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## Future of juvenile service center in question

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

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

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 the preceding weekend that disputed the facility being unsafe. there, and said he is "mystified" agement 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

sheriff agree to take over man- 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

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"

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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Interfaith Health Center celebrated its new facility with a ribbon cutting Thursday. InterFaith Health Center is a nonprofit 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 emeritus, 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

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

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 limits this week.

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

#### New type of housing passes first city reading

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

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

Dwelling'? 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 That's the issue before 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 <u>Cont. on page 2</u>

## Commission delays subdivision approval

#### By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

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 agri-

cultural to planned resi-

dential 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 access solution.

should be through an existing neighboring subdivision and not the highway. Frank Leonard told the meeting he is willing to work on an

Commissioner Andy Fox, ard agreed with the postwho represents South ponement.

port 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. Leon-

The commission's zoning duplex units per acre on the properties on Robinson session approved several large subdivisions for Bluegrass Road, Gettysvue 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 Gal-

laher View Road devel-

opment may include six

current 18-foot road there be widened to at least 20 feet, and developer Scott

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

former Holston Gas proper-

ty. The local homeowners

association asked that the

Road, Tazewell Pike, Cureton Road, Grassy Creek Way, Primus Road and Tipton Station Road. One non-residential

Williams said he was not 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



#### Broken Government

Laws are like sausages, it is better to not see them being made.

German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck

Politics is messy and often disgusting. The word politics derives from the Greek word polis, referring to the city-state, and literally means the work and interactions of the people. Last week, our broken polis found a way to defeat the Senate Democrat filibuster, and then the House passed the spending bill to reopen the government. Those battles are over, but the war for the soul of

America continues. There are many Biblical references to the number 40, usually suggesting an extended period of time, testing or preparation. For example, in Genesis, it rained for 40 days and nights to flood the earth. Or the Hebrews wandered for 40 years after their liberation from Egyptian slavery. And after his baptism, Jesus spent 40 days in the

wilderness being tested.

America was certainly tested by the government shutdown begun by Chuck Schumer, but engineered by the Democratic Socialist Party (DSP). This radical faction has taken over the historical Democratic Party, which now exists in name only. It took approximately 40 days to break the DSP's Senate filibuster and then end the shutdown with the passage of the spending bill despite House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries stating his Democrats will vote against reopening of the government. And most

Americans are sick of Washington's political charade and decry our broken government. But make no mistake, the recent mess was the work of radicals like AOC and her squad, Bernie Sanders and Mamdani types. Most Democrats are scared of these progressive socialist radicals who now control their

of them did.

person, but I am a federalist at heart. I believe in a central government that represents the entire country, controls the border and immigration, maintains national security, legislates interstate commerce and helps the less fortunate. However, our government is broken and has become more like an autonomously functioning Al system, which exists for its own benefit, rather than being an instrument of the people. The DSP's shutdown did

not directly hurt me as it did the military, air traffic controllers, government employees or SNAP recipients. But it hurt our country's image, endangered travelers and caused serious damage to the economy. However, I resent being used as "leverage" by the Democrats in their political battle with President Trump and Republicans. I am relieved that the government is again open, but the filibuster and spending battle were only segues to the next battle in late January with the annual budgetary food-fight nightmare. Our government is broken or, at the very least, danger-

President Trump is able to effectively run the executive branch while the legislative and judicial branches are a mess. And Trump seems to be a master of multitasking. I'm not a big government He certainly has a talented

ously dysfunctional.

allows him to formulate a strategy and manage the team that implements the game plan. As a result, "our favorite president" can attend NFL games and even give color commentary from the broadcast booth while the secretary of war interdicts narcoterrorists on the high seas. Other secretaries are busy negotiating treaties and America First trade deals, managing the economy and dealing with transportation challenges. These are just a few of the numerous balls Trump is juggling while battling the DSP and their loons with TDS, judicial activists and opposing Chinese hegemony. Seemingly, Trump works tirelessly and takes no salary. "We don't deserve him." There are so many bat-

administrative team, which

tles in this non-shooting civil war. Another big battle is looming at the Supreme Court, now deliberating the constitutionality of President Trump's tariff policy, which is bringing vast amounts of money, industry and jobs back into our country. I have not studied the merits of the particular case before SCOTUS, but ruling against the president will cause serious harm to the economy and the country. I struggle to understand the legal mind, just as I suppose non-medical people struggle with medical concepts and doctor jargon. Let us hope that pockets in Washington, D.C.

