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## Corryton Church readies for another special Christmas Party

By Ken Leinart

Christmas is the centerpiece of Pastor Rocky Ramsey and Corryton Church members' efforts as they strive to help others celebrate each holiday season.

But it's so much more than one day on the calendar.

It's compassion, loving your neighbor, looking out for one another, fellowship, all of that and more. It's helping those in need, those devastated by a natural disaster. It just so happens to take place near Christmastime.

"It's our way," Dr. Ramsey said, "to let those suffering know they are cared for."

Thirty families will gather at South Central Elementary School in Chuckey, Tennessee, on Dec. 7. for what they think will be a meal and a few gifts.

The Christmas Party is always held on the first Saturday of December and it brings a good feeling leading up to Dec. 25.

The morning of the party begins with singing Christmas carols.



*Dr. Rocky Ramsey, senior pastor at Corryton Church, welcomes families to last year's Christmas Party. The special annual event has been ongoing since 2002 when the church helped Mossy Grove families with Christmas after tornadoes devastated the Wartburg area.*

Dr. Ramsey will then explain the church is there to share the love of Jesus with them. Even though they've been through tragic loss, God knows who they are, where they are, and has not

forgotten them.

After that, Pastor of Etc. Grant Rodgers will describe to them that they are about to go on a two-hour, free shopping spree.

The children will play games

in the gym and shop for gifts for their parents. The parents will move from "store" to "store" to shop for gifts for their children.

The party is like a game show.

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## Hotel tax, parking, and zoning changes on city agenda

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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday it will consider a Finance Department request to raise the hotel-motel occupancy tax and amend the uses of the proceeds.

It will consider changing the city charter involving parking violations, penalties and metered parking. Municipal enforcement officers of the Public Building Authority could be empowered to tow and impound any vehicle on public property. Both items are the first of two required readings.

Also on first reading is a Habitat for Humanity housing project for 4325 Pinehurst Drive with some residents objecting to the project. The change would take the former church property from an office zoning to an RN-2, general neighborhood residential, zoning.

The council will also vote to give a tax break to Origin Development Partners LLC for a development going in at Zero Hill Avenue and Zero Locust Street. The PILOT tax break involves four pieces of property there.

The contract with Barge Design Solutions Inc. may get an additional \$80,100 for the Chapman Highway Multimodal Project, bringing the total to \$294,600.

A Homelessness Demonstration Program grant of \$1.7 million may go to support the Youth Advisory Board and the efforts of six subgrantee organizations. Jowers Cleaning Service may get a \$180,280 contract to clean and service outdoor restrooms located in city parks.

Zoning change requests involve 4720 West Martin Mill Pike from RN-1 to RN-2; a change from Office to Neighborhood Commercial is being requested for 0 Lifespring Lane; and Cherokee Country Club wants to change the zoning at 531 Lyons View Pike from Medium Density to "Other Open Space" for part of the property.

The property at 1524 Riverside Road may change from RN-1 to RN-2.

The administration is requesting \$5.9 million go to Knoxville's Community Development Corporation for the construction of the Old City Streetscapes, the Willow Avenue Streetscapes and the Stadium Public Space.

The council is being asked by the Knoxville Fire Department to update the city code to adopt the 2024 International Fire Code and to review plans, inspections, and fee collections and penalties for violators of the codes.

## Floyd's Antique and Estate Sales to host Christmas Open House Saturday

By Ken Lay

A Powell business will celebrate Small Business Saturday by ushering in the Christmas season this weekend.

Floyd's Antiques and Estate Sales, which is located at 1900 W. Emory Road, will host a Christmas Open House on Saturday.

The store is owned by Angela Taylor, who will soon celebrate 10 years of antique business with a party in May. Floyd's Christmas Open House ushers in the holiday season with Santa Claus making an appearance and taking pictures with children from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

"We'll have Santa and he is the mall Santa at West Town Mall," said Taylor, who has her auctioneer's license from Stephenson Auction and Realty in Clinton and her real estate license through Realty Executives.

Taylor has had storefront businesses in various locations throughout Knoxville and East Tennessee and is happy to be in Powell. She has a passion for antiques but she also aspires to help others with their small businesses.

"I want to help people with their small businesses," Taylor said. "I want them to have the chance to make some money in their retirement."

She achieves this goal by renting booths for antique collectors to sell their items.

Taylor has deep roots in the Powell Community and she wanted to open a storefront in Powell.

In addition to her duties as owner of

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*Angela Taylor recently opened Floyd's Antiques and Estate Sales in Powell. The store will host a Christmas Open House on Nov. 30, Small Business Saturday. Photo by Ken Lay.*



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Publisher's Position

Laws In America Should Be Applied Equally For All



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As President-elect Donald Trump continues to make announcements about appointments to his Cabinet and other posts in his administration, it is abundantly clear things are different from his first term. Trump is acting decisively and with dispatch and is well ahead of where he was at this time in 2016. Yet the choices Trump made in staffing his second administration are reflective of his understanding of the message from the election returns. The American people wanted change, not business as usual in Washington, D.C. Trump also has set out to deliberately decimate the "fourth branch" of the government; the unelected bureaucracy which permeates too many of the federal government's bureaus and agencies. Donald Trump is the living symbol that for too many Americans the system does not work. That fourth and

unelected branch of the government is what many refer to as "the deep state." CNN worries if Trump is successful in rooting out the deep state, it will mean "an army of suck ups." Presently, it means an army of ultra-partisan leftist ideologues/activists who look down on other Americans who do not share their own political beliefs. The latest scandal involves FEMA instructing workers to avoid providing relief to those who displayed Trump banners or yard signs. Hard-working Americans are being denied disaster relief while illegal aliens are occupying rooms at hotels with free phones and food, all at the expense of the American taxpayer. We've seen it time and again through the open lawfare conducted by Merrick Garland's Department of Justice. Most every fantasy the left has conjured about Trump's return to the White House about persecuting and prosecuting his enemies has been true of the DOJ during the Biden administration and they loved it when it was used against parents, churches and Republicans. The left has no love for the law; in fact, they blatantly ignore, abuse and disdain any law they didn't write to rule over the rest of us. To acknowledge that it is a crime for a foreigner to cross our border is enough to get one

canceled by the left in this country. The fact is, there is no such thing as an "undocumented" person; there are ten to twenty million illegal aliens who have been allowed to cross our borders illegally, committing a crime under our own laws, openly aided by a presidential administration, which lied to our faces along with the corporate media. It is also true that Soros-funded district attorneys have imposed their own warped and twisted view of the law by reimagining it so that the innocent victims are deemed "oppressors" and the criminals are reimagined as victims irrespective of what horrendous crime they commit. District attorneys have openly defied state and federal laws and refused to charge criminals for having broken those same laws. Chain stores and small businesses have closed their doors where looters and shoplifters were protected by the people who were supposed to prosecute them. With the open border came enough fantasy to kill every American man, woman and child many times over. More than 100,000 children who crossed the border seemed to have disappeared and the Biden administration has no idea where they are or who has them. The same people who squalled constantly that our democracy was in danger

were the very same people holding a knife to the throat of that democracy. They bent, twisted, and hacked through any law or statute to try and remove Donald Trump from the ballot until stopped by the courts. For them, the ends always justify the means. The attitude of the leftists and the law can be summarized by the statement of Diane Ellis-Marseglia, an election commissioner in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Despite the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court issuing an order defining exactly what ballots were not to be counted, Ellis-Marseglia said, "People violate laws anytime they want. So, for me, if I violate this law, it's because I want a court to pay attention. There's nothing more important than counting votes." That comment was made after the state Supreme Court had made its ruling. Ellis-Marseglia has apologized since that time and said her comments were taken out of context. No, they weren't. We understood you the first time, Diane. You said exactly what you meant. For too many leftists, law exists only for them to use as they see fit. Governor Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, made a statement of his own. "Any insinuation that our laws can be ignored or do not matter is irresponsible and does

damage to faith in our electoral process. It is critical for counties and officials in both parties to respect it with both their rhetoric and their actions." Exactly. It was the Biden Department of Justice that sued the State of Virginia to keep illegal aliens, who do NOT have any of the rights of American citizens, to vote in elections. Shapiro is right, if albeit late in addressing it. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court had to issue yet another statement enforcing its initial ruling that undated ballots are not legal and cannot be counted, as per state law. The first and loudest election denier was Hillary Clinton, who continues to deny her loss in 2016 to this day. But to hear the left and their subsidiaries in the mainstream media tell it, only Donald Trump and Republicans can be election deniers after numerous instances where election commissions and secretaries of state changed the rules of the game in the middle of an election and without the sanction of the state legislatures who actually write the laws. That did not happen in 2016 and Hillary Clinton and her team leaked information that was untrue and malicious to the FBI about Donald Trump, which started the entire Russia hoax. That, too, should have been a criminal offense,

yet President Trump never tried to have her prosecuted. The FISA court was approached and provided with bogus information. Now it has come down to the moron-in-chief of "The View" saying it is fine for families to shun those members during the holidays who did not vote as they did in the election. Yet they often talk about "unity." What they mean is submission to their own beliefs and views. Daniel Penny is being tried in New York for having saved numerous other passengers on the infamously unsafe subways from a lunatic assailant who was threatening to kill other passengers. Several of the passengers have testified they were fearful of the crazed Jordan Neely, who was a schizophrenic drug abuser with a long criminal history. Penny, a former Marine, used a chokehold to subdue Neely, who died. Alvin Bragg, the notoriously incompetent and woke DA, brought charges against Penny. The prosecutor's office seemed to infer the reason being Penny is white and Neely was black. Justice in America should be color-blind and the law should be followed. The law should be applied equally for all and with partiality for none.

Knox County Commission sees contentious meeting

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Two Knox County Commissioners dominated the majority of time during the commission's November monthly meeting last week.

Commissioners Rhonda Lee of the 7th District and Andy Fox of the 9th District supported each other in their various resolutions. Lee's "Protecting the Innocence of Children" resolution drew supporters and opponents to the meeting and speakers for both sides took more than an hour to address the commission.

Fox used the public forum to pitch his opposition to three homeless funding resolutions and voice his criticism of the federal grants used in the programs. He cited the

growing federal debt and said he didn't want to add to it by accepting federal money for such programs. He voted "No" on adding additional federal grants to the Homeward Bound Program, using similar funds for the Home Rehabilitation Program and for the Rapid Re-housing of the Homeless. Lee and Fifth District Commissioner Angela Russell abstained on the Homeward Bound resolution and Lee joined Fox in a "No" vote on the re-housing funding with Russell abstaining. All three resolutions passed in a roll-call vote with the support of all the other commissioners. Lee introduced her "Protecting the Children" resolution in a previous commission meeting where it failed. She had the language of the proposal



Sherri Garrett was one of the supporters of Lee's "Protect the Innocence of Children" resolution and displayed questionable sexual illustrations in several books. Photo / Mike Steely.

changed in the new version but most of the other commissioners were critical of the need for the county to echo Tennessee laws already in place. Supporters were critical of programs of a "sexual nature" offered or sponsored that use some county funding.

