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Future of juvenile service center in question

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The board of directors of the Knox County Juvenile Service Center met Thursday and talked about the confusion over the future leadership of the troubled facility.

Several questions remain to be answered: Who will serve as the interim director given Brian Bivens' unexpected resignation?

Is the facility safe? Will a new sheriff agree to take over management there?

The board, consisting of four Knox County Commissioners headed by Larsen Jay, discussed Bivens' resignation and, like Knox County Chief Operating Officer Dwight Van de Vate, was surprised by the abrupt and unexpected departure.

Bivens emailed a statement to the board and the media over

the preceding weekend that included: "However, of the 94 problems identified in the CTAS report, I could only fix 16. That leaves 76 problems. The Richard Bean Juvenile Service Center is not safe, nor is it secure. In light of the County's failure to make good on its commitment to these children and to this community, I could not, in good conscience, remain involved."

Both Jay and Van de Vate

disputed the facility being unsafe. Juvenile Judge Tim Irwin agreed, but said there are needs, such as an overnight nurse there every day, additional staffing and additional funding. The board is also looking at adding new cameras in the facility.

"We are in good shape and making progress every day," Van de Vate told the meeting.

Judge Irwin said there has been "no interruption of service"

there, and said he is "mystified" at Bivens' sudden departure.

Commissioner Andy Fox, who is not a board member, said during the meeting's public forum that he wants to know what the 16 conditions remedied and what the existing 76 problems Bivens cited are. Fox said he wants to subpoena Bivens to appear before the full Knox County Commission to explain.

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PHOTOS BY JAMIE SCHNELL.

Interfaith Health Center celebrated its new facility with a ribbon cutting Thursday. InterFaith Health Center is a non-profit organization providing medical, dental, mental health care, prescription assistance and access to specialists for Knoxville's working uninsured or underserved population.

Nonprofit Interfaith opens larger health center

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The new InterFaith Health Center celebrated the opening of its larger healthcare facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 13th. This event was held at its new location at 7005 Middlebrook Pike in Knoxville.

InterFaith is a healthcare nonprofit organization that was founded in 1991. It currently operates in four separate locations. The new facility will enable the organization to consolidate all services into one comprehensive 25,000-square-foot building.

This facility is designed to accommodate a larger patient population and will feature specialized rooms for various services, including gynecology, dermatology, ophthalmology, mental health care, x-ray and ultrasound imaging, as well as dental services and on-site medication assistance.

Melissa Knight, the executive director of IHC, opened the gathering with a heartfelt welcome and invocation. With sincerity, she offered a prayer, expressing gratitude for "the hands and the generosity of all the people

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Linda Vaughn, board member emerita, congratulates IHC Executive Director Melissa Knight on the new and improved facility at 7005 Middlebrook Pike in Knoxville.

City to give \$100,000 for food programs

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The Knoxville City Council voted unanimously, in an emergency ordinance, to pull \$100,000 from its unassigned funds and give it to the United Way, which is pledging a like amount to the effort.

The \$200,000 will go to help support food assistance programs of various organizations following the uncertainty around SNAP and other programs due to the recent federal government shutdown.

Several council members praised the idea and Mayor Indya Kincannon's proposal. Speakers at Tuesday's council meeting spoke of

food pantries running short or out of supplies because of the increase in requests. One speaker referred to "empty cart weeks" over the past month. One spokesperson said there has been a 62% increase in food requests.

"People are hungry, and the SNAP has exacerbated conditions. We can help bridge the gap," Kincannon said, adding, "between meat and heat."

The city's 211 and 311 call centers reported a sharp increase in requests for food information.

United Way will distribute the funds to food banks and food providers located within the city limits this week.

New type of housing passes first city reading

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What's the difference between a duplex and the newly proposed 'Single Family Attached Dwelling'?

That's the issue before the Knoxville City Council, and the proposal drew some immediate objections for inclusion in the top two residential zones, RN-1 and RN-2. The ordinance would amend the city code for all residentially-zoned properties and would allow the building of attached dwellings that

may be purchased rather than rented.

The council voted 5-3-1 on the first reading, and the idea faces a final reading when the council meets again next week. Proponents from YES Knoxville support the idea, saying it would decrease the cost of housing and described the proposed units as having double walls between the two housing units.

Opponents, including Larry Silverstein of Community Forum and **Cont. on page 2**

Commission delays subdivision approval

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The Knox County Commission whizzed through 14 different zoning change requests last week until it hit a roadblock on a request for five housing units on a 7.8-acre site just off Governor John Sevier Highway.

Leonard Development LLC was requesting a zoning change from agricultural to planned residential for a proposed

development on Winkle Lane that would open onto the busy John Sevier route. Commissioner Adam Thompson agreed with Engineering Director Jim Snowden that the access point to the development should be through an existing neighboring subdivision and not the highway. Frank Leonard told the meeting he is willing to work on an access solution.

Commissioner Andy Fox, who represents South

Knox, said he cannot support the application that was submitted, citing the huge number of homes being built along the roadway. He told Leonard the developer could choose two options: a denial or a 30-day postponement.

Fox also mentioned some opposition by the South Doyle community and its preference for two, not five, units per acre. Leonard agreed with the postponement.

The commission's zoning session approved several large subdivisions for Bluegrass Road, Gettysville Drive, South Gallaher View Road, North Wooddale Road and Bakertown Road with four to seven units per acre; most of the development properties were rezoned from agricultural to planned residential designations.

The Worley Builders Gallaher View Road development may include six

duplex units per acre on the former Holston Gas property. The local homeowners association asked that the current 18-foot road there be widened to at least 20 feet, and developer Scott Williams said he was not opposed to the widening. The commission approved the zoning change if the road work is completed before the homes are built.

Low-density residential rezonings for one to two homes were approved for

properties on Robinson Road, Tazewell Pike, Cureton Road, Grassy Creek Way, Primus Road and Tipton Station Road.

One non-residential change was approved for 415 South Gallaher View Road, rezoning it from general residential to office. Sasha Cole told the meeting that the change is to convert an existing home into offices.

Publisher's Positions



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Democrats Own The Government Shutdown

The Knoxville No-News Sentinel, like its sister Gannett papers in Tennessee, seems to ignore local news unless it can be spun into a tale of either race or social justice. Unfortunately, the No-News Sentinel, like the mainstream media outlets in this country, serves as merely an echo chamber for whatever liberal narrative that is being peddled. Opposition to President Trump, criticism of Republicans of any kind, and trying to pluck the heartstrings of whatever readers it has left to try and give the impression it gives a hoot about common people.

In reading the No-News Sentinel, one could easily believe the Republicans in general and our congressman, Tim Burchett, in particular, are responsible for the shutdown of the government. That is a lie. There is not a single, solitary fact to support any such contention. The suffering inflicted upon people who depend on SNAP for food and essentials was the result of the longest government shutdown in American history. Congressman Tim Burchett voted more than a dozen times to keep the government open and approve a spending bill, as did 99.99% of the Republicans in both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Likewise, virtually every Democrat in Congress voted more than a dozen times to shut down the government over the bogus issue of ObamaCare. There were a very few exceptions, the most notable being Senator John Fetterman of Pennsylvania.

The entire issue of ObamaCare was founded on lies as well. Obama promised people could keep their doctor. A lie. That it would save an average of \$2,500 for families. Another lie. You were promised, too,

that if you liked your insurance plan, and most Americans did, that you could keep it. That too was a lie. Obama promised insurance premiums would go down \$1,500. Yep, another whopper of a lie. Even the promises that the website would work and people's information would be secure turned out to be untrue. Instead, insurance premiums skyrocketed and individual healthcare choices diminished or disappeared altogether. In case you've forgotten, PolitiFact named Obama's "you can keep your doctor" as the "Lie of the Year" for 2013.