As an internist, I sought what was wrong with patients and made diagnoses. And frequently, I understood how a disease occurred. But the fundamental question of why tragedy struck was often elusive. In our broken government, I understand the what, how and why of our mess. The fundamental cause is summed up as everything radical liberalism touches it destroys.

consider the radical liberal landscape of the DSP: it embraces defunding the

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You doubt me? Ask Chuck Schumer or just

police, activist judges and lawfare, open borders, socialism/communism, it is soft on crime, defies the science of two genders, promotes abortion on demand, gender reassignment for children, men in women's sports, bathrooms and locker rooms, supports illegals, opposes Israel (the only democracy in the Middle East), adheres to the religion of climate change and the replacement of God by government. What could possibly go wrong by embracing the policies of the DSP? It's hard to know what to

believe any longer, even if

you attempt to research

an issue thoroughly. We're

our gut feeling, driven by

common sense, observa-

tions and experience. The

## New type of housing passes first city reading

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Carlene Malone of Fountain City, want the new units to be prohibited from RN-1 and RN-2 neighborhoods. They pointed to the units needing two driveway curb cuts and questioned the liability of things like mals."

The council debated the idea, the possibility of cirand lot sizes. Councilwom-

roof repairs and upkeep. RN-1 and RN-2 are not Singh, Tommy Smith and Malone described the units the same, and standards Rider. Council members as being "very different ani- cannot be applied to both Lynne Fugate, Gwen McKzonings.

In favor of the Single Family Attached Dwelling cular driveways, setbacks change were five council members: Debbie Helsan Lauren Rider said that ley, Amelia Parker, Seema

enzie and Andrew Roberto voted against it, and Charles Thomas abstained from the vote

The council then turned to a first reading about altering the city codes to adjust setbacks in RN-5 residential neighborhoods and permit buildings to go as high as 55 feet. That would be an height limit of 35 feet. tution district to institution-While Councilman Thomas said the idea "makes some sense," Councilman Smith abstained, citing the building height limit in the Fort Sanders neighborhood.

goes to the next city council meeting.

A new Knoxville Area Rescue Mission campus was approved in a zoning office designation.

increase from the current change from general insti-

al district. Also approved was an agreement with the state to upgrade traffic signal detection at three Clinton Highway intersections and That second reading a change in the city code to clarify late fees for city

parking violations. A property at 1902 Merchant Drive was changed at 1507 Ninth Avenue from an RN-1 zoning to an





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of common sense still exist truth is not derived from one news source, one blog, a Google search, Grok or ChatGPT, etc.

Case in point, I heard the U.S. spends twice as much per capita on healthcare with much poorer outcomes than Europe. Could some of the difference be that Americans can't afford medication? According to Dr. Oz, administrator of Medicare and Medicaid, we pay twice as much for prescription drugs as Europe does. Why? Well, one reason is that we haven't had most favored nation status for the purchase of prescription drugs. Why? Shouldn't our government have been advocating for its citizens? President Trump is on it. An example is his mandate for the

injectables to treat obesity. I'll close with a positive slant on the shutdown. It has spurred federal investigation and has exposed massive fraud in SNAP benefits, far beyond feeding illegals. No one wants people to go hungry, but remember that the S in SNAP means "supplemental" food, not rations. Recall the resistance to DOGE, formed to evaluate waste and fraud in the federal government. Now, many blue states are refusing to send their SNAP records to the federal govoften left with intuition or ernment. I wonder why?

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## 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.

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,

ance 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 Con-

gress 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 tary 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 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 Bur-

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,

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. things I've seen in observing national or local politics. Every bit of it done in the name of "fighting

It was as ugly as it was foolish.

Juvenile Detention Facility Needs Experienced Administrator

In reading the No-News that if you liked your insur- to working families, mili- and don't expect them to 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 It is one of the stupidest than an ex-lawman at its

> 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 The abrupt decision by fixing the problem.

## Future of juvenile service center in question

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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.

happen when Sheriff Tom is hurting the ability to Spangler leaves office and replace those employees. 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 the facility. from Stephanie Candler Department and from

is being considered to fill Several other Knox the interim superintendent position. Candler described the lack of personnel and payroll records and large payoffs to departing officers from the prioradmin-

She said the amount of payoffs to departing employees and future pay-Jay asked what might offs to current employees

would a new sheriff live up Dauer talked about the to the promise of taking number of employees needed to keep up with the number of youths detained

> 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

Board members include of the Human Resource Commissioners Jay, Shane Jackson, Terry Hill, Rhonda Captain Corey Dauer, who Lee and Damon Rawls.