Visit Knoxville, Ijams and the Tennessee Theater were mentioned as having received county funding. Deputy Knox County Law Director Mike Myers and Finance Director Chris Caldwell told the commission that no county funds were used in such programs. Drag shows and parades were mentioned as harmful to children. "This is not political," Lee said of her proposal, adding, "Our tax dollars should not be funding them." Her mention of various sexual deviations, including animals, drew a loud objection from the crowd. She requested a roll call vote on the matter and said that rejecting her motion would follow commissioners in their bids for future public office. At-large Commissioner

Larsen Jay, who is running for Knox County Mayor, responded to Lee's threat saying her resolution is "too vague" and noted that Lee, an attorney, once defended a person charged with child rape. Lee replied that everyone deserved a defense in court. At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier echoed Jay's remarks. Most of the commissioners spoke on the issue giving their reasons for opposing Lee's resolution.

Chairwoman Gina Oster wrapped up the discussion by stating, "We're not breaking state law" and said that drag shows and other such events require attendees to be 18 or older. She disputed Lee's claim that the resolution is not political and added, "You just proved it, threatening anybody who's up for re-election," referring to the commission as a whole. Lee, Fox and Russell voted in favor and the Lee resolution failed.

Thanksgiving comes once in a year,  
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in our hearts all year round.

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# KCM kicking off new internet radio station

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There's a new radio station in town from Knoxville Community Media. It will be officially launched Sunday, December 1 and an Open House was held at KCM's headquarters last Friday. The internet station, Radio-KCM.com, will run 24 hours a day and feature a variety of hosts and music.

Amos Oaks, executive and creative director of KCM, gave The Knoxville Focus information about the creation of the station and what's planned.

Here is what he said:

When we were Community Television of Knoxville we were offered an LPFM station. The leadership here at that time did not see that

it would be a feasible project to pursue. Building a terrestrial radio station can be expensive to build and to maintain. That station is now a great community radio station that many in the community have come to love.

Radio really wasn't on our "radar" at all. We would sometimes get requests from community members to help record podcasts, but our concern was always how to preserve the aspect of our organization that was being consumed by social media. We wanted to convince folks that we were still a relevant resource for creativity, storytelling and free speech.

Changing our name three years ago was the point where we wanted

to explore other forms of media. The name, "Knoxville Community Media," is a clear embracing of much more than television. We've been talking about building this radio station since the name change.

What prompted the reaction was the recent situation at Knoxville's college station that left a dozen or so deejays who had long-standing programs (20 years or more) without a home to pursue that passion. We knew that we couldn't have a terrestrial station, so we took on an internet-based channel. There are plenty of examples of very successful internet radio stations and we expect to follow suit.

My personal inspiration for our model is dublab.com

located in Los Angeles, California. They have such a unique and diverse roster of programming that I hope we can emulate by opening our doors to the community. This is a project that will be created for the community, by the community - just like our television programming.

We released an open call for participation at the beginning of November and have had an overwhelmingly exciting response. Our schedule boasts nearly 30 community producers already and will include a number of programs that folks might already be familiar with. We also have community volunteers who are creating very unique programming that will air between live programs. This will be music we are

certain you won't hear on any other radio station in our region.

There will be a wide range of music from country, international, rock and roll, punk rock, electronica, funk and much, much more. A program that I'm excited to host is titled "Government Spin." This program will be on Friday mornings and will feature light talk with local government officials who will pick three of their favorite songs to spin on vinyl between talking segments.

Jason Boarman who runs the nonprofit music venue, The Pilot Light, has been our engineer along with former internet radio enthusiast (of Rawkous Radio), Rob Travis.

Things are just about wrapped up and we will be on air 24/7 on December 1.

It will be available to stream at RadioKCM.com and will soon have an app that can be downloaded to your personal device.

We are so thrilled that we can offer another outlet for folks to learn life skills and pursue passions.



KCM Director Amos Oaks announced the launch of a radio station. On Sunday, December 1, the station will be on the internet 24 hours a day with a variety of hosts and music.

## Corryton Church readies for another special Christmas Party

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Multiple rooms are set up containing similar items (shoes, coats, clothes, groceries, kitchen items, bed & bath, etc.). A Corryton Church member will lead the parents from room to room. At the sound of a bell, they go to their next room where they have five minutes to select a predetermined number of items.

The bell rings again, and they're off to their next room. Church members will tag the selected gifts and run them out to staging sites designated for each family.

Members will bring pickup trucks to help the families get their gifts to where they are staying.

This event has been running annually since 2002 and church members have it down to an art.

"It's pretty amazing how quickly this sets up," Dr. Ramsey said. "We have 80 or so people going up (to Chuckey). It takes about an hour and a half."

After the "shopping spree," Dr. Ramsey said it takes about 30 minutes to break it down and clean up.

"We take photos before we start of each room so it is set up exactly like it was before," Dr. Ramsey said.

He said it's a rare occasion when a principal of a school doesn't want their classrooms turned into a shopping zone, but Ramsey said, "We've never had the first complaint."

The Mossy Grove community in Wartburg was the first recipient of this Christmas miracle after tornadoes swept through that area in 2002.

Corryton Church decided to give Christmas to some families who were uninsured and had lost everything. Someone in the community found the families most in need of help.

The church gave away a gymnasium full of furniture, clothes, appliances and more. Every family also received a television, microwave, vacuum, tool set and cleaning supplies. One family received property and a new double-wide mobile home that was fully furnished, decorated, and stocked (at no cost to them).

The church had such a great time showing the

love of Jesus to those people, that they decided to make an annual habit of it. Over the past 22 years, the church has given away nearly \$1 million dollars of gifts and goods to families in East Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky.

Two years ago, it helped a church, a pastor, and families who were victims of the Hazard, Ky., flood.

This year the 30 families were selected by educators in Chuckey. Families hit the hardest by Helene. It is up to the educators to make sure the families attend. Dr. Ramsey said sometimes a family may not want to attend just to get, what they think, is a meal and few gifts.

Sometimes a family finds it impossible to attend. In that case, a "designated" shopper handles the duty.

This day of gifts, of blessings, is not just "one day" though. While donations already line the hallways of Corryton Church, (the church has been collecting items since the first of November) members will still hit the shopping trails Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, to buy items using monetary donations the church has received. "Someone in Ohio heard about what we're doing and sent us about 16 pallets of clothing ... new clothing," Dr. Ramsey told The Focus.

On Friday night, Dec. 6., Corryton Church will hold a dinner of thanks for the numerous Amish families who traveled to the Chuckey area to feed residents after the devastation of Helene.

"Now, we're feeding them," Dr. Ramsey said. "It's a way to show how much they are appreciated, to thank them."

The giving, most times, extends after the annual party.

"We've been to places where people have absolutely nothing," Dr. Ramsey said. "People living in mobile homes along a river bank with no windows. People living in houses with no doors."

"Someone usually goes back out later and installs windows or hangs a door for a family. Our people are really good about doing things like that."

"In a way, this is our Christmas as well."



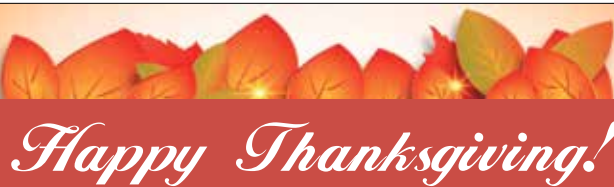
A gymnasium full of Hawkins County families bow their heads in prayer at the beginning of last year's Christmas Party organized by Corryton Church.

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## Giving Thanks

Anyone who has the power to make you believe in absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices.

Voltaire

Perhaps because Thanksgiving occurs late this year, I am better organized. The holiday season is crunch time for columnists because we have to produce several columns in short order before the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

This Thanksgiving, I'll be working on two separate essays. However, since Christmas and New Year's occur early in the week, only one column will be required of us.

This is probably what my nurse used to refer to as "TMI" (too much information). She often used this phrase while rolling her eyes regarding information left by patients on her phone recorder. So, I'll whine no more about column deadlines but ask you to "be kind to your

columnist" during holidays.

This essay will appear the week of Thanksgiving, but thankfulness should not be just once a year. Every morning when I awaken, my first thought is to thank the Lord for another day of life, my wonderful wife and the salvation afforded me through my Lord Jesus Christ.

But, what if you awakened one morning and everything that you believed to be true was shown to be a lie? You would of course have to either accept the evidence or maintain your misconceptions. We are now aware of the propaganda, brainwashing and mis-education by Democrats, the legacy media and academia. Although it is disturbing to watch, I am thankful that the majority of Americans are seeing them for what they are and what they've done.

Robert Malone MD is the medical researcher who invented the mRNA technology which led to the COVID-19 vaccines. I

have followed his writing for some time. He is conservative and doubted much of the COVID hysteria of masks, six-foot spacing and shutting down schools, churches and businesses. He was pilloried by the left. Malone introduced me to the concept of "formation psychosis," a term that can be simply defined as mass hysteria.

While I am no psychiatrist, the hysteria over the results of the election is evidenced by women screaming into their iPhones and posting their rants, dyeing their hair blue or shaving their heads. Some have demanded that women break up with their conservative boyfriends, abstain from intimacy, divorce their husbands and avoid their families at Thanksgiving. This unhinged behavior is ideologically driven and delusional. So where did this lunacy come from? It came from the propaganda of journalists, more than 90% of whom are Democrats, and also from academia where Democrats outnumber conservative professors twelve to one.

Many have heard of the deep state, defined as the cadre of unelected Washington bureaucrats. However, a more appropriate term is The Blob which includes not only bureaucrats, but also scores of people who circulate from think tanks, lawmakers, academia, journalists, and

Washington elites to various positions.

Trump won the presidency in 2016 and thought the hysteria over his defeat of Hillary Clinton would settle down and people would be reasonable. He was an outsider to Washington. So, to fill government positions he took the advice of Washington insiders, i.e., The Blob. Many of these participated in sabotaging his presidency.

This time, President Trump understands Washington and won't be fooled again. His Cabinet and appointments will be those loyal to Trump and the MAGA agenda, rather than from the subversive Blob. Democrats and their legacy media, RINOs and Washington elites are screaming about many of President Trump's appointments. My opinion regarding appointments was not sought. Nor do I know much about Trump's choices. However, I trust nothing coming out of Washington or the legacy media.

