all football games would be postponed.

Remnants of the hurricane – gusty wind, a soaking rain and flooding – indeed were felt in Knox County throughout Friday.

The Rivalry Thursday game was played as scheduled as Grace Christian Academy traveled to Lakeway Christian and won to improve its record to 6-0. A Friday game on Sept. 27 involving Division II schools – CAK at Webb – also was played.

Meanwhile, games involving Knox County School teams were reset for Saturday (Sept. 28) with much improved weather conditions in the forecast. One started at an unusual time of 10 o’clock

in the morning with Hardin Valley playing at Maryville. The Fulton at Karns 7:30 night game was moved to Hardin Valley Academy due to the Karns Marching Band Invitational being held at Karns High all day Saturday.

Two rivalry games also were played Saturday with Powell hosting Halls at 1 o’clock in the Battle of Emory Road and Bearden playing at Farragut at 6 in the annual West Knoxville showdown.

See ya later Helene. Not!

**DIFFERENT MENU?** Instead of hot dogs, were the concession stands at Maryville selling sausage biscuits and bacon ‘n eggs?

The 10 a.m. varsity game between Hardin Valley and Maryville could have been a record for earliest ever played in East Tennessee.

Hey Mary, time to flip those pancakes!

**TOP ATTRACTIONS:** The Week 7

schedule includes some interesting matchups, particularly West at Alcoa, Maryville at Bearden and Halls at Heritage.

The two unbeaten Knox County teams also will be in action, with Grace Christian playing at Austin-East and Gibbs hosting Campbell County.

Halls at Heritage is expected to be very competitive, too.

**STATE RANKINGS:** The Tennessee high school Top 10 football rankings after the first five weeks, including all the No. 1 teams and other top-ranked teams from Knoxville County and surrounding counties:

Class 1A: 1-McKenzie (5-0), 3-Coalfield (5-0), 5-Oliver Springs (4-1).

Class 2A: 1-East Robertson (5-0).

Class 3A: 1-Alcoa (3-1), 10-Pigeon Forge (4-1).

Class 4A: 1-Upperman (5-0), 2-Anderson County (4-0),

5-Greeneville (2-2), 8-Loudon (4-0), 11-Gibbs (5-0).

Class 5A: 1-Page (5-0), 2-Sevier County (5-0), 3-Powell (4-1), 8-West (3-2).

Class 6A: 1-Oakland (5-0), 3-Maryville (5-0).

DII-A: 1-Jackson Christian (4-1).

DII-AA: 1-Boyd Buchanan (5-0), 8-Grace Christian (5-0).

DII-AAA: 1-Baylor (5-0), 7-Knoxville Catholic (3-2).

**CAK LEADERS:** In Christian Academy of Knoxville’s 27-21 loss at Webb Thursday, CAK defensive end Collin Crider recorded 11 total tackles (three solos, five assists, three sacks), three QB hurries, and one PBU. On the offensive side, RB Lincoln Rich had 29 carries for 153 yards and three touchdowns.

**PREPS OF THE PAST:** Forty years ago on Sept. 28, 1984, Doyle shocked host Farragut 13-7. The Admirals came into the game

**Justus memorial ceremony tonight**

A memorial ceremony for the late Bill Justus, a Fulton High and UT standout in basketball and football in the 1960s, will be held tonight (Sept. 30) in the library at Fulton, starting at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.


as the No. 3 ranked team in the state. The win lifted Coach Richard Bridges’ Pioneers to 4-0.

Doyle’s Kevin Zurcher scored on a 54-yard punt return to break a 7-7 tie with 11:11 left in the game.


Nose guard Dale Murr and tackles Benny Jordan and Mark Evatt sealed the victory.

Quarterback Robbie Kidd threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Zurcher for Doyle’s first TD in the opening quarter and Darrell Burch added the PAT kick.


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# Vols' Bishop 'sacrifices' No. 25 to prevent issues

By Steve Williams

This reporter ran across a 2017 Powell 12U football team picture online in June of 2023 and there's a popular player of today in it wearing No. 25.

Could this be you, I asked De'Sean Bishop, a Karns High product.

"It is me," replied De'Sean.

That quick question and answer confirmation was after Bishop had played well in the 2023 Orange and White spring game wearing No. 25. He told me then he wanted to wear that number in his collegiate career at Tennessee.

Unfortunately, Bishop was injured in the following fall camp and missed all of the 2023 season.

But in January, De'Sean said he hoped to be ready to play by March and his recuperation was right on schedule.