## Six more months requested for improving juvenile center

**By Mike Steely** Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

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?

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

ee 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 homes and cutting back companies and delivery revenue is up about 3% Larsen Jay said that withlocal restaurants.

Biggs was reporting on as dining out. Knox County Trust- tax collections and said that established and popular restaurants have seen some residents. a drop in the number of sitdown customers who normally order more food and drinks. He said that people are buying more upscale

on other expenses, such

"Land rich, money poor"

Jackson said, "Restaurants are barely breaking even" when considering what they pay credit card

Also in the meeting, Knox County Schools Finance is how Biggs described Director Ron McPherson said he is concerned about Commissioner Shane future federal funding. He also said that the \$50,000 state-mandated teacher salary should be reached next year, the sales tax

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 feder-

Finance Chairman policy may help.

over last year, and the outnew 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 twoyear property appraisal

## 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

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 rec-

The subcommittee discussed county employees overseeing family members who are county employees and employees favoring outcampaign or other contributions, or and Marcus Hilliard was chosen to 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 discuslast revision of the ethics policy was sion 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.

#### **Ethics committee hears** progress report

The Knox County Ethics Committee met Wednesday morning and heard a report on the ongoing 180day ethics policy review.

Michael Bittel, who chairs the ethics subcommittee undertaking the evaluation, said that about 70% of the code has been reviewed. He 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

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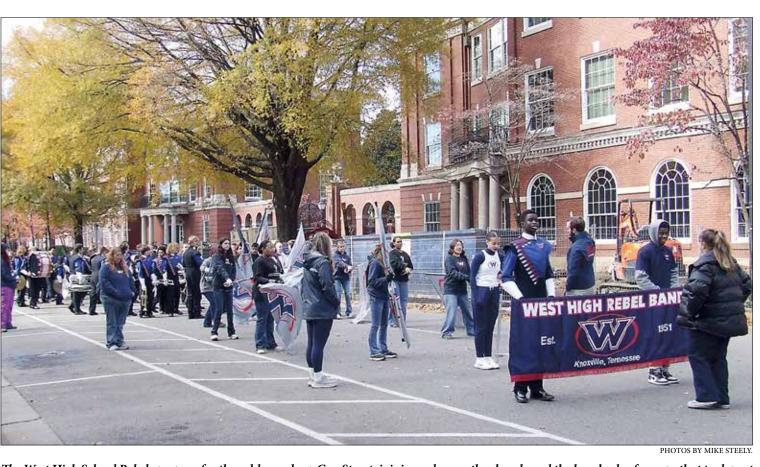
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The West High School Rebels prepare for the cold march up Gay Street, joining a dozen other bands and the hundreds of groups that took part in the large and festive event.

### Annual Veterans Day Parade a big success

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

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

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



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

eral sources hundreds of cost her nothing but her time. One pound of used stamps is a lot of stamps, probably over a thousand. he told me about this gift.

Another couple, who are both stamp collectors,

for a collector. The most gave each other a trip for was a surprise purchase mine. His wife worked on Society's Great American the Knoxville Stamp Show, his gift for several months. Stamp Show for that par-She had saved from sev-ticular year. This multiday event was the centerpiece stamps, both on and off to a weeklong vacation. envelopes. Her efforts This year, Boston is hostyielded over one pound of ing the event. Several used postage. This gift members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society plan to attend this show. Some plan to make this their major vacation of this year. He was so pleased when That is a nice Christmas

> Another special gift that a wife gave her husband

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!

unusual gift was given sev- Christmas. They went to of a stamp he wanted. spouse can give a stamp and hobby. eral years ago to a friend of the American Philatelic When they were attending collector partner is not nec- If you know a collector, essarily a stamp, but the think about that special gift gift of time. Stamp collecting not only involves be a gift that will long be money, but also time. Acceptance and tolerance of the amount of time a stamp collector can spend ing on the first Tuesday of 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

One of the nicest gifts a It is a wholesome activity

that you can give. It will remembered and appreciated. I invite you to join us at the KPS monthly meetevery 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, other questionable activity! 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 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

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

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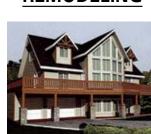
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### The Gentleman From Iowa

# George A. Wilson

**Pages from the Past** 



By Ray Hill rayhill865@gmail.com

George A. Wilson 59,000 votes. During both served as both governor of lowa 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 vet-

eran of public office, having been a district judge in Polk County (Des Moines) and a county attorney and 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

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 lowa by more than

many of his colleagues."