I do trust President Trump who won the popular vote and swept the Electoral College. He has heroic qualities: returning from defeat in 2020 amidst an election corrupted by COVID; overcoming bogus impeachment attempts; persevering through corrupt lawfare that disparaged him, and tried to bankrupt him and his family and supporters; and surviving two assassination

attempts because of, what I believe was, ideologically driven FBI leadership neglect and incompetence.

If there is any common ground between traditional Democrats and conservative Republicans it is that Washington is broken and its institutions have been utterly corrupted. I don't believe patchwork fixes will be effective. President Trump returns to Washington with a mandate to break up and reconstitute the dysfunctional bureaucracy. Yes, Trump and his loyalists will be disruptive to the status quo, and he will reverse the destructive Biden policies. Good!

Several have asked me if I'm glad Harris was defeated. My response is, "No, I'm relieved." We now have a chance to Make America Great Again, but you can count on Democrats and the unhinged left to fight America first policies.

A party out of power becomes the resistance. Democrat governors and sanctuary city mayors are vowing to resist fixing the illegal immigration disaster. And election officials in Pennsylvania are counting illegal ballots in the Senate race recount, defying their Supreme Court and Democrat governor.

I could go on, but you get the picture. We anticipate resistance from vacuous illiberal celebrities whose endorsements were shown to cost Democrats a

fortune and be worthless. Likewise, the Progressive socialists and leftists who run the Democrat party will defy the American people's will. And the legacy media will continue to lie, drop off bomb investives and scream Hitler! But wait, MSNBC and CNN have lost so many viewers and ad revenue that their parent companies may fire their "stars" and sell the networks.

Andrew Breitbart famously said, "Politics is downstream from culture." The mood of the country has changed, and President Trump is being sent to Washington to change the direction of the country. Even Bezos' Washington Post and the owner of The LA Times recognize the seismic shift and the necessity to change or "die." The management of MSNBC sent Morning Joe and Mika to Mar-a-Lago with an "olive branch" to keep their jobs. ABC is looking for a conservative for The View. This is all driven by economic desperation rather than a change of heart. These liberals remain wolves in sheep's clothing and enemies of MAGA.

I am not taunting, I'm just trusting Trump and his entourage. And, like so many, I'm doing the Trump Twist!

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## Evening at the Greenhouse to benefit South Knox's Art Walk Project

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The South Knox Art Walk project will benefit from a special Taste of South Knoxville event on Thursday, December 5. The "Evening in the Greenhouse" will be held that Thursday at Stanley's Greenhouse at 4029 Davenport Road from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Stanley's Greenhouse, the South Knoxville Neighborhood & Business Coalition and Legacy Parks Foundation, the event's tickets are \$50

and include two drink tickets for beer and wine. Hors d'oeuvres from several restaurants will be available. Guests will mingle among the beautiful greenhouse poinsettias and 10% of the sales from the evening go to the Legacy Parks Foundation.

The SoKno Art Walk runs along the Knoxville-Holston River Railroad from the edge of Chapman Highway to Island Home. The trail will feature a variety of murals, sculptures, functional installations, graffiti and youth-created works along the three-mile rail



South Knoxville is growing robustly and the art walk project by Legacy Parks will benefit from a December 5th "Evening at the Greenhouse" event at Stanley's Greenhouse.

trail.

The art walk idea began several years ago with the renovation of the

historic Karns Bakery and the redevelopment of Sevier Avenue.

## Nominate helpful neighbors for annual award

Does your neighbor go above and beyond to help fellow neighbors with major projects or simple chores? Neighbors who show up and pitch in regularly – without seeking recognition for their service – are likely candidates for the annual Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

The City of Knoxville Office of Neighborhood Empowerment is currently accepting nominations for the next recipient,

who will be honored at the Neighborhood Awards Dinner in March 2025. The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2024.

Since its inception in 2013 to honor the late Diana Conn, the award has been given to 11 residents whose contributions to their neighborhoods include:

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# Choosing Gratitude

Recently I was listening to a speaker and he commented, “Maturity is not a matter of one’s age, but rather how they choose to respond and react to the variety of life situations.” I agree. When you and I



By Justin Pratt, Clear Springs Baptist Church Senior Pastor

are forced into difficult and life-changing decisions, it is in those moments, that we find ourselves growing emotionally, intellectually and spiritually if we choose wisely how to respond. It is important to remember that in the original design, God’s target was for every person to live in the glory of God. Glory, simplistically put, is defined as the manifested, actualized presence of God Himself. The intended target was for us to live in the presence of Jesus, not only as a point of doctrine but as an actualized reality where we can see and feel God resting upon us. Of course, that was ruined by the fall, and now because of sin, “all have fallen and come short of the glory of God.” We have missed the mark, the intended target. One of the primary ways we miss the mark is that we live, often unintentionally, in a perpetual state of ingratitude. That is, we fail to have appreciation and give thanks for the things that we have. We usually feel like we deserve more. The result of this spirit of discreditable lack of appreciation becomes something that cripples us spiritually. The American theologian

and pastor Francis Shaefter once said, “The beginning of man’s rebellion against God, was and is, the lack of a thankful heart.” Have you ever wondered what stirred the appetites of Adam and Eve

personal choices. We make the decision, an intentional choice to be grateful. In life, we will always want things we don’t have and wish we didn’t have certain things that we can’t change. In 1 Thessalonians 5, Paul unleashes three power-packed choices that every Christian who is serious about the will of God must make:

**We must choose to praise God when it would be easier to grumble.** “Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU.” (Emphasis mine). Regardless of what comes into our lives, we have to seek out an intentional way to practice gratitude in what we are faced with. The Bible doesn’t tell us we must be thankful FOR all things, but that we can be thankful IN all things. It’s hard to do but by expressing a heart of thanksgiving, even in hard seasons, we are openly acknowledging the goodness of God. Practicing gratitude is an intentional choice.

My encouragement for all of us this Thanksgiving season is to “choose gratitude.” One of the greatest ways to do this is to keep our list of blessings stronger than our list of burdens. If we are more conscious of praise than we are conscious of problems, then we can come from a place of appreciation and live less from a position of anxiety. Choose gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving!

**We must choose to pray with gratefulness when it would be easier to live with entitlement.** The Apostle Paul says we should choose to “pray without ceasing.” It seems that the indication is that praying with gratitude keeps the context of our prayer in focus. To ask for what I want without appreciating what I already have leads me to a place of selfish, unappreciated entitlement.

in Eden to want something more than constant communion with God? What could be more enticing than the presence of your Creator? The honor to live in His uninterrupted glory? I believe it lies within this statement: They were not thankful for all that God had provided! Adam and Eve suffered the same problem we still suffer today, they were not satisfied with all the provisions that God had already supplied. And when given the opportunity, the enemy slithered right up to them in the form of a serpent and introduced the idea that God was holding out on them. Ingratitude and a lack of thankfulness became the infectious disease that shut their eyes to God’s goodness and left them groping for something else that never would satisfy. Unless the song of thanksgiving is sung in our hearts, the outside enemy will deceive his way into the city of our soul and bleed out every drop of joy and contentment that God wants us to live with.

Thanksgiving is the will of God. We need to recognize that gratitude is not tied to our spiritual maturity, it is tethered to our

the parts of the food that reach room temperature. When cooking, use a thin tipped, metal stemmed thermometer in the thickest portions of the meat to ensure you have reached an internal temperature of 165°F. Color is not a reliable indicator of whether food is properly cooked.

Don’t be a source of foodborne illness. If you are not feeling well, do not prepare food for your friends or loved ones.

# KCHD offers food safety tips ahead of the holidays

With Thanksgiving this week, families are preparing to gather for one of the most anticipated meals of the year. The Knox County Health Department has some safe food handling tips to keep everyone happy and healthy this holiday season.

## Cleaning

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before and after handling food. Clean countertops, cutting boards, and utensils regularly to prevent cross contamination.

Do NOT place raw meat or poultry under running water. Washing raw meat and poultry can cause bacteria to spread up to three feet away.

## Separate

Keep raw meat, seafood and eggs away from the ready-to-eat foods that will not be cooked before being eaten. This includes keeping these items separate when storing items in your home refrigerator and while preparing meals.

## Cooking

Thaw frozen turkeys safely in the refrigerator several days prior to cooking. Never thaw foods on the counter because bacteria quickly multiplies in

the parts of the food that reach room temperature. When cooking, use a thin tipped, metal stemmed thermometer in the thickest portions of the meat to ensure you have reached an internal temperature of 165°F. Color is not a reliable indicator of whether food is properly cooked.

Don’t be a source of foodborne illness. If you are not feeling well, do not prepare food for your friends or loved ones.

## Store safely

Make sure to refrigerate the leftovers within two hours after cooking. Leftovers are safe in the fridge for up to four days or in the freezer for up to several months.

## Reheating

Whether reheating food in the microwave or oven, all items should be reheated to an internal temperature of 165°F. Don’t taste food that looks or smells questionable. When in doubt, throw it out!

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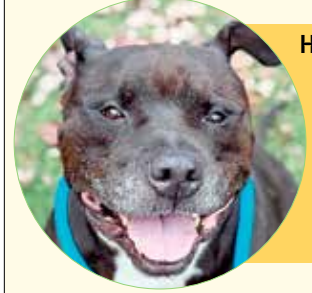
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# ‘Sons of the Wild Jack Ass’ George H. Moses of New Hampshire

## Pages from the Past



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There was a time when George Higgins Moses was one of the most powerful members of the United States Senate. A partisan Republican with a tart tongue, Moses was thought to be the spokesman of Eastern Republicans and “certainly one of the three highest figures in the Republican party organization,” according to the most widely read news magazine of its day, TIME. Moses rose to be the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate where he “made some of the elder Senators dizzy by the dispatch with which he kept the Senate machinery going.” George H. Moses looked the part, wearing rimless round glasses, looking as dour as a hell-fire and brimstone preacher with his hair severely parted in the middle. Perhaps the only hint of whimsy hidden deep within the being of George Moses was the jaunty bowtie he usually wore. Yet there had been a time when Moses had been called “the most exciting man in American public life.”

Throughout his time in Washington, D.C., George H. Moses gained a reputation for saying what he thought, as well as being fearless in his political independence. Moses was also acknowledged as one of the shrewdest political minds of his time. Having been a reporter, Moses knew how to turn a pungent phrase to the delight of newsmen. One of those phrases came from a speech Senator Moses made in Boston where he was highly critical of a farm coalition comprised of Southerners and Midwesterners whom he dismissed as “sons of wild jackasses.” The senator’s remark brought a firestorm of criticism from both regions and Moses was not moved one iota. Indeed, Moses snapped he was not in the least sorry for having used the phrase. When a colleague rose on the floor of the United States Senate and attempted to take Moses to task for the offending turn of expression, the New Hampshire solon retorted, “If a more fitting phrase for this gyrating crowd that is running the Senate can be found, I’ll adopt it.”