The Democrats in Congress voted to let the ObamaCare subsidies expire. Then turned around and demanded that Republicans bow down and extend them. While writing about the poor and the SNAP recipients, did the No-News Sentinel write about military families or the federal employees still going to work every day without getting a paycheck? I never saw it if they did. If the folks at the No-News Sentinel care about folks getting subsidies from the government, it is because they could be considered as the "oppressed." As

to working families, military families or the people who pay the bills, I don't believe the Gannett newspaper chain gives a flying fig about those folks, who are the backbone of this country.

The No-News Sentinel seems to publish an article every day attempting to flog Burchett for rightly saying continuing fiscal resolutions kick the can down the road, which is financially all too true. Yet Congressman Burchett did the right thing by keeping the government open and working to keep things running. The truth is the No-News Sentinel is never going to approve of much of anything Tim Burchett does.

The mainstream media, like the Democrats in Congress, and the No-News Sentinel, told us the 20% inflation of the Biden administration was "transitory" and then finally told us it was a figment of our collective imaginations. Did they report on Hunter Biden's laptop? Did they ever apologize for having been utterly and completely wrong about much of their coverage of COVID or the Russia hoax? The No-News Sentinel hasn't reported on "news" in quite some time,

and don't expect them to start any time soon.

President Trump is trying to right the ship after four continuous years of ruinous spending, open borders, and enough fentanyl coming into our country to kill every person here ten times over. Gas prices, which soared under Biden, have begun coming down, as have other commodities. That has been accomplished in just nine months. And food prices will start coming down as well.

ALL of the pain inflicted on Americans during the government shutdown was accomplished by the Democrats in Congress, who achieved nothing except to make millions of Americans suffer for no reason. They had already voted for the budget that was approved. It is one of the stupidest things I've seen in observing national or local politics. Every bit of it done in the name of "fighting Trump."

It was as ugly as it was foolish.

Juvenile Detention Facility Needs Experienced Administrator

The abrupt decision by

Brian Bivens, interim head of the Knox County Juvenile Detention facility, to quit is a disappointment. Bivens resigned as the director of the Richard Bean Detention facility, citing the failure of the county to live up to its commitment. Addressing every problem and bringing the detention center into the modern age is going to take both time and resources. Governing by committee is generally neither effective nor efficient, and legislative bodies should provide oversight rather than try and micro-manage. What the Bean Detention Center needs is an effective administrator, rather than an ex-lawman at its helm.

The county would likely do well to utilize its Human Resource Department to put together the needed credentials and issue a call for a qualified applicant. Hiring a professional to resolve whatever problems exist at the detention center is the first step in fixing the problem.

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Several other Knox County Commissioners who are not detention center board members attended the board meeting. Extension of the board's oversight there is on the agenda today to permit its oversight until July 1 of next year.

Jay asked what might happen when Sheriff Tom Spangler leaves office and would a new sheriff live up to the promise of taking over administration of the center. Jay passed out a multipage report on the conditions there, possible future plans, and the overall history of the facility. The other board members had questions and opinions on the situation.

The board heard a report from Stephanie Candler of the Human Resource Department and from Captain Corey Dauer, who

is being considered to fill the interim superintendent position. Candler described the lack of personnel and payroll records and large payoffs to departing officers from the prior administration.

She said the amount of payoffs to departing employees and future payoffs to current employees is hurting the ability to replace those employees.

Dauer talked about the number of employees needed to keep up with the number of youths detained there.

Jay said the sheriff has stated that he is not ready to assume control, and as a result, the board is requesting an additional six months to administer the facility.

Board members include Commissioners Jay, Shane Jackson, Terry Hill, Rhonda Lee and Damon Rawls.

Six more months requested for improving juvenile center

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When the county commission meets today, it may vote to extend the Knox County Juvenile Service Center Board's reorganization efforts for an additional six months. The matter is on the agenda at the request of the center's board of directors.

The board is asking that the Knox County Sheriff's Office takeover of the facility also be pushed back and the facility's interim superintendent's duties extended, both to July 2026.

Commissioner Larsen Jay remarked outside the agenda meeting that Brian Bivens, the interim superintendent, resigned last week, and the position would be discussed later in the week at the board's

Thursday meeting.

"We just need more time," said Jay, who chairs the juvenile board. "It's going well, not in crisis, it's just dealing with personal issues."

Jay said that the Department of Human Resources is taking over the employee issues there, where a lack of record-keeping resulted in some former employees claiming they never took any time off and were being compensated for their years of work with vacation or sick days.

He also noted that six or seven other Knox County departments have their own employee policies outside normal county control.

Looking ahead, three resolutions dealing with other matters may be postponed until December or January,

including changing the eligibility requirements to serve on the KCSO's Employees' Merit System Board, a proposal from At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier.

Commissioner Andy Fox has two proposals that may be pushed back on the calendar: one dealing with limiting the number of data centers in the county and another to limit what person or entity may purchase property within Knox County.

During the agenda session last week, Fox spoke of the large amount of power and water a data center consumes, plus the noise pollution it creates. Knox County Chief Technology Officer Zack Webb said there are different kinds of data centers. Some are the large facilities that farm

for data and use more energy, while others are similar to the two the county owns. He wanted to distinguish between the types of centers.

Following a discussion, Chairwoman Gina Oster asked Fox to consider holding his data center resolution until their January meeting.

The subject of changing how honorary resolutions are presented at commission meetings was briefly discussed. Commissioner Angela Russell said that the honorary resolutions take up lots of time and leave little time for the public to speak. She is suggesting doing away with the honors presentations or limiting them to one or two per commissioner per year.

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Are home delivery services hurting restaurant profits?

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Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs gave his department's report to the Knox County Finance Committee last week and stated that the home meal deliveries by Uber Eats, DoorDash and other companies are affecting the bottom line of local restaurants.

Biggs was reporting on tax collections and said that established and popular restaurants have seen a drop in the number of sit-down customers who normally order more food and drinks. He said that people are buying more upscale homes and cutting back on other expenses, such as dining out.

"Land rich, money poor" is how Biggs described some residents.

Commissioner Shane Jackson said, "Restaurants are barely breaking even" when considering what they pay credit card companies and delivery services.

Also in the meeting, Knox County Schools Finance Director Ron McPherson said he is concerned about future federal funding. He also said that the \$50,000 state-mandated teacher salary should be reached next year, the sales tax revenue is up about 3% over last year, and the school system shows a surplus in funding overall.

The county is \$1.18 billion in debt, with revenue coming from three sources: property taxes, sales taxes and state and federal funds.

Finance Chairman Larsen Jay said that without new revenue, 2030 will be a critical year when the county can no longer pay its debt services.

"We have hard choices ahead of us," Jay said.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell said the new two-year property appraisal policy may help.

Digging into the Knox County Ethics policies

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It is a task that was given 180 days to complete and one that Deputy Law Director David Sanders described as "a lot of work." The last revision of the ethics policy was in 2018.

Sanders commented on the efforts of the Knox County Ethics Subcommittee in reviewing and proposing changes to the overall ethics policies. The group met for the second time recently and continued studying, section by section, the current policies.

Subcommittee Chair Michael Bittel and three voting members, along with two guests, Commissioner Terry Hill and Human Resources Director Marcus Kennedy, viewed some of the "red-lined" portions of policies and discussed some proposed changes that will be referred to Sanders and the law department for review before the full Knox County Commission sees the recommendations.

The subcommittee discussed county employees overseeing family members who are county employees and employees favoring outside interests, as well as accepting campaign or other contributions, or anything of value.

One suggestion was that department heads should sign off on the established travel policy annually. Employees and elected officials were also mentioned in a discussion about the use of social media for personal gain or disclosing confidential information.

Hill said that just because something is legal does not make it ethical. What constitutes nepotism was mentioned in promotions or hiring. Whistleblowing was also a topic, and the subcommittee learned that there are ways for people to remain anonymous in reporting violations. The duties of the internal auditor were mentioned, with the possibility of requiring an annual report.

and Marcus Hilliard was chosen to fill the empty seat.