He had worked hard to get back and was Tennessee's No. 2 running back in the recent win over Oklahoma.

I've noticed he now is wearing No. 18, so I asked him about that number change last week.

Bishop, who also has seen action as a kick returner at UT, said he is wearing No. 18 now basically to avoid special team issues – "two dudes can't be on the field having the same number and I just sacrificed basically my number. I just changed to 18.

"There was already someone (freshman defensive back Kaleb Beasley) that had number 25. There was two of us. We can't be on the field at the same time so I kind of had them change my number."

With an open date this past weekend on the Tennessee football schedule, it's a good time to run a rare football picture of De'Sean Bishop, the Vols' red-shirt freshman running back who has been getting a lot of carries and a lot of cheers this season.

Bishop was one of the nation's top running backs and wore No. 8



*De'Sean Bishop (No. 25) celebrates with the Powell 12U football team in 2017. He was a running back and outside linebacker that season. Bishop is now a red-shirt freshman RB and kick returner for the Tennessee Vols.*

at Karns High.

He's now been playing above the expectations of many UT fans after being injured and sidelined the entire 2023 season.

## HIGH SCHOOL GOLF



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

*Hardin Valley freshman Hunter Mousa putts, while junior teammate Conner Williams watches during a three-way playoff for the last two individual berths in the region. Williams and Lenoir City senior Garin Veinot advanced.*

## HVA freshman takes third in District 4-AA

By Steve Williams

Freshman Addisyn Newman of Hardin Valley and senior Bryce Harmon of Bearden led the way for Knox County golfers in the District 4-AA tournament at the Egwani Farms course in Rockford on Sept. 24.

Newman shot a 4-over-par 74 to finish in third place among the girls, while Harmon, a UT-Martin commit, carded a 3-over 73 to take third in the boys' field.

"Addisyn joined our team this year and made an instant impact with her skill, experience and maturity as a golfer," said Hardin Valley Coach John Williams. "As a freshman, her third place overall finish is impressive and a credit to her work ethic."

Fog delayed the start and was followed by some rain in the middle part of the round, but the tournament ended with the sun shining.

In the team competition, the Hardin Valley and Farragut girls placed second and third with 157 and 164 totals, respectively, to earn berths in the Region 2-AA tournament at Oak Ridge Country Club Tuesday (Oct. 1).

Bearden's boys team (306) also advanced to the region with a third-place showing. Backing up Harmon were Conner Hall (77), Charlie Culbertson (76) and Dane Helzer (80).

Maryville's girls (155) and boys (295) swept the team titles. April Johnson led the Lady Red Rebels with a 72. Will Huddleston

and Wyatt Johnson paced the Red Rebels with 73s.

Senior Sophia Gambini of William Blount made a hole-in-one on the No. 4 hole on her way to the girls' individual title and a 3-under-par 67.

Oak Ridge's boys were runners-up with a 304 score. The Wildcats' Jack Bentz fired a 4-under-par 66 for low medalist.

Rylee Taylor (83) backed up Newman on Hardin Valley's second place team showing.

Farragut's girls got an 81 from Harper Holmes and an 83 from Sophie Williams for their third place total of 164.

Bearden's Addison Kammann also qualified for the region with a 97.

Boys going on to region include Hudson Capps (73) of Farragut, Matthew Brantley (75) of South-Doyle and Jake Sheffield (77) of Hardin Valley. The last two berths were decided in a three-way playoff, with Garin Veinot of Lenoir City and Conner Williams of Hardin Valley taking them.

### Halls sweeps District 3-AA honors

Halls' boys won the District 3-AA title by 29 strokes. For the Halls' girls,

however, it wasn't so easy.

The Red Devils (286) rolled at Beaver Brook, with West (315) and Anderson County (327) a distant second and third, respectively.

Halls' Evan Caldwell was low medalist with a 70, followed closely by Nathan Jackson (71) and Roddy Sturgeon (72). Davis Reitz and Kade Wayland tied for fourth at 74.

West got a pair of 74 scores from Bennett Collett and Garrett Burch.

In girls' play, Halls (159) edged West (162) and Gibbs (163).

Halls senior Lauren Davis tied for low medalist with a 77. Teammate Madison Miller shot 82.

Calley Holbert (80) and Anna Claire Gibson (82) combined for West's total.

Brook Farmer tied for low medalist (77) to lead Gibbs. Jayden Thompson added an 86.

In District 2-A at Clinch View, Carter's boys placed second with a 351 total and four behind champion Cumberland Gap (347). Gatlinburg-Pittman (367) took third place.

