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Team Mannis for Mayor greet early voters at The Love Kitchen Friday. Early voting for the new Knoxville mayor and four city council seats began Wednesday, October 16 and ends October 31. The General Election is Tuesday, November 5.

Pension suit delayed until December 19

By Mike Steely
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Knoxville attorney John P. Valliant has apparently been hired by Mayor Glenn Jacobs to represent the county in the class action suit against the county in the Retirement and Pension Board case. The suit was filed on September 10 and the county given 30 days to answer. Valliant filed a motion on October 10 to extend the time to answer the suit. A November 21 date was set on the Chancery Court docket but was then changed to 9 a.m. on December 19.

Knox County Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom said he was notified about the hiring of Valliant and the county mayor's office confirmed the hiring Friday afternoon.

The court docket also indicates that a separate motion, filed by John Owings, has been received asking that he be approved to enter the lawsuit on behalf

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City may seek \$1.5 million for new transit buses

By Mike Steely
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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday evening it takes up a variety of issues ranging from approving Mayor Madeline Rogero's nominees to city groups to seeking \$1.5 million from the state to purchase three transit buses.

The council will consider Leslie Henderson and Matt Teglas as appointees to the Board of Environmental Appeals and reappointing Jennifer Stone to that group. Roger also wants approval to name Eric Johnson, Jack Sherrod, Judy Mullins, Morgan Wilson and Millie Ward to the Neighborhood Advisory Council, replacing Danny Gray, Donnie Ernst, Anna Compton, Terrell Patrick and Travetta Johnson.

Ordinances on second and final reading include moving \$15,000 from Save our Sons to Penultimate Development for its leadership program and \$900 from the same fund and donating it to Next Step Initiative for block parties. Other Save our Sons funds, \$3,600, may be approved on first reading for Vine Middle School's Real Talk Program to expose young men to education beyond high school, STEM careers and college tours.

Name changes of streets and alleys include changing part of Walter Taylor Street to "Taylor Homes Road;"

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School Board Debates Deferment of Lonsdale MOU

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

Other than the many presentations and awards given to board members and principals, most of last Wednesday's BOE meeting dialogue revolved around the topic of two current schools (Sam E. Hill E.S. and Lonsdale E.S.) and one new school to be built. Once announcements of upcoming meetings were noted and Knox County Commissioner Evelyn Gill was welcomed by Board Chairperson Susan Horn, members discussed a change to agenda item 11F. The item stated as "Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Knox County and the City of Knoxville for the transfer of the Lonsdale Park Property from the City of Knoxville to Knox County and the transfer of the Sam E. Hill Primary School property from Knox Co. to the City of Knoxville for the design, construction and operation of a new Lonsdale Elementary School" was requested by Board Member Jennifer Owen to be deferred. Owen made this request so a provision could be added to prohibit any possible use of the property for a private or charter school in the future.

"The bottom line is that if we agree to move the property without any



PHOTO BY CARLY HARRINGTON.

The BOE and Superintendent Bob Thomas recognized member Terry Hill with an award for her countless hours of service as the board chairperson during the 2018-2019 school year at the Oct. 16, 2019 regular session meeting.

restrictions, then we are basically opening it up for another charter school that we will be paying millions for," Owen said with concern.

In opposition, Board Member Patti Lou Bounds declared, "I don't like the idea of having the restrictions on the property."

When Board Member Evetty

Satterfield asked how the timeline of the project would be affected should the item be deferred, Knox County Schools Chief Operating Officer Russ Oaks answered, "I don't think it would have any delay with the project itself. I think an amendment of that nature may have some of the other bodies may

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Brad Anders to take over as Executive Director of 9-1-1 Center

By Bill Howard

At the quarterly board of directors meeting of the Knox County Emergency Communications District (the 9-1-1 center) on Oct. 16, board chair Mayor Madeline Rogero announced that Brad Anders would succeed Alan Bull as executive director. Anders, who has been on the Finance Committee and was hired over 27 other candidates, will start October 21. His two-year term, which can be extended upon evaluations, pays \$135,000 per year, plus benefits.

"We're gonna do some things

different," said Anders, who also serves on the county commission (for one more year). "I think we're gonna have a longer-term vision of just doing the day-to-day stuff. The team inside the center is phenomenal. There's some improvements we can make in our training, some improvements in our policies that will continue to improve our already good district. My goal is to keep the momentum moving forward."