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 for the GOP nomination for

Wilson's good showing in

100,000 votes.

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 the United States Senate. before the organization Hubert Humphrey. Senator family home, which had 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 income," Wilson said. the radio. The campaign waged by the gubernatorial candidate was highly unusual at the time, reject- Thornburg, Iowa's elected 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 lowa 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

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



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

The governor promised to came into being. Oddly, E. V. Robertson appeared 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 lowa their full share of the national

Governor Wilson was opposed inside the Republican primary by Mark 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 noninterventionist 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

do all he could as Iowa's Senator Wilson, who was to be behind Democratic ahead of his time, never Governor received a smidgen of Hunt in Wyoming and credit for having pushed Congressman Ross Rizley 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 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** lowa, 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,

Lester 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 throat cancer had returned. 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 former senator the same throughout much of the interest he had shown campaign. The senator did not make a major radio cannot overcome, and that address until late in the fall believed the explanation was true for George A. campaign. In that same for the large number of having served in the lowa ing invitations to events, Secretary of Agriculture, Wilson in 1948. What vir- speech, Wilson promised Democrats at the funeral State Senate for a decade making no public appear- who had been endorsed tually every political pundit to work with Dewey, should of the former senator was before leaving office to ances, and confining his by Wendell Willkie. Two in the country thought the New York governor be that George Wilson "often elected president, as most treated political opponents 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 lowans 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 rightto-work law. Election Day saw Iowans

split their tickets. Harry Truman carried lowa 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

served as the governor's mansion during his time as lowa'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 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

them in life. The Des Moines Tribune 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, lowa, 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

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#### 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)

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

This the 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2025.

Mike Hammond

Robert Clark

#### ORDER OF **SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL KOWALSKI PORIER IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROL KOWALSKI PORIER, DECEASED CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM. Petitioner/Administrator

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE PROBATE DIVISION

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

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 Kowaslski 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

This 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025. RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD Clerk and Master

#### NON-RESIDENT **NOTICE**

TO: JACKIE L. BRUNER IN RE: CHARLOTTE SUE BRUNER, BY HER CONSERVATOR FAST TENNESSEE PUBLIC GUARDIAN PROGRAM, BY LYNETTE EDWARDS, REPRESENTATIVE AGENT. Plaintiff

**JACKIE L. BRUNER, Respondent** NO. 211668-2 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint 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

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 nonresident 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 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

#### **NON-RESIDENT NOTICE**

TO: MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON IN RE: THE PALISADES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff

> 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 III, 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

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 nox 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.

J. Scott Griswold

This 5th day of November, 2025.

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.I.L., DOB 12/25/2015, and Female - D.I.L. DOB 07/21/2017 BY: JON KERRY BIGGS and his wife, MARIA NICOLE LOVE, Petitioners

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. Gav 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 vill 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

#### **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 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 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

This the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID L. BUCKNER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

FIRST HORIZON BANK 800 S. GAY STREET, 5TH FLOOR KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

LISA W. GARNMELTOFT, ATTORNEY KNOXVILLE. TN 37922

#### 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:

(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 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

This the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JESS DAVID CLINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHANNON LEIGH ANDERSON 3334 CRUZE DR POWELL, TN 37849

J. BRENT NOLAN, ATTORNEY POWELL, TN 37849

#### **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: (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 This the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

**ESTATE OF JEFFERY B. FOUST** 

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CASSANDRA I CALLOWAY 2090 EASTHAVEN DRIVE COLUMBUS, OH 43232 NEVA M. FOUST, ATTORNEY

4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

#### 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 (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first

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)

publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this

notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this

months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

This the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BEVERLY JANE GRAVES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MICHAFI K. GRAVES 3231 KINGSMORE DR.

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

#### NOTICE TO **CREDITORS ESTATE OF BETTY J. SKIDMORE**

DOCKET NUMBER 91667-1 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: (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 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETTY J. SKIDMORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM S. PHILAGE 3128 KINGSMORE DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

1810 MERCHANT DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

#### **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:

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 (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) LINDA MARIE NUTTER, EXECUTOR

WILLIAM B. BREWER, II, ATTORNEY 707 MARKET ST., SUITE ONE KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Knox County Commission shall receive

MISC. NOTICES

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,

FAX: 215-2038

E-mail: commission@knoxcounty.org

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

A Public Hearing for the purpose of conducting public forum and interviewing candidates and a

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Session meeting to fill the vacancy will be

scheduled at a later date.

