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South-Doyle junior Thiago Rodriguez runs to the finish line in last Wednesday's TSSAA Class AA Cross Country Sectional Meet at Victor Ashe Park. He placed fifth to qualify for this week's state meet in Memphis. Please see more high school pictures and stories in Sports and Recreation, Section C.

Heavy early voting could 'fill Neyland Stadium'

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Figures released Friday indicated heavier early voting than usual. The Knox County Election Commission reported a total of 102,196 ballots were cast, 4,099 of those absentee or nursing home votes.

Elections Administrator Chris Davis applauded the many election workers and said the total number of early voters was enough to fill Neyland Stadium.

The heaviest turnout at the 11 different locations was at the Downtown West location, followed by Farragut, Karns, New Harvest Park and Clinton Highway.

The general election, which will choose a new Tennessee governor, a U.S. Senate and Congressperson, and state senators and representatives, is Tuesday, November 3. There are also three state and one Knoxville City questions on the ballot.

$10 million in state funds could improve 911 system

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In the October personnel meeting of the Knox County Emergency Communications District Board, it was learned that the state may put $10 million into the local emergency system infrastructure. The statewide radio system wants to upgrade its use of the local system as part of its growing emergency coverage.

Knox 911 Director Brad Anders told the board the funding may go to upgrade hardware and to construct new towers.

"They already use our system," he said of the state system. Anders said the KCECD system currently has four towers and that building two new towers would be as cheap as repairing the current structures.

Anders said once the new towers are up, "you can just flip a switch" between the older towers and the new ones. The current towers have been in place for more than 35 years and came into use when the city and county combined their emergency systems.

"We'll keep one of the Sharps Ridge Towers," he said.

Anders also said the system is looking ahead at possibly placing towers in South Knoxville and on House Mountain, where the state could build a new tower and the Knox 911 system would operate and maintain it.

Improvements are underway at the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency's backup station in the Public Safety Building just off North Broadway. Anders said the third-floor facility may soon be accessible from the outside by a passageway. The Public Building Authority has been contracted for $294,000 for a ground-level entrance, which should be finished by next July. The staff reported the new way to enter the KEMA backup center will cut down on traffic in the lobby.

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Commission erupts over rescinding appointee from BZA

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Robert Alex Moody, appointed to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals in September by District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox, was the focus of a heated and often loud commission meeting last week. Confrontations between commissioners and public speakers often involved shouting and vicious charges flew between commissioners.

Moody is charged with assaulting a protester during a recent Heritage Hubs Knoxville event. The victim, William Wilson, approached the entrance of the Jackson Terminal event with his camera, and Moody is accused of attacking him and punching him in the face. Most of the action was caught on video.

District 3 Commissioner Brandon Huckaby had originally called for a hearing on the incident to have Moody speak to the commission, but at Monday's regular session, District 2 Commissioner Courtney Durrett added an emergency resolution to call for the revocation of Moody's appointment to the BZA because Moody has yet to be sworn in.

That motion drew an objection from At-large Commissioner Justin Cofer, who accused the two commissioners of being biased and trying to "bypass the system." Fox sided with Cofer and called for the commission to wait for the court's ruling on the charges.

Durrett responded that her motion has nothing to do with the specifics of the assault charge. Monday's

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Hofseth named to Ethics Committee, roundabout questioned



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Gina Oster was honored last week by the Knox County Commission for her years of service to the county, including chairing the commission and representing District 3 there. District 2 Commissioner Courtney Durrett called Oster "the hardest-working woman" in Knox County.

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The Knox County Commission chose retired human resources officer Dana Hofseth as the newest member of the Knox County Ethics Committee. Fifteen people had applied, and the vote came down to Hofseth and Stephen Hood, with Hofseth prevailing.

The commission spent several minutes with questions about Engineering and Public Works' request for temporary construction easements on nine tracts of land for a roundabout at Tipton Station Road and Martin Mill Pike. Vice Chairman Adam Thompson asked Engineering Director Jim Snowden to define "temporary easement."

Snowden replied that the temporary permits allow the county to do "minimum treatment at the site" and that the developer of the subdivision nearby would pay for the effort. District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox noted that no public funds are involved.

The commission also voted, on first reading, to pass Commissioner Angela Russell's two resolutions on how nonprofit funding is to be applied for and allotted and how hotel-motel taxes may be spent. Russell agreed to increase the audit requirements for nonprofit applications from $10,000 to $50,000, which effectively drops many of the requirements for the smaller organizations.



The Doctor is in

a weekly column by Dr. Jim Ferguson

The Die Is Cast

Regular readers are not surprised to find my dabbles into history, philosophy, spirituality, science, medicine or politics. And hopefully, they find a thought-provoking montage of words, phrases, metaphors and quotations.

I'll start this week's essay with a bit of Roman history relevant to current events because more than likely by the time you read this, the die will have been cast in America.

The metaphor was made famous by Julius Caesar in 49 BC. Caesar and his army were returning to Italy after their conquest of Gaul, now known as France. The rulers in Rome were afraid of the popular and successful general, so they forbade him to cross the Rubicon River, which demarcated Italy's northern border. Legend has it that Caesar made his decision to proceed by casting dice, uttering the phrase "alea iacta est," the die is cast. And we have a second relevant phrase, crossing the Rubicon, which means "passing the point of no return."

I think Paul Harvey would have approved of this historical digression as "the rest of the story." Caesar crossed into Italy, precipitating civil war. Ultimately, he was victorious and became dictator perpetuo, dictator for life, until he was assassinated in the Roman Senate five years later on the Ides of March. (He should have heeded the warnings of the soothsayer.)

America's Rubicon moment is underway as we vote to continue the recovery from the disastrous Biden years or go back to open borders, high crime rates, rampant fraud, impeachments, bloated government, burdensome regulations, and taxpayer support of and citizenship for illegals.

I could go on, but what's the point? America will choose the radical Democrats and their red-green alliance of socialists/communists and Islamists or President Trump's America First populism. I don't know which way it will go. I hope and pray the chaos in Europe awakens people to vote for common sense rather than for the crazies. If not, we're done, at least in my lifetime.

How did we become so divided, confused and lost that some would consider socialism and worse? As a Christian, I think part of the answer is that too many have replaced God and family with government. Ancient Biblical prophets railed against apostasy, and we are repeating those mistakes. And current day truthtellers are ridiculed by the godless intelligentsia and media.

But it's more complicated than just a decline in modern-day spirituality. Too many feel entitled and demand a handout rather than a hand up, to repeat the common phrase. The result of this lunacy is on display in Europe right now. Jesus said those with eyes will see (Mathew 13:14), meaning those who open their eyes to reality will see. The European leaders have shut their eyes to the root causes of the "European Intifada," which is destroying them. American fools want to bring the Intifada here.

I used to follow the BBC to consider England's perspective. But I discovered that they are no different than the hopelessly biased NY Times. Both endeavor to shape the opinion of readers rather than honestly reporting facts as their profession proclaims. The NY Times hypocritical moniker is "All the news that's fit to print." The BBC even borrows the infamous CNN description of the Minneapolis riots by describing the French riots as "mostly peaceful." Only a fool would consider their bilge.

Sometimes I wonder if I've lived long enough to have become a skeptic or whether life has made me a common sense realist. I read widely, listen carefully and sift everything through my own experience, observations and common sense. And I seek the Spirit's directives which resonate within my conscience. It is this "still small voice/gentile whisper" (1 Kings 19:12) that keeps me grounded.

I have been a teacher all my adult life. I was a teacher for my own children, and also for aspiring medical students and residents, nurses and physician assistants. And now I use aspects of the trivium to engage my readers (see my October 12 column "Doomscrolling").

One of the most challenging aspects of teaching is to foster critical thinking, which is teaching others how to think rather than what to think. Socrates taught his students through a series of questions, which enabled students to discover the answers themselves rather than lecturing. The Socratic method is more difficult, but a superior teaching method.

My high school chemistry and physics teacher taught me how to think logically rather than just learning the answers. Some years ago, I sought him out and thanked him for that gift.

Indoctrination is too often the case these days, along with a genuine lack of curiosity, if not laziness, of thought. Why struggle to find the truth when you can just "google" the answer? Recently, I read that a college professor is abandoning grades for homework because students are now using AI to complete assignments rather than learning.

To stimulate critical thinking, I often challenged young doctors to explain why they had ordered, for instance, a CAT scan. Too often they did so from rote rather than considering issues like radiation exposure, allergic reactions to contrast agents or even thinking about what they would do with the results. It is said that Socrates was challenging and sometimes difficult. Perhaps my students thought the same about me.

Last week I learned that the Dictionary.com word of the year is "maxxing." The meaning refers to "maximizing a particular quality or activity." An example is looks-maxxing. Most want to look their best, but this over-the-top focus seems narcissistic, after the Greek god Narcissus, who fell in love with his own reflection.

Recently, Jeffrey Tucker in the Epoch Times wrote that Americans are not socializing today as they did a generation ago. Sharing a meal with friends reinforces community, and we're losing it. There has been "double-digit declines in practically every measure of socializing."

In my pedagogical opinion, we need to be back in church, joining small groups for social, educational and spiritual enlightenment. We need to be having meals together with family and friends instead of a life of doomscrolling, self-indulgence and isolation.

In fact, conversation stimulates the brain far better than any other activity. Humans are social creatures, and we need to reclaim that truth or risk a dark future alone and cognitively impaired.

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Anders said the entrance will have a cover and a key card door.

Greg Bowman is the new Knox 911 Finance Director, and Bill Witt was honored for 40 years of service to the facility. Anders joked that Witt "came with the building," which held its first training session 40 years ago. Witt now supervises the radio department.

Julia Small of the Technical Users Committee reported on updates to the main dispatch section and said that coverage in South Knoxville and Cumberland Avenue is being reviewed.

Attorney Don Howell reported updates on two lawsuits: one filed by a Rural Metro employee is concluded, and the other stems from a two- to three-year-old case involving a pedestrian killed on Kingston Pike where Knox 911 took the initial call.

Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon, who chaired the meeting, welcomed newly-elected Knox County Sheriff Brent Gibson to the meeting and extended a welcome to newly-elected Knox County Mayor Betsy Henderson, who was absent but had sent a representative.

Other reports were given by Knoxville Fire Chief Stan Sharp of the personnel committee and Janette Burgin of the finance committee.



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Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon asked Knox 911 Director Brad Anders about a meeting he had with Axon and what they may offer local emergency dispatching.

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Publisher's Positions



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Pretense, Hypocrisy And Outright Lies

The hypocrisy of the Democrat-Socialists in this country knows no bounds. In fact, it borders on the pathological. The Democrat-Socialists long ago dropped their mask of pretense. They are coming closer and closer to saying the quiet part out loud, which is an improvement over pretense, hypocrisy and outright lies. Saying and doing anything against Republicans and/or President Trump is acceptable, no matter how untrue, how vile or reprehensible, especially when coated with the sugar pill of saving our democracy. Most of these people don't even truly believe in democracy and, in fact, hate our republic, Western Civilization, our history and way of life. The Democrat-Socialists and the outright Marxists blame America (and Israel) for every bad thing in this world. In one breath, they whisper the sweet, soothing assurances that childcare, healthcare, transportation and housing should be free for everyone. They swoon that there should be no prisons or jails in one breath while snarling in another that conservatives, Republicans, and those who disagree with them about anything - - - men giving birth, breastfeeding, that there are 72 genders, etc. - - - should be prosecuted and sent to concentration camps. They shout that no one is above the law, except looters, rioters, murderers, rapists, fraudsters and anyone not native to this country. Certainly, they howled that Trump was not above the law, but now some 175 Democrat-Socialists in the US House of Representatives are insisting Ilhan Omar is above the law.

They have ignored the embarrassing fact that the investigation into Omar's having violated our immigration laws by marrying her brother was begun by the Obama administration's Department of Justice. It was quashed by a US attorney appointed by Joe Biden, who pardoned his family and more criminals than perhaps any other chief executive in our country.

When you hear these people shriek, "No one is above the law!" keep in mind they are lying through their teeth. They are the same people who vote for those prosecutors funded by billionaires like George Soros and his son Alex, who don't prosecute the perpetrators of heinous criminal acts, including rape and murder, but release them out into society with our families and grandchildren. The same people who cry over Sandy Hook have nothing to say about the killing of small school children and teachers at the Covenant School in Nashville because the shooter was trans. It's the same reason why the Left won't utter the name of Laken Riley; she was killed by an illegal immigrant. The Left won't acknowledge it is even a crime because it goes against their narrative.