Legal counsel Don Howell gave the board an update on a lawsuit Knox County is involved with along with other counties. "For a

number of years our district and a number of other districts have been involved in litigation against various phone service providers," Howell said. "They're not collecting the fees that are supposed to be provided by various phone providers. They didn't properly collect or remit the service fees they're required to by state law."

Howell said the county owes \$11,968.50 as part of the expenses associated with the litigation. "In order to get the case ready for trial you have to retain experts," he said. "This is our share of the cost of retaining

those experts in the litigation. One of the defendants is Level 3 Communications. These are normal expenses to prepare our case."

According to Howell, the case is set for trial in March next year, and several million dollars are at stake. "We're saying they didn't collect the 911 fee on their bill, or that they didn't remit it back to us," Howell said. The board approved the payment.

During the Finance Committee meeting, Anders informed fellow members of the plan to upgrade the system's technology

infrastructure. He requested \$75,000 for the change.

"I got to looking at our IT on the Admin side," he said. "Now the CAD (Computer Aided Design) side we feel is completely safe. On the Administrative side we're in bad shape. We've got Windows XP computers in the building. We started talking about what it would take to get us up to speed. Our website and our internet are provided by Knoxville Internet. It's very difficult to use."

"My desire was to get everybody up to Windows 365, and

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Mannis, Kincannon talk taxes, baseball in debate

By Mike Steely
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Both candidates for Knoxville mayor praised current Mayor Madeline Rogero during the Compass-WUOT forum Tuesday night at the Change Center and both spoke of having worked for Rogero.

Mayor Rogero reaffirmed to The Focus last week that she is not endorsing anyone in the race to replace her.

The forum was hosted by Scott Barker of Compass and Brandon Hollingsworth

of WUOT.

While Eddie Mannis stressed his business experience outside city hall, Indya Kincannon highlighted her 10 years on the Knox County Board of Education, serving three times as chair. The candidates took similar positions on the homeless problem and both said they would only consider raising taxes if the need arises or as a last resort.

Kincannon noted that the past two mayors, Rogero and Bill Haslam, raised taxes during their first terms

and said she has no immediate plans to do so but added she "wouldn't put it off the table."

Mannis said the city is in a "good financial position" but said that \$75 million in additional debt has been added. "If I do," he said of a tax increase, "It's because I've gone through every line item in the budget and only then."

Asked about the 287(g) enforcement of reporting immigrants arrested in the city and sent to the Knox County Jail, Mannis said the

city police will not be asked to profile citizens when stopped for minor offenses. He said the city should be "civil to all."

Kincannon said that "public safety needs to be for everyone" and pledged to "do everything I can" to see the police department has "everything it needs." She said the police should not be profiling people.

Both candidates said they can work well with the five council members not up for re-election and both Mannis and Kincannon praised the

City Council Movement and the slate of three candidates from that group in the city council race.

Asked about city support to possibly locate the Smokies baseball team to Knoxville, Mannis said he will "take a look but not put the burden on taxpayers or saddle the city with a huge debt."

Kincannon asked who would benefit with a minor league field in town and asked if the benefits outweigh the cost. If so she said, "I'm for it."



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Mayoral candidate Eddie Mannis told the Change Center audience that people stopped for routine traffic violations will not be profiled.

Both candidates said they would reorganize the city administration, and rename or create new departments.

New City Council will have a female majority

By Mike Steely
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The gender makeup of Knoxville's City Council will definitely change whatever the outcome of the current election. As of November 6th the future mix on that nine-member body will be at least five women and maybe more.

Currently serving on city council are Stephanie Welch, Seema Singh, Lauren Rider and Gwen McKenzie. The four men leaving because of term limits are Mark Campen, George Wallace, Marshall Stair and Finbarr Saunders. Saunders is vice mayor so the new board will also be selecting a member to serve in that position.

The only seat on the new council that is certain to be male is in the 5th District where Charles Al-Bawi and Charles Thomas face each other.

Two women, Amy Midis and Amelia Parker, face each other in the At-Large Seat C contest, assuring



Four new members of the Knoxville City Council will be chosen in the current election. Four of the five men on the current council will be replaced. At least one new woman will join the four current women councilmembers. Who will the other three be? Will women have a super majority on the new council?

the election of at least one more female to sit on the council. But the two remaining At-Large contests have both genders contesting.