Bittel said the report in progress is available to the full committee with proposed changes highlighted in red. Chairwoman Deborah Stafford said she has some suggestions and was invited to submit them.

The ethics committee also reorganized during the brief session, with Stafford being re-elected as chair and Bittel chosen as vice chair. Stafford told the committee that one new member, Perrin Anderson, had another commitment and could not make the meeting. She also said that D.J. Corcoran was found ineligible to serve because of a relative being employed by the county. The Knox County Commission is seeking applications for the position and will interview applicants during its December 8 agenda review session and make the selection at its regular meeting on December 15.

Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers told the ethics committee they needed to add a "Public Forum" to each meeting, as required by law.

Nonprofit Interfaith opens larger health center

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here today." She prayed that those in need would find comfort, healing and a sense of hope, reminding them of their worth and enveloping them in love.

The IHC Corporate Board President, Andy Hampson, took a moment to acknowledge the dedication and support present in the room. He recognized the distinguished group of speakers, including Jane Jolley, who represented Mayor Jacobs; Dr. Crystal Manners, the State Dental Director; and esteemed state legislators such as Representative Jason Zachary, Senator Becky Massey and Senator Richard Briggs. Special attendees included Joy and Dr. Thomas Zarger, as well as the Haslam family. Each of these individuals has dedicated spaces on the walls and in the new facility in recognition of their "visionary leadership and devotion" and their "commitment and compassion in shaping a stronger and healthier community."

The ceremony ended in a vibrant ribbon cutting, followed by a tour that showcased the new facility's impressive features. Guests were treated to light refreshments in the new warm and inviting atmosphere. To explore the services offered by this innovative center, please visit interfaithhealthcenter.org.

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The West High School Rebels prepare for the cold march up Gay Street, joining a dozen other bands and the hundreds of groups that took part in the large and festive event.

Annual Veterans Day Parade a big success

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It was hard to measure the number of people who turned out for last week's 100th Veterans Day Parade in downtown Knoxville, but even harder to estimate the number of people who marched or drove as part of the festivities

From high school bands and majorettes, Junior ROTCs, veterans of all stripes, political candidates, office holders, and even the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the parade watchers and participants didn't let the very cold weather hinder their

warm feelings for veterans and their families.

Sponsored by American Legion Post Two, the annual parade featured the music of marching bands filling the chilly air while parade marchers and visitors waved and shouted friendly greetings to one another. Local officials watched from the viewing stand, and it took more than two hours for the long procession to exit Gay Street.

The event was well organized and managed and the crowd seemed excited and happy to be there to honor our veterans.



Commissioner Larsen Jay's truck was decked out for Christmas and promoted Wreaths Across America's upcoming Knox County campaign.

Henley Street Bridge to go purple for epilepsy awareness

In honor of National Epilepsy Awareness Month, Knox County will light the Henley Street Bridge purple on Monday, November 17, to raise awareness and show support for the more than 3,000 individuals living with epilepsy across East Tennessee.

Purple is the international color of epilepsy awareness, symbolizing hope and solidarity with those affected by seizure disorders. The lighting of the bridge serves as a visual reminder of the importance of education, understanding, and advocacy for people living with epilepsy.

"This community gesture speaks volumes," said Monika Hancock, Executive Director of the Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee (EFET). "When our city lights up purple, it not only shines for those living with epilepsy but also helps reduce stigma and spark conversations that can save lives."

Throughout November, EFET encourages residents to wear purple, share epilepsy facts, and nominate three friends to join the movement or donate \$26 in honor of the 1 in 26 people who will develop epilepsy in their lifetime.

Community members are invited to view and photograph the bridge lighting and share their pictures on social media using #EpilepsyAwarenessMonth and #EndEpilepsy.

What Can You Give a Stamp Collector for Christmas?



I have been collecting stamps for almost seventy years and have developed an understanding of gifts

for a collector. The most unusual gift was given several years ago to a friend of mine. His wife worked on his gift for several months. She had saved from several sources hundreds of stamps, both on and off envelopes. Her efforts yielded over one pound of used postage. This gift cost her nothing but her time. One pound of used stamps is a lot of stamps, probably over a thousand. He was so pleased when he told me about this gift.

Another couple, who are both stamp collectors,

gave each other a trip for Christmas. They went to the American Philatelic Society's Great American Stamp Show for that particular year. This multiday event was the centerpiece to a weeklong vacation. This year, Boston is hosting the event. Several members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society plan to attend this show. Some plan to make this their major vacation of this year. That is a nice Christmas gift!

Another special gift that a wife gave her husband

was a surprise purchase of a stamp he wanted. When they were attending the Knoxville Stamp Show, the wife watched her husband yearning over a particular stamp. But he did not buy it, because he did not want to spend his entire budget for the show on that one stamp. She returned to the dealer and inquired which stamp her husband wanted. When it was pointed out to her, she purchased it as a surprise gift. Imagine his surprise and delight when he opened that gift on Christmas Day!

One of the nicest gifts a spouse can give a stamp collector partner is not necessarily a stamp, but the gift of time. Stamp collecting not only involves money, but also time. Acceptance and tolerance of the amount of time a stamp collector can spend hovering over stamps in an attempt to classify them is a true gift. Attending stamp collectors' meetings and shows can involve a lot of time. But, as my wife says, he is not hanging out in a bar or doing some other questionable activity!

It is a wholesome activity and hobby.

If you know a collector, think about that special gift that you can give. It will be a gift that will long be remembered and appreciated. I invite you to join us at the KPS monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information, you can go to Knoxstamps.com. Feel free to call me or contact me at (865)604-0164 or hrbrooks68@gmail.com. Thanks from the old man at Old Man's Stamp Store, Harry Brooks.



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New Old Christmas Albums

By Joe Rector

Amy and I spent the weekend with Lacey, Nick and Madden in Hendersonville. We traveled to Nashville on Saturday to check out a craft fair. I usually don't purchase craft items, but this time, I found a "vinyl" sale and a couple of treasures.

For those who don't know what a vinyl sale is, I can tell you it is a record album sale. For years, those things have been worthless. However, just as the saying goes, "wait long enough and old stuff becomes popular again." As I browsed the boxes of albums, I found some that were interesting. The fact that they were priced at \$70 quickly killed any interest I had in them.

I did eventually run across a couple of albums that met my two

expectations; I liked the music, and I could afford them. One was a Christmas record by Johnny Mathis. It included many of the most popular songs that most folks hear during the season. I've always counted Johnny as one of my favorite performers. His voice is different; his vibrato sounds as if he were singing in an agitating washing machine. That jazzy, mellow delivery makes every song the man sings an instant favorite.

The second album I bought was a collection of songs by Henry Mancini's orchestra and choir. Mancini's arrangements are always wonderful, and his Christmas ones are essential for helping folks move into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas might not be as special as it used to be at our house. The children

grew up, moved away, and established their own ways of celebrating the season. Dallas passed before last Christmas, and that stings on special days. A tradition we always followed was decorating the tree, turning off all the lights except the ones on the tree, and then playing Christmas music.

I think both of these oldies-but-goodies can help bring the Christmas spirit to our home. The second expectation I had for them came true as well. Each album costs only \$5. I'm a cheapskate on most things. No used album is worth more than that. Only people with too much money would pay a king's ransom for a record that has been around for decades.

Until last year, Christmas had always been my favorite holiday. Folks are a little kinder, a

tad jollier, and a smidge more loving. For so many years, Amy and I were excited about spending time with our children and surprising them with gifts. The loss of a child threw a monkey wrench into the season and festivities. Just surviving Christmas last year was considered a success.