The Obama Justice Department did find some evidence to believe Omar's marriage to Ahmed Nur Said Elmi was fraudulent. And that paragon of virtue, Barack Obama, accused the Trump administration of targeting Omar. "Think about that. The full weight of the federal government being brought down on a law-abiding elected official because she has dared to criticize the president." Keep in mind that is said by the same guy who lied to our faces about our being able to keep our own doctors. It's the same guy whose own Justice Department said there was evidence Omar had broken the law. And it's the same guy who didn't open his mouth when the full weight of the federal government, the New York State government, all came crashing down on Donald Trump because he remained a political threat to the Democrat/Socialists. Michelle Obama said she was ashamed of her country until it elected her husband president. Where else on earth could two thoroughly untalented people accumulate hundreds of millions of dollars for so little effort? Nowhere; that's where. Anybody with an ounce of common sense knows Obama and his cohorts are full of it. They denounce billionaires yet are funded by billionaires. They hail Caviar Communists and antisemites like Hasan Piker. Has Obama uttered a peep about that? Of course not. Barry probably doesn't hear it on his home on Martha's Vineyard.

The Democrat-Socialists think they are above the law and think anyone who opposes them or who doesn't share their beliefs are the only ones who should be targeted and punished. Elissa Slotkin has already openly suggested persecuting young Republicans to hopefully deter other young conservative minds. The Democrat-Socialists talk about compassion but have the same kind of compassion for Israel and Jewish people that Adolf Hitler had. They call other people Nazis while treating those who disagree with them just like the Nazis did. Just like Stalin, Lenin and Mao did.

Socialism has never worked anywhere on earth and won't work here. Democrat-Socialists will take more of your money no matter what they say - with nothing that would benefit you or your families to show for it.

Carson Dailey Passes Away

Rest In Peace, My Friend

The passing of Carson Dailey, former Knox County Commissioner representing South Knoxville, is a sorrowful event for our community. Dailey served for eight years as a member of the Knox County Commission, where he was an advocate for homeowners and careful of overdevelopment.

Dailey was deeply committed to keeping our community beautiful and thoroughly hated litter. Carson was truly a devoted family man, happiest when in the company of his wife, Tammy. Carson and Tammy Dailey had one child, Jeremy, and three grandchildren, Victoria, Vincent and Vada. Those three grandchildren were quite special to their doting grandfather.

Dailey's passing comes just weeks after the death of Mike Brown, another former county commissioner from South Knoxville. Both Dailey and Brown were dedicated members of the Three Rivers Republican Club. Carson Dailey was that rarest of beings; a truly fine man who was dedicated to his family and community. Dailey was a wonderful public servant, and his passing is a terrible loss for South Knoxville and Knox County.

The Knoxville Focus joins the whole community in mourning Carson's passing and offering condolences to the Dailey family.



Former Commissioner Carson Dailey (right) and former Commissioner Mike Brown in conversation at a community meeting. Mike Steely photo from Focus archives.

Can You Keep a Package Delivered to You by Mistake?



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You open your front door and find a package you did not order. Maybe it has your neighbor's name on it. Maybe it has your name, but the box contains a much more expensive item than the one you purchased. Did you just receive a free gift?

There is a popular internet rule that says you can keep anything delivered to you that you did not order. That rule comes from a real federal law, but it is often applied to the wrong situation.

Federal law allows a person to treat unordered merchandise as a gift. The law was designed to stop a dishonest sales practice where a company mailed products that nobody requested and then sent a bill or demanded that the recipient pay to return them. A company cannot force you to buy something simply by placing it in your mailbox.

A package ordered by your neighbor and accidentally left on your porch is different. That merchandise was ordered. It was simply delivered to the wrong person. The fact that the carrier made a mistake does not transfer ownership to you. Opening it after seeing someone else's name, hiding it, or refusing to return it can create criminal and civil problems.

The situation is less obvious when the package has your name and address but a retailer sent the wrong item or an extra item. Do not assume that a shipping error is the same as a company intentionally sending unordered merchandise. Contact the seller, document what arrived, and give the seller a reasonable chance to arrange and pay for its return. You should not have to spend your own money correcting the seller's mistake.

Occasionally, a small package addressed to you arrives even though you have never dealt with the sender. That may be a brushing scam, where a seller uses your information to create a fake transaction and post a fake review. You generally do not owe money for that merchandise, but you should watch your accounts and report suspicious activity.

A package on your porch is not a legal scratch-off ticket. If it clearly belongs to someone else, contact the carrier or get it to the correct recipient. The free-gift rule protects people from dishonest sellers, not from ordinary delivery mistakes.

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Commission erupts

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commission meeting was the only time to vote on a revocation as the newly-appointed BZA members would be sworn in on Wednesday.

District 8 Commissioner Adam Thompson said that rescinding the appointment avoids a commission hearing and would be a cleaner solution.

Fox responded, calling Wilson "an agitator."

The motion to add Durrett's emergency resolution to the commission's agenda needed a 2/3 vote, but initially failed with District 5 Commissioner Angela Russell and District 7's Barry Beeler joining Fox and Cofer in a "No" vote, killing any further discussion.

The commission moved on to other business that included several public forum speakers on both sides of the Moody incident. Russell then called for a reconsideration of the vote, and said the commissioners and public "should both learn to work together, stop calling names and fighting." She said that if not, "it will be ugly."

"I don't feel that Mr. Moody did anything wrong," Russell said, but added, "I want to avoid a huge conflict. There's plenty of fault on both sides."

With Russell pulling her support and voting to add the resolution to the agenda, the vote passed in an 8-3 vote with Beeler, Fox and Cofer voting "No."

When the Moody incident came back up on the agenda, District 1 Commissioner Damon Rawls asked that the tone of the discussion change and said that people appointed to boards should "act appropriately."

Durrett called on the members to rescind Moody's appointment to the BZA.

Cofer erupted and said the commission was ignoring that Huckaby had "created this entire mess." Chairwoman Terry Hill called Cofer out of order.

Russell and Huckaby made a motion to rescind the appointment, and Cofer again objected by saying the "real bully caused all of this, pushing hate."

"Sometimes you just have to stand up," Fox told the meeting. He sided with Cofer and Beeler but lost in the 8-3 vote to pull Moody's nomination.

Cofer later used the public forum at the end of the meeting to accuse "some people in this room" of being terrorists and members of Antifa. He called on citizens to report those people to him and added, "We're going to start doing it," without explaining what that means.

During the closing minutes of the hostile meeting, Commissioner Fox commented, "Diversity is not strength."

The commission will be accepting resumes from District 9 residents interested in the vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The deadline is 4 p.m. on Nov. 6, and resumes may be sent to commission@knoxcounty.org. The commission will interview candidates at its agenda review on Monday, Nov. 9.

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Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful® and Knoxville Utilities Board, along with 20 KUB Cares volunteers, removed approximately 4,490 pounds of trash from Fort Loudoun Lake Oct. 16, including a fridge, a television, and an abandoned boat, during the 9th annual Keep the Tennessee River Watershed Beautiful Month® presented by TVA.

Volunteers remove about 4,500 pounds of trash from Fort Loudoun Lake

Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful, a regional river cleanup nonprofit headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, is celebrating its 10th anniversary as the first Keep America Beautiful affiliate in the country to focus solely on a river. The nonprofit launched the annual month-long initiative in 2018. In 2025, the organization achieved a significant milestone of 1 million pounds of trash collected from the Tennessee River watershed.

The only nonprofit with a fleet that travels to all seven states within the Tennessee River watershed, KTnRB takes volunteers in the organization's boats to clean shorelines and averages 35-40 cleanups and 200,000 pounds of trash removed a year.

The cleanup in Knoxville on Oct. 16 started downtown at Gov. Ned McWherter/Riverside Landing Park as KUB volunteers boarded the organization's two 26-foot workboats. At the cleanup, the KTnRB crew took volunteers to clean shorelines of the Holston River, French Broad River and Fort Loudoun Lake of the Tennessee River. Items removed from the water and riverbanks included appliances, a 200-pound dock, an abandoned boat, a television, two tires and 49 bags of litter.

Six cleanup events so far this month in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and North Carolina have involved a total of 73 volunteers and 20,331 pounds of trash removed from the Tennessee River watershed, which covers more than 40,000 square miles in seven states.

"Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful started 10 years ago forming out of a Tennessee River-wide project spurred by the City of Knoxville, so hosting a cleanup here in Downtown Knoxville is a full circle moment as we mark a decade of water stewardship," said Kathleen Gibi, executive director of Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful. "Our intent was to protect the Tennessee River watershed with boats in the water and boots

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City approves funding for 25 affordable rentals

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The Knoxville City Council approved $750,000 from the Affordable Rental Development Fund to go to a 25-unit affordable rental housing development at 360 Lovell Road in its meeting Tuesday.

The funding was recommended by the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department and goes to Impact Housing Indiana Corporation as part of the city's effort to supply more housing.

Councilwoman Vivian Shipe said she absolutely approves the effort and noted in an address before the council that by 2030, a quarter of the local population will be senior citizens and promoted the same attention be considered for other parts of the town. "Let's start building East," she suggested.

The council also heard that an appeal of a Board of Zoning Appeals decision for 1213 Luttrell has been postponed until the November meeting. A property at 412 Ocala Drive was sold to East Tennessee Housing Development Corporation for $32,000 as part of the Homemaker Program.

The fiftieth anniversary of Markman's Diamonds was recognized in honors presented by Councilman Nathan Honeycutt.

The Knoxville Police Department was permitted to do a weapons swap with Accurate Tactical/Accurate Law Enforcement with an authorization payment of $412. Vice Mayor Lynne Fugate quizzed Police Chief Paul Noel about the swap.

Noel told the council that the deal would supply everyone on the force with an upgraded weapon plus 90,000 rounds of ammunition for the new 9-millimeter pistols.

First District Councilwoman Karyn Adams honored the late Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey, calling him a "true servant leader whose work will be remembered in the city and county."

Mayor Indya Kincannon reminded the meeting that the new Village at Inskip opens officially during the week with 98 new dwellings along Bruhin/Inskip Road across from the Inskip Public Park and Swimming Pool.

Third District's Doug Lloyd reported on a meeting of the Golf Course Committee.

Three zoning changes were approved in the consent agenda: property

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Market Square Farmers Market shifts to winter hours Nov. 7

The Market Square Farmers Market will transition to its winter hours on Saturday, November 7, continuing its year-round tradition of connecting the Knoxville community with local farmers, food producers, and artisans. Located in downtown Knoxville's historic Market Square, the market will operate on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from November through March, with no Wednesday markets during the winter season.

While the hours will change, shoppers can continue to visit the Market Square Farmers Market throughout the winter to find locally produced foods and goods directly from the farmers, food producers, and artisans who make them. From seasonal ingredients for fall gatherings and holiday meals to locally made gifts, the market offers opportunities to shop small and support East Tennessee's local economy throughout the season.

Winter Hours, Holiday Closures

The Market Square Farmers Market will be held Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During November and December, the market's footprint will be temporarily adjusted to accommodate seasonal activities on Market Square. Shoppers can still visit the market during our scheduled winter hours, though vendor locations and the overall layout may look a little different.

- Saturday, November 28, 2026, following Thanksgiving
- Saturday, December 26, 2026, following Christmas
- Saturday, January 2, 2027, following New Year's Day

Market Programs Continue Through Winter

Nourish Knoxville's programs will continue during scheduled winter market dates, helping shoppers access fresh food and families stay connected to their local food system.

SNAP & Double Up Food Bucks: The market will continue accepting SNAP/EBT and offering Double Up Food Bucks on every market date. Shoppers who spend $25 in SNAP benefits receive an additional $50 in Double Up Food Bucks to spend on fruits and vegetables, providing up to $75 in combined purchasing power for eligible foods at the market.

Nourish Kids: This free monthly program for children ages 2–12 will continue on the second Saturday of each month. Participating children can sample locally grown produce, take part in hands-on activities, and receive $5 in Produce Bucks to spend at the market.