Janet Testerman faces David Hayes in the Seat B contest and Lynne Fugate faces Charles F. Lomax Jr. for the Seat A position.

If Fugate and Testerman both win, the balance on the city council would be seven women and two men.

Another new factor in this city election is that some of the candidates are members of a faction aimed at capturing the city leadership. The City Council Movement, an East

Knoxville faction with progressive ideas and opposition to too many issues passed or proposed by the current council, may or may not influence the political makeup of the new council.

Parker, who drew the most votes in the primary for Seat C, is a member of that group as are Hayes and Al-Bawi.

The strength of this insurgent group shouldn't be underestimated given the election of Seema Singh. Although she usually votes with the majority, Singh has her moments when she speaks out against issues and reflects much of the City Council

Movement's positions.

The female majority on the future city council will have to work with the new mayor. That race is between a progressive Democrat, Indya Kincannon, and a progressive Republican, Eddie Mannis. The city elections are non-partisan but the undercurrents of that race have very political undertones.

Will the social policies that term-limited Mayor Madeline Rogero put in place continue? Probably, give the public statements and past positions taken by Kincannon and Mannis, but there are some differences.

Will the staff of the mayor's office change? Probably more so under Mannis than Kincannon but both candidates worked for Rogero as staff members and both have nothing but good words for our first female mayor.

Mayor Rogero told The Focus last week that she plans to make no endorsement in the mayor's race.

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changing a former alignment of Western Avenue between Keith and Tennessee Avenue to "Sterchi Street;" and naming an unnamed alley between Keith and Richmond Avenue to "Joseph Schofield Street."

The council may also vote to adopt the John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study. Recommended by the planning commission the action would amend the Knoxville-Knox County General Plan, and the South County and East County Sector Plans.

Two zoning changes are also before the council for final approval. Property at 210 Jackson Avenue may go from C-3 Commercial to C-2 within the Downtown Design Overlay and property at 4654 Holston Drive may go from C-3 to R-1 Residential. Both zoning changes were supported in an 11-0 vote by the planning commission.

The council will also consider approving \$21,800 in Neighborhood Small Grants to support

community building efforts by seven neighborhood organizations. It could also authorize the mayor to sell Reagan Investments Inc. property at 2122 Harvey Street for \$15,000 within the city's Homemaker's Program.

Ovation Food Services, doing business as Sparta Food Services and Hospitality, may be approved as the food and beverage service provider for the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum and at Chilhowee Park.

Renovations at the Cal Johnson Recreation Center may get an additional \$24,373 in a contract with Preen Construction LLC, upping the current repair contact to \$504,836.

Council will discuss whether or not to apply for a grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation to provide \$1,537,500 to Knoxville Area Transit for 2020 IMPROVE ACT grant assistance, with a city match of up to \$512,500, for the replacement of three transit buses.

Brad Anders to take over 9-1-1 Center

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get all our computers compliant for security reasons. Some of our computers have not been security-protected in a long time. A full year (of everything we need) would be roughly \$75,000. We really need to clean up our IT side. I was quite astounded when I came in and saw where we were at." Anders's motion was approved.

Also at the finance meeting, committee chair John Fugate wanted a motion to ensure the Center was operating efficiently.

"We want to make sure people are doing what they're supposed to be doing," Fugate said. "We want to make sure people's salaries are not overlapping. We want to make sure that some people who need help, we can shuffle them around so they can get help. I wanna put that in the form of a motion, that

we do a best practice audit to make sure we're getting what we're paying for."

Anders explained the details of Fugate's request. "We're looking for job descriptions and pay scales and things like that. We'll go out and get proposals and set the guidelines for the next budget year. We'll get proposals to see what it would cost for an HR company to come in here and see what we're getting."

"That money (to hire an HR firm) maybe cheap compared to what we're losing through inefficiency," said Fugate. The motion carried.

The center's next meeting is Jan. 15 next year. For Rogero, it was her last; the new city mayor will be sworn in in December. "I want to thank everyone," she said. "It's been a pleasure... well, no, it hasn't always been pleasant," she said, laughing.