When friends urged him to accept the vice-presidential nomination, Moses refused saying the post turned its occupant into “a cipher.” Moses was keen in debate, much feared by opponents for his sharp wit.

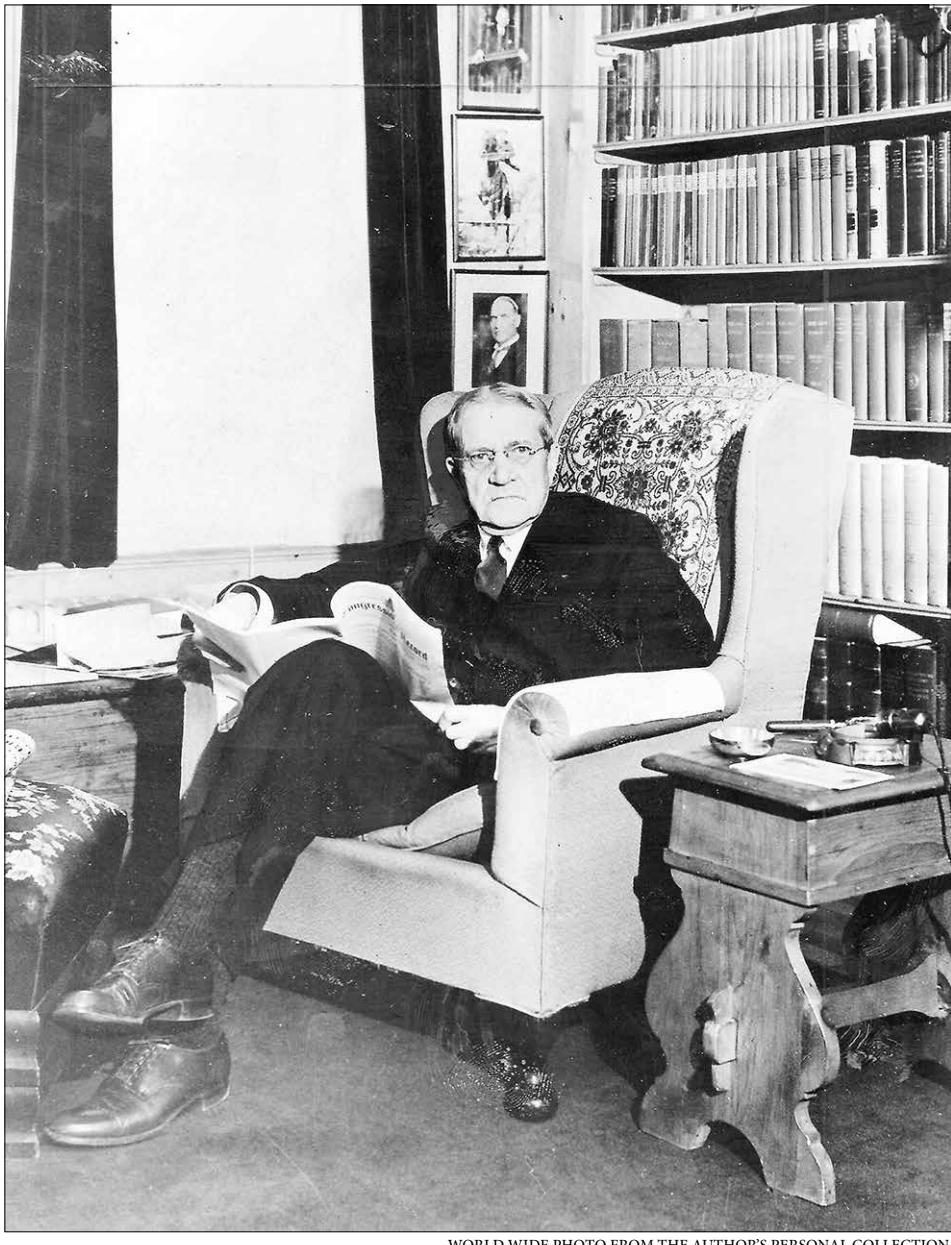
Moses had grown up in Maine and New Hampshire and enjoyed an excellent education, having attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Dartmouth College. After graduating, Moses joined the staff of the Concord Monitor,

becoming the editor of the newspaper. The young editor became interested in politics and when David Goodell was elected governor, Moses became the governor’s secretary (chief of staff). When the governor left office, Moses returned to the newspaper business, working as a reporter and chief editor for the Concord Evening Monitor until 1918. Throughout that time, George H. Moses was active in governmental affairs in New Hampshire as well as the Republican Party. In 1908 Moses was selected as a delegate to the 1908 GOP National Convention, which nominated William Howard Taft for the presidency. The newly elected president rewarded the newsman by appointing Moses to serve as America’s ambassador to Greece and Montenegro. Moses occupied the post of United States Minister to Greece and Montenegro for Taft’s four-year term of office, returning to New Hampshire in 1913. As minister to Greece and Montenegro, Moses witnessed the first shots fired in the Balkan War while out on an early morning ride.

George H. Moses was once again a delegate to the 1916 Republican National Convention, which nominated Charles Evans Hughes, former governor of New York and an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, as its presidential nominee. When 81-year-old U.S. Senator Jacob Gallinger died, there was a special election in 1918 to determine his successor. George H. Moses became an active candidate and was the Republican nominee for the Senate. New Hampshire was ordinarily a Republican state, but there was a very active Democratic minority and the general election was close. Moses eked out a very narrow victory, winning by 1,070 votes.

Two years later, Moses ran for the full six-year term and faced a credible opponent in Raymond B. Stevens, who had been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1912 when the Republican Party was hopelessly divided between President William Howard Taft and his predecessor, Theodore Roosevelt, who was running as the candidate of the Progressive Party. Moses had adapted to senatorial life well and concentrated upon rendering the many services constituents expected from their United States senators. Moreover, 1920 was a Republican year and Moses was reelected easily, winning better than 57% of the ballots cast.

No outspoken individual in politics will ever be universally popular, even inside his/her own



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Former U. S. Senator George H. Moses at his Concord, New Hampshire home, March 1940.

political party and George H. Moses was no exception. A bitter rivalry had developed between Moses and Governor Robert P. Bass, who challenged the senator in the 1926 GOP primary. Bass tried hard to paint Moses as not having sufficiently backed the policies of President Calvin Coolidge, while the senator serenely campaigned on his record. The campaign was hard fought, and Moses won a decisive victory. Senator Moses was at the peak of his personal popularity with the people of his state, and he won the general election with more than 62% of the vote. George Moses was the only senator elected during the Harding landslide of 1920 to better his percentage six years later.

While in the Senate, Moses was adamant in his opposition to participation by the United States in the World Court and the League of Nations. Highly suspicious of foreign entanglements, Senator Moses had been against the proposed naval limitation treaty in 1930.

1932 proved to be a daunting year for most Republican candidates, something Senator George H. Moses recognized. The hardships and deprivations imposed by the Great Depression had inflicted terrible suffering upon much of America and Moses understood many voters had tired of the Hoover Administration and looked to the Democratic candidate, New York Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, for some kind of hope for a brighter future. Moses faced a significant opponent in Democrat Fred Brown, who had been a popular governor. Senator Moses never tried to run away from his party label and campaigned upon his record. It was almost enough. Fred Brown edged out George Moses by 2,117 votes.

Consigned to private life following his defeat, Moses candidly assessed himself

as “only of nuisance value to the Republican party.” The former senator still had thousands of friends throughout the Granite State, many of whom urged him to try and return to the United States Senate. Moses was a constant presence at GOP events throughout the Granite State following his involuntary retirement from the U.S. Senate. When Republicans gathered in January of 1935 to honor Governor Styles Bridges, the Portsmouth Herald noted the former senator “received a remarkable ovation” when he rose to speak.

When New Hampshire’s other U.S. senator, Henry W. Keyes, opted not to seek reelection in 1936, Moses announced he would run once again. The former senator persisted in seeking the GOP senatorial nomination even though it was clear Governor H. Styles Bridges would also be a candidate. The 67-year-old former U.S. senator faced the youthful 39-year-old governor inside the GOP primary. The contest for the GOP senatorial nomination became the most closely watched election in New Hampshire in 1936.

Supporters of Governor Bridges were outraged when the former senator received an endorsement from ex-President Herbert Hoover. Hoover had sent a letter to former Governor Huntley Spaulding, which stated the former chief executive’s belief it “would be a great thing for the country” if New Hampshire voters returned George Moses to the U.S. Senate. Hoover cited Moses’s experience and abilities “in these most difficult times” as reasons for returning him to the upper chamber.

A third candidate, William J. Callahan, also sought the GOP senatorial nomination. Callahan was a supporter of the plan pushed by Dr. Francis Townsend for the federal government to provide every senior citizen with \$200 monthly

(the equivalent of almost \$4,500 today), which had to be spent the same month it was received. Seventy-eight years old and a crank, Callahan momentarily roiled the senatorial contest when he accused George H. Moses of having offered him money if he would quit the race and leave the field open. Callahan claimed Moses had offered to allow him to “name any figure” as the price of his withdrawal. Moses bluntly called Callahan a liar and denied the allegation, which virtually nobody took seriously. George H. Moses remained the same prickly, blunt-spoken man he had always been. When queried by labor leaders about his stand on the strike provision of the Esch-Cummins Bill, the former senator instantly said, “I’m for it.” The Central Labor Council informed Moses they would work to defeat him. Moses replied, “If my stand on the Esch-Cummins bill is the reason for my defeat, I shall glory in that defeat.”

Bridges pointed to his record of two years as New Hampshire’s governor, while Moses campaigned on his 14 years in the U.S. Senate. Moses dismissed Bridges as “Little Boy Blue” as he moved across the state, while Bridges stressed his “forward-looking” campaign for the future. In the end, New Hampshire voters looked to the future rather than over their shoulders back to the past in selecting their senatorial nominee.

Moses watched as the election returns dribbled in while in Manchester, New Hampshire. Bridges took the lead and kept it. When it was obvious to everyone else, the former senator stubbornly refused to concede the election. As Moses left the campaign headquarters to return home to Concord, reporters crowded the candidate asking for a statement. “Not yet, not yet,” Moses replied.

Styles Bridges won the

contest by better than 13,000 votes, while Moses polled just under 40% of the ballots cast. George H. Moses knew his time in elective office had come to an end and his political career was over. While 1936 was a terrible year for the Republicans nationally and President Roosevelt carried New Hampshire in the fall election, Styles Bridges won the senatorial contest and remained in the Senate until his death in 1961.