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Grace in the Middle



By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist Church Senior Pastor

Imagine, for a moment, that a block of marble wasn't an inanimate object but could speak. Imagine that it could feel every blow of the hammer and every sharp edge of the sculptor's chisel. I doubt the marble would enjoy the process. With every strike, another piece falls away. With every cut, something that was once part of it is removed. If the marble could cry out, it might beg the sculptor to stop. It might ask why the sculptor keeps striking something he claims to be making beautiful. The problem is that the marble cannot see what the sculptor sees. The sculptor isn't trying to destroy the marble. He sees something within it that cannot emerge without the hammer, the chisel, and the painful process of removing what doesn't belong. If the marble could only trust the hands holding the tools, it might discover that what feels like destruction is actually transformation.

Life has a way of making us feel like that block of marble. Some seasons, the blows seem relentless. A diagnosis changes everything, a marriage begins to crumble, a child wanders away from everything you taught them. Maybe it is a loved one who dies, leaving behind an emptiness nobody else can fill. Or perhaps you're carrying a burden that has lingered so long you've forgotten what life felt like without it. You pray. You plead. You ask God to intervene. Yet the circumstances remain unchanged. And somewhere between another sleepless night and another unanswered prayer, you begin to wonder why God hasn't removed what is hurting you.

The Apostle Paul understood that struggle. In 2 Corinthians 12, Paul described a mysterious affliction he called a thorn in the flesh. Scripture never identifies it precisely, but we know it caused him considerable suffering. Paul pleaded with God three times to remove it.

God's answer was not what Paul wanted. Instead of removing the thorn, God told him, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul wanted relief. God promised strength.

Tucked inside that exchange is a truth that has encouraged me through difficult seasons of life: Often, the very thing we ask God to remove is the same thing that continually brings us back to Him. Sometimes the burden we desperately want lifted has become the very place where we meet God most intimately. The weakness we resent reminds us how desperately we need His strength. The uncertainty we wish would disappear teaches us to trust Him one day at a time. That doesn't mean suffering is pleasant. It doesn't mean every tragedy comes with an explanation, or that we should stop praying for deliverance. It simply means pain does not have to be pointless.

Perhaps you've been praying for a miracle that hasn't happened, the circumstances haven't changed, the door hasn't opened, or the healing hasn't come. Don't mistake God's silence for His absence. His grace isn't reserved for the moment the storm finally passes; it's available while the winds are still blowing. Sometimes, the greatest evidence of God's faithfulness isn't that He removed the burden, but that you're still standing under its weight. So, keep praying. Keep trusting. Keep leaning into the hands of the One who sees what you cannot. The hammer may still be striking. The chisel may still be cutting. But the Sculptor has not abandoned His work.

You may not understand what God is doing in this season, but you can trust the hands holding you through it. And until the day the pain gives way to understanding, remember this: Grace isn't just what God gives you when the suffering ends. Grace is what holds you together in the middle.

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on the ground to remove trash that has accumulated along shorelines – some over years and some with recent natural disaster events, threatening not only the most biodiverse river system in North America, but our very drinking source and a key driver of our regional economy."

While some items enter the water through direct dumps, such as tires and appliances, most of the debris originates from litter on land that washes through storm drains into the water system or because of destruction inflicted by natural disasters, such as Hurricane Helene.

Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful also offers an Adopt a River Mile program that has become so successful that some sections previously cleaned don't require large-scale volunteer follow-up events. In early 2026, the program reached 357 total adopted miles with support from 237 adoptees.

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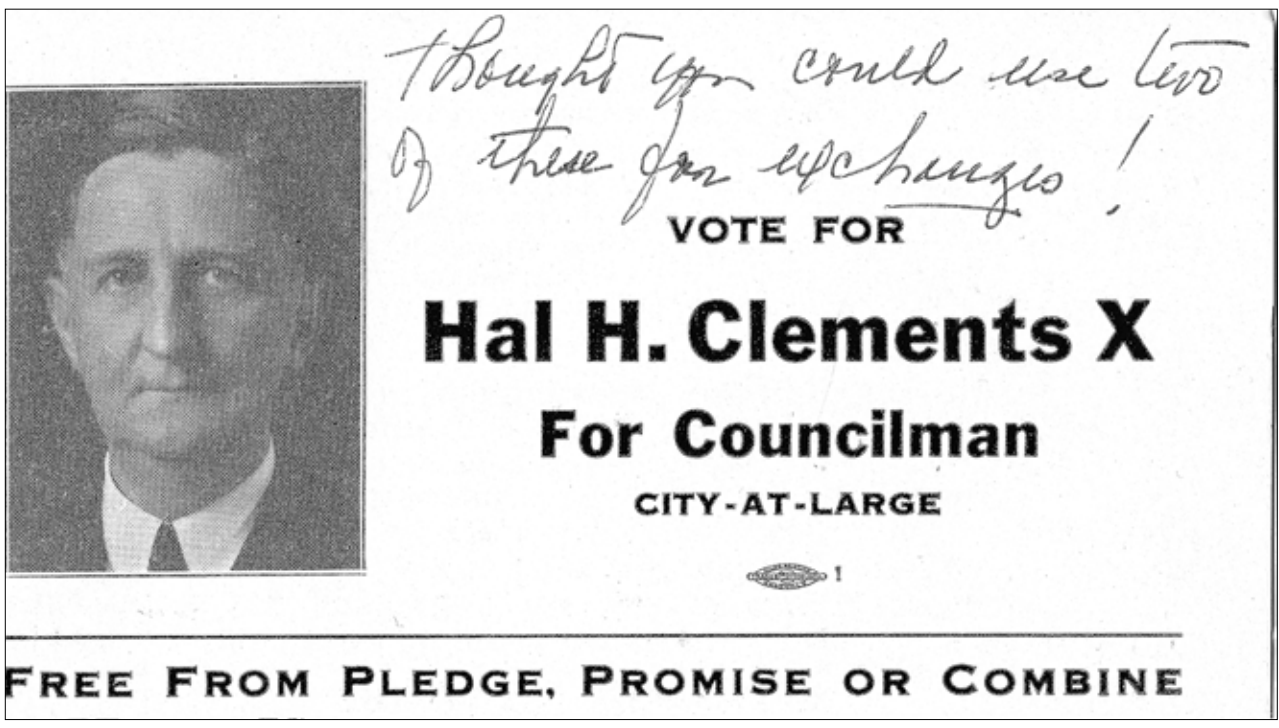
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The Irrepressible Hal Clements

Pages from the Past



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FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Campaign card for Hal Clements' unsuccessful race for the Knoxville City Council.

For decades, one of the constants of Knox County's political life was Hal Harrison Clements, an attorney who dabbled in politics, although it is likely more accurate to say that he was an attorney whose true vocation was politics and he dabbled in the law as time permitted. Clean-shaven with a full head of thick hair, Clements was a fixture in Tennessee's Republican Party, which he once chaired. In profile, Hal Clements had a beak of a nose and a weak chin, but there was nothing frail about the Knoxville lawyer. Voluble, opinionated, and ever ready to join the battle, Hal Clements was, win or lose, a force to be reckoned with during his lifetime. The firm of Clements and Ailor did a tidy business in Knox County and East Tennessee. Clements' law partner was former Court of Appeals Judge Thurman Ailor, a Democrat. Clements spoke with a vocal "twang" signifying him as an East Tennessean and was masterful in the give-and-take of both the courtroom and the campaign trail. Hal Clements had a commanding presence and could sway juries with his oratory, carrying his listeners along with him and wringing laughter and tears from them "in the space of a few minutes," according to one reporter who had observed the attorney ply his trade in the courtroom.

Hal H. Clements built up a large legal practice over time, which caused him to travel in numerous counties in East Tennessee. At the same time, Clements built up a name for himself, which further helped his legal practice as well as his political ambitions.

J. Fred Bibb, longtime district attorney general for Knox County who had moved up to sit on the bench as a judge of the criminal court, remembered Clements fondly. "He was smooth, and adroit in cross examination, and had the ability to transport his personality to a jury," Bibb told a newsman.

Hal H. Clements had been born in Prescott, Wisconsin, but had come to Knoxville early, where he received the bulk of his education, including at the University of Tennessee. For 41 years, Clements practiced in Tennessee and Knox County courts. During his long political career, he served as the chairman of Tennessee's Republican Party, Collector of Internal Revenue for Tennessee, was twice elected to the Tennessee State Senate, and was an assistant district attorney general for Knox County. The importance of Hal Clements as a Republican was signified by the fact that he served as a delegate to the 1928 Republican National Convention, where he served on the Platform Committee. Hal Clements had been appointed to serve on the Knox County Election Commission as one of its Republican members. Clements had also been elected to the Knoxville City School Board (the city had a school system at the time) and had once run in the GOP primary for his party's gubernatorial nomination.

A highly ambitious man, Hal Clements was never idle and seldom quiet. Clements was an East Tennessee mountain Republican who was friendly to labor and even in his later years retained ties to the United Mine Workers of America at a time when mining was an important occupation inside Tennessee's Second Congressional District. Hal Clements was one of the leading members of Knoxville's Bar, trying both criminal and civil cases. Clements was involved in some of Knox County's most notable legal cases.

When Tennessee lost virtually all of its funds with the collapse of the House of Caldwell, state Senator Hal Clements scalded Governor Henry Horton and his administration. Clements had been a vocal critic before the fall of Rogers Caldwell's financial empire but became even more caustic, if possible, in his fiery denunciation of Horton and his supporters.

Tennessee's Second Congressional District, in which Knoxville is the largest city, has been the most Republican in the nation inasmuch as it has never elected anything but a member of the Grand Old Party to the US House of Representatives since it has been on the ballot. In 1918, the sitting congressman from the Second Congressional District was Richard W. Austin, a lean man with a firm handshake and a bald top. Austin had been in the U.S. House of Representatives for a decade when he was challenged inside the Republican primary by James Willis Taylor, the mayor of LaFollette. Known as "J. Will," Taylor sought out to topple Congressman Austin and picked Hal Clements as his campaign manager. It was a hard-fought campaign, and Taylor was born and bred inside the Second District, unlike Austin, who had first run for Congress from Alabama. J. Will Taylor not only upset "Dick" Austin but beat him decisively.

J. Will Taylor, or "Hillbilly Bill" as he would become known throughout his congressional district, would remain in office for the rest of his life and become a national power inside the Republican Party. During the decade of the 1920s, the Republican held the White House through three administrations - - - Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover - - - and enjoyed majorities in both houses of Congress. J. Will Taylor became the Republican National Committeeman for the Volunteer State and exercised an outsized influence upon the distribution of federal jobs throughout Tennessee during the apex of Republicanism. After eight years of Woodrow Wilson, Republicans were eager and hungry for the federal jobs that came with holding the presidency. J. Will Taylor consolidated his power and helped to entrench himself by making shrewd appointments and even though he was one of two GOP congressmen after the 1922 election, he held considerable sway over federal jobs in all three of Tennessee's Grand Divisions. I. C. King, for whom the local park in South Knoxville is named, was appointed as U.S. Marshal, a post he held throughout the twelve years of Republican rule. Perhaps the choicest piece of the political pie at the time was the appointment of Collector of Internal Revenue for Tennessee. Naturally, it was a post that attracted a host of applicants and even more aspirants. Yet it was one post which managed to elude J. Will Taylor.

When Warren Harding was elected in 1920, Tennessee went Republican for only the second time in its history; the first having been in 1868 when then-Governor William "Parson" Brownlow had federal troops "monitor" the election and Ulysses S. Grant won the Volunteer State's electoral votes. Many women resented the opposition of many Tennessee Democrats to giving them the right to vote, even though the Volunteer State had been the final state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution after a bitter battle in the legislature. Along with Harding came Alf Taylor, a 72-year-old veteran of Tennessee politics, who defeated the hapless Governor A. H. Roberts for a two-year term. Republicans also won five out of Tennessee's ten seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Even the previously unbeatable Cordell Hull fell victim to the GOP tidal wave by a few hundred votes. Joe Brown won the Third Congressional District (Chattanooga), Wynne F. Clouse the Fourth Congressional District, and Lon A. Scott won the Seventh Congressional District in West Tennessee. Carroll Reece, a young veteran of the First World War, had defeated incumbent Republican Congressman Sam Sells in the First Congressional District and easily won the general election.