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: Office of the Knox County Commission

Suite 603, City County Building 400 Main Street Knoxville, TN 37902 FAX: 215-2038

 $\pmb{\text{E-mail: commission@knoxcounty.org}}$ The Knox County Commission shall interview candidates on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. during the Optional Agenda Review Meeting

the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street. The Commission appointment 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: MAINTENANCE 3696,

INSPECTION OF WATER QUALITY TREATMENT **DEVICES. Due 12/17/25** BID 3698, INMATE MATTRESSES, Due

12/16/25 PAVEMENT MARKING 3699. 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 Conner 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, 1. '08 CHEVY SILVERADO 1GCEK13C281206366

2. '13 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF1FK6DU717048 KELEE MAYNS / DALTON MOTORS 3. '03 FORD EXPLORER 3FMZU63K83UA82435

GREGORY LUCA / TITLEMAX 4. '10 CHEVY EQUINOX 2CNALDEW7A6280214 AMIE MYERS

5. '10 HONDA ELEMENT 5J6YH2H70AL005489 KIRSTEN KOONTZ 6. '00 FORD TAURUS 1FAFP5328YA141622 **CLINTON GRAHAM** 

7. '10 MERCEDES GLK WDCGG5GB3AF481207 TONY PACK 8. '08 MAZDA MIATA JM1NC26F580154915 DAVID BURCH

9. '10 JEEP PATRIOT 1J4NF2GB5AD591566 SAMMY SABINO 10. '13 KIA OPTIMA 5XXGM4A77DG132828

MICHAEL or TIFFANY COLLINS / MOTO NOW 11. '22 HYUNDAI ACCENT 3KPC24A66NE160710 JUSTIN SWIFT / SANTANDER 12. '16 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3APXGC160071

HAROL REYES or JENNIFER BRAVO / MG AUTO SALES 13 '12 CHEVY CAMARO 2G1FF1F38C9181226

MAJOR STEADMAN 14. '95 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1SK12C8SU567743 SAMUEL LOVEDAY JR / CHECK INTO CASH 15. '03 TOYOTA SOLARA 2T1CF22P43C607921

AMJED MUGHTAFARI 16. '12 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZC5E02CF194318 MORGAN or AMANDA GOFORTH

17. '17 ACURA MDX 5FRYD4H80HB023279 FAUN RAIFORD DAVIS / CARMAX 18. '14 MERCEDES E350 WDDHF5KB2EB033340 ROXELLA RAMIREZ or RUBEN VARELA / GM

19. '18 LANDROVER SALVD2SXXJH312578 EVANGELA MADISON / TN MEMBERS 1ST FCU 20. '18 HONDA CIVIC SHHFK7H40JU222298 LANSING SHELTON

FINANCIAL

LAUREEN BURCHAM HYUNDAI KMHDH4AE3BU099917 ROMERO ADONAY ADEN 23. '14 TOYOTA AVALON 4T1BK1EB9EU111158

21. '10 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP3GNXAW147609

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE**

Notice is hereby given that will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Tennessee (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first Code Title 66. Property § 66-31-105s). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 11/21/25 at approximately 9:00 a.m. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to additional terms noted on the website The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted.

> C33 (Ariel Lanier); C41 (Calysia Franklin / Calysia S. Franklin); F28 (J. W. Dukes / J. W. Dukes Jr. / Faith Temple); H37 (Brandon Godwin MS International); M57 (Willie Suggs) 7144 Clinton HWY, TN, Powell, 37849:

254 Harry Lane Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37923:

C27 (Jeff M. Poling); E17 (Jeff M. Poling; G07 NOTICE OF LIEN

#### **SALE** The owner(s) and/or lien holder(s) of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to

pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at ll Colors Body Shop, 209 N. Concord St., Knoxville, TN 37919. Failure to reclaim the vehicle within 15 days of this notice will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title and consent to dispose of said vehicle at Public Auction. VEHICLE: 2017 Chevy Silverado, VIN# 3GCUKREC6HG318814

**NOTICE OF LIEN** 

#### **SALE** The owner and /or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all

Imports, 217 Sherway Rd., Knoxville, TN 37922. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waive of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on December 1, 2025. VEHICLE: 2012 BMW 740LI, VIN# WBAKB4C51CC575936