This year, I hope things will change a bit. It's time to return to life and to involve ourselves in the celebration of the season. We know where Dallas is, and we know that our daughter Lacey, her husband Nick, and

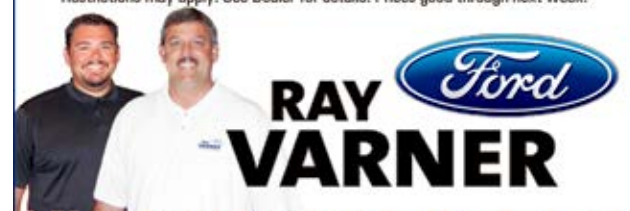
our grandson Madden need our love and joy to make their Christmas full. The plan now is to listen to these albums I bought, along with other Christmas songs, in an

effort to lighten my heart and bring the warmth of Christmas back to my life. Doing so is a good way of honoring Dallas and returning to the happy things in life.

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The Gentleman From Iowa

George A. Wilson

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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George A. Wilson served as both governor of Iowa and U.S. senator from the Hawkeye State. Wilson embodied the sturdy Midwestern stock from which he came. George Allison Wilson was described by TIME magazine as “a rugged six-footer who likes to fish and work in his garden.” The most widely-read news magazine in the world in its day, TIME added Wilson was “an honest but unspectacular politico who has been in one ring or another almost ever since he got out of law school.”

George A. Wilson was a solid, kindly man who was a sort of “everyman” sort of fellow. The Des Moines Register recalled George Wilson as a man who had “a deep, sincere and consuming interest in people that kept him in public life for half a century...” Wilson’s “keen interest in people” and his ability to sympathize with the personal problems of others were part of the foundation of “his whole political philosophy.” Wilson served in all three branches of the government—judicial, executive and legislative—in his long career.

Wilson was indeed a veteran of public office, having been a district judge in Polk County (Des Moines) and a county attorney and having served in the Iowa State Senate for a decade before leaving office to run for governor. As befitting an attorney, throughout his life, George Wilson held a profound respect for the law. While serving as Iowa’s governor, Wilson focused on “efficiency and economy.” The Register editorial at his death noted, “As United States senator, he possessed a keen understanding of human relations and reactions that made his counsel and advice sought after by many of his colleagues.”

George A. Wilson won the GOP nomination for governor in 1936 and faced Lieutenant Governor Nelson Kraschel in the general election. 1936 was the high tide of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s popularity and the New Deal was at its peak; it was a terrible year for GOP candidates throughout the country. Despite the heavy Democratic headwinds, George Wilson lost the general election by only 2,431 votes, while Franklin Roosevelt was carrying Iowa by more than 100,000 votes.

Wilson’s good showing in a bad year for Republican candidates gave him the edge in claiming the right for a rematch with then-Governor Nelson Kraschel in 1938. A much better year for Republicans, Wilson reversed the results, beating Kraschel by just over

59,000 votes. During both the 1936 and 1938 campaigns, Democrats tried to use Wilson’s success as an attorney against him in the elections.

In 1940, Wendell Willkie, the GOP presidential nominee, stopped by Governor George Wilson’s office in Des Moines, where he met an abundance of fellow Republican chief executives and other officials prominent in America’s Corn Belt. The governors emphasized farm state concerns. At a luncheon, Willkie began his remarks by hailing his “fellow amateurs.”

George Wilson had promised to give old-age pensioners a raise should he be elected governor. That promise came back to haunt him as he wasn’t able to do as much as he had envisioned. Wilson encountered unexpectedly tough opposition inside the Republican primary from H. R. Gross, who would later make a name for himself as an economy-minded congressman, oftentimes called the “Watchdog of the Treasury.” Even then, Gross talked about saving tax dollars. H. R. Gross gained a considerable following as a news commentator on the radio. The campaign waged by the gubernatorial candidate was highly unusual at the time, rejecting invitations to events, making no public appearances, and confining his campaign to speeches made over the radio. The results stunned almost everybody. Gross lost by less than 19,000 votes out of more than 330,000 cast and quite nearly upset Governor Wilson inside the primary. Gross had carried 48 of Iowa’s 99 counties.

Senator Clyde L. Herring, a former governor himself, chortled from Washington, D.C., that Governor Wilson’s near loss in the GOP primary was a portent of things to come in the general election. The Democratic nominee, former Lieutenant Governor John Valentine, had endured an equally contentious and fractious primary as well. Wendell Willkie carried Iowa by more than 124,000 votes over President Roosevelt and his running mate, Henry A. Wallace, who was a native of the Hawkeye State. Governor George Wilson defeated John Valentine by just over 66,000 votes to win a second two-year term.

Senator Herring rightly presumed Governor Wilson was the likely Republican candidate to challenge him in the 1942 election. Herring seemingly never missed an opportunity to be critical of Wilson throughout 1941. Wilson announced on February 25, 1942, that he was running for the GOP nomination for



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Former Governor Dan Turn (left) and GOP gubernatorial nominee George A. Wilson (right) in 1936.

the United States Senate. The governor promised to do all he could as Iowa’s senator in the successful prosecution of the war against the Axis powers and to help the United States to victory. The governor pledged himself “to the doctrine of utter defeat of our enemies.” Wilson said he would be a foe of “extravagance and waste” in government. So, too, would he support the farmers who were toiling mightily to produce food for the country during the Second World War. “My aim, as it has always been, is to achieve and assure for the farmers of Iowa their full share of the national income,” Wilson said.

Governor Wilson was opposed inside the Republican primary by Mark Thornburg, Iowa’s elected Secretary of Agriculture, who had been endorsed by Wendell Willkie. Two other candidates entered the primary contest, including future Congressman James Dolliver. Thornburg campaigned on the theme that the United States was obliged to help create the post-war world and must reject isolationism. Governor Wilson had the backing of Colonel Robert McCormick’s fiercely non-interventionist Chicago Tribune. Wilson won better than 51% of the primary vote against his three challengers.

After defeating Clyde Herring, George and Mildred Wilson moved to Washington, D.C. The new senator received excellent committee assignments, especially for one representing Iowa. Wilson had spots on the Agriculture and Armed Services Committees, as well as a seat on the Committee on Small Business.

During the Second World War, all three of Senator Wilson’s sons joined the armed services. None would allow their father to say or do anything to help with their advancement. Two of the three served again during the Korean War. The Wilsons also had a daughter. Wilson also sponsored a resolution during his first year in the United States Senate calling for the creation of the United Nations, two years

before the organization came into being. Oddly, Senator Wilson, who was ahead of his time, never received a smidgen of credit for having pushed the idea before it came into being.

In 1944, Senator George Wilson underwent an operation for throat cancer following the extraction of his lower teeth. Evidently, Wilson never fully recovered, and his failing health affected his reelection campaign in 1948. Senator Wilson went to the Mayo Clinic and underwent extensive surgery, and all traces of the cancer were gone. At least that is what Wilson told the members of his family.

Sometimes, candidates encounter odds they simply cannot overcome, and that was true for George A. Wilson in 1948. What virtually every political pundit in the country thought would be a banner year for Republicans turned into a rout. Senator Wilson faced perhaps the most popular Democrat in Iowa in his reelection bid. Guy Gillette was the only Democrat ever to be reelected to the United States Senate from Iowa, and, after losing to Bourke B. Hickenlooper in 1944, Gillette was on the comeback trail.

Gillette looked like he had come out of central casting for the part of a United States senator, with distinguished features and white hair. One Washington writer had written of Gillette, “He is the only man who can attend a masquerade as a Roman senator and not have people think he was a person going to bed in his nightshirt.” The former senator had a large personal following and was an expert in meeting folks and winning their votes.

As Republicans controlled the U.S. Senate in 1948, the general election battle had national implications. With most everyone presuming Tom Dewey would beat Harry Truman for the presidency, much attention was given to the various Senate races across the country. The Dewey campaign lamented the fact that Senator Joe Ball seemed hard-pressed by the young mayor of Minneapolis,

Hubert Humphrey. Senator E. V. Robertson appeared to be behind Democratic Governor Lester Hunt in Wyoming and Congressman Ross Rizley seemed unlikely to hold Oklahoma’s Senate seat for the Republicans; and it appeared Guy Gillette was gaining on Senator George Wilson. William M. Blair, a reporter for the New York Times, filed a story saying there was an even chance Gillette would defeat Senator Wilson.