To the victors belong the spoils, but, unfortunately, the Republican congressmen began to bicker, frequently over the same bone. Eventually the post of Collector of Internal Revenue fell to Lee Brock, who was not especially friendly to Congressman J. Will Taylor. Wynne Clouse and Lon Scott would be defeated in the 1922 election and Joe Brown opted not to run again, and all three districts returned to being represented by Democrats. Carroll Reece and J. Will Taylor would jockey for position for the remainder of the decade, with "Hillbilly Bill" usually maintaining the upper hand. Throughout much of the 1920s, J. Will Taylor made repeated efforts to dislodge Lee Brock from his perch as Collector of Internal Revenue for Tennessee. Taylor had to tangle extensively with wealthy Chattanooga financier Claudius Huston, who had been named as chairman of the Republican National Committee by Herbert Hoover. Finally victorious in his bid to remove Brock, J. Will Taylor appointed his friend Hal Clements to become the Collector of Internal Revenue, a post he held until 1933. Clements continued to serve in the Tennessee State Senate while he was also serving as Collector.

J. Will Taylor was, until John and "Jimmy" Duncan, the Second District's longest-serving congressman, serving for twenty years. During those twenty years, the friendship between the congressman and Hal Clements see-sawed back and forth. More than once, Clements fell out with "Hillbilly Bill" and made noises about running for Congress. It was during one of Clements' periodic pouts that J. Will Taylor maneuvered Clements into the IRS plum. It surprised no one at all that the friendship between the congressman and Hal Clements was restored once the collectorship appointment was made.

Nor did Clements feel the need to be merely a follower. While Congressman J. Will Taylor aligned himself with those favoring prohibition, Hal Clements, who described himself as a "liberal Republican," was an ardent "wet." As any candidate who runs often enough comes to realize, politics has its peaks and valleys and that was certainly true for Hal H. Clements. Clements lost one race for the Tennessee State Senate due to the fraudulent votes counted by the notorious courthouse machine of Burch Biggs in Polk County. Clements also waged and lost a campaign to be elected to the Knoxville City Council.

1944 was to be a year of triumphs and loss for the veteran Republican warrior. As his son Hal Jr. was elected Knox County District Attorney General, Hal Sr. was winning the GOP nomination for the state Senate. The seat Clements Sr. was running for was the entire county of Knox and Clements defeated a young, formidable candidate in state Representative George P. Chandler, who gave up what most believed was a safe seat in the House to seek election to the Senate. August 3, 1944, had to be a great day for Hal Clements as his son was elected attorney general while he was making his own political comeback by winning a hotly contested nomination for the state Senate. The long and frequently stormy political career of Hal Clements ended on a high note.

During late September of 1944, Clements was suffering from a cold which seemed to linger, and it slowly graduated to a persistent case of bronchitis. Nobody thought Hal Clements was seriously ill until his heart simply gave out on October 7, 1944, at 9:15 p.m. at his home on White Avenue. Clements had been ailing enough to have remained at home for the two weeks before his death, although his family had not been worried about his condition. At the time, Clements was making another race for the Tennessee State Senate. For the past several years, most of Clements' attention politically had been devoted to promoting his son and namesake, who was successfully elected Knox County District Attorney General in 1944. Hal Clements Jr. promptly took a leave of absence as attorney general as he was serving on active duty in the American armed forces during the Second World War.

The passing of Hal Clements was overshadowed by the death of one-time Republican presidential nominee Wendell Willkie, who died in the early morning hours of October 8, 1944. Willkie's death from a heart attack pushed Clements' own passing out of the headlines. Hal H. Clements was only 61 years old.

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Two Sets of Steps



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Ball Camp sure doesn't look like the community in which I grew up. I thought about that as I remembered that Halloween is this weekend. I've talked about how the fields where we played and cut cedar Christmas trees are now packed with houses that were slapped up in a couple of days. Even more developments are to begin shortly. Our "not as good as" little community has now become a bedroom community with hundreds of houses that are sold over and over.

On Ball Camp Pike, one old house sits on a large lot. It's the place where I grew up with my two brothers and Mother and Daddy. When it was first built, blocks that Mother and Daddy made after work were used for the walls. An addition of a new kitchen was constructed when Jim and I were on the way. Somehow, the five of us lived comfortably in that small house.

One feature of the original house was a room in the attic. Half of the space was walled off and used as a storage area, but the other part was a bedroom. At one end of the gable was a walled area with doors; it served as a closet. This room was furnished with bedroom furniture. In the summer, the space was suffocatingly hot, and in the winter it was bone-chillingly cold. For a while, Daddy slept up there when he worked night shifts.

My older brother Dallas claimed the room as his when he became a teenager. He needed his space to play the AM radio loudly. A window in the gable end could be easily raised, so Dallas could sit there to smoke cigarettes and blow the smoke out into the night air.

I don't think much studying went on up there. Dal spent his time listening to music, entertaining his friends, and being a regular teenager who is finished with family for the time being.

That room had two problems. First, the stairs leading to the room were exceptionally steep. The stair treads weren't code-compliant, another point that made them difficult to climb. More than one person's misstep caused them to trip and ride their backsides to the bottom of the steps. Eventually, a bannister was installed, but before long, it pulled from the plaster walls and made the ascents or descents treacherous. When Mother passed, we sold a chiffarobe but had to return the money because we never could figure out how to get the bulky piece around the corner and out of the staircase.

When Jim and I were six, Daddy decided the time had come to heat the house with coal. However, there was no basement. That was no problem for him. He hired some men from Lonsdale and the wood paper mill and brought them to create a basement. These men worked harder than any others I've ever seen. They started out digging a section of the crawl space, and little by little, they no longer moved the dirt with five-gallon buckets. Soon, they were bringing out more piles in wheelbarrows. When the basement was completed, it was deep enough to walk without hitting heads on pipes and floor joists. We made bike racing trails on that dirt and raced each other every day. On Christmas Day, we received bikes and rode them in circles in that tiny basement.

I see that house every day now. Another family owns it, and they have taken care of the house and yard without fail. I'm glad to see that house because it brings back good times for an old man.

City approves funding for 25 rentals

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at 5015 Sullivan Road changed from agricultural to RN-1 single-family residential; 1204 Sylvan Street changed from RN-1 to RN-2 single-family; and 1814 and 1816 Kim Watt Drive also changed from RN-1 to RN-2.

Several state grants were also approved from the consent list, including $42,500 for water treatment expansion and the transfer of over $1.4M from the state Department of Transportation to several contract extensions with Knoxville Area Transit.

The council also approved accepting $614,230 in federal funding for the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and $72,000 in state funds for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III

IN RE: MINOR CHILD, C.G., DOB 09/07/2022

BY: MADISON DUNN, Petitioner
vs.
JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III, Respondent

NO. CE-33643

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition which is sworn to, that the Respondent JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III, 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 JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III. It is therefore ORDERED that said defendant, JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III, file an Answer in the Circuit Court for Blount County, at Maryville, Tennessee, and with Plaintiff's Attorney, William Gribble, whose address is 550 E. Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, or a Judgment by Default may be entered and the cause set for hearing Ex-Parte as to Respondent.

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

This 4 day of September, 2026.

Stephen S. Ogle
Clerk and Master

Cherie Branagin
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM

IN RE: VERNELL MICHELLE GILBERT, Plaintiff
v.
DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM, Defendant

DOCKET NO. 212925-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed that the defendant, DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM, 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 DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM, defendant, it is ordered that said defendant, DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM, file an answer in your defense to the Complaint with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with John D. Haines, Velo Legal Group, an Attorney whose address is 109 S. Northshore Dr., Suite 401, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice, or a judgement of default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr., in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This the 22nd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

Honorable Richard B. Armstrong, Jr.
Chancellor

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CAYLA HAHN

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN FAYE HAHN DOCKET NO. 92294-1

BY: SAMANTHA D. HICKLE, Petitioner
v.
CAYLA HAHN, Respondent

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PROBATE DIVISION

In this Cause, it appearing from the Petition to Sell Real Estate filed, which is sworn to, that the Respondent, CAYLA HAHN, 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 CAYLA HAHN it is ordered that said Respondent, CAYLA HAHN, file an

answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This the 21st day of OCTOBER, 2026.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANELL RAE CECIL
DOCKET NUMBER 92810-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of October, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JANELL RAE CECIL, who died March 18, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JANELL RAE CECIL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM T. CECIL, ADMINISTRATOR
12807 LONG RIDGE ROAD
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

COURTNEY L. COX, ATTORNEY
4931 HOMBERG DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDITH W. HUTTON
DOCKET NUMBER 93254-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDITH W. HUTTON, who died September 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 16th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF EDITH W. HUTTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SAMANTHA HUTTON-METHENEY
372 EAST DRIVE
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TILMAN E. LONG
DOCKET NUMBER 93096-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TILMAN E. LONG, who died on August 12, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 16th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF TILMAN E. LONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHEILA L. PURNELL
1007 GARDEN ROSE COURT
WESLEY CHAPEL, NC 28104

BARBARA W.CLARK, ATTORNEY
2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATSY NELSON PRITCHETT
DOCKET NUMBER 92060-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATSY NELSON PRITCHETT, who died December 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 31 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATSY NELSON PRITCHETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICKI P. KIEFFER, EXECUTRIX
421 ALLEN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF COLLEEN LORNA THOMAS
DOCKET NUMBER 93232-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of October, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of COLLEEN LORNA THOMAS, who died August 18, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 14th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF COLLEEN LORNA THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MEGAN LYNN LEHMANN
3440 BEN ALDER LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

BRENDEN S. MORIARTY, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive letters and resumés/credentials from candidates seeking an appointment to one (1) vacancy on the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals for ***Commission District 9***, to serve a two (2) year term expiring September 30, 2028. ***Candidates must reside in the 9th Commission District.*** Resumés should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail or hand-delivered no later than ***Friday, November 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm*** to:

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

The Knox County Commission will interview candidates at the Commission Optional Agenda Review meeting on **Monday, November 9, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

The Commission's appointment shall be considered during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Knox County Commission on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

BID 3777, TURN LANES AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SCHAAD ROAD AND JOHNSON ROAD, Due 12/03/26

RFP 3778, ACT-ALIGNED ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING, Due 12/03/26

LOI/RFQ 3779, RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES FOR THORN GROVE/MIDWAY SIA PROJECT, Due 12/03/26

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Investment Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026 from 10:00 – 11:45 A.M. on the 6th Floor, Commission Conference Room in the City-County Building.

AGENDA

1.) Call to Order.
2.) Approval of Minutes from August 2026 Meeting.
3.) Nick McBride, Trustee's Report.
4.) Review of investment portfolio performance of bond proceeds and other funds invested with Raymond James.
5.) Discussion.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the lot of East Tennessee Truck Repair. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on November 27, 2026, at 6221 Old Rutledge Pike, Knoxville, TN 37924. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2015 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA
VIN# - 3AKJGLD5XFSGK7545 (H & R TRANSPORTATION / FREEDOM TRUCK FINANCE, LLC)

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The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday, December3, 2026 - 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

2016 AUDI Q5 WA1L2AFPXGA060920
1990 CHEVY 1500 1GCDC14Z3LE228136
2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 3GCPCREC0HG187647
2020 DODGE CHARGER 2C3CDXBG0LH240609
1991 FORD F150 1FTDF15N4MNA73391
1998 FORD F150 1FTRX07L3WKA73282
2020 FORD ECOSPORT MAJ3S2GE8LC317375
2001 GMC SONOMA 1GTCS14WX18173734
2006 HONDA RIDGELINE 2HJYK16536H509327
2012 HYUNDAI ELANTRA KMHDH4AE3CU325164
2013 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCR2F56DA110103
2003 INFINITI G35 JNKCV51E63M330307
2012 KIA SORENTO 5XYKW4A20CG295727
2019 KIA FORTE 3KPF24ADXKE042683
2001 MITS MIR JA3AY26C61U035192
1996 NISSAN MAXIMA JN1CA21D3TT733785
2008 NISSAN ARMADA 5N1AA08C98N632599
2007 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL21E87N404023
2004 TOYOTA SIENNA 5TDZA23C34S207197

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Lowe's Tows. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction on November 21, 2026 at 7723 Clinton Hwy, Powell, TN, 37849. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" with no warranty.