School Board Debates Deferment

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the school wings, the core of the Sam E. Hill E.S. would be used by the parks and recreation department for meeting space and educational space, and the recreation center would be in the new Lonsdale school. He stated the community will get a new park, a new space for community meetings, a new school, and new playgrounds.

When Board Member Kristi Kristy asked if any alternative sites had been found for the school, Oaks answered, "We have not identified an alternative site that would be in Lonsdale as suitable as the park property."

Satterfield spoke for a handful of her constituents who have been clear that "they don't want another Emerald in their community." She detailed, "I don't know where to support this because I see both sides." Board Member Mike McMillian asked if the restrictive language could

be lifted at a future time and received an affirmative answer by Dupler.

The motion failed with a vote of 5-4 to not defer the proposed Lonsdale MOU. Members Tony Norman, Virginia Babb, McMillan, Kristy, and Chairperson Horn voted not to defer.

The MOU is an agreement that allows Knox County and the City of Knoxville to swap properties in order to make a new Lonsdale elementary school possible, therefore adding the Lonsdale Park to the campus of Lonsdale School.

The Tennessee PTA Awards were addressed next on the agenda giving members Babb and Terry Hill a special honor for their outstanding service. The BOE recognized Hill with an award for the countless hours she sacrificed as board chairperson during the 2018-2019 school year.

Superintendent Bob Thomas commended the schools in the county as

having top honors in Tennessee as Reward Schools. For the 17 schools named, the principals for each school received a Reward School banner and those in attendance stood with their district board member and the superintendent for a photo. The awarded schools were: L & N STEM Academy, Christenberry E.S., Bearden E.S., Northshore E.S., Rocky Hill E.S., Sequoyah E.S., West Hills E.S., Shannondale E.S., Farragut Intermediate School, Farragut M.S., Farragut H.S., West Valley M.S., Hardin Valley Academy, Halls E.S., Gibbs E.S., Bluegrass E.S., and Carter H.S.

Board policies, grants, and regular agenda items were approved with a secondary discussion regarding 11F resulting in the unanimous vote to approve the proposed Lonsdale MOU.

The next BOE work session will be in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building on Oct. 30, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.



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Publisher's Position

The City Election - Knoxville's Future at Stake



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to the new stuff you may not know about.

Let's examine the two new things from out of state consultants hired by Mayor Rogero and our own Knoxville-Knox County Planning staff have come up with. First new idea is to move the Tennessee Valley Fair somewhere out of Chilhowee Park, then with our fair gone the city should spend between \$80 million dollars to \$100 million dollars to "upgrade" the Chilhowee Fair grounds. By upgrade they have higher density mixed-use apartments in the scheme.

Is there nothing mixed-use apartments can't do? How did Knoxville survive for 228 years without this special type of urban zoning which makes Knoxville look like New York City? With all the problems that come from northern urban environments being forced into southern suburban neighborhoods. City residents did not ask for mixed-use apartments but the out of state consultants told us "everybody else is doing it." And just like Asheville, North Carolina wants to become Austin, Texas and just like Austin, Texas is trying to become San Francisco the madness has come to Knoxville to be something we will never be and never wanted to be.

So what happens to those folks who live next to Chilhowee Park? Will they get gentrified so more of the much coveted mixed-use apartments can be built? Does this mean that some of them could lose their homes in the name of "progress?" Is this acceptable to the people of Knoxville? Creating a problem and then providing an

expensive solution for taxpayers is a hallmark of the Rogero administration.

In The Knoxville Focus September 22nd edition we had a Publishers Position called, "How Knoxville makes affordable housing worse" which reported, "What Mayor Rogero did not say is that how Knoxville does affordable housing actually makes affordable housing worse. The way Knoxville does affordable housing is actually corporate welfare for businesses that specialize in getting grants, Tax Increment Financing, Payment in Lieu of Taxes, from the city of Knoxville and then HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) grants and payments. Then fifteen years later the cycle starts over as the HUD agreement has run out and instead of renewing for another HUD period, the business owner remodels and reopens with higher, market-rate rents forcing people out of affordable housing and creating the need for the next round of corporate welfare. Does that seem to be a reasonable way to provide affordable housing? Exacerbating the problem while claiming it is being solved."