It is difficult to determine whether his health hampered his ability to wage an effective reelection bid, but it appears George Wilson was unable to appear throughout much of the campaign. The senator did not make a major radio address until late in the fall campaign. In that same speech, Wilson promised to work with Dewey, should the New York governor be elected president, as most everyone thought he would be. “As a Republican, I shall stand pledged to support, rather than obstruct, the Republican program.”

Oregon U.S. Senator Wayne Morse came to Iowa to campaign for Wilson. Morse said Iowans should return George Wilson to the Senate because he was such a fine constitutional lawyer and drew his legislative proposals with care to be sure they were accurate. It seems highly probable that Senator Wilson’s campaign was amply financed, as he certainly had plenty of money for advertising. Gillette got substantial financial resources from unions, but likely spent much less than Senator Wilson. Organized labor was out in force against all the GOP incumbents, like Wilson, who had supported the hated Taft-Hartley right-to-work law.

Election Day saw Iowans split their tickets. Harry Truman carried Iowa by 12,000 votes, Republican William Beardsley easily won the governorship, and Guy Gillette beat Senator George Wilson by more than 160,000 votes.

Following his unsuccessful reelection campaign, Wilson did not linger in Washington but returned home to Des Moines. Wilson sold the

family home, which had served as the governor’s mansion during his time as Iowa’s chief executive, and he and Mildred moved into a modest three-bedroom frame house. Wilson once again resumed his law practice.

The 69-year-old George Wilson’s health continued to seriously deteriorate, and the former senator took a turn for the worse on August 27, 1953. Wilson’s throat cancer had returned. The former governor and U.S. senator died on September 8, 1953. The funeral home was packed with the friends of George Wilson, who showed the former senator the same interest he had shown them in life.

The Des Moines Tribune believed the explanation for the large number of Democrats at the funeral of the former senator was that George Wilson “often treated political opponents like personal friends.” The newspaper recalled one of Wilson’s last acts had been to “buttonhole legislators and even newspapermen to see to it that a portrait of the late Clyde L. Herring, a Democrat, be placed on display with those of other governors. . .” Nelson Kraschel, a former opponent of Wilson’s, came from his home in Harlan, Iowa, to pay his respects to the senator’s widow.

After his death, several of George Wilson’s closest friends came together to compare notes and recalled his operation at the Mayo Clinic nine years previously. All of them remembered the same thing. George Wilson had quietly told them his doctors had said “there were two places” where the cancer could not be removed by any means at the time. The senator said that meant his days were numbered. The first time any family member heard that was when the former senator was taken to Mercy Hospital when Wilson became ill once again.

George A. Wilson was laid to rest in the fertile soil of the state where he had been born and served so well.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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WHEREAS, Sherrie Hulen, as true and lawful holder of the Note secured by said Trust Deed, has appointed Heather A. Quinn-Bader, as Substitute Trustee;

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness, the same being now past due and the entire amount thereof having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the Trustee having been called upon to foreclose said Deed of Trust, in accordance with the terms thereof, and to sell the real property in satisfaction thereof; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Deed of Trust, I will on **December 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (local time)**, offer for sale and sell, near the **Main Assembly Room, inside the Main Street entrance to the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee**, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand paid, the following described real estate, located on 71704 Washington Pike, Knoxville, TN (the address is believed to be correct but is not part of the legal description), **also identified as tax parcel 040-16803, and described in the deed of record in Instrument 2009051500744330, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, (property description is abbreviated pursuant to TCA 35-5-104(a)(2))**;

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COURT NOTICES NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CASE OF MARLA BISHOP GRANDOLPH – Vs – KEITH ALAN GRANDOLPH
Docket # 145238

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Plaintiff, MARLA BISHOP GRANDOLPH 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 MARLA BISHOP GRANDOLPH.

IT IS ORDERED that said Plaintiff file an answer to an action of PETITION FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT AND TO ENFORCE MARITAL DISSOLUTION AGREEMENT filed by KEITH ALAN GRANDOLPH, Defendant herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with LUKE A. SHIPLEY, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY ST., SUITE 700, KNOXVILLE, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication.

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

This the 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2025.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Robert Clark
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL KOWALSKI PORIER
IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROL KOWALSKI PORIER, DECEASED
DOCKET NO. 91134-2
CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM,
Petitioner/Administrator
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the Motion for Notice by Publication filed by Carolyn Levy Gilliam as Administrator of the ESTATE OF CAROL KOWALSKI PORIER. Upon consideration of the motion, the Court finds as follows:

1. That the Petitioner has made a diligent effort to identify and locate all heirs of the Decedent, but despite such efforts, the identities and/or whereabouts of one or more heirs remain unknown;

2. That personal service upon said unknown heirs is impracticable, and their identities and addresses cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry;

3. That service by publication is appropriate and authorized pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-204.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. That the Petitioner is authorized to serve notice in this cause upon any and all unknown heirs at law of the Decedent, Carol Kowalski Porier, by publication in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-204;

2. That such publication shall be made in the Knoxville Focus in Knox County, Tennessee, once weekly for four (4) consecutive weeks;

3. That proof of publication shall be filed with the court promptly after the final publication.

Publication dates: 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, and 11/17/2025.

This 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR.
Chancellor
J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JACKIE L. BRUNER
IN RE: CHARLOTTE SUE BRUNER,
BY HER CONSERVATOR, EAST
TENNESSEE PUBLIC GUARDIAN
PROGRAM, BY LYNETTE EDWARDS,
REPRESENTATIVE AGENT, Plaintiff
v.
JACKIE L. BRUNER, Respondent
NO. 211668-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JACKIE L. BRUNER, 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 JACKIE L. BRUNER, it is ordered that said defendant, JACKIE L. BRUNER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with William A. Reeves, BPR., an Attorney whose address is 625 S. Gay St., Suite 160, Knoxville, TN 37902, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 27th day of October, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL
IN RE: PRAGATIBEN VIMAL PATEL, Plaintiff
v.
VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL, Defendant
NO. 211520-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL 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 VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL, it is ordered that said defendant, VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with K. Abigail Jones, an Attorney whose address is 2125 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement 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 28th day of October, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MICHAEL A. FANNON
and ROBERT FANNON
IN RE: THE PALISADES CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff
v.
MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON, Defendants
NO. 209728-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON, it is ordered that said defendants, MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, BPR., an Attorney whose address is 550 Main Street, Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, Knoxville, TN 37902, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 5th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN,
CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE
RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN,
OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON
ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920
IN RE: BETTY J. HENSON, Plaintiff
v.
ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY
LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE,
LIEN, OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON
ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920, Defendant(s)
NO. 211977-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s), ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920, 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 ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920, it is ordered that said defendant, ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON ROAD, KNOXVILLE,

TN 37920, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jacob S. King, an Attorney whose address is 300 Montvue Rd., Knoxville, TN 37919, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 5th day of November, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TERRANCE RAY HARVEY
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF TWO MINOR
CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18:
Female - M.L.L., DOB 12/25/2015, and
Female - D.L.L. DOB 07/21/2017
BY: JON KERRY BIGGS and his wife,
MARIA NICOLE LOVE, Petitioners
v.
TERRANCE RAY HARVEY, Respondent
NO. 204855-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, TERRANCE RAY HARVEY, 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 TERRANCE RAY HARVEY, it is ordered that said defendants, TERRANCE RAY HARVEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Patrick L. Looper, an attorney whose address is First Tennessee Plaza, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 700, Knoxville, TN 37929, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard 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 12th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID L. BUCKNER
DOCKET NUMBER 91676-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID L. BUCKNER, who died September 2, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox County Chancery Court, 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 (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 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID L. BUCKNER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JESS DAVID CLINE
DOCKET NUMBER 91440-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JESS DAVID CLINE, who died April 8, 2025, 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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This the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JESS DAVID CLINE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEFFERY B. FOUST
DOCKET NUMBER 91486-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEFFERY B. FOUST, who died on the 7th day of May, 2025, 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 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEVERLY JANE GRAVES
DOCKET NUMBER 91677-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY JANE GRAVES, who died JULY 28, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BEVERLY JANE GRAVES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY J. SKIDMORE
DOCKET NUMBER 91667-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY J. SKIDMORE, who died September 16, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CECILIA ANTOINETTE STRAUSS
DOCKET NUMBER 91569-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CECILIA ANTOINETTE STRAUSS, who died August 18, 2025, 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 the claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF CECILIA ANTOINETTE STRAUSS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive resumes from candidates seeking appointment to one (1) upcoming vacancy as Judge in the office of the Knox County General Sessions Court, Division IV, due to the retirement of Honorable Andrew Jackson, VI, effective December 31, 2025.