2012 HYUNDAI SONATA VIN: 5NPEC4ACXCH445916
2017 KIA SPORTAGE VIN: KNDPRCA68H7126294
2018 HONDA CRV VIN: 3CZRU5H51JM718240
2011 FORD ESCAPE VIN: 1FMCU0C78BKB95231
2010 MAZDA 3 VIN: JM1BL1SF9A1129941
2014 CHEVROLET IMPALA VIN: 2G1WB5E3XE1149797
2014 KIA SORENTO VIN: 5XYKT4A64EG470155
2000 FORD EXPLORER VIN: 1FMZU63P4YZC04648
2011 RAM 1500 VIN: 1D7RV1GT6BS617673
2015 KIA OPTIMA VIN: KNAGM4A7XF5627142
2022 FORD EDGE VIN: 2FMPK4J90NBA38150

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR TITLE

I, David Olson, am applying for a title for a mobile home described as follows:

- Year: 1997
- Type: Clayton Modular Home
- VIN: CL5078829TN

Any person or entity claiming an ownership interest, lien, or other legal interest in this property must contact me by certified mail within ten (10) days of publication of this notice.

Contact: David Olson, 12012 Evening Breeze Way, Knoxville, TN 37932

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CROSS COUNTRY SECTIONALS

Hardin Valley just likes to be on top

By Steve Williams

How does Hardin Valley Academy continue its dominance in cross country?

That question was put to Head Coach John Witsell last Wednesday after his boys' and girls' teams swept top honors in the TSSAA D1 Class AAA Section 2 Meet at Victor Ashe Park.

"Well, each and every year going into the season that is our goal – to beat our region," said Witsell. "Just like any other sport, you want to be on top of your region, section and division and be the shining light in that group of teams. That's our No. 1 goal and we are going to call that one a checkmark."

The day alone was gorgeous with the colors of autumn and temperatures climbing up into the 70s.

HVA senior Aiden Rufi was the boys' Class AAA individual champion with a PR (personal record) time of 15:57.02 over the 5,000-meter course, followed by runner-up Chase Temples of Farragut, who clocked it in 16:00.77.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Hardin Valley Academy Coach John Witsell (at the top) smiles along with his boys' and girls' Sectional champions last Wednesday at Victor Ashe Park. The HVA teams will compete for TSSAA state titles in Memphis this week.

Others in the Top 5 included the Hawks' Stephen Bell (16:02), Halls' Zachary Jenkins (16:17.05) and HVA's Isaac Socha (16:21.02).

Nathan Weiss and Brody VanMeter also helped Hardin Valley take top team honors with 24 points to qualify for the Class AAA state meet, which will be held in Memphis Thursday. Runner-up West (76), Farragut (79) and Oak

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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Lady Bobcat bowling team returns after hiatus, wins two matches

By Ken Lay

For the first time since 2019, Central High School is fielding a girls bowling team after having a co-ed squad for the last several seasons.

The Lady Bobcats boast a 2-1 record over their first three matches of the 2026-27 season. They captured a victory over Karns on Wednesday at Strike and Spare Family Bowl. Central defeated the Lady Beavers 23.5-10.5 to pick up their second win of the season.

Rhealee Haunhorst bowled two games for the Lady Bobcats, and she posted scores of 176 and 165. Jayda Lovett had scores of 155 and 154. Khloe Pack had scores of 113 and 87, while Alexa Archer scored 135 in her lone game. Grace Nelson had an 83 and a 99 against Karns. Molly Osborn scored 69 and 101, and Campbell Long bowled one game and finished with a score of 97.

The Lady Bobcats also won the Baker Game, 164-91.

Central's program has a new coach in Randy Edwards, who also doubles as an assistant football coach for the Bobcats.

"(Athletic director Ben)

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Central High is fielding a girls bowling team for the first time since 2019. The Lady Bobcats have won two of their first three matches in 2026-27. Pictured are (L-R) Campbell Long, Jayda Lovett, Alexa Archer, Rhealee Haunhorst, Khloe Pack and Molly Osborn. Not pictured: Grace Nelson. Photo submitted.

TSSAA STATE GIRLS SOCCER

Notes from the scorecard:

State tournament roundup

By Ken Lay

Three area high school girls soccer teams made a trip to Chattanooga and the 2026 state championships.

None brought a state championship plaque, and only one side won a match and advanced past the opening round.

In Class 3A: Bearden High School won its first match on Tuesday as it overcame an early 1-0 deficit to edge Ravenwood.

The Lady Bulldogs conceded a goal to the Lady Raptors when Bentley Briggs found the back of the net in the ninth minute of the game.

Ravenwood (13-3) held the edge at halftime.

Bearden tallied the equalizer early in the second half when Hannah Nye made it 1-1. Nye's goal came on a rebound and was set up by a corner kick.

The Lady Bulldogs took the lead in the 68th minute when Myranda Lima scored after Ravenwood goalkeeper Emma West deflected an initial shot.

The Lady Raptors missed a chance to re-tie the game on a corner kick in the 70th minute.

In Wednesday's semifinals match, the Lady Bulldogs saw their quest for a second consecutive state championship come to an end with a 5-0 loss to Germantown-Houston, the last team to win a title other than the Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Mustangs won the state title in 2024 when they defeated Bearden in a penalty kicks shootout.

Also in Class 3A: West High School concluded its 2026 campaign with a 3-0 state quarterfinal loss on Tuesday night. The Lady Rebels finish the season 11-6-2 after making their first state tournament appearance since 2022.

In Division II-AA: Webb School of Knoxville made

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PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

David Gabriel Georges looks for paydirt in the Bears' 21-7 win over Knoxville Catholic Friday night. Known better as DGG, the Baylor star drew a record crowd to Covenant Health Park, which was turned into a football field for the special occasion.

DGG put on a show for a record crowd

By Steve Williams

The large crowd at Friday night's high school football game at Covenant Health Park wasn't just there to see how a football field would look in a baseball park or two good high school football teams playing each other. No, most were there to see one of the best high school players in the country and a future Tennessee Vol running back.

They call him DGG for David Gabriel Georges. He plays for unbeaten Baylor School and is well known to sports fans from Knoxville to Chattanooga and beyond.

With UT Coach Josh Heupel looking on from the sideline, DGG didn't disappoint either. He scored all three of the Bears' touchdowns in a 21-7 win over Knoxville Catholic.

Yes, he drew a crowd. The attendance was 7,338, said Chris Allen, the Knoxville Smokies' President and CEO, and the seating capacity for baseball is 7,448.

"I believe it's the biggest crowd we've ever had," said Allen.

Georges scored all three of Baylor's touchdowns, which covered 30, 68 and 67 yards.

He gave the Bears a 7-0 lead on the first play of the second quarter and added a TD in each of the third and fourth quarters. Down 21-0, Catholic senior quarterback Mack Bartholomew scored on a 7-yard run with 8:25 left in the game.

After his post-game talk with his team, Catholic Coach Philip Shadowens said, "I told them I was proud of what they accomplished this year. They faced adversity through the tough times. A team with five seniors to accomplish some things we accomplished this year was remarkable. We didn't end the night like we wanted to, but I certainly was proud of how hard our kids played."

Shadowens also addressed the playoff ban that the TSSAA issued Catholic this year. It was for a recruiting violation and Catholic was not allowed to play in the post-season.

"If we were in the playoffs, we would be hosting next week, so you would like to have that opportunity to go back through it," said Shadowens. "We are a very talented team, but unfortunately that's the way it goes. Our kids have handled it with class. They've handled it with pride and high character and I'm really proud of what they have accomplished."

Shadowens also was asked what he thought about DGG.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 11

Fulton uses powerful running attack to secure playoff berth

By David Klein



PHOTO BY ELIJAH EVELAND

South-Doyle defenders Stephon Nelson (#31), Cash Smith (#33) and Silas Johnson (#4) swarm Fulton quarterback Jamil Smith (white #3)

In a pivotal "win and you're in" Region 2-4A matchup for the last playoff spot, the Fulton Falcons used a powerful running attack led by quarterback Jamil Smith and running back Waco Upshaw to power its way to a 31-14 win over the South-Doyle Cherokees. The Falcons rushed for 303 yards on the night, and Upshaw had 26 carries for 213 yards.

"Our (offensive) line came out here, dominated," Upshaw said. "We were able to rush the ball a lot. We came out here and just did our job."

Fulton didn't waste any time putting points on the board in the first quarter. Just 86 seconds into the game, Smith threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Will Dixson for a 7-0 lead.

The Cherokees had an opportunity to answer and took it all the way to the Falcon 1-yard line, but the Falcons stuffed senior running back Walter Gould and took over on downs with two minutes left in the first quarter.

Fulton capitalized on the turnover on downs. On 2nd-and-10 at the South Doyle 19-yard line, Smith took a direct snap and ran for a touchdown. Fulton went up 14-0 with 11:03 left in the second quarter.

In the second half, Fulton's Emanuel Mosquera kicked a 35-yard field goal to put the Falcons up 17-0 with 7:57 left in the third quarter. It looked like Fulton was going to cruise to victory.

However, the Cherokees had other plans. South-Doyle finally got on the board with a 69-yard touchdown pass from Benson Brang to Reed Reynolds. The score cut Fulton's lead to 17-7 with 6:56 left in the third quarter.

Following an onside kick recovery, South-Doyle took advantage of a pass interference penalty on Fulton to take the football into the red zone. Brang threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Jeremiah Smith with 4:56 left in the third quarter. Suddenly, the Falcons led by just three points, 17-14.

Fulton would respond. Aided by a 43-yard Upshaw run into South-Doyle territory, the Falcons chewed up a lot of clock. Three straight penalties nullified two Falcon touchdowns and moved the ball back to the 19-yard line.

Finally, on 4th-and-19, Smith threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Cox in the left corner of the end zone to give the Falcons a 24-14 lead with 1:16 left in the third quarter.

"We're trying to get the ball to the playmakers and they just executed and that was a huge play for us," Fulton coach Justin Long said.

Fulton would seal the victory on Smith's 8-yard touchdown run with 3:03 left in the game to make it 31-14 Fulton.

Fulton (5-5) plays at Greeneville (10-0) in a Region 4A first-round playoff game Friday night while South Doyle ended its season at 6-4 (3-4 in Region 2-4A).

"We knew we were going to have to play well offensively up front tonight," Long said. "We knew for us to have success tonight we were going to have to run the football. I'm proud of the way our guys played."

Panthers claw Rebels 41-21 and eye playoffs

By Steve Williams



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Powell's Jamarius Hollingsworth races to get past a West defender last Thursday night. The sophomore wide receiver scored one touchdown in the Panthers' 41-14 win. Powell will host Morristown West Friday night in the first round of Region 2-5A playoffs.

Powell wrapped up the Region 2-5A regular season title with a 41-21 win over West Friday night at Hayworth Field and Scarbro Stadium.

"I'm just so proud of these young men, especially to come out here on Senior Night to get out to that early lead and to come out focused and physical," said Powell Head Coach Matt Lowe. "We talked a lot about the mentality of coming out here and playing well early.

"The last couple of games I didn't feel like we did that. For whatever reason we weren't ready to go when the ball was snapped. We really challenged them to come out early and play hard and I certainly think we did that.

"We hit a little bit of a lull there in the second quarter. But as the game went on, we continued to execute and play at a high level. We needed a clean game as we head into the playoffs."

Powell was double trouble for West at the start. Johonauan Moore returned the opening kickoff to the West 31-yard line and caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Jaylon Benjamin on first down. Hunter Dryer kicked the PAT and it was 7-0 just 22 seconds into the contest.

The Panthers increased their lead to 14-0 when Jamarius Hollingsworth scored on a 13-yard run around the left side.

After a three and out by West, a double pass – Benjamin to Dezion Jackson to Merron Middleton covered 60 yards – and gave Powell a 21-0 lead with 3:21 remaining in the first quarter.

Powell sophomore linebacker Shaden Beckner made one of the best defensive plays in the game when he stopped West running back Wytier Nelson for a 4-yard loss in the second quarter, but Jack Harrison passed six yards to Thomas Rowland for a touchdown. Addison Cline's extra point kick trimmed Powell's lead to 21-7.