#### 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 Dennis Hall's Auto Service, 221 Sherway Rd., Knoxville, TN 37922. 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 December 1, 2025. VEHICLE: 2016 Ford Explorer

VIN# 1FM5K8B88GGB44359

#### **SALE** The following described vehicles impounded

NOTICE OF LIEN

repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held on November 24, 2025 at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, TN These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section,

Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law. The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise

their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle. 1) '11 DODGE CARAVAN 2D4RN5DG2BR741145

3) '16 KIA SORRENTO 5XYPGDA33GG104075

4) '05 HONDA CIVIC 2HGES16335H530135

10) '07 TOYOTA CAMRY JTNBE46K873094241 11) '19 TOYOTA CAMRY AT1R11HKOKU707835

13) '99 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF22K8XU075545 14) '10 TOYOTA COROLLA 2T1BU4EE4AC361361 15) '10 VOLVO XC6 YV4992DZ9A2029260 16) '11 CADILLAC CTS 1G6DC5EY4B0156603

19) '14 CHEVY MALIBU 1G11H5SL7EF108811 MONTY 1G1AZ3793ER118085

21) '21 CHEVY EQUINOX 2GNAXJEV5M6136851

24) '03 FORD MUSTANG 1FAFP40463F355844

25) '98 FORD 1FMZU35P5WZB64346 26) '05 FORD MUSTANG 1ZVHT80N655254453

28) '09 NISSAN MURANO JN8AZ18W89W157928 29) '09 HONDA ACCORD JHMCP26319C008415

32) '94 JEEP CHEROKEE 1J4GZ58S5RC168021 33) '14 CHEVY CAPTIVA 3GNAL4EK9ES651910

35) '09 ACUR MDX 2HNYD28299H524064 36) '14 LEXUS IS250 JTHBF1D2XE5017969

37) '07 HONDA VAN 5FNRL38737B403760

40) '16 VW JETTA 3VW267AJ9GM244113

43) '94 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1SK12E9RU426238

45) '05 CHEVY COBALT 1G1AL52F457526505 46) '04 GMC SIERRA 1GTEK19T24E140983

48) '10 NISSAN ROGUE JN8AS5MVOAW112785 49) '15 NISSAN 1N4AL3AP1FC16290

### **NOTICE OF LIEN**

**SALE** The following described vehicles impounded

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below, not bearing a VIN/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).

6) '09 SCION JTLKE50E191063512

11) '15 NISSAN ROGUE 5N1AT2MK5FC769826

#### **NOTICE OF LIEN** SALE The owners and/or lienholders of the following

Central St., Knoxville, TN 37917. 2014 VW JETTA VIN# 3VW1K7AJ6EM369056

2005 MERCEDES C230 VIN# WDBRF40J85F725516 2015 CHRYSLER 300

2) '17 CHEVY FOUINOX 2GNALCEK8H6324315

5) '18 HYUNDAI TUCSON KM8J33A22JU757176 6) '25 HYUNDAI KM8NU4CC6CU190984

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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.

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

middle school team to do it.

Halls competed in the "Game Day"

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.

also made history by being the first "We've got all different kinds of disabilities, physical and intellectual."

The athletes on the team were Jeremiah White, Brooklyn "The team was made up of eight 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

Academy Wildcats on Friday night at the Grace Christian jumped out to a 35-7 halftime 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 jumpstarted 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 **Continue on page 4** 

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

> 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

#### 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

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

"It feels like 1996, man,"

Hughes said.

Wildcats (8-4) was defi-

another week with my guys them in the mouth. and that's all I care about," Hughes said. "I don't know to last, but I'm going to cherish every moment with these guys.

proud."

and the win over Lawrence in the second quarter to County as it all came down

to defense and the play of The victory over the quarterback Amari Lethgo.

"All this week, all I heard nitely cause for celebration was how our defense as Hughes is happy just to was going to have to play have another week with his against their big defensive line," Hughes said. "And we "I get emotional. I get came out and we smacked

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

The defense answered "I couldn't be more when called upon as Gavin Self recorded a tackle for The story of the night loss on fourth down late

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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 studentathletes 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

Carolina Areheart, Vanderbilt, cross country McKalie Ball, Louisville, soccer Noah Garcia, Florida Tech, lacrosse Calysta Garmer, Furman, cross country Jazzlyn Garmer, 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

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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

8-0 team a step or two from the



By Tom Mattingly

Kentucky) 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

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 season. 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.

in the fourth quarter, but the Vols the win.