Resumes should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or hand delivered no later than Monday, December 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. to:

Office of the Knox County Commission
Suite 603, City County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902
Phone: 215-2534
FAX: 215-2038
E-mail: commission@knoxcounty.org
A Public Hearing for the purpose of conducting public forum and interviewing candidates and a

Special Session meeting to fill the vacancy will be scheduled at a later date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive resumes from candidates seeking appointment to one (1) vacancy on the Knox County Ethics Committee for a four (4) year term ending October 31, 2029. Resumes should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail or hand delivered no later than Monday, December 1, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to:

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400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902
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E-mail: commission@knoxcounty.org

The Knox County Commission shall interview candidates on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. during the Optional Agenda Review Meeting in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

The Commission appointment shall be considered during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Knox County Commission on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

BID 3696, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF WATER QUALITY TREATMENT DEVICES, Due 12/17/25

BID 3698, INMATE MATTRESSES, Due 12/16/25

BID 3699, PAVEMENT MARKING MATERIALS AND ROAD STRIPING SERVICES, Due 12/18/25

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

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and /or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on November 25, 2025 at 701 Cooper St, Knoxville, TN 37917.

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TSSAA CHEERLEADING AND DANCE STATE TOURNAMENT



A happy time for H(all)s! Halls High's Unified cheerleading team of athletes and peers combined to win the TSSAA state championship and make history with their Game Day performance.

Halls' Unified Cheer team is the state champion

By Steve Williams

Halls High School has a new state champion.

Its unified cheer team took first place at the TSSAA State Cheerleading and Dance tournament that was held in Knoxville Nov. 6 and 7.

With this state title Halls also made history by winning the first Unified Cheerleading State Championship on the high school level. Rhea County

also made history by being the first middle school team to do it.

Halls competed in the "Game Day" category.

"The team was made up of eight special education students partnered with eight general education peers," said Head Coach Alex Yanniello.

The special ed students had varying disabilities.

"We have a student that primarily uses a wheelchair," said Yanniello.

"We've got all different kinds of disabilities, physical and intellectual."

The athletes on the team were Jeremiah White, Brooklyn Toney, Cassandra Popova, Karina Naumowicz, Jaxson Hickman, Morgan Holbert, Obowya Lohure and Katie Quinter, while their peers were Hayden Evans, Makinley Holbert, Kyliegh Stalsworth, Scout Gilreath, Natalie Hoffmeister, Rylie Tollett,

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

GCA's playoff run comes to an end

By David Klein

It was all the Battle Ground Academy Wildcats on Friday night at the Grace Christian Academy Rams. BGA jumped out to a 35-7 half-time lead over GCA and went on to win the second round Division II-A playoff game 42-14. The passing attack for the Wildcats was in full force as quarterback Kaedyn Marable went 16 for 18 in passing attempts with 301 yards and four touchdowns and also had one rushing touchdown.

"He's a good player," BGA head coach Bobby Bentley said. "He does a good job of getting us in good runs. The kids love him. They play hard for him; he's everything you want in a quarterback."

The Wildcats jump-started the game when running back Fletcher Fields took a toss sweep to the left side 61 yards for a touchdown just 1:35 into the game to put BGA up 7-0.

GCA was able to

counter the touchdown on a 28-yard Cooper Brayman touchdown pass to Jace Ballard with 7:29 left in the first quarter to tie the game at 7. It would be the last Rams' points for a while as BGA would score the next 35 points.

The Wildcats got the scoring run going with a Marable 40-yard touchdown pass to Park Ballash to take a 14-7 lead with 4:40 left in the first quarter.

Following a BGA interception, Marable eluded the Ram pass rush and ran 18 yards for a touchdown to put the Wildcats up 21-7 with 27 seconds left in the first quarter.

BGA would add to its lead on a Marable 35-yard touchdown pass to Cates Kennedy to take a 28-7 lead with 5:37 left in the second quarter. Marable praised the ability of his receivers and the balance that having three receivers brings. "They make it easy for

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Lethgo, defense help Red Devils advance to quarterfinals



By Ken Lay

For the first time since 1996, Halls High School has reached the quarterfinals of the TSSAA state playoffs

And as a reward, the Red Devils will get a rematch with Central this week.

Halls (7-4) posted a dominant performance on its way to a 42-14 victory over Lawrence County Friday night at Dink Adams Field.

It didn't take Red Devils' coach Brent Hughes long to invoke the past in his emotional postgame speech to his team.

"It feels like 1996, man,"

Hughes said.

The victory over the Wildcats (8-4) was definitely cause for celebration as Hughes is happy just to have another week with his team.

"I get emotional. I get another week with my guys and that's all I care about," Hughes said. "I don't know how long this thing is going to last, but I'm going to cherish every moment with these guys."

"I couldn't be more proud."

The story of the night and the win over Lawrence County as it all came down

to defense and the play of quarterback Amari Lethgo.

"All this week, all I heard was how our defense was going to have to play against their big defensive line," Hughes said. "And we came out and we smacked them in the mouth."

"I've just got a bunch of kids that find a way. I've got dudes that find a way and in these games, you want your dudes to be dudes."

The defense answered when called upon as Gavin Self recorded a tackle for loss on fourth down late in the second quarter to

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Halls quarterback Amari Lethgo winds up to throw downfield during the Red Devils' 42-14 victory over Lawrence County. Halls now goes to the state quarterfinals for the first time since 1996. Photo by Mariah Clay.

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For many, National Signing Day is the culmination of a long recruiting journey!

LOCAL COLLEGE SIGNEES

According to athletic directors at high schools in The Knoxville Focus' coverage area, here's a list of student-athletes who signed on National Signing Day (Nov. 12) and later will be enrolling in college for the 2026-27 school year.