Harrison's back to back passes to Silas Monroe

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2026 Prep Football

Playoffs ROUND ONE

Games kick off at 7 p.m. Friday, November 6

Class 4A
Fulton (5-5) at Greeneville (10-0)
Anderson County (6-4) at Seymour (9-1)
Elizabethton (6-4) at Gibbs (9-1)

Class 5A
West (5-5) at Sevier County (7-3)
Morristown West (5-5) at Powell (9-1)
Halls (5-5) at David Crockett (7-3)
Tennessee High (7-3) at Central (9-1)

Class 6A
Hardin Valley (7-3) at Science Hill (7-2)

Division II-A
Fayette Academy (6-4) at CCS (7-3)

Division II-AA
JPII (2-8) at CAK (9-1)
Webb (2-8) at BGA (9-1)
Northpoint (3-7) at Grace (9-1)

Week 11 scores

Halls 45, Clinton 7
Central 34, Karns 28
Powell 41, West 21
Bradley Central 35, Bearden 21
King's Academy 14, Southlake Christian, NC 9
McMinn Central 35, Austin-East 34
Boyd Buchanan 35, Webb 20
CAK 28, Lakeway Christian 21
Concord Christian 56, Chattanooga Grace 7
Cleveland 45, Farragut 8
Seymour 47, Grainger 14
Hardin Valley 58, Ooltewah 22
Gibbs 52, Carter 12
Baylor 21, Catholic 7
Grace 44, Notre Dame 9
Fulton 31, South-Doyle 14
Halls 63, Campbell Co. 7

A controversial bowl game



By Tom Mattingly

One of the most controversial bowl games in Tennessee history was played on Dec. 20, 1971, at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis. It was No. 9 Tennessee and No. 18 Arkansas squaring off for the first time since 1907.

A crowd of 45,210, equally divided between fans of the competing schools, was present to see the game between the two border state universities.

It was a cold, cold night, but fans of both schools remember the game for markedly different reasons.

It didn't take long for the competitive juices to start flowing between the two teams and their fans.

There was an early squabble about who would be named the home team and wear the school color jerseys. After careful consideration, A. F. "Bud" Dudley, founder and executive director of the Liberty Bowl, declared Tennessee the home team, thus settling the issue.

"Tennessee accepted the bid officially first because Arkansas had to accept with a stipulation," said Dudley. Dudley's action allowed the Vols to choose to wear the orange jerseys and name three of the five game officials.

"If we had made Arkansas the home team, the Tennessee folks would have run us out of town on a rail," he said.

"The game is being played in Tennessee," added Dudley. "UT is our state university, and we don't want the governor down on our necks." That explanation had to have irked Arkansas partisans – even until today, 55 years later.

Here's how the Vols lined up in Bill Battle's second season as Vol head coach, with some memorable names dotting the roster.

Joe Thompson and Stan Trott were the wide receivers, with alternate captain Gary Theiler at tight end. Across the offensive line were Gaylon Hill and Joe Balthrop at the tackles, alternate captain Phillip Fulmer and Bill Emendorfer at the guards, and Tom Johnson at center.

Defensively, Ken Lambert and Carl Johnson were the ends, Frank Howell and John Wagster the tackles.

Team captain Jackie Walker, Ray Nettles and Jamie Rotella were the linebackers, with the secondary composed of Conrad Graham, David Allen, Bobby Majors and Eddie Brown. Majors was also the punter, with George Hunt handling placekicking duties.

When the game finally started, it was a tight and tense defensive struggle.

Arkansas looked to have the game in hand at 16-7 in the fourth quarter, when Bill McClard knocked home his third field goal, but officials somehow detected holding in the offensive line, an unusual call to be sure, and the Vols dodged a major bullet.

It's hard to remember that call happening before or since, so to say Hog head coach Frank Broyles was exercised about the turn of events would be an understatement.

Then there was an Arkansas fumble in front of the Vol bench, with a mad scramble for the pigskin. The officials awarded Tennessee the ball, but Johnson, who was right in the middle of it all, said the Vol fumble recovery was a con job.

"It's obvious the Arkansas guy fell right on the ball," he said. "Everybody not involved in the pile, including those on the bench, pointed toward the Arkansas goal and said 'our ball.'"

Long-time football observers would call that one of the oldest tricks in the book, with the officials awarding the Vols the ball. The Vols accepted the change of possession graciously and moved quickly to the game-winning score.

An Arkansas website highlighted the highs and lows of the season and agreed with Johnson's remarks.

"As a sophomore in 1971, Joe Ferguson led the Hogs to an 8-3-1 mark. The high was a thrilling 31-7 thumping of Texas as Ferguson passed the Steers into submission in the rain at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock.

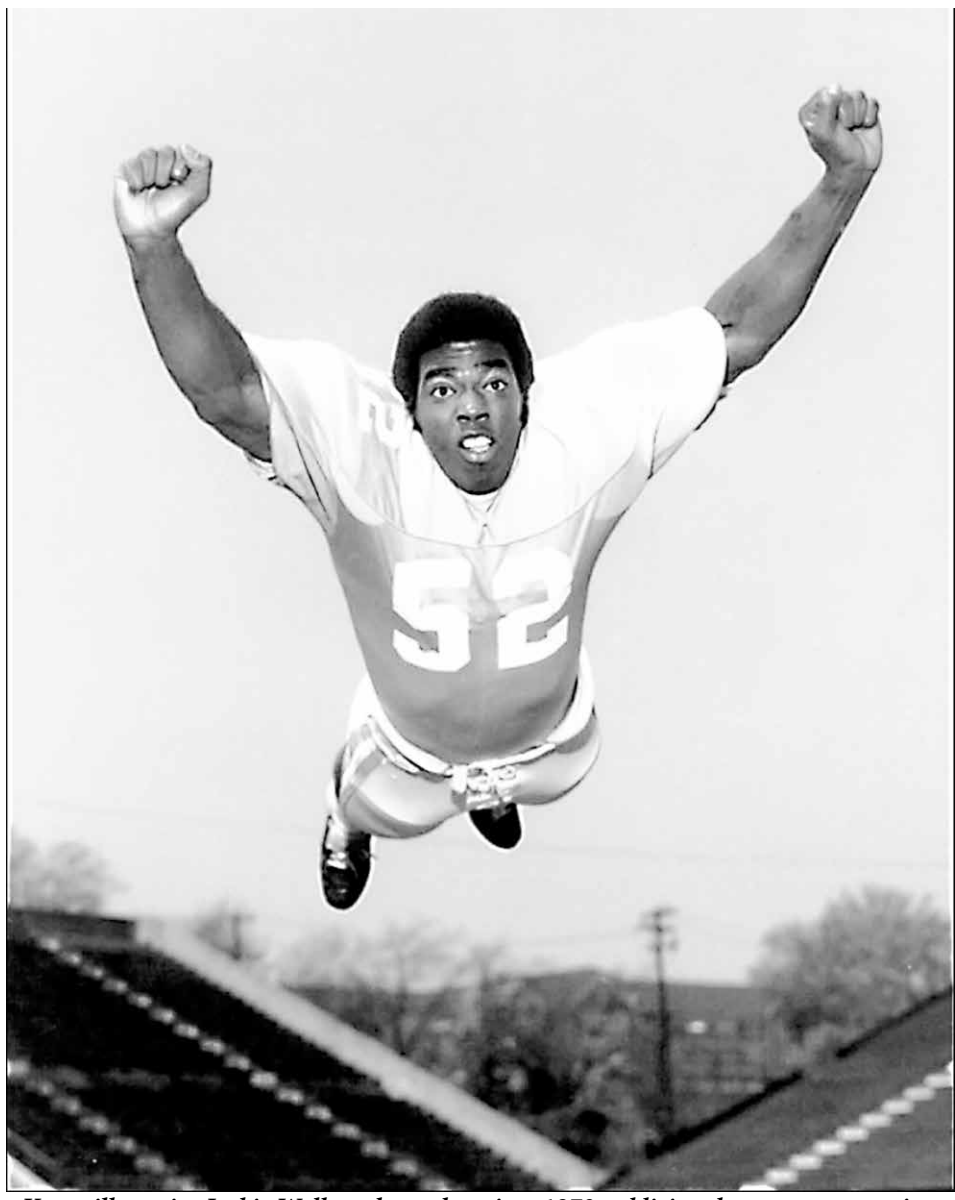
"The low came in a crushing 14-13 loss to Tennessee in the Liberty Bowl. There were two highly questionable calls by game officials, including Tennessee alum Preston Watts, that erased a field goal and gave a fumble to the Vols after Razorback Tom Reed clearly recovered the fumble."

The game also witnessed some last-minute heroics from Vol fullback Curt Watson, who scored the winning TD and the last of his career with seconds to spare in the 14-13 win that had looked very much in doubt moments earlier. Curt finished his Tennessee career with 2,364 yards rushing. Hunt booted the extra point to establish the final margin.

The run covered 17 yards and featured a nifty move on the edge that gave Curt a clear path to the end zone. Thompson helped immeasurably with a key block on two Razorbacks that freed Curt for the score.

The 1971 team was dubbed the "offensive defense," with the Vols setting NCAA records for most touchdowns off interception returns (7), most yardage gained on interception returns (783), and the highest average per interception return (31.3). Walker set an NCAA career record for most touchdowns off interception returns (5).

The Vols finished with a 10-2 record and began preparations for 1972, one that resulted in a second consecutive 10-2 season.



Knoxville native Jackie Walker, shown here in a 1970 publicity photo, was a two-time All-American selection for the Vols.

Sports Schadenfreude

By Mark Nagi

Schadenfreude is defined as "enjoyment obtained from seeing or hearing about the troubles of others."

Is there any greater avenue for that feeling of pleasure, joy, and satisfaction that comes from learning about the failures, pain, and/or humiliation of another person than college football?

I think not...

SEC football fans love to talk about how the SEC is the best conference in college football. But what fun is there watching your conference rivals celebrate? Do you know what is better? Watching your conference rivals lose.

The best example of this is the Alabama Crimson Tide during the Nick Saban era (2007-2023). While they were racking up NINE SEC titles and six national championships over those seventeen seasons, the Tennessee Volunteers were mostly floundering. The Vols only beat Alabama once during that stretch and lost 15 straight in the rivalry.

During the darkest times, Tennessee fans loved to hate-watch when Alabama was losing to Clemson in the national title game in January 2017 and 2019, or falling to Auburn multiple times, including the "Kick 6" in November 2013.

How great has it been to watch LSU go through growing pains under their new head coach, Lane Kiffin? He is the only coach who is more than willing to burn the bridge while he is standing on it.

Following a tumultuous ten months that have seen Kiffin bolt Ole Miss for LSU right before the CFB playoff, then try to blackmail them into letting him coach in the CFB playoff, lie about Rebels fans trying to run him off the road,then try to strong-arm the SEC into letting LSU roster guys that were in NFL training camp return to college play, it has been delicious to see the Tigers struggle. In losses to Ole Miss and Kentucky, the moments were too big for Kiffin and LSU.

How much fun was it to watch Steve Spurrier on those occasions when he was humbled? Or prime Miami? Or Notre Dame? Yes, CFB gives us so many opportunities in this world.

But it is not just college football... this fits for any sport.

The Dallas Cowboys have had the "America's Team" moniker since the 1970s. They were at one point the class of the league and remain one of the most successful sports franchises in the world. But since the mid-1990s, the Cowboys have not only failed to win the Super Bowl, but they also have not been to a Super Bowl, or even a conference championship game. Fans of the Eagles... the Giants... the 49ers... or even the Titans can find joy in Dallas's misery.

Is anyone reading this a fan of soccer? On the world stage, there is no lack of hate-watches... the biggest one going lately is Arsenal in the English Premier League. Last summer, Arsenal, nicknamed "The Gunners," won the Premier League. Their fans were so insufferable that when Arsenal lost the European Champions League Final to PSG a week later, videos of the penalty kick miss were shared approximately a billion times on social media, typically with multiple smiley face emojis.

How about the 2010s Miami Heat? When LeBron James left the Cleveland Cavaliers in a nationally televised kick to the teeth to those fans, the next 4 years saw NBA fans reveling in every Heat loss. And to be honest, LeBron was much more interesting during that stretch than any other in the 20+ years he has been playing in the pros.

Losing feels worse than winning feels good. But if your team cannot win, at least there is the possibility of watching others fail to achieve as well.

Lady Bobcat bowling team returns after hiatus, wins

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Collins came to the field house one day and said that he needed a bowling coach," Edwards said. "I told him I would do it.

"I've bowled in leagues before. This year, we had enough girls for a girls team. They have had a coed team for the last few years."

Both the boys and girls teams are comprised of multi-sport athletes. And those players are also honor students and involved in other extracurricular activities.

"The kids are all good kids," Edwards said. "I'm really proud of all of them."

The Lady Bobcats earned their first victory of the season on Monday, Oct. 19, when they blanked Career Magnet Academy, 27-0.

Bobcats in the midst of four-match winning streak: Central's boys have won in each of their four outings. The Bobcats closed out the week with an 18-9 victory over South-Doyle Thursday at Fountain Lanes.