Moses was elected as a delegate to New Hampshire’s Constitutional Convention in 1938 and the individual delegates promptly elected the former senator as president of the convention by acclamation. George Moses immediately suggested that one revision of the Granite State’s Constitution should address the heavy taxation placed upon real estate.

After his loss inside the Republican primary in 1936, friends and admirers still nudged the former senator to run for public office. Moses always replied with the same answer: “Why should a man with a bum ticker fuss around with things like that?” Increasingly, Moses moved out of the limelight into the comfort of his Concord home, relishing the fact he would “never again to be in a given place at a given time.” The former senator kept up a voluminous correspondence and enjoyed his status as one of New Hampshire’s senior statesmen.

George H. Moses embarked upon the last campaign of his long career in 1944 when he ran for delegate at large to the Republican National Convention from the Granite State. Moses demonstrated he was still held in high regard by most New Hampshire Republicans, running just behind Governor Robert O. Blood and former Governor Huntley Spaulding. Both Moses and Spaulding ran as “unpledged” candidates, meaning they were not pledged to vote for any particular presidential aspirant. Moses also became the honorary chairman of Mayor Charles Dale’s campaign for governor of New Hampshire in 1944.

For the last year, Moses had been unwell and had only recently returned home from a stay in the hospital, hoping to celebrate Christmas in his own house. The former senator died the night of December 21 from a heart attack. Moses’s wife and only child, son Gordon, were with him when he slipped away.

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# Take a hike

I am a child of the television era. I remember the old days when we had a box television that was the approximate weight of a refrigerator. With a special antenna, viewers could receive three channels; Daddy refused to make such

an extravagant purchase, so we only viewed CBS and NBC. Oh, I also remember that to change the channel one of us had to rise from our seats and actually turn a dial. The worst thing to me was that stations actually stopped broadcasting around midnight. Snow or an Indian chief's profile filled the screen. Over the years, I've maintained a love of television. Each year, I would find a couple of favorite programs and faithfully watch them each week. When those shows ran their courses and no longer aired, I grieved as if I'd lost good friends. Such interruptions to my weekly routine put me in a tailspin.

Cable television arrived and offered 24-hour programming. Finally, I could find something to watch, no matter how late in the night the hour was. When bouts with restless legs came, I sat many nights and watched cable news or some old movie



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on TCM. Many mornings found me still sitting on the couch. I was bleary-eyed and exhausted, but the television had saved me at least a bit of torment.

In modern times, I'm much older and wiser about television and its programming, especially the news. No more Walter Cronkites exist. Oh, some might quote him by saying, "And that's the way it is." However, the state of the world and our country depends more upon which station a person watches. Most Americans are smart enough to know which programming meets their biases. Yet, that is not a characteristic of the truth. In fact, most of us are constantly confused about what the truth is.

Cable news and network news are suspect in their reporting. News programs are the cheapest to produce and are the biggest income earners for companies. Ratings of those broadcasts decide which will have the largest bank accounts for their owners.

Believe it or not, breaking news doesn't occur every minute of the day. One station begins each new program with such a claim, only to repeat the

headlines from earlier shows. To keep the interests of viewers, stations bring on so-called "authorities" to substantiate their reporting. How difficult is it to find some "expert" to agree with the anchor?

After this last election, I've sworn off watching the news, regardless of which station or political leaning is pushed. I worry about this country and the messes that exist, but I don't see any solutions to them coming from newscasts. One side always praises the way America is running, while the other bashes the leaders who make the decisions. At this later stage in my life, I simply care little. The truth is in short supply from both political sides, and my decision is to live my remaining years without having some anchorman jerk my chain and send me into a worrying frenzy. I'll keep up with major events through other means such as newspapers and reliable sources whom I respect. The television news industry can take a hike. Until the second coming of Walter occurs or some other dependable person takes to the airwaves, I'll push the off button on the news and tune in to YouTube for some laughs.

## Knox County employees get a raise

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Employees of Knox County will get an additional 2% raise thanks to the resolution passed by the Knox County Commission last week to add \$1,506,250 to the budget. Beginning in January the employees will be seeing an additional 2%, upping their calendar year increase to 4%.

The item was discussed in a recent agenda review meeting and passed with one vote along with several other agenda items on consent last week.

Also passed on consent was a motion to remove the outdated use restrictions from the Forks of the River Industrial Park operating documents.

Twenty-six new subdivision streets were accepted for county maintenances.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs appointed Mark Dixon to the Knox Chapman Utility District.

A grant contract with the Tennessee Department of Mental

Health and Substance Abuse Services for the Juvenile Court was approved for the Safe Baby Court, extending the liability by \$100,000 to \$600,000.

Other consent items approved included the appointments of Ashley Williams to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Debi Stafford to the Library Advisory Board, and the acceptance of a \$548,028 grant from the state to transport mental health patients.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office was approved to receive a grant of \$50,143 from the state for electronic monitoring. Two firms were approved for tree trimming and removal services and an agreement was approved with Calloway Oil Company for road improvements to Schaad Road and Johnson Road.

Additional work on the Trane Energy Services Project was approved and the Tipton Station Road intersection at Martin Mill Pike and Maryville Pike was dropped from the agenda.

## Nominate helpful neighbors

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and inclusive events that engage neighbors of all ages;

- Initiation and regular maintenance of neighborhood gardens and beautification projects;

- Caring and thoughtful leadership on neighborhood issues.

More information and nomination forms are posted at KnoxvilleTN.gov/Neighborhoods. Neighbors with questions about nominations or the process can reach out to Shannett Riley at sriley@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-3232.

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TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# West comes up short in double overtime loss

**By Steve Williams**

It went right down to the last play and an official's decision.

With West needing a touchdown in the second overtime period to tie the score, wide receiver Antwain Burdine got in the end zone, but had to come back to the ball to catch quarterback Parker Dubon's throw. Officials ruled he caught the pass, but the ball was short of the goal line.

That left unbeaten Sevier County with a 24-17 victory in the TSSAA Class 5A state quarterfinal game Friday night at Bill Wilson Field and ended the Rebels' two-year run as state champions.

"They said we come up a little bit short (on the last play)," said West Coach Lamar Brown. "I'm not for sure about that. There's nothing we can do about that. But we shouldn't ever put those guys (officials) in that position to make that call. That's my fault."

Coach Todd Loveday's Smoky Bears (13-0) will advance to the semifinal round and play Oak Ridge Friday night.

West ends the season 9-4.

"This senior class has been a special group here," said Brown. "They always are going to be a part of our football family."

"It's been fun, but it doesn't take away the hurt we feel now. I hurt for our kids. They put a lot into this. You know, football is a year around sport and a lot of work goes into it. And then to come up a little bit short, it hurts."

Brown said his team couldn't get in any kind of rhythm offensively at all.

"Penalties and turnovers killed us in the first half, and penalties hurt us in the second half," he pointed out. "But I'm proud of our kids. They kept fighting until the end, making plays."

Sevier County, aided by a 15-yard penalty on a late hit by linebacker Jack Keith, drove to the 13-yard line on the opening

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PHOTO BY ROBERT TAYLOR

**A questionable call.** On the last play of the game against Sevier County, West wide receiver Antwain Burdine's right elbow appears to be over the goal line and his left arm appears to be touching the goal line as he cradles the football. The ruling, however, was an incomplete pass short of the goal line.

HS GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

# New sport is off to a fun and physical start

**By Steve Williams**

Girls' flag football can be literally fast and furious.

In a game on Nov. 18, a foul was not called, but a player on one team intentionally bumped an opponent after a play and tempers flared for a few seconds.

It did not escalate, but the incident showed that the new TSSAA sport of girls' flag football could be a physical one – just like the boys' game.

Austin-East, Carter and Fulton were the teams playing that night at Carter.

The host Lady Hornets stung Austin-East 46-12 in the first game and Fulton handed A-E a 26-6 loss in Game 2. That set up a showdown in the finale between Carter and Fulton, who have proven to be two of the top local teams after the first two weeks of play.

The Lady Falcons won that matchup 40-19.

Flag football this season is an "emerging sport" in TSSAA. Thirteen teams from Knox County plus Anderson County High are playing five consecutive weeks on Monday nights through Dec. 9, with a possible tournament after that to be held. When the sport starts for real in 2025-26, it will be played in the spring.

Comparing girls' flag football to boys' football, Carter Coach Dustin Dudley said: "We've run some of the same passing combinations that our high school (football team) runs. What's really helpful is these girls are just very coachable."

"They want to be out here. They're having fun. They're flying around. They love coming to practice and they love getting to play these games."

A college coach from King University (D2) was at the games recruiting last week. He'll probably be back often, too.

"It's another avenue for girls to get to college to play at the next level," said Coach Dudley. "And we're trying to get them there."

Currently, colleges at the Division 2 level and lower have flag football teams. Milligan is a NAIA school that has a team.

To help fans get acquainted with the new sport, the field is 80 yards long and 35 to 40 yards wide. The goal lines are at the 10-yard lines.

There are no kickoffs and a team starts on offense at

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PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

**Carter junior Jenna Wilson carries the football in the Lady Hornets' flag football game against Austin-East on Nov. 18. Jermysha Stripling (No. 3) is on defense for the Lady Roadrunners.**

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## TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# Bearden ends postseason with 41-20 loss to Maryville

By David Klein

In a Class 6A state quarterfinal game at Maryville High School, the Maryville Rebels defense and Mack Serr guided the Rebels to a 41-20 win over the Bearden Bulldogs. Serr did everything for the Rebels in the game as he caught a touchdown pass, intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown, recovered a fumble and had two sacks.

"Mack's the Swiss Army Knife," Maryville Head Coach Derek Hunt said. "He can do a little bit of everything. The only thing that was holding him back last year was really knowing what to do, but he's figured it out and continued to get better and better and better. I couldn't be more proud of Mack. He deserves it."



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

*A 3-yard touchdown run by Bearden's Torian Riggins just before halftime cut host Maryville's lead to 11 points, but the Red Rebels pulled away in the second half to advance to the Class 6A state semifinals this week.*



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

*Bearden Coach Josh Jones talks to reporters after his Bulldogs' 41-20 loss Friday night in the TSSAA Class 6A state quarterfinal game at Maryville.*

The Rebels got on the scoreboard first with a 74-yard touchdown pass from Will Jones to Casey Cobble just 36 seconds into the game. Bearden answered with a field goal.

Later, the Bulldogs retook the lead on quarterback DJ Hunter's 4-yard touchdown run with 1:54 left in the first quarter to make it 10-7 Bulldogs. Hunter was under pressure the whole night from Maryville's defensive line as the Rebels recorded seven sacks.

The Rebels answered the Bearden's touchdown with a methodical drive. On third-and-goal from the 3-yard line, Jones threw a touchdown pass to Serr in

the back of the end zone. The extra point made it 14-10 Maryville with 9:24 left in the second quarter and the Rebels would never trail again.