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 corralling 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

What happens when an blocking back, John Majors 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

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 Tennessee trailed 7-6 found the end zone.

After Bill Johnson recov-Majors scored twice to give ered a Cat fumble, Majors had carried twice and After the opening kickoff, scored on a 31-yard run, the Vols went quickly down 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 the Tennessee-Kentucky

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."

professionally with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Green Bay Packers, and Baltimore

was achieving great coachthe man called "Big Lou." football team, Lou said: "I keep up with the Pittsburgh Panthers and my old friend John Majors."

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."

Michaels went on to play

Colts. Gordy went on to a distinguished career with the Detroit Lions. A final note. While Majors ing success in Pittsburgh in the 1970s, he read an article in the NCAA News about Asked about his favorite

Majors had a succinct

SOME FINAL **OBSERVATIONS:** The 1956 game brought the Beer Barrel, longtime symbol of



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

football series, home the Vols won 26-16 in to Knoxville. During the decade of the 1950s, however, the Vols had only won three of the games played against the Cats (with one Barrel" series then stopped tie). Kentucky head coach Blanton Collier seemed to After the 1961 season, have the Vols' number.

After a tie in 1960, Cleveland Browns.

Lexington, and the famed trophy returned to the Commonwealth only nine times until 1995. The "Beer by mutual agreement. Collier left Kentucky for the

#### 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 al Lincoln County players fourth-and-eight at the before it was recovered. Falcons' 33-yard line and Quarterback Maddox ran 12 yards for a first Franklin took a knee to end down at the 21.

Some Superman fans

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

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.

punt.

An offsides 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 severthe game at the LC 35.

The loss ended a good may have looked up in the 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 the season opening game

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

Iunior 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 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 thirdstring QB. He threw one pass and ran on one play.



### **HIGH SCHOOL SCORES AND SCHEDULE**

Second Round Playoff **Results** <u>Class 4A</u> 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

### Lethgo, defense help Red Devils advance to quarterfinals

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thwart a promising drive blocked a field goal. for the Wildcats and Eddy the Red Devils as he was frame. in on a bevy of crucial stops.

who has been Halls' starting quarterback since 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 the Red Devils the 21-7

couldn't cash in as Halls

But Lethgo recov-Soto had an interception ered quickly and lofted a in the waning seconds 54-yard touchdown strike of the third stanza. Dom to Jarrell Chandler with Culp also had a big impact 4 minutes, 41 seconds on that side of the ball for remaining in the opening

After the Wildcats tied the contest early in the On offense, Lethgo, second quarter, Halls and Lethgo answered. The quarterback had a 4-yard his freshman season, touchdown run, making put up another clutch 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

first offensive possession. advantage they enjoyed

The Wildcats, however, 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.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



PHOTO BY BEARDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK STAFF

Bearden Middle School guard Aiden Reed brings the ball into the frontcourt in the Bruins' 41-33 victory over Karns Thursday night at Bearden.

## **Bruins outlast Karns in** middle school boys basketball

By Ken Lay

the fourth quarter.

And Burch delivered.

Thursday night in a Knox County Middle School

Middle School. and he's new to the team last year." this year," Zorio said of Burch. "He came off the a fast start and opened bench and really provided an 8-3 after Koi Fujiwara

With the game's out-When Bearden Middle come hanging in the bal-School was locked in a ance, Burch entered close game, coach Ben the fray and immediate-Zorio inserted Desmond Iy made an impact as he Burch into the contest in scored to give Bearden a 34-27 advantage midway through the final play. On The seventh grader the Beavers' ensuing possome clutch session, Burch grabbed steals, grabbed some key a defensive rebound. rebounds and scored four He later scored another points down the stretch to bucket to all but clinch help the Bruins secure a the contest for the Bruins, 41-33 victory over Karns a young team looking to establish its identity.

"We're still working with Basketball Conference our rotation, and we might Class AAA game before a have a different starting spirited crowd at Bearden lineup in every game," Zorio said. "We only have "He's a seventh grader three players back from

The Bruins got off to pulled down an offensive

rebound and prompt- us because they have a ly scored on a putback with 2:26 left in the first

The Beavers struggled out of the gate, but they didn't go away and took a brief lead before Bearden regained the upper hand and held a 22-19 advantage at halftime.