The Bobcats' top scorer was Ethan Diamond, who had an effort of 211. Mark Coppeans had a score of 142, followed by Parson Campen (138), Sam Sharp (120), Zade Meek (114) and Xavier Gutierrez (103).

The Bobcats (4-4) also defeated the Beavers on Wednesday. Things got off to a rough start for Central, which began the season 0-4.

In Central's first match of the season: Bobcats' quarterback Kaden Long bowled for the team to help field a full team. His score was good enough to earn the right to bowl in the state qualifier on Nov. 21.

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CROSS COUNTRY SECTIONALS

HVA's Vesser: 'Polite young lady and ferocious competitor'

By Steve Williams

Allie Vesser is the type of cross country runner who doesn't worry about her times.

She knows when it's time to put the pedal to the metal or take it easy and just enjoy competing with her teammates.

Take a look: Vesser won the KIL meet in 18:15.7 on Oct. 17. She set a new PR time of 17:38 in Alabama maybe a week later. She ran an 18:50.88 in the TSSAA Sectional meet last Wednesday and still won.

It will be very interesting to see how she does in the state meet at Memphis this Thursday.

No worries, "I will have the legs ready (for state)," she said after winning the Sectional. "I was happy with the time. Honestly, just to be able to get a little bit of a workout and get the legs ready for state" is all she needs, she said. "I think it was really cool to see the team come together and celebrate (the Sectional win) with each other."

John Witsell, in his third season as HVA's head coach, shares more on Allie. "She is a very polite young lady, a ferocious competitor, and a coachable athlete. Often it is so easy for her to shake off slower times because she was able to hit her objective of the race's plan. Often we have a goal in mind for what we would like to accomplish in a particular race. Those goals do not always lead to the fastest times."

Ana Berkheimer (19:20.67) and Zarah Enbom (19:22.81) completed a 1-2-3 finish for the Lady Hawks. Teammates Ava Woodyatt and Linley Lawhorn placed eighth and ninth, respectively.

Farragut's duo of Zoi LeCours (19:34.13) and Addison Haynes (20:02.32) placed fourth and fifth to earn state berths. Getting the last three spots in the state meet were West's Zoey Johns (sixth place), Powell's Bella Courtney (seventh place) and Oak Ridge's Kenda Hurt (10th place).

After the Sectional, Vesser also gave out her college choices: "I'm between Tennessee Tech and Ole Miss right now and I'm still deciding."

DON MADGETT is in his 30th year coaching cross country and track at South-Doyle. "I started out coaching with Steve Prince in that building at Doyle," he said.

Madgett also noted that there have been only three head coaches in cross country at Doyle and S-D. The late Melvin Maxwell was the first and had the first team in Knoxville to win a state championship in 1970. Coach Prince, who is coaching at Grace this year, was the second.

Hardin Valley just likes to be on top

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Ridge (95) are state-bound, too, along with individuals Miles Bailie (Karns), JD Rutig and Parson Campen (Central), and Baylor Cool (Bearden).

Rufi said having his team here with him and all of his four years accumulating to this final season made him want to win the sectional race with his teammates and get to the state meet to also win it.

"This is the first step to that," he added.

Aiden, who has been running since the eighth grade, recalled having "a pretty bad season" this year and mentioned he had a bike injury but recovered from that.

Finally, the time for his big race was here for him.

"We got off the gate and my plan was just to stick on my teammate," he said. "And then I just felt really good, so I went out and led for the rest of the race."

THIAGO RODRIGUEZ, a South-Doyle junior, placed fifth in the Class AA Sectionals with a time of 17.19.83. He will compete in the Class AA state meet in Memphis on Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 11

Panthers claw Rebels 41-21 and eye playoffs

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and a holding penalty on Powell gave West a first and goal at the 10. Jamari Goines ran for a TD up the middle and all of a sudden it was a new game with the Panthers leading 21-14.

Powell went up-tempo in the final two minutes of the half and it paid off as Moore battled to get in from the 11 to make it 28-14.

Freshman Owen Dyke ran strong for the Panthers in the third quarter, gaining 20 yards as he ran through tackles, but Powell was forced to punt.

Benjamin scored on a 2-yard run at the start of the final quarter to make it 35-14.

Subs took over around the 6-minute mark. Colsyn Wood, another freshman, scored from the 4 at 3:02. The PAT was blocked and it was 41-14.

Harrison's 9-yard touchdown pass to Goines ended the scoring at 41-21.

West Coach Barron Chandler said after the game: "The kids fought back. I'm proud of them for that. A big thing we talked about was making them play 48 minutes. Obviously, we got off to a slow start. We got to figure out how to get off the bus and get ourselves ready to go. But In the second quarter the kids fought back and got us back in the game and gave us a chance."

Coach Lowe added: "You now have to get ready for Round 1. Anybody can win. We saw that last year. I think Class 5A is wide open right now, but the top teams are still the top teams, and I think the rest of the pack has caught up with them a little bit."

Defensive standouts for Powell included CJ Stewart, Tashawn Thomas, Joshua Kay, William Taylor III, Theo Brue and Damere Askew.

Long's record-setting career continues with overtime win over Karns

By Ken Lay

Central High School senior quarterback Kaden Long has almost completely rewritten the Bobcats' record book.

Long's 7,354 career passing yards and 99 total touchdowns are the most in the history of one of Knoxville's most tradition-rich high school programs.

He added to his lofty totals Thursday night as the Bobcats (9-1 overall, 6-1 in Region 2-5A) came from behind to edge Karns, 34-28, in overtime in the regular-season finale for both schools.

Long is also tied for most passing touchdowns with Zach Helton in a career for Central. Long accounted for all five touchdowns against the Beavers. He rushed for three scores, including the game-winner in overtime before a packed house at Karns.

Following Central's dramatic win, Long admitted that he wasn't supposed to make the play.

"Honestly, that play wasn't called for me, but I called my own number because I have confidence in myself," he said. "I also have confidence in my teammates."

Long was again a double-edged weapon for the Bobcats against the Beavers, who finished the 2026 campaign 3-6 overall and 2-5 in the region. He was 22-for-30 through the air. He amassed 109 passing yards and threw scoring strikes to Tnaj Taylor and Rondell North.

His touchdown pass to North, who had six receptions for 92 yards, tied the game with 46 seconds remaining in regulation before the contest eventually went to overtime. North gave Central a chance to win in regulation when he came up with an interception a short time later.



PHOTO BY WYATT WADDELL.

Central quarterback Kaden Long pushes the ball over the goal line in the Bobcats' 34-28 overall victory at Karns Thursday night. Long ran for three scores and threw a pair of TD passes against the Beavers.

Long also did damage in the Bobcats' ground attack as he totaled 109 yards and rushed for three touchdowns on 19 carries.

Bobcats' coach Kevin Lane was far from pleased with his squad's effort against the Beavers.

"We knew that they were going to give us a tough game," he said. "They did it last year, and we had a terrible week of practice.

"It was so bad that on Tuesday, I stopped practice early, and it's always dangerous when you play a team that has nothing to lose."

Lane, however, had some lofty accolades for his senior quarterback.

"He's a great leader," Lane said of Long. "His leadership and toughness are big for us. He's willing to work, and he's willing to be coached hard."

While Long is aware of his lofty career statistics, his numbers are not the lone or most important driving force for him.

"It's all special to me," he said. "But I just love being a Central Bobcat, and I'm just glad to get to play football and win with my guys."

Like Lane, Long knew the showdown against the Beavers was going to provide a challenge.

"I figured this would be a tough game," Long said. "We had a tough game against them last year, and they're really a good team."

The Bobcats will open postseason play with a home game at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

State tournament roundup

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the State Final Four for the third consecutive season.

The Lady Spartans missed a third straight state title game appearance as they fell to Nashville's Christ Presbyterian Academy in a penalty kicks shootout after the match was tied, 1-1, following 100 minutes of regulation and extra time.

Dolle Stricker won the shootout for the Lady Lions, who opened an early 1-0 lead when Sydnie Ducharme scored in the 12th minute.

Webb tied the contest, 1-1, on a goal by Simone Romain in the 59th minute. Field Sanders was credited with an assist on the Lady Spartans' regulation marker. Webb went 14-1-2 in 2026.

DGG put on a show for a record crowd

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"He's probably the best high school player in the country," he answered. "He's one of the best I've ever seen at that position, especially because he has grown. He doesn't look like a high school kid. He looks like a 23-year-old kid that's been in a college weight program for a long time.

"He's hard to tackle. Anytime you don't fit a run just right, and with his speed, he's going to outrun everybody. We did some good things against him. We also knew that he was going to break some which he did. We just couldn't score enough to stay with that."

On the way out, Shadowens said: "What a great event this was for Knoxville. I appreciate Covenant Health Park and the community that backed this. I hope it was a great show for everybody."

PREPS OF THE PAST

Oct. 31, 1983

Seymour quarterback Mike Latham fired four touchdown passes and sneaked over for another six-pointer in a 34-21 win over Tazewell. He wound up with 206 yards through the air on 10 of 16 completions.

Defensively, in two quarters of action, he had six tackles, returned an interception 47 yards and broke up another pass from his safety post.

"He's had a lot of good games, but this was one of his best," said Coach Gary Householder.

Oct. 31, 1983

Karns' Steve Diggs, a senior offensive guard and nose guard, was a thorn in Oak Ridge's side, making 18 tackles, including four for minus yardage, and recovering one fumble. He also graded out at 85 percent in the offensive line in the Beavers' 7-2 loss.

"He was in Oak Ridge's backfield all night long. Pound for pound he's the best player in Knoxville," said Coach Wayne Stiles.

Nov. 2, 2001

Justin Price threw four touchdown passes while Matt Price had a TD reception and an interception return for a score in the Mavericks' 48-0 Class 3A playoff victory over visiting Sullivan North.

Justin threw for 310 yards. He has thrown for more than 2,100 yards and 26 touchdowns this season for Anderson County (10-1).

Frank Phillips caught three of the TD passes. He had five total catches for 186 yards.

Oct 28, 1981 Journal Action Ratings

The State's Top 10

1-Nash. Overton 93.0
2-Germantown 91.6
3-Father Ryan 91.5
4-Farragut 90.1
5-Rhea County 90.0
6-Memphis Northside 89.2
7-Oak Ridge 88.7
8-Sullivan South 88.6
9-Franklin County 88.4
10-Bolivar 88.1

Notice of Election

Gubernatorial, Federal, and State General Election

November 3, 2026 • 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

GOVERNOR
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Marsha Blackburn**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Jerri Green**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Misam Abidi**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Dean Brewer**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Ray Brown**
Independent Candidate
☐ **David Hatley**
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Independent Candidate
☐ **Dave Seeman**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Karl Knox Smithson**
Independent Candidate
☐ **L. Webb Taylor**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Robert C. Vick**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Write-in**

Constitutional Amendment #1
Vote for One (1)

Summary:
This amendment changes Article I, section 15 of the Tennessee Constitution by allowing a court to hold a defendant without bail before trial when that defendant is accused of: an offense punishable by the death penalty, an act of terrorism, second degree murder, aggravated rape of a child, aggravated rape, grave torture, or any crime for which a convicted person would be required to serve eighty-five percent of their sentence. This amendment requires courts to state on the record the reasons for their decision to grant or deny bail in those cases.

Question:
Shall Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following:

That all prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offences, when the proof is evident, or the presumption great. And the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

and substituting instead the following:

(a) All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties unless for the following when the proof is evident or the presumption great:

(1) A capital offense;
(2) An act of terrorism;
(3) Second degree murder;
(4) Aggravated rape of a child;
(5) Aggravated rape;
(6) Grave torture; and
(7) Any other offense for which, as of November 3, 2026, a defendant, if convicted, could not be released prior to the expiration of at least eighty-five percent of the entire sentence imposed.

(b) In any case in which bail for an offense listed in subsection (a) is granted or denied before conviction, the judge or magistrate shall place in the record the judge's or magistrate's reasons for granting or denying bail.

(c) The privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**

Constitutional Amendment #2
Vote for One (1)

Summary:
This amendment adds text to Article II, section 28 of the Tennessee Constitution that prohibits the Legislature from imposing a State property tax on real, personal, or mixed property.