Bearden was looking to answer the touchdown, but Jonah Arms caused a fumble and Serr recovered it. On the next play, Jones threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Cobble, and the Rebels went up 21-10 with 5:56 left in the second quarter.

Maryville was really cooking on its next drive. The Rebels ran a trick play, a double pass play, as Jones threw to Colton Foust, who threw it back to Jones, and he made one defender

miss and then raced 33 yards to the end zone to pad the Rebels' lead to 28-10.

Bearden was able to cut the lead to 28-17 on Torian Riggins' 3-yard touchdown run just before the half.

To start the second half, the Bulldogs got the football and drove into Maryville territory, but the Rebels sacked Hunter on two consecutive plays to drive the Bulldogs back to their side of the field and force a punt. The momentum swung back to the Rebels as Maryville was able to push the lead back out to 35-17 on running back Price Davis's 1-yard touchdown run with 2:19 left in the third quarter.

Bearden made a field goal to cut it to 35-20 and was still fighting with Drew Parrott taking over for an injured Hunter, but Parrott threw a pass that was tipped and intercepted by Serr, who ran it back 49 yards for a touchdown as the game ended to put the exclamation point on the win.

Maryville heads to Murfreesboro to play at Oakland in the Class 6A semifinals. Bearden ends its season at 9-4.

"We were 3 and 3, pretty much everyone wrote us off, left us for dead," Bearden Head Coach Josh Jones said, assessing the season. "We get some guys healthy; we win six games in a row against good competition. We get to the quarterfinals back-to-back and we didn't want it to end tonight."

## West comes up short in double overtime loss

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possession of the game but Taylor Madison missed a 33-yard field goal.

West crossed midfield on its first possession but Messiah Wrenn fumbled after a 6-yard gain and defensive back Sladen Hickman recovered it at the Smoky Bears' 41.

West linebacker Davis Neely blocked Sevier County's punt on its next possession and lineman Sam Hudson returned it to the SC 49. The turnover led to the Rebels having great field position at the Sevier County 34 at the end of the first quarter.

The Rebels, however, couldn't overcome a holding penalty and Pete Rogers missed a 40-yard field goal attempt.

A 27-yard pass from Newman to tight end Jude Costner got the Smoky Bears rolling and inside West territory, but a huge tackle by Hudson and an incomplete pass by Newman ended the threat at the Rebels' 29.

West picked up two first downs but ended up punting. Sevier County also had to punt on its next possession in what was turning into a defensive struggle.

Hickman made another big play for the Bears with a pick at Rebels' 41 with 1:09 to go in the half. Sevier County turned it into a 29-yard field goal by Madison on the last play of the half for a 3-0 lead.

West answered after intermission with a touchdown pass to go ahead

7-3. Dubon connected with senior Troit Patterson, despite double coverage, and Rogers added the PAT.

Sevier County drove to the West 31 but Newman overthrew a pass to a wide open Costner and Jordan Hayes broke up the Bears' fourth down pass.

A 44-yard punt by West's Jones Bollig backed up Sevier County to the 27 late in the third quarter. But on third-and-15, Newman hit Hayden Akers with a key 24-yard pass.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Tegan Avera ran 14 yards for a first down at the West 25. The possession fell apart, however, as back-to-back passes slipped through Costner's hands and Newman overthrew Parker Newman on

fourth down.

Patterson caught a 12-yard pass and Tavion Ray ran for 11 yards to put the Rebels at the SC 42, but another holding penalty stopped the momentum. West maintained its good field position, however, as Bollig's 37-yard punt was downed at the 9.

With 7:20 on the clock after a TV timeout, the Smoky Bears went on their longest drive of the game and one that put them back ahead. On a fourth-and-one play action fake at the West 24, Parker Newman got behind defensive back Anterius McAllister and Cooper Newman hit him with for a go-ahead TD with only 1:13 remaining.

Battling the clock, and facing a fourth-and-20 at



PHOTO BY ROBERT TAYLOR

*Kicker Pete Rogers (90) is greeted with a big hug and shout of joy from West Assistant Coach Rod Ellerbee after kicking a 46-yard field goal Friday night to tie the score and send the game into overtime against Sevier County. The Smoky Bears, however, went on to win the 24-17 thriller to move on to the state semifinal round.*

the SC 49, Dubon completed a pass to Burdine. It was so close to the first down marker, officials had to measure it to confirm it was a first down at the 29. West took its last timeout with 2.7 seconds on the clock.

Rogers came back out and drilled a 46-yard field goal from the left hash. It just barely got over the crossbar. But it tied the game at 10-all.

"Great job by Pete on the field goal," said Coach Brown. "We were confident when we sent them out there that he was going to make it and he went out there and did his job."

In the first overtime, West's Patterson ran around right end for a TD on first down. Rogers' extra point kick gave the Rebels a 17-10 lead. Sevier County answered as Newman completed an 8-yard pass to Roman Gibbons and

Costner scored from the 2. Madison's kick made it 17-all.

Sevier County had first possession in the second OT and scored on third-and-goal from the 5 as Newman hit a wide open Costner. Madison's PAT gave the Bears a 24-17 lead.

West's second OT possession got off to a bad start as Dubon lost control of the ball and recovered it at the 16. On second down, Dubon was tackled for a 2-yard loss by defensive end Jaxson Perry.

With the ball now at the 18, Dubon completed a 9-yard pass to Wrenn at the 9. Then came the fourth down pass to Burdine, one of the most athletic players in the state. The ball was so close to the goal line, if high school football could review plays like they do in college and the pros, it is possible this catch may have been ruled a touchdown.



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There's no hero like the first hero, the saying goes. The passage of time cannot erase the memories that begin at a young age and continue

across the years. Throughout the years, schoolboy football fans have had their share of heroes.

For Knoxville East High School graduates David Lawson and his "best friend," Rev. David McMahan, their first and lasting heroes wore orange and white and played on the 1956 SEC Championship University of Tennessee football team. Shields-Watkins Field was the place to be, and Vol football players were the toast of the town.

Tennessee All-American wide receiver Buddy Cruze, No. 86, and Heisman Trophy runner-up John Majors, No. 45, earned the lion's share of fans' attention and admiration from across the years.

That love and admiration became abundantly clear when their friends and media members gathered on March 21, 2013, in a back dining room at the Captain's Galley at Exit 417 off I-40.

It was an emotional and heartwarming time for everyone as memories of the 1956 campaign flooded the room like rushing waters. Tears flowed from many of the participants, arriving in many cases



Two of the most beloved players in Tennessee history, Buddy Cruze (L) and John Majors.

before anyone knew they were coming.

For his part, McMahan was in the midst of fighting a courageous battle against Stage 4 lung cancer, and while his words often came with great difficulty, they were heartfelt and moving.

Majors was a true son of Middle Tennessee, who was twice given the chance to impact the fortunes of his home state university. The first chance came as a player from 1954-56, then as head coach from 1977-1992. Those opportunities led to his 1987 induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Majors, claimed equally by the Middle Tennessee towns of Lynchburg and Huntland and known in his collegiate days as "Drum" or "Solid Gold Cadillac," would become one of the most beloved players in Tennessee history. He was SEC player of the year in 1955 and 1956 and runner-up for the Heisman Trophy in 1956.

One of the finest athletes in Knoxville prep history, Cruze was a local football and basketball star, moving to East High School after Knox High closed in the early 1950s and spending a year at SMU.

Lawson and McMahan

lived and died with the Vols dating to their earliest memories. They painstakingly and lovingly assembled a scrapbook honoring their heroes and that special 1956 season.

Lawson said McMahan did "99.9%" of the work, calling his effort a "work of art."

Whoever did what, the finished product was a marvel to behold, telling the story of that season from start to finish.

Starting with the opening game against Auburn, McMahan pasted the essential facts of each game, pictures, DyerGram and newspaper clippings

on wide-ruled notebook paper. That document that survived the 57 intervening years, despite the problems people often face in holding on to such important "stuff."

Majors and Cruze, then in their 70s, engaged in friendly banter discussing those long-ago days on campus, playing for head coach Bowden Wyatt.

"When Buddy and I get together, it's hard for either of us to get a word in edgewise," said Majors. "My ego never gets out of control when Buddy's around."

When Majors mentioned running the run-pass option out of the single-wing,

Cruze wryly noted that John "threw it end over end, and I had the option to catch either end."

Each man claimed credit for the other earning All-American honors, Majors talking about throwing the ball, Cruze talking about catching it, and the debate focusing on the passes being perfect or the catches being exceptional.

"Buddy Cruze is a real hero," said Lawson, with some considerable emotion in his voice and the recollection that Cruze's family had once bought the Lawson's family home on Castle Avenue in East Knoxville. "I have a hard time saying it, but I don't know what else to say."

He then looked at Majors and said the same thing, praising Majors for his Tennessee career and taking time out to call and see how McMahan was doing health-wise a few years back.

At the end of it all, the day was really all about McMahan, as his life and example passed in review. He was, as someone noted, a fan in the best sense of the word. "Today is a tribute to the life he's led and his determination," said Lawson, leading a toast to his buddy.

**EPILOGUE:** Since that day in 2013, Cruze, Rev. McMahan, and Majors have passed on. Lawson is still with us and treasures the memories they each engendered. Those were indeed special moments, then and now. It was a vintage time, not soon to be forgotten by their friends and families.

## The Broken College Football Playoff System

By Mark Nagi

As Americans, we take great pride in our achievements.

We sent men to the moon and brought them back safely.

We ended the Cold War.

We developed vaccines and medicines which have saved millions of lives around the world.

But we still can't figure out a College Football Playoff system that works.

Now, the present day is certainly better than the world of college football before 1998. Back then the national champion was decided by voters. Coaches and media members each had their own polls. And if you are reading this and

know nothing about college football, you still know how that turned out.

In 1998 came the birth of the Bowl Championship Series. The BCS was a system that brought forth even more controversy, as the final two teams standing were decided by a convoluted formula of computer polls and human votes.

In 2014 came the most recent iteration before this season, as a committee of "experts" picked four teams, seeded them, and had semifinals and finals decide a champion. Sometimes they got it right. Sometimes they got it wrong. They went out with a bang in 2023, denying a 13-0 ACC champion Florida

State from earning a playoff spot to give Nick Saban and Alabama one last shot at a championship.

And now, we have a playoff with 12 teams beginning this year.

The top four conference champions earn byes, the next four host first-round games, and then you have quarterfinals, semifinals and the title game played in neutral site bowls because no matter what happens in college football, we must take care of the bowls ... for some reason.

The College Football Playoff Committee is responsible for picking those 12 teams. That committee is made up of athletic directors from Power Four conferences, former

coaches, players and retired media members.