This gentrification war in Knoxville is no different. The vision of this Rogero "make Knoxville better" is a war on lower middle income people and the poor. Don't worry though; Mayor Rogero has a solution suggested by out of state consultants and backed by Knoxville-Knox County Planning and its Executive Director Gerald Green; Permanent Supportive Housing, like the Ten Year Plan that failed under

Mayor Bill Haslam. The Ten Year Plan failed because it would have cost over \$110 million dollars. It would cost a whole lot more today.

So the trajectory the city is on is to create homelessness and then fix it with the most expensive solution possible, suggested of course by out of state consultants and our own planning commission.

The latest land grab for Permanent Supportive Housing (the old Ten Year Plan) is to take city park land from neighborhoods like is happening right now to the Parkridge community as the city breaks promise after promise to change part of Caswell Park to non-park land so it can be gifted to Volunteer Ministries for Permanent Supportive Housing.

Sadly there is the second new big idea from our own Knoxville-Knox County Planning staff which makes no sense at all. In a planning commission "study" it is claimed that Knoxville has too much parking available. It was parking that revitalized downtown Knoxville and now our ace team of planners want to take parking away? Our Planning Commission has suggested that this "excess" parking be converted to parks and of course mixed-use apartments. See a trend here? Taking park land and parking for mixed-use apartments in HUD speak is called "land recycling." HUD believes that automobiles are bad for cities and that walking, biking, and buses are better for the environment. Mayor Rogero was the HUD grant writer for Mayor Haslam. Indya Kincannon was the HUD grant writer for Mayor

Rogero. They both see the world through HUD lenses. Maybe that is the problem? Think about the number of small business that will be wiped out if voters allow this scheme to go forward. Think of the small businesses that were sacrificed on Cumberland Avenue and now Magnolia Avenue with these ridiculous Rogero road reductions.

You need to understand something very important. This gentrification cabal of Mayor Rogero, city council, appointed city law director, appointed planning commission members, and employees of the city and the planning commission have a stated goal that is in writing in various city documents to double the population of the city of Knoxville and reduce the carbon footprint of the city by 80% by 2050.

Can you believe those two goals are possible together? Or do you think a new more realistic course must be charted for our city? Ask yourself this, will you co-operate with this new vision of planning that reduces parking so you have to walk several blocks from your car to do your shopping or get a meal at your favorite restaurant? Or will you find shopping choices and restaurants that have parking next to them even if you have to travel outside the city?

Do you sometimes feel like a lab rat in a social experiment created by the city administration, out of state consultants and our own planning commission? We've been told to make Knoxville better we have to accept news ideas like Recode and mixed-use apartments everywhere.

In this new vision to make Knoxville better it seems innocent people and businesses get hurt and all of us have to accept new draconian ideas that reduce our choices and our freedoms.

This Knoxville mayoral election is absolutely crucial to the future of our city. Candidate Indya Kincannon is running as the third term of Mayor Madeline Rogero. Kincannon says in her candidate video that, "We've taken our city to the next level but there some people waiting to have their turn. I want to make sure we remain affordable with a high quality of life for everybody." Kincannon enthusiastically supports Recode, housing for the homeless in every neighborhood, HUD mixed-use development and all that it will bring. Does Kincannon support the old adage, "to make an omelet you have to break a few eggs?" Her mentor Madeline Rogero does. Recode, the road reductions and bike lanes everywhere have proved that already.

The other mayoral candidate, Eddie Mannis, has a people-centric vision in his campaign, "Our Knoxville must be people-focused. Knoxville has to be a city that recognizes that people are at the heart of everything we do. Customer service has been central to my career both in business and as a community leader, and as mayor, I will strive every day to deliver on the expectations of all of our citizens."

Knoxville voters will choose the future of this city. Here's hoping they will choose wisely.

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of the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board. That decision to authorize him to represent them came after a closed-door executive meeting of the Pension Board that Owings, the board

attorney, offered and received permission, after the private session.

The pension board, however, is not a party in the suit.

The class action suit, Christ Etters et al. vs. Knox County, is asking

if the commission and mayor have the powers to grant additional retirement pay beyond what

the Knox County Charter permits. Commissioner Richie Beeler has a discussion item on Monday's

commission agenda to direct the outside hired attorney to seek the "sole legal issue" and not

spend taxpayer money in an attempt to dismiss the case prior to a court ruling.