Question:
Shall Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language from the first sentence:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature

and substituting instead the following:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal, or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature shall not levy, authorize, or otherwise permit any state tax upon such property, and the Legislature

☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**

Constitutional Amendment #3
Vote for One (1)

Summary:
This amendment changes Article I, section 35 of the Tennessee Constitution by clarifying existing rights for crime victims and adding new rights. The amendment gives victims new rights: to fair treatment; to be informed about and participate in the parole process; to be protected from harassment, intimidation, and abuse; to be informed of the minimum sentence the convicted criminal will serve, as well as their scheduled release date; and to have their safety, their family's safety, and the public's safety taken into account before any decision is made to release the convicted criminal. The amendment also maintains or clarifies victims' existing rights: to be informed about legal proceedings involving the accused or convicted criminal; to be present at public criminal proceedings; to be informed of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted criminal; to talk to prosecutors; to make statements about conviction, sentencing, or release of the accused person; to a speedy resolution of the case; to restitution from the convicted criminal; and to be informed of their rights. The amendment does not restrict the powers of prosecutors or courts and does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the State of Tennessee.

Question:
Shall Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

Section 35. That to preserve and protect the rights of victims of crime to justice and due process throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim, as defined by law and which may be expanded by the General Assembly, shall have the following rights, which shall be protected:

(1) The right to be treated with fairness for the victim's safety and dignity;
(2) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;
(3) The right to be present at all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;
(4) The right upon request to be heard in any proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, and parole, as well as any public proceeding when relevant during which a right of the victim is implicated;
(5) The right to be heard and informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender;
(6) The right to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice system, including reasonable protection, as defined by the General Assembly, from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused;
(7) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted person;
(8) The right to full and timely restitution from the offender;
(9) The right to a speedy trial or disposition and a prompt and final conclusion of the case after the conviction or sentence;
(10) The right to be informed of the minimum sentence the offender will serve in custody and the scheduled release date;
(11) The right to have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post judgment release decision is made;
(12) The right, upon request, to confer with the prosecution; and
(13) The right to be fully informed of all rights afforded to crime victims.

A victim may assert the rights enumerated in this section, not as a party, but in the manner further provided by the General Assembly protecting the victim's right to standing. The General Assembly has the authority to enact substantive and procedural laws to further define, implement, preserve, and protect the rights guaranteed to victims by this section. This section must be interpreted to preserve and protect the rights of all persons to due process. This section, or any law enacted under this section, does not create a basis for vacating a conviction. This section does not restrict the powers of the District Attorney General or the inherent authority of the court.

Other than as provided in the preceding paragraph, this section does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the state or a political subdivision of the state; an officer, employee, or agent of the state or of any of its political subdivisions; or an officer or employee of the court.

☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**

UNITED STATES SENATE
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Bill Hagerty**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Marquita Bradshaw**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Tharon Chandler**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Andrew Gerena**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Jeremy Dean Hearn**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Robert Jones**
Independent Candidate
☐ **James William Macon III**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Yoshi D. Matthews**
Independent Candidate
☐ **David Sutman, Jr.**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Catherine Barcel "Barcy" Whitson**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Write-in**

UNITED STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
District 2
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Tim Burchett**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Michaela Barnett**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Bruce Fine**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Adam Heimerman**
Independent Candidate
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE SENATE
District 5
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Jimmy Matlock**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **David Miller**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE SENATE
District 7
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Richard M. Briggs**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Bryan Langan**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
District 14
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Jason Zachary**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Lindsay Young Honaker**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
District 15
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Sam McKenzie**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
District 16
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Michele Carringer**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Eliza Boles**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
District 18
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Elaine Davis**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Bryan Goldberg**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
District 19
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Dave Wright**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Jenny Fowler**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
District 89
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Justin Lafferty**
Republican Party Nominee
☐ **Randy DeBord**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
District 90
Vote for One (1)
☐ **Gloria Johnson**
Democratic Party Nominee
☐ **Write-in**

City Charter Amendment
Vote for One (1)

CHARTER AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE PERTAINING TO THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL:

SHALL ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 707(B) and 707 (C) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT IF A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES A MAJORITY OF ALL VOTES CAST IN THE PRIMARY FOR THE DESIGNATED SEAT THE CANDIDATE SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF A RUNOFF AND A CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION SHALL BE ISSUED TO SUCH CANDIDATE, ALL AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE No. O-62-2026 OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AS DULY PUBLISHED?

THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S COST ESTIMATE OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT IS $0.

☐ **FOR THE AMENDMENT**

☐ **AGAINST THE AMENDMENT**

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Notice of Election

Gubernatorial, Federal, and State General Election

November 3, 2026 • 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Polling Places

Precinct 6
Green Magnet Academy
801 Lula Powell Drive

Precinct 9
Eternal Life Harvest Center
1801 Western Avenue

Precinct 10-N
Fort Sanders School
501 S. 21st Street

Precinct 10-S
Howard H. Baker Jr. Center
1640 Cumberland Avenue

Precinct 10-A
Howard H. Baker Jr. Center
1640 Cumberland Avenue

Precinct 11
Central United Methodist
201 Third Avenue

Precinct 12
Phyllis Wheatley YWCA
124 S. Cruze Street

Precinct 13
Fair Garden Community Ctr.
400 Fern Street

Precinct 14
Austin-East High School
2800 MLK Jr. Avenue

Precinct 15-E
John T. O'Connor Ctr.
611 Winona Street

Precinct 15-W
John T. O'Connor Ctr.
611 Winona Street

Precinct 16-E
Larry Cox Senior Rec. Ctr.
3019 Ocoee Trail

Precinct 16-W
Larry Cox Senior Rec. Ctr.
3019 Ocoee Trail

Precinct 17
Christenberry Comm. Ctr.
931 Oglewood Avenue

Precinct 18
Lincoln Park Center
535 Chickamauga Avenue

Precinct 19
Thrive Lonsdale
1317 Connecticut Avenue

Precinct 20
Communications Workers of America
1415 Elm Street

Precinct 23
Westview School
1714 Mingle Avenue

Precinct 24-Q
Sequoyah Elementary School
942 Southgate Road

Precinct 25
South Knox Comm. Ctr.
522 Maryville Pike

Precinct 26
Dogwood School
705 Tipton Avenue

Precinct 27
So. Knox Optimist Club
6135 Moore Road

Precinct 29
Anderson Headstart
4808 Prospect Road

Precinct 30
Sarah Moore Greene School
3001 Brooks Avenue

Precinct 31
Chilhowee School
5005 Asheville Highway

Precinct 32
Spring Hill Primary School
4711 Mildred Drive

Precinct 33-N
Richard Yoakley School
4415 Washington Pike

Precinct 33-S
Richard Yoakley School
4415 Washington Pike

Precinct 34
Central High School
5321 Jacksboro Pike

Precinct 35
Shannondale School
5316 Shannondale Road

Precinct 36
Gresham Middle School
500 Gresham Road

Precinct 37
Inskip Elementary School
4701 High School Road

Precinct 39-E
Inskip Recreation Ctr.
301 W. Inskip Drive

Precinct 39-W
Inskip Recreation Ctr.
301 W. Inskip Drive

Precinct 40
Norwood Elementary School
1909 Merchants Drive

Precinct 41
Norwood Elementary School
1909 Merchants Drive

Precinct 42
Pleasant Ridge Elementary
3013 Walnoaks Road

Precinct 43
West Haven Elementary
3620 Sisk Road

Precinct 44
Ridgedale School
4600 Ridgedale Road

Precinct 45
Bearden Middle School
1000 Francis Road

Precinct 46
Knoxville 1st Church of Nazarene
538 Vanosdale Road

Precinct 47-N
Bearden High School
8352 Kingston Pike

Precinct 47-S
Bearden High School
8352 Kingston Pike

Precinct 48
Pond Gap School
4530 Papermill Drive

Precinct 49-N
Bearden Elementary School
5717 Kingston Pike

Precinct 49-S
Bearden Elementary School
5717 Kingston Pike

Precinct 50-N
West High School
3326 Sutherland Avenue

Precinct 50-S
West High School
3326 Sutherland Avenue

Precinct 51
Deane Hill Recreation Ctr.
7414 Deane Hill Drive

Precinct 55
Bearden Middle School
1000 Francis Road

Precinct 56
Copper Ridge Elementary School
2502 E. Brushy Valley Road

Precinct 57
Bethany Baptist Comm. Ctr.
6705 E. Raccoon Valley Drive

Precinct 58
Copper Ridge Elementary School
2502 E. Brushy Valley Road

Precinct 59
Brickey-McCloud School
1810 Dry Gap Pike

Precinct 60
Halls High School
4321 E. Emory Road

Precinct 61-E – NEW LOCATION
Faithway Baptist Church
4402 Crippen Road

Precinct 61-W
Halls High School
4321 E. Emory Road

Precinct 62
Hardin Valley Elementary School
11445 Hardin Valley Road

Precinct 63 – NEW LOCATION
Karns High School
2710 Byington Solway Road

Precinct 63-N
Karns Elementary School
8108 Beaver Ridge Road

Precinct 64
Pellissippi State Comm. College
10915 Hardin Valley Road

Precinct 65-E
Ebenezer United Methodist Church
1001 Ebenezer Road

Precinct 65-S
Ebenezer United Methodist Church
1001 Ebenezer Road

Precinct 65-W
Faith Lutheran Church
225 Jamestowne Boulevard

Precinct 65-SW
Faith Lutheran Church
225 Jamestowne Boulevard

Precinct 65-N
Farragut Primary School
509 N. Campbell Station

Precinct 66-NE
Farragut Middle School
200 West End Avenue

Precinct 66-NW
Farragut Middle School
200 West End Avenue

Precinct 66-SE – NEW LOCATION
Korean Church of Knoxville
108 Farlow Drive

Precinct 66-SW
Farragut High School
11237 Kingston Pike

Precinct 67
Cedar Bluff Middle School
707 N. Cedar Bluff Road

Precinct 68 – NEW LOCATION
Election Commission - Downtown West
1645 Downtown West Blvd, Unit 40

Precinct 68-E
Cedar Bluff Public Library
9045 Cross Park Drive

Precinct 69-E
Bluegrass Elementary School
8901 Bluegrass Road

Precinct 69-N
West Valley Middle School
9118 George Williams Road

Precinct 69-S
Northshore Elementary School
1889 Thunderhead Road

Precinct 69-W
A.L. Lotts Elementary School
9320 Westland Drive

Precinct 70-E
Amherst Elementary School
5101 Schaad Road

Precinct 70-W
Ball Camp Elementary School
9801 Middlebrook Pike

Precinct 71
Rocky Hill Elementary School
1200 Morrell Road

Precinct 72-E
Crown College
2307 West Beaver Creek Drive

Precinct 72-W
Crown College
2307 West Beaver Creek Drive

Precinct 73-E
Powell High School – Clark Duncan Complex
2136 W. Emory Road

Precinct 73-W
Powell High School – Clark Duncan Complex
2136 W. Emory Road

Precinct 74
Shannondale Elementary School
5316 Shannondale Road

Precinct 76
Sunnyview School
412 Bagwell Road

Precinct 78
Marbledale Baptist Church
5935 Thorn Grove Pike

Precinct 79
Mt. Harmony Baptist Church
6500 Strawberry Plains Pike

Precinct 80
Corryton Comm. Ctr.
9331 Davis Road

Precinct 81
Gibbs Elementary School
7715 Tazewell Pike

Precinct 82
Arminda Comm. Ctr.
2501 Ellistown Road

Precinct 84
Ritta Elementary School
6228 Washington Pike

Precinct 85
East Knox Elementary School
9315 Rutledge Pike

Precinct 86
Carter Elementary School
8455 Strawberry Plains Pike

Precinct 87
Odd Fellows Lodge Hall
10103 Thorngrove Pike

Precinct 89
Mount Olive School
2507 Maryville Pike

Precinct 90
South-Doyle High School
2020 Tipton Station Road

Precinct 92
Gap Creek Elementary School
1920 Kimberlin Heights Road

Precinct 93
New Hopewell Elementary School
757 Kimberlin Heights Road

Central Absentee Ballot Counting Board
109 Lovell Heights Road

Central Provisional Ballot Counting Board
109 Lovell Heights Road
Meets November 6

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Election Commission – Downtown West
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PRECINCT 77 has merged with PRECINCT 78.
If you live in what was Precinct 77, you now vote at:
Precinct 78
Marbledale Baptist Church
5935 Thorn Grove Pike

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