The committee chairman is Warde Manuel, the athletics director at Michigan. Every week he gets thrown in front of television cameras and reporters to try to justify their rankings. Which is difficult because it feels like they are constantly contradicting themselves. Strength of schedule matters. Or it doesn't. Head-to-head games matter. Maybe not. Mutual opponents? Winning percentage? Team name with the most vowels? Who knows!

For example, why is Indiana given so much credit for being 10-0 when they have played absolutely no one? Why are Penn State

and Texas so revered when the only quality opponents they've played beat them in their own stadiums? Why is Tennessee considered to have a bad loss on the final play against 5-5 Arkansas, while Texas gets credit for having a good win ... against 5-5 Arkansas?

The committee has a thankless job. You are never going to make everyone happy. But it feels like this group is allowing personal biases to cloud fair judgment.

Manuel told reporters, in so many words, that Indiana deserves credit for a big win against Michigan. Well, the Hoosiers only won that game, which was played in Bloomington, by 5 points. Oh, and this isn't the

2023 Michigan Wolverines who won the national title. This is the 2024 Michigan Wolverines... who are 5-5.

Did I mention that Manuel is the Michigan AD?

And that might be why we should simply go back to the BCS model. The original one that only used decimal points to decide finalists. Computers are not biased, like humans are, and won't be swayed by pressure from coaches, fans, boosters, etc.

I'm writing this column before the games are played on November 23. Sadly, no matter what those results are, Manuel will defend the committee's findings, no matter how illogical.

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Rebels open new era with impressive victory over Central

By Ken Lay

The West High School boys basketball team opened a new era and the new season on a winning note Wednesday.

The Rebels ushered in the Tommy Eggleston era in impressive fashion with a 78-42 victory over Central at home.

Eggleston, a longtime assistant at West, was named to replace former coach Aubin Goporo during the offseason. He's been an assistant for the last 12 years under Goporo and Chris Kesler.

In his first game as head coach on Sutherland Avenue, he watched his team dismantle the Bobcats, and West didn't waste much time putting the game into the win column. The Rebels opened a 22-9 advantage in the first quarter and just kept expanding their advantage throughout the contest.

Guard Jaylon Hill led the balanced West High scoring attack as he scored 14 points. He received plenty of help from a supporting cast, including returning post players Devyn Martin



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

*Tommy Eggleston (standing) made his head coaching debut at West High Wednesday night. He spent more than a decade as an assistant for the Rebels. He earned his first win as West routed Central 78-42.*

and Kevin Jack.

Martin, a 6-foot-7 forward, is one of the area's most diverse scoring weapons as he can contribute from all over the floor. He narrowly missed a double-double against the Bobcats

Wednesday night as he scored 10 points, grabbed nine rebounds and tallied five assists.

Jack, another dominant force on the inside for the Rebels was one of a trio to score nine points. Kalou

Fofona and Joe Dupree also scored nine points for West in its season opener.

Reese Clark, another key returner from last year's squad that reached the Region 2-4A Tournament quarterfinals.

Robert Shuler finished the contest with six points and six rebounds.

Parker Hampton scored 13 points to lead the Bobcats, who trailed 42-19 at halftime.

Eggleston said he was

pleased to pick up a big victory in his first game as a head coach.

"This was exciting," Eggleston said. "We have a fun group."

Lady Bobcats route West: Central has one of the youngest teams in Knox County. The Lady Bobcats don't have a senior on the 2024-25 roster but they were able to capture a 51-28 victory over the Lady Rebels on the road.

Central opened a 19-5 lead in the opening frame of the contest and led 36-9 at halftime.

The Lady Rebels, under new head coach Cody Graves, made a bit of a run in the second half.

But Central coach LeBrandon Marie said he was pleased.

"We have a young team and I don't have any seniors," he said. "We're still trying to figure things out."

Avery Brewer had a game-high 28 points for Central. Ayuana Torra added nine, while Malia Moore finished with eight.

# Tommy Eggleston wins head coaching debut at West High

By Ken Lay

For the past 12 seasons, Tommy Eggleston has been a constant and familiar face in the West High School boys basketball program. He's tirelessly toiled behind the scenes working as an assistant

coach under Chris Kesler and Aubin Goporro.

But he was tapped to be the Rebels' new head coach when the school parted ways with Goporro over the offseason.

Eggleston had his first game as head coach

Wednesday night as West routed Central, 78-42, at West High School and he was the master of the understatement after the Rebels pounded the Bobcats.

"It was really exciting," he said.

Eggleston is now in the head coach's seat for the Rebels, but he inherits a veteran team with two dominant inside players. West High also has ball handlers and long-range shooters on the perimeter. The Rebels play a fast-paced up-tempo style that is fun for players and fans.

Devyn Martin and Kevin Jack return in the post for the Rebels, who reached the Region 2-4A quarterfinals last season. That duo is joined by Jaylon Hill, Reese Clark and a supporting cast on a squad that looks to be competitive in 2024-25 after winning 15 games last season.

The Rebels put all of their talent on display Wednesday against the Bobcats. Martin nearly posted a double-double as he scored 10 points and pulled down nine rebounds in a little more than two quarters of action against the Bobcats. He also dished out five assists.

Hill scored 14 points and was the Rebels' top scorer in their season opener. Jack, Kalou Fofona and Joe Dupree scored nine points each, while Clark added seven points, six rebounds and five assists. Robert

***"West High has been good to me. I had four kids go to school here. They were all athletes and three of them played basketball."***  
**- Coach Tommy Eggleston**

Shuler had six points and six rebounds for West, which led, 22-9, after the first quarter and extended its advantage to 42-19 by halftime.

While Eggleston looks to leave his mark on the program, the more things change, the more they stay the same on Sutherland Avenue between the Marble City and Pond Gap communities.

"We haven't changed a thing. We're still doing the same things," Eggleston said. "I came here when coach Kesler was here and he'd already been here for a while and he's a great friend. And Aubin, he did a good job building a program. They're both great coaches and great game planners."

"But the big thing for me was that when I coached JV or freshmen, they let me coach. They never interjected. I still talk to both of

them today."

Eggleston, who teaches math and physics at West High, has enjoyed his new role with the boys basketball team.

"It's been awesome," he said. "We have a talented and fun group."

Basketball and athletics have been a family affair for the new Rebels' basketball coach.

Tommy has four sons and all were athletes for the Rebels.


Scott Eggleston played basketball and baseball, while Luke played soccer. Will was a three-sport athlete, lettering in football, basketball and soccer, and Jack, the youngest, played football and basketball.

"West High has been good to me," coach Eggleston said. "I had four kids go to school here. They were all athletes and three of them played basketball."

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## Farragut to host holiday hoops tournament

By Ken Lay

The 2024-25 high school basketball season kicks into high gear this week as Farragut High School will host the Melton Heating and Air Tournament at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

Action begins today (Nov. 25) with two boys and two girls games.

Today's girls games feature the host Lady Admirals taking on McMinn County at 4 p.m. The two-time Division II-AA champion Catholic Lady Irish will tangle with McMinn Central at 7 p.m.

Tonight's boys schedule opens at 5:30 as the host Admirals will play Morristown East at 5:30. The first day of games concludes with Maryville playing McMinn County at 8:30 p.m.

First-round play continues Tuesday as Science Hill plays Gatlinburg-Pittman at 4 p.m. At 5:30, two-time Class 3A state boys champion Fulton will play Science Hill. The Hilltoppers are coached by former Fulton assistant Jon Higgins. Higgins, who

played for the University of Tennessee, is also a former head coach at Central and Farragut.

At 7 p.m., the Christian Academy of Knoxville Lady Warriors will play McMinn County. The Lady Warriors reached the Division II-A state tournament last season.

First-round action concludes at 8:30 with a boys game featuring Gatlinburg-Pittman playing Greeneville.

Action continues Friday before the tournament concludes Saturday.



# New sport is off to a fun and physical start

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the 24-yard line. Teams can get a first down at the 30, 50 and 30-yard lines. For a punt, the ball is advanced 30 yards.

It's 7 on 7 with two 20-minute halves. Three referees officiate and a KOC representative is on duty.

Experts on flag football say the best way to gain yardage is through the air.

Carter senior Bailey Stout stood out as a wide receiver in last week's action. She really likes the sport.

"It's new. It's fun," said Stout. "We have a good team and our quarterback (senior Gabby Stinnett) has

a cannon (arm). She's had a cannon her whole life and we've got her out here slinging a football.

"It's just been so fun so far."

Fulton Coach Trey Sewell said his team didn't have a field with yard lines to practice on before its first game and the Lady Falcons lost to Halls on Nov. 11. They haven't lost since and are 3-1.

"We had scrimmaged Carter in the preseason, so we knew they had a pretty dynamic and complex offense," said Sewell. "We just decided to man up on them."

Getting some practice

on a field with yard lines "made a huge difference in setting up on offense and defense," added Sewell, whose team pulled away from a 13-13 tie with Carter.

Sewell, who also is an assistant basketball coach, said he just found out about flag football about a month ago.

"I'm getting a lot more fired up (about the sport) than I thought I would," he said. "When Zion Thompson had that interception return for a touchdown, I was getting pretty fired up. I had my watch on and my heart rate got up to like 115."

Just a sophomore, Thompson added another long TD run and Sincere Minor caught a two-point pass to extend Fulton's lead to 40-13.

Coach Sewell said that Dee Williams is his most dynamic athlete on the field. The 5-10 senior plays safety, wide receiver and also can run with the ball from the quarterback position.

"I just like the rush of the game, how fast it is," she said. "I get a good adrenalin rush."

"I love the people I'm playing with and I hope they keep going with the sport," she added. "I wished they had started (this sport) a little earlier. I would have been in the running for Miss Football."

"She does it all, said Sewell. "Offense, defense. If we punted, she'd probably be our punter."



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Austin-East senior Danezia Cranford is on the go and looking for yardage against host Carter in Week 2 of Flag Football action.

## Getting to play football is what Sincere wanted

By Steve Williams

Sincere Minor was playing quarterback for Fulton in TSSAA's new sport of Flag Football last week at Carter.

A woman, standing alone up in the bleachers just behind Fulton's team bench, enjoyed watching No. 11 play.

"Oh, is that your daughter," this reporter asked.

"Yes," she replied. "My daughter has always said she wanted to play

football."

It wasn't long before Dytra, Sincere's mom, mentioned that Terry Minor was her daughter's uncle and had played at Rule High School in the Lonsdale area, where he was a standout quarterback who helped lead the Golden Bears to a Class AA state championship game in 1980.

What a coincidence, because I had covered

Terry in high school when I was at The Knoxville Journal. In fact, I covered that state title game at Brentwood Academy, which Rule lost 21-20.