BEARDEN

Jayla Blue, Tennessee, soccer

Charlie Culbertson, Roane State, golf

Katie Foster, Worcester Polytechnic, Mass., basketball

Connor Hall, Johnson University, golf

Natalya Hodge, Missouri, basketball

Claire Jenkinson, Roane State, soccer

Tyler Roth, Western Kentucky, soccer

CAK

Sydney Clemmons, Wheaton College, soccer

Isabella Coughlin, Western Kentucky, golf

Annagail Herzog, Monmouth University, swimming

Joey Sulish, Tennessee Tech, baseball

Colie Thompson, Palm Beach Atlantic FL, basketball

Brody Waller, LMU, baseball

CONCORD CHRISTIAN

Kylie Leach, Tusculum, volleyball

Katelyn Stooksbury, Samford, volleyball

FARRAGUT

Ava Barczak, LMU, track and field

Travis Brummitt Jr., Pellissippi State, baseball

Kennedy Dade, Tennessee Tech, soccer

Will Dickens, Eastern University, baseball

Bella Ekeler, Georgia Southern, volleyball

Aidan Flagg, Lipscomb, baseball

Jake Harris, Eastern Michigan, baseball

Daniel Lanning, Tusculum, lacrosse

K.J. McNealy, Grand Canyon University, basketball

Rowan Unger, Samford, soccer

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

Jesse Clowers, Walters State, golf

Lane Stokes, Walters State, golf

GRACE CHRISTIAN

Nya Burns, Alabama-Birmingham, basketball

GIBBS

Brie Bussell, Carson-Newman, cheer

Gavin Bergeron, Bossier Parish, cross country

Lucas Duncan, Motlow State, baseball

Skylynne Luttrell, Roane State, softball

Addison Miller, King University, women's track

Will Price, Samford, baseball

Abram Taylor, Tennessee Wesleyan, baseball

Gacie Underwood, Roane State, soccer

Shelby Williams, LMU, softball

HALLS

Colby Comparato, Carson-Newman, baseball

Brody Rogers, Virginia, track (decathlon)

KARNS

Brooke Bilbrey, Roane State, dance

Reese Law, Johnson University, softball

Lexi Maciejewski, Maryville College, soccer

KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC

Nadalie Bellinghausen, LMU, lacrosse

Lauren Murphy, Anderson University, tennis

Kacey Holliday, Campbell University, CC / track

Cade Murphy, Eastern Kentucky, basketball

Malachi Brown, Michigan, basketball

Carter Muth, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, baseball

J.R. Fowler, University of Houston, track and field

POWELL

Madison Crawley, Roane State, softball

Jaylan Heatherly, Bryan College, softball

WEBB

Carolina Areheart, Vanderbilt, cross country

McKalie Ball, Louisville, soccer

Noah Garcia, Florida Tech, lacrosse

Calysta Garner, Furman, cross country

Jazzlyn Garner, Furman, cross country

Meeyah Green, Clemson, basketball

Schools that reported no signees at this time: Austin-East, Carter, Fulton, Seymour, South-Doyle, TSD, West

-- Compiled by Steve Williams



CAK's Isabella Coughlin, Annagail Herzog, Brody Waller, Joey Sulish, Colie Thompson and Sydney Clemmons signed on National Signing Day last week.



Farragut High had ten School Student-Athletes who signed College Scholarship Papers last week. Back Row (L to R): Will Dickens, Travis Brummitt Jr., Jake Harris, Aidan Flagg and Daniel Lanning. Front Row (L to R): K.J. McNealy, Bella Ekeler, Ava Barczak, Rowan Unger and Kennedy Dade.



Madison Crawley, left, and Jaylan Heatherly, right, signed at Powell High last week.



Karns High's Brooke Bilbrey, Reese Law and Lexi Maciejewski signed letters of intent Wednesday.

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One of those plays that defy explanation

What happens when an 8-0 team a step or two from the SEC title (University of Tenn.) plays a 6-3 team (University of Kentucky)

By Tom Mattingly

in a “rivalry game” on Shields-Watkins Field in late November 1956? The University of Tennessee Southeastern Conference (SEC) title season of 1956 had a number of tough games, including the classic 6-0 win over Georgia Tech earlier in November. One of the toughest games was a border state battle with unranked Kentucky that occurred nearly 70 years ago. That was a game that went well into the fourth quarter before the Vols, ranked No. 2 nationally, finally won, 20-7. For the season, the Vols scored 275 points, while giving up 88 points, 75 of which were by Duke and Chattanooga (20 each) early in the season.

The Vols lined up with Buddy Cruze and Roger Urbano at the ends, Charles Rader and “Papa John” Gordy at the tackles, Bruce Burnham and Bill Johnson at guard, and Bubba Howe at center. The backfield was among the best in Tennessee history, with Stockton Adkins at

blocking back, John Majors at tailback, Bill Anderson at wingback, and Tommy Bronson at fullback.

The Vols would finish 10-1 for the season, play in the Sugar Bowl, and finish No. 2 (AP). Kentucky would finish 6-4. Bowden Wyatt was in his second year in Knoxville. The Vols were 6-3-1 in 1955, declining a bowl bid, given that the opponent was slated to be Auburn, the 1956 season opener in Birmingham.

Tennessee trailed 7-6 in the fourth quarter, but Majors scored twice to give the Vols the win.

After the opening kickoff, the Vols went quickly down the field. As they neared the Wildcat goal, Majors fumbled after being hit by Kentucky’s Lou Michaels, one of the most dominating players in the history of the series. Then came one of those plays that happen every so often and so quickly that they defy rational explanation.

Gordy ended up coralling the loose ball and scooting in for the score. That gave the Vols an early 6-0 lead. Sammy Burklow missed the point after that, and everyone seemed to know that nothing would come easy from that point on. Someone called it the “tackle pitchout play.” That only served to further rile Michaels, who didn’t need

that much riling anyway.

No one knew that the Vols would not score again until midway through quarter No. 4. There were thoughts across the expanse of the stadium that a major upset was brewing, designed to spoil the undefeated season.

The Vols scored twice in the final stanza. The first drive was highlighted by a 25-yard toss to Anderson, followed by a Kentucky penalty that moved the ball inside the 10 before Majors found the end zone.

After Bill Johnson recovered a Cat fumble, Majors had carried twice and scored on a 31-yard run, turning a 7-6 deficit into a 20-7 lead. The Knoxville Journal’s Russ Bebb wrote that Majors’ run was a “thing of beauty.” That allowed the 45,000 fans in attendance in temperatures in the low 40s to breathe much easier.

KCS cartoonist Bill Dyer, listening to the game at the News-Sentinel offices in Knoxville, summarized the game-winning play in the next day’s game coverage: Johnny Majors went into super-duper high gear and made two deliveries that paid off handsomely. After the game, Bebb wrote that Majors and Michaels flew to New York for the Ed Sullivan Show.

To say the flight to New York was frosty would be an

understatement. Michaels refused to talk with Majors until near the end of the flight.

Then Michaels spoke: “I hope you and Gordy play pro football because that will give me a chance to get even with you. You were lucky today, but I’ll get even with you.”

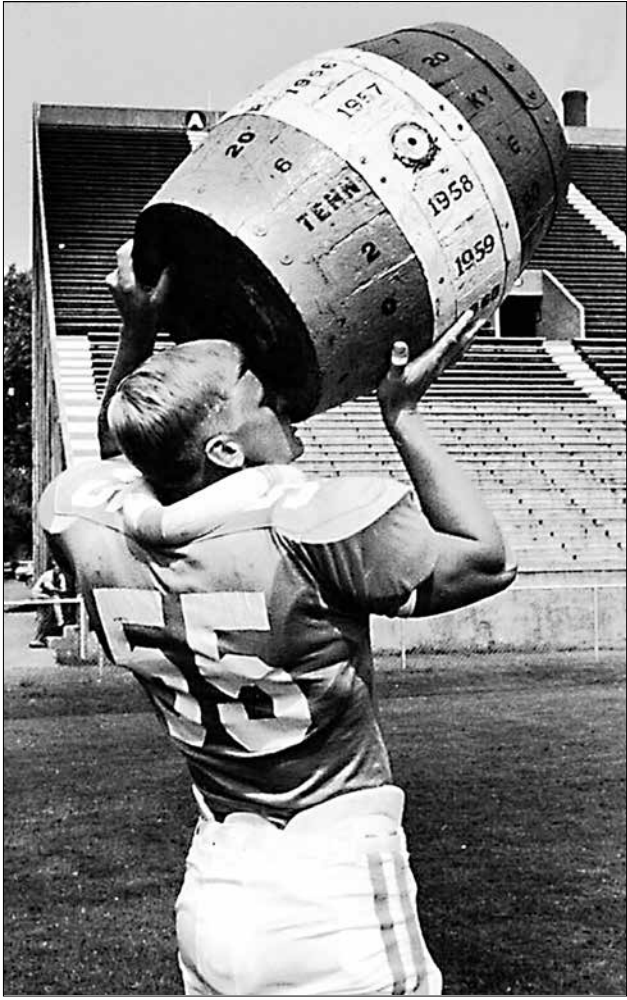
Michaels went on to play professionally with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Green Bay Packers, and Baltimore Colts. Gordy went on to a distinguished career with the Detroit Lions.