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At-Large Seat A candidates answer Focus questions

By Mike Steely

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The Knoxville Focus has asked questions of candidates for At Large Seat A and here are their answers:

What do you think of the THEVERYMANY structure going up on Summit at the Cradle of Country Music Park?

Lynne Fugate: In 2008, Mayor Haslam established the Public Arts Committee to bring the arts into the public landscape and I support having a Public Arts Committee. While people can disagree about whether or not they like a particular piece of art, I do believe that we should have public art. I also prefer the Public Art Committee, comprised of citizens, to decide what pieces are selected rather than City Council or a member of the Mayor's administration making the selections.

Charles Lomax: Public art plays an important role in creating and displaying the distinct character of our city. We want to create spaces that are interesting, inviting, and functional. In doing so, I believe that it is important that any project be subject to serious cost-benefit analysis and measured with the specific needs of our city. The city should engage the public in what projects our citizens believe will enhance our city and should, whenever possible, prioritize using local artists and contractors. This particular piece is extremely important as a result of its location alone. Based off of the preliminary renderings I've seen, I am hopeful that it will contribute significantly to our city as a whole and will serve as yet another element of what makes Knoxville a great place to live, work, and play.

Make a comment on body cameras for city police officers.

Lynne Fugate: I support City Council's decision to research the deployment of body cameras for police officers. I believe that cameras are beneficial to the officers and citizens of Knoxville. On September 6th the FOP came out in support of body cameras for KPD and as the only large city in Tennessee to not use body cameras, I believe the time is right for us to move forward with this.

Charles Lomax: I support body cameras for the Knoxville Police Department. Body cameras are a useful tool in creating accountability, transparency, and accurate information necessary to support building trust and healthy relationships between law enforcement and the communities they are charged to serve. While body cameras are an effective tool, they are not the only tool. We must continue to recruit officers from diverse experiences and backgrounds, train officers in cultural competency, build relationships with community partners, and strengthen our community policing model. Additionally, we should also consider how we could strengthen the capacity of the Police Advisory and Review Committee.

Should foreigners stopped by police and jailed at the county jail be run through ICE?

Lynne Fugate: KPD does not ask about immigration status when interviewing suspects. When individuals are arrested and taken to jail their information is run through a database to check for any and all outstanding warrants. Because the jail is run by the county and Knox County participates in 287g the database

also includes warrants from ICE.

Charles Lomax: While the jail system is operated by the Knox County Sheriff's Department, the Knoxville Police Department houses inmates there and should therefore bear some responsibility and influence over the policies that govern detention. I do not believe that local law enforcement should be used to do the administrative and/or enforcement work of the federal government, especially when that work is not critical to the safety and wellbeing of our community. Our local law enforcement officers are already stretched extremely thin, and they do not need additional responsibilities as such. I am, and have been, opposed to the implementation of 287(g) in our community. Fear of deportation will make our immigrant neighbors (documented and undocumented) less likely to report actual incidents of crime or access other help they may need. This ultimately makes our community less safe and pushes to the shadows individuals who are already marginalized.

Does East Knoxville get the same care and attention as the rest of Knoxville? Please explain.

Lynne Fugate: In the past this may have been the case, but the City has recently been investing more. There is streetscape work going on one end of Magnolia Avenue and there will be a new plan for Chilhowee Park at the other end unveiled soon. This work combined with a plan to rework the Rutledge Pike and Magnolia Avenue intersection should greatly improve the prospects of more private investment in East Knoxville. My plan for creating a fund to help with the purchase and renovation of buildings

for owner occupied businesses would further the redevelopment of East Knoxville.

Charles Lomax: No. Unfortunately, East Knoxville is often stigmatized and disparaged in our community. The formative years of my life were spent in East Knoxville, and my family proudly called East Knoxville home. I know its value, its history, its culture, and its spirit. East Knoxvillians deal with a lack of amenities and services that are in abundance in other parts of our city. The absence of businesses means an absence of job opportunities and other needed resources. As a city, we must be intentional about encouraging small and medium-sized companies to locate to East Knoxville, while we simultaneously work to build public-private partnerships that result in significant investments in infrastructure and economic development. East Knoxville's growth and development MUST be designed to include the residents who have historically been the lifeblood of the community instead of pushing them out. We must learn from our past so that we don't make the mistake of repeating it.