Terry, who became a pastor, passed away a few years ago.

In my conversation with Dytra, she mentioned Sincere "had a baby" just three months ago. She got a little emotional too when she said her

and others were trying to help all they could with the baby so Sincere could have a normal high school experience.

The "village" of help is being led by mom.

Fulton coach Jody Wright said Dominique Minor, who also is Sincere's uncle, played on his first state basketball championship team in 2008.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY, SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY, and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY TO 3317 SAVOY ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

IN RE: AFFORDABLE HOUSES AND REAL ESTATE LLC vs. DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY, SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY, and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY TO 3317 SAVOY ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NO. 207683-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY, SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY, and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY TO 3317 SAVOY ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912, 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 DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY, SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY, and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY TO 3317 SAVOY ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912, it is ordered that said defendant, DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY, SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY, and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY TO 3317 SAVOY ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with ELIZABETH B. PADGETT, an Attorney whose address is 4170 ASHFORD DUNWOODY RD., STE. 475, ATLANTA, GA 30319, 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 The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 19th day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MELISSA SMITH, P.O. BOX 2319, LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039; JENNIFER SHARP, 668 MACON DRIVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, and LEGAL SUCCESSORS OF ANY DECEASED HEIRS or DEVISEES OF THOMAS E. SMITH (DOD 11/15/2013) and PATRICIA D. SMITH (DOD 8/8/2016), both deceased;

IN RE: MILUS R. SKIDMORE v. MELISSA SMITH, et al.

NO. 209868-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants MELISSA SMITH, P.O. BOX 2319, LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039; JENNIFER SHARP, 668 MACON DRIVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, and LEGAL SUCCESSORS OF ANY DECEASED HEIRS or DEVISEES OF THOMAS E. SMITH (DOD 11/15/2013) and PATRICIA D. SMITH (DOD 8/8/2016), both deceased; it is ordered that said defendants, MELISSA SMITH, P.O. BOX 2319, LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039; JENNIFER SHARP, 668 MACON DRIVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, and LEGAL SUCCESSORS OF ANY DECEASED HEIRS or DEVISEES OF THOMAS E. SMITH (DOD 11/15/2013) and PATRICIA D. SMITH (DOD 8/8/2016), both deceased; file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., an Attorney whose address is 125 NORTH MAIN STREET, CLINTON, TENNESSEE 37716, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.  
This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD  
Clerk and Master

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN BECKHAM  
DOCKET NUMBER 90152-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLORIA JEAN BECKHAM, who died June 7, 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 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN BECKHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAVID L. BECKHAM, ADMINISTRATOR  
3012 SINKING SPRINGS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN BRUMMETT  
DOCKET NUMBER 90158-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY JEAN BRUMMETT, who died on September 11, 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 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN BRUMMETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM ("BILLY") CHARLES SPRADLIN  
12414 MALLARD BAY DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

REBECCA D. ABBOTT, ATTORNEY  
118 HUXLEY RD., SUITE 7  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHILLIP HOGUE CROSSLEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 90167-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PHILLIP HOGUE CROSSLEY, who died September 19, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF PHILLIP HOGUE CROSSLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CYNTHIA MASON CROSSLEY  
2045 HIDDEN COVE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

STEVEN K. BOWLING, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 11125  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37939-1125

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EARL WAYNE DEAVER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90201-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EARL WAYNE DEAVER, who died September 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF EARL WAYNE DEAVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KEVIN MARK DEAVER  
505 UNION AVENUE, APT. 219  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

KENNETH W. HOLBERT, ATTORNEY  
402 CLYDE STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHELLE LEE DRESCH  
DOCKET NUMBER 90101-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MICHELLE LEE DRESCH, who died on June 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for 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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(4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MICHELLE LEE DRESCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MOUHAMADOU NDIAYE  
2300 MERCHANT DRIVE, APT. 121  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

L. ERIC EBBERT, ATTORNEY  
9145 CROSS PARK DRIVE, STE. 103  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTYE JOYCE FULTON  
DOCKET NUMBER 90170-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTYE JOYCE FULTON, who died on September 25, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BETTYE JOYCE FULTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEBRA LEIGH FULTON  
404 KITTREDGE COURT  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

JAMES E. WAGNER, ATTORNEY  
RICHARD T. SCRUGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY  
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHENELLE NICOLE JOHNSON  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90173-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHENELLE NICOLE JOHNSON, who died Sept. 27, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHENELLE NICOLE JOHNSON  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JASON LEROY JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATOR  
2967 CECIL AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN JEAN MARKS  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90161-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of HELEN JEAN MARKS, who died on the 21st day of August 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 same with the Clerk, of the above-named court, on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF HELEN JEAN MARKS  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAVID MICHAEL MCCULLAR,  
10038 HIGHGATE CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931  
RONALD J. ATTANASIO, ATTORNEY  
625 MARKET STREET, SUITE 700  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH NEATHAWK MCCOY  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90140-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH NEATHAWK MCCOY, who died Sep 15, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH NEATHAWK MCCOY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MELISSA NICOLE GERHARDT, EXECUTRIX  
8143 WALKER ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEFFREY NORTHERN  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90186-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JEFFREY NORTHERN, who died October 11, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JEFFREY NORTHERN  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUZANNE M. PIERCE  
20386 BUTTERMILK ROAD  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM, ATTORNEY  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY WILLS SAWYER  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90098-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY WILLS SAWYER, who died April 15, 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 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARY WILLS SAWYER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHEILA SAWYER REED  
341 S. CREST RIDGE DRIVE  
ELLENWOOD, GA 30294  
BARBARA W. CLARK, ATTORNEY  
2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY SHELLEY WILLIAMS  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90179-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration c.t.a., in respect of the Estate of NANCY SHELLEY WILLIAMS, who died Aug. 21, 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 date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF NANCY SHELLEY WILLIAMS  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEBORAH SMITH, ADMINISTRATRIX CTA  
6209 SILVER BELL CIRCLCE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN GLORIA WIMBLEY  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90134-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of HELEN GLORIA WIMBLEY, deceased, who died on September 8, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; 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 as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death.  
This the 7 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF HELEN GLORIA WIMBLEY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LATONIA D. DOUDSON  
6100 MONT RICHER AVE.,  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918  
SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY  
5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LOVE DOCKERY  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89841-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM LOVE DOCKERY, who died April 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 dated prescribed in (1) and (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LOVE DOCKERY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
EMALIE LOVE DOCKERY  
5215 EAST SUNSET ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914  
C. DAN SCOTT, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 547  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE D. DUNCAN  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90210-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE D. DUNCAN, who died August 20, 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 7 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOE D. DUNCAN  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PHILLIP DUNCAN, CO-EXECUTOR  
214 S WEST STREET  
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046  
DALE AMBURN, ATTORNEY  
/ CO-EXECUTOR  
607 MARKET STREET, SUITE 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONANT ELLISON  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90204-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CONANT ELLISON, who died on the 12th day of October, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee, Probate Division. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CONANT ELLISON  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KIMBERLY FRITTS  
NIKOL D. PLUSS, ATTORNEY  
416 HIGH STREET  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JONATHAN EPPERLY  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90203-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JONATHAN EPPERLY, who died on March 19, 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 prior to 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JONATHAN EPPERLY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DONALD M. EPPERLY  
3839 RIVER VISTA WAY  
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777  
K. RAY PINKSTAFF, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 31408  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH D. FRAZIER  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90222-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of KENNETH D. FRAZIER, who died on September 16, 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 abovenamed Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KENNETH D. FRAZIER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KEVIN DUANE FRAZIER  
4501 WESTERN AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921  
O. E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALISON LUCIA FRIED  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89022-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ALISON LUCIA FRIED, who died November 28, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALISON LUCIA FRIED  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARK FRIED  
10209 POPLAR GLEN DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922  
ROBERT G. HINTON, ATTORNEY  
730 HIGHWAY 321 N., STE. 104  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRUCE A. JOHNSON  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90209-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of BRUCE A. JOHNSON, deceased, who died September 28, 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 this estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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 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 NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BRUCE A. JOHNSON  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TED J. KING, EXECUTOR  
6917 TAZEWELL PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918  
K. DAVID MYERS, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 13  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD C. MOHAN,  
A/K/A EDWARD CHRISTOPHER MOHAN  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90219-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDWARD C. MOHAN, A/K/A EDWARD CHRISTOPHER MOHAN, who died October 6, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee, Probate Division. 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 below subparagraphs (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 notice 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 a 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 as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF EDWARD C. MOHAN,  
A/K/A EDWARD CHRISTOPHER MOHAN  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CORMAC J. MOHAN  
8605 BATAVIA WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

CHARLES W. KITE, ATTORNEY  
9925 TIERRA VERDE DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICE HALL MUNSEY  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90126-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALICE HALL MUNSEY, who died on the 4th 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALICE HALL MUNSEY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUSAN MUNSEY SCHLAF  
5107 GLENGATE ROAD  
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48306  
KELLY GUYTON FRERE, ATTORNEY  
1001 E. BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY ORIS PARSONS  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90200-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BILLY ORIS PARSONS, who died on the 14th day of August 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 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BILLY ORIS PARSONS  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERRY ROBBINS  
R. SETH OAKES, ATTORNEY  
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANE MARIE SHELDON  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89555-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of JANE MARIE SHELDON, who died January 7, 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:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JANE MARIE SHELDON  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DOTTY J. BOLLINGER  
320 BRANHAM HOLLOW ROAD  
TEN MILE, TN 37880  
LEIGH COWDEN, ATTORNEY  
416 HIGH STREET  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID ALLEN VOGEL  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89827-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID ALLEN VOGEL, who died March 7, 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 17 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID ALLEN VOGEL  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NATHAN TREVOR VOGEL, ADMINISTRATOR  
2825 FAIRVIEW ST.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

E. MICHAEL BREZINA, III, ATTORNEY  
606 W. MAIN ST., SUITE 225  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WRIGHT  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90138-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of ANNA BELLE WRIGHT, who died on September 27, 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 posting); or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WRIGHT  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
EDNA ZELLMER  
4821 MCCLOUD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938  
KELLY DICKEN, ATTORNEY  
402 CLYDE STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Schools Human Resources Department has requested destruction of original employment files for employees who were active in the 2020/2021 school year and prior. These records have been securely digitized and stored in more than one location by the District. The Knox County Records Commission has reviewed and approved the destruction of these original documents. Said records are scheduled to be destroyed on or after December 15, 2024. For questions, please contact Knox County Schools Human Resources at 865.594.1929.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System for Employees of KCSO Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, December 9, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.  
Main Assembly Room, City/County Building  
400 W. Main Street  
NOTE: Those wishing to sign up to speak