A final note. While Majors was achieving great coaching success in Pittsburgh in the 1970s, he read an article in the NCAA News about the man called “Big Lou.” Asked about his favorite football team, Lou said: “I keep up with the Pittsburgh Panthers and my old friend John Majors.”

Majors had a succinct response: “For the first time in 20 years, I was relaxed when Lou Michaels thought of me.”

Majors saw Lou after Pitt’s 1976 national championship season, when John was seemingly on his way to Tennessee. Michaels had one word of advice: “You better not go to Tennessee.”

SOME FINAL OBSERVATIONS: The 1956 game brought the Beer Barrel, longtime symbol of the Tennessee-Kentucky



TENNESSEE SPORTS INFORMATION

Tennessee linebacker Doug Archibald celebrates the Beer Barrel’s return to Knoxville for the 1966 football season.

football series, home to Knoxville. During the decade of the 1950s, however, the Vols had only won three of the games played against the Cats (with one tie). Kentucky head coach Blanton Collier seemed to have the Vols’ number.

After a tie in 1960,

the Vols won 26-16 in Lexington, and the famed trophy returned to the Commonwealth only nine times until 1995. The "Beer Barrel" series then stopped by mutual agreement. After the 1961 season, Collier left Kentucky for the Cleveland Browns.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Rodgers and Powell gave it a super try

By Steve Williams

When Deuce Rodgers returned at the start of the fourth quarter, it was like Superman was back to save the day for Powell.

The host Panthers were trailing Lincoln County by a touchdown in the TSSAA Class 5A second round game Friday night when Rodgers took the snap on fourth-and-eight at the Falcons’ 33-yard line and ran 12 yards for a first down at the 21.

Some Superman fans may have looked up in the sky then.

But no it wasn’t him as Rodgers threw an incomplete pass on first down of the next series of plays and was tackled for a 15-yard loss on second down. A holding call on the Panthers during a long run by Deuce put the ball back at the 46 and then he shanked his punt.

With 9:56 on the clock, Lincoln County took advantage of its field position at the 39 and the Falcons’ top running back, Carsen Carter, scampered 15 yards into Powell territory. Two more good runs by Carter had the Falcons in field goal range.

An offsidess penalty on the Panthers moved Lincoln County even closer and Gatlin Mole kicked a 26-yard field goal to make it a two-score game with only 2:43 remaining.

Powell’s misfortunes continued as its kickoff returner slipped at the 2-yard line. But with time running out, Rodgers completed a 33-yard pass to wide receiver DeZion Jackson and Deuce spiked the ball to stop the clock with 20 seconds left at the Falcons’ 29. On the very next play, Deuce hooked up with wide receiver Tyric

Thomas for a TD. Christian Mooney kicked the PAT with 0:13 on the clock to reduce the deficit to two.

It would take a sports miracle to pull out a win, but the Panthers gave it a good try. First they would have to recover their onside kick and they almost did as the ball bounced by several Lincoln County players before it was recovered. Quarterback Maddox Franklin took a knee to end the game at the LC 35.

The loss ended a good season for Coach Matt Lowe’s team (9-2). The LC win gives the “good old country boys,” as one of their fans called them, a shot at the defending state champion Sevier County in Sevierville this Friday.

The beginning was better than the ending for the Panthers. Rodgers tossed a pass to Ory Vananda-Walker, who raced down the left sideline 26 yards for the game’s first score. Deuce ran in for the 2-point conversion and took a hard hit as he reached the goal line. After a lengthy observation by the medical crew on hand, he ran off the field.

Lincoln County tied the score, but the Panthers quickly took a 16-8 lead as Jackson scored on a 65-yard pass from Rodgers.

Early in the second quarter, Powell linebacker Ethan Hill recovered a fumble at the LC 43 and that led to Rodgers’ 12-yard touchdown pass to Vananda-Walker and Mooney’s PAT that gave Powell a 23-8 advantage. The Falcons got their second TD, but Powell stopped the 2-point conversion to lead by nine (23-14).

A 62-yard dash by Jackson again gave Powell a two touchdown margin at 30-14, but Franklin’s

Junior linebacker Jamison Smith (24), senior lineman Iverson Garcia (95) and senior linebacker Ethan Hill (0) celebrate a defensive play for Powell in Friday’s Class 5A second round playoff game against Lincoln County. The Panthers led at halftime, but the Falcons came back to win 39-37. Photo by Myah Wilson

23-yard TD pass to Ogle cut the Panthers’ margin to eight (30-22) in the final minute of the first half.

The Falcons made the most of back-to-back possessions with a strong start after intermission to even the score at 30-all.

The big question at this point however was where Rodgers was in the third quarter. No one in the press box knew why he wasn’t playing.

No. 11 Brodie Hollowell had filled in for Rodgers when he was injured in the season opening game against Anderson County and also in the second game.

Jackson lined up at the QB position for the Panthers on their first play of the third quarter in Friday’s game, but he was injured and carried off the field, although he returned to another position later in the game.

A member of the press box staff said Hollowell was the “backup quarterback but can’t throw” at this time. That left No. 38 (listed Christian Renfroe and a linebacker on the game roster) as the third-string QB. He threw one pass and ran on one play.



Lethgo, defense help Red Devils advance to quarterfinals

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thwart a promising drive for the Wildcats and Eddy Soto had an interception in the waning seconds of the third stanza. Dom Culp also had a big impact on that side of the ball for the Red Devils as he was in on a bevy of crucial stops.

On offense, Lethgo, who has been Halls’ starting quarterback since his freshman season, put up another clutch performance.

He was 23-for-28 through the air, amassing 335 yards and throwing five touchdown passes. He also had a scoring run on a night that saw things get off to an inauspicious start. He threw an interception to end his team’s first offensive possession. The Wildcats, however,

couldn’t cash in as Halls blocked a field goal.

But Lethgo recovered quickly and lofted a 54-yard touchdown strike to Jarrell Chandler with 4 minutes, 41 seconds remaining in the opening frame.

After the Wildcats tied the contest early in the second quarter, Halls and Lethgo answered. The quarterback had a 4-yard touchdown run, making the score 14-7 and giving the Red Devils the lead for good with 2:16 to go before halftime.

And Halls wasn’t finished.

Lethgo’s touchdown toss to Brody Rogers with 53.6 seconds left in the second stanza to give the Red Devils the 21-7 advantage they enjoyed at the break.

After halftime, the Halls defense shut down Lawrence County, and Lethgo had a 1-yard scoring toss to all but put things away.

The Wildcats were able to pull within 28-14 before Lethgo had two more touchdown passes to Rogers to close the scoring in the contest.

Next up for the Red Devils: Halls will make the short trip to Fountain City to tangle with Black Oak Ridge rival Central (10-2) at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

The Bobcats edged the Red Devils 38-35 in the annual regular-season meeting between the two longtime rivals.

Central punched its ticket to the Class 5A quarterfinals with a 38-28 victory at Columbia.

HIGH SCHOOL SCORES AND SCHEDULE

Second Round Playoff

Results

Class 4A

Red Bank 34, Gibbs 7

Class 5A

Lincoln Co. 39, Powell 37

Halls 42, Lawrence Co. 14

Central 38, Columbia 28

Division II-AA

BGA 42, Grace 14

Lausanne 35, CAK 6

Division II-AAA

Baylor 35, Catholic 7

Quarterfinal Playoff

Game

Kickoff at 7 Friday

Class 5A

Halls at Central