The game was still tight heading into the final six minutes as the Bruins were clinging to a narrow 31-27 advantage. While Burch stepped

up on the defensive end, Aiden Reed scored six of his team-high 13 points in the fourth quarter, helping to propel Bearden into the win column.

Reed, who was injured in the first half, returned and made clutch buckets.

"This was a big win for their best player last year."

really good ball club," Zorio said. "Brian Tate and Aiden Reed gave us some good leadership.

"Aiden Reed missed some time in the first half, and it was great to see him come back."

Fujiwara scored seven points, all in the first half. He had five in the opening frame. Tate and Xaylin Dunlap scored six points

Karns Middle's Jax Ewing had 24 points to lead all

"He's a great player," Zorio said of Ewing, the son of Beavers co-head coaches Jason and Paige Ewing. "I thought he was probably

### Lady Bruins overcome slow start to defeat Karns at home

By Ken Lay

girls basketball team overcame a slow start Thursday afternoon and persevered.

After falling behind Karns

early, the Lady Bruins bounced back to claim a 33-24 Knox County Middle School Conference victory at home. Lady Beavers opened a 5-0 lead out of

the gate before Bearden rallied to tie the game before Karns High's Amina Toure hit a three-point shot as time expired in the opening frame. The Lady Bruins used

a modest 14-10 secondquarter run to open a narrow 19-18 advantage by halftime.

Bearden asserted control Bearden Middle School's of the contest in a low-scoring third stanza where the Lady Bruins kept Karns at bay and off the scoreboard in the frame. Bearden also had its share of offensive struggles in the third quarter as it scored just six Amilah Robinson scored

> third quarter and Aaliyah Robinson made a free throw in the frame. Mikelle Wrancher had nine points for Bearden,

five of her 16 points in the

into the fourth quarter. Claire Kramer led the Lady Beavers with eight points, while Ziva Lilly fin-

which led 25-18 heading



PHOTO BY BEARDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK STAFF. Bearden guard Mikelle Wrancher dribbles the ball in the Lady Bruins 33-24 comeback victory over Karns. Wrancher scored nine points against the Lady Bruins.

## GCA's playoff run comes to an end

us with a spark."

me," Marable said. "All three of them can make plays with the ball in their hands, no matter what. If one's double covered or not ope,n I can always go to the next and trust that they'll catch it and make a play after with the ball."

Marable threw his third touchdown pass of the game on an 8-yard pass to Kennedy with 37 seconds left in the half to put the Wildcats up 35-7.

The second half was a head coach Justin Price progress we've made in the chance for the Wildcats to get their second-string in. Backup quarterback Will Johnson threw a 55-yard Porter with 3:45 left in the third quarter to put BGA clock going.

GCA would get a final touchdown of the game on a 6-yard touchdown pass from Brayman to Kaden Webber to make the final score 42-14 BGA.

praised his team and said Grace Christian was ready for the moment and reflected on the program's touchdown pass to Maddox second straight trip to the playoffs. "Our kids were ready for this moment," up 42-7 and get a running Price said. "Just an electric atmosphere. We were ready for this moment. It didn't go our way on the scoreboard obviously and there's things we gotta to continue to improve on and close the gap against After the game, GCA teams like BGA. The

first two years since we've (Price and his staff) been here, it's a testament to so many people. I hurt for our players when it ends. I hurt for our seniors. They took Grace Christian Academy on a journey this year that was fun to be a part of."

GCA ends its season at 9-3 while BGA (11-1) moves on in the Division II-A Playoffs and plays at undefeated Boyd Buchanan in the quarterfinals Friday.



### Halls' Unified Cheer team is the state champion Yanniello. "I think probath that was probably the best

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Lydia Smith and Kinzlee Ferguson.

To get ready for the state tourney "they learned a routine and they had about four practices," said Coach Yanniello.

in our division and we won!" The other four high

schools were Karns, Powell, Anderson County and Gallatin.

Every team does a routine and judges score them and whoever scores the highest is the winner.

After winning, "They

were super excited," said

about us 'carepeating' and winning is the community came away feeling like and the relationships that state champions and like are built. "A lot of times those

students with disabilities "There were five schools sports and the student section and all the extracurricular activities, so this was a chance for them to get to be a part of that and kind of build those typical

that high school students

should be building with

each other. That was their

first opportunity to be a

part of a team, so I think for them."

bly the most special thing thing that came out of it." In this case, they also

all Halls High School state champions before them. "We had one little girl,"

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