In girls' action, L&N STEM Academy was runner-up with a 207 total, five strokes behind Cumberland Gap.

## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

## Lady Roadrunners laying foundation for volleyball success

By Ken Lay

Despite watching her team go through some growing pains, Austin-East High School volleyball coach Lori Haskell remains upbeat and certain that she will have a competitive program soon.

"We're playing hard. We're competing," Haskell said after the Lady Roadrunners lost, 25-16, 25-16, 25-12, at West High Wednesday night. "I'm really proud of these girls.

"We're playing some tough competition and we're getting to the point where we can almost play with anybody."

The Lady Roadrunners, who dropped to 2-23 with the midweek loss, are not only earning praise from Haskell, who is in her third year as head coach at Austin-East. They've also caught the attention of opposing coaches who have won district and region championships. The Lady Roadrunners played in the Summer Splashdown in Clinton over Labor Day Weekend and they impressed Lady Dragons' head coach Lorri Johnson.

"Austin-East is getting better," said Johnson, a former head coach at Central High School who guided Clinton to its first District 3-3A Tournament championship in school history in 2023. "Lori has been over there for a few years and you can really see them getting better.

"They came over here and spent their holiday weekend in our tournament with us and we appreciate them doing that."

Central coach Susan Davidson, who once led Farragut to three consecutive Class 3A state championship match appearances, shared Johnson's sentiments.

"Lori is doing a great job over there and they're really getting better," Davidson said of the Lady Roadrunners.

West High coach Jessica Lee also had high praise for Haskell and Austin-East.

"They're really trying and they're getting better," said Lee, who has seen her team defeat the Lady Roadrunners twice this season. "We play them every year and we respect

them and what they're doing.

"They have two teams (varsity and JV) and they used to not have two teams."

Lee said that she certainly understands Austin-East's plight. She certainly does. The Lady Rebels now boast one of Knoxville's most competitive programs. They've won district championships in recent years as a member of District 3-3A.

Now back in District 4-3A, West improved to 15-10 overall and had a 2-4 league record late last week.

But Lee remembers when she had a struggling team.

"We were there," Lee said.

Lee inherited a program that had fallen on lean times after having success under previous head coach Debby Jones and had to rebuild the program almost from scratch. The Lady Rebels took their lumps but after years of hard work, they are now a competitive force on the local high school volleyball scene.

"We've lost some games (this year) that we really shouldn't have lost but we have a winning record and we've played well against Bearden, took a set from William Blount and we've beaten Heritage," Lee said.

West returned to District 4 last year and things didn't go well. But this year, things are looking up for the Lady Rebels.

And a few miles to the east, the future is bright for the Lady Roadrunners.

"There's such great competition in this town, and you have great teams," Haskell said. "But soon, we're going to walk out of some matches like this, and we're going to walk out winners."

The Lady Runners showed some flashes in Marble City Wednesday night. They had leads in each of the first two sets.

Kelani Wells finished the match with six kills, two aces and one block. Aniyah Baldwin and Ari'AJia Gadison had five kills each. TaDasha Harper had eight digs.

## Ryan Radcliffe named TSSAA Coach of the Year

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appeared to be longer because Bearden didn't have the chance to notch a second consecutive state championship in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic caused the season to be canceled before things really even got started.

The Bulldogs would've been the favorite to win it all in 2020, but they never had the opportunity, and who knows what might've been?

"The reason that it seemed so long was because you had COVID and we didn't really get to play in 2020," Radcliffe said. "I wonder what we could've done in 2020."

He didn't have to wonder long about 2024.

The Bulldogs entered the district tournament as the No. 2 seed after tying Hardin Valley Academy at home (the Hawks won a penalty kicks shootout at Bearden in the regular-season matchup).

Later, Bearden would lose to the Hawks at home in the Region 2-3A championship before winning a sectional match to make it back to Spring Fling.

There, the Bulldogs defeated the Raptors, Hendersonville and Walker Valley to win the state championship plaque, and when the dust had settled, Bearden finished with a 21-3-1 overall record.

## It was a banner season for FBA

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Tanner Varney's 76 for a 298 total.

Grace Christian (311) also qualified for state, while FBA (316) came up short. Joel Crisp (73) and Jacob Rose (75) led the Rams, while Maxwell Green and Luke McGhee (76 each) were best for

the Eagles.

Berean Christian's Landon Dyer (72) qualified for state as an individual.

The CAK girls took first place with Grady Thomas scoring 74 and Alexis Fishel (75).

GCA's Leah Rowe (93) was a state individual qualifier.