What do you think about taking part of Caswell Park to be used for homeless housing?

Lynne Fugate: I absolutely support VMC in their desire to provide supportive housing in our city because it is truly needed. However, I do have concerns about the property the City has offered VMC for this project. The desire to preserve green space in an area that does not have much and is currently zoned as park land is reasonable. I would be in favor of looking for alternate sites to see if the project could

work there. All options should be explored before rezoning park land.

Charles Lomax: Admittedly, I have struggled with this. There are valid arguments to be made from both sides, and I have taken the time to hear all of the concerns from community residents as well as from the city. I am in agreement with the community that the process should have been more transparent from the beginning. I also stand in agreement that East Knoxville overwhelmingly bears the brunt of developments as such and that we need to look at other areas within the city for affordable and supportive housing. Our parks are important, and should be highlighted and promoted as assets and resources in our communities, especially in East Knoxville where parks are at a minimum to begin with. I have struggled with this, because all that being said, I still have to consider the plight that we are currently facing as a city. Our population continues to increase, wages continue to be stagnant, our access to health and support services continues to be limited, our inventory of affordable housing continues to underserve the need, and the number of individuals facing homelessness will likely continue to increase. We must do all that is within our power to meet the need for more housing. I strongly support recreational and green spaces, but permanent supportive housing is an effective method of meeting the needs of our community and it is my belief that housing is one of our most urgent needs. The location is not ideal and it would be my hope that other locations could be evaluated, but the need cannot be overlooked.

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Will Tennessee Valley Fair leave Chilhowee Park?

Study shows up to \$111M needed to update park

By Mike Steely
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Most people who have visited Chilhowee Park and Exhibition Center in recent years know that the 81-acre East Knoxville complex needs work. Options for the future of the often unused

park are before the city now as a study by a consulting firm, Conventions, Sports and Leisure International (CSL), was made public Wednesday evening at the Jacobs Building at the park.

A sizable crowd turned out to hear Chip Barry, Knoxville's Deputy Chief of Operations, introduce representatives of the consulting firm. The biggest surprise recommendation by the firm is the suggestion that the

Tennessee Valley Fair should be relocated somewhere other than Chilhowee Park.

Currently the city supports Chilhowee Park with an \$800,000 budget. The facility, along with the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum and the Knoxville Convention Center, is operated by SMG and Chilhowee Park would be a bigger money pit without the income from the other properties.

The cost of a total rebuild of Chilhowee Park was estimated to cost from \$81 to \$111 million.

CSL and Barry said the first priority, before anything should be done, is to fix the flooding problem there. Barry stressed that the recommendations by the consultants do not include solving the flood but look beyond a yet-unresolved problem, to what could be changed at the park.

CSL's Bill Kruger said that

Chilhowee Park is ideal for holding events that could not be held any place else in Knoxville. He described the park, including Zoo Knoxville located next door, as a destination and very important to the surrounding neighborhoods.

An ongoing public survey of ideas and on-site study came up with possible changes at the park including adding more greenspace, expanding the lake,

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Meet the staff at the Knox High independent living community. From left to right are: Riley Wallman, Leasing Consultant; Vicky Dixon, Assistant Director; Amber Burchett, Executive Director; and Becky Williams, Event Planner. Located in one of Knoxville's most beloved historic landmarks, Knoxville High apartments are luxurious, full-service and surprisingly affordable.

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with their unique needs. By allowing customers to shop multiple carriers at once, SouthEast Insurance Services helps them find cost-effective insurance and product solutions.

SouthEast Bank President Monty Montgomery said, "We are excited to offer affordable insurance to the communities we serve. Our goal has always been to provide services that assist individuals and families in reaching their goals. The addition of SouthEast Insurance Services gives customers the ability to shop around their insurance costs without leaving the comfort of their home and, hopefully,

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Getting to know

Don Dare

By Mike Steely
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You may know Don Dare as the "6 On Your Side" television reporter or as a WATE Anchor, but there's much more to Dare than you may know. The Knoxville Focus sat down with him for a chat recently in order for our readers to get to know the man a bit better. What you may not know is that Dare was a tap dancer as a child and, appropriately, was raised in a small Pennsylvania town called "Media."

Dare is a very involved individual, a local TV star, and an experienced

reporter. Asked what he does in his free time he said, "I run, I run in 5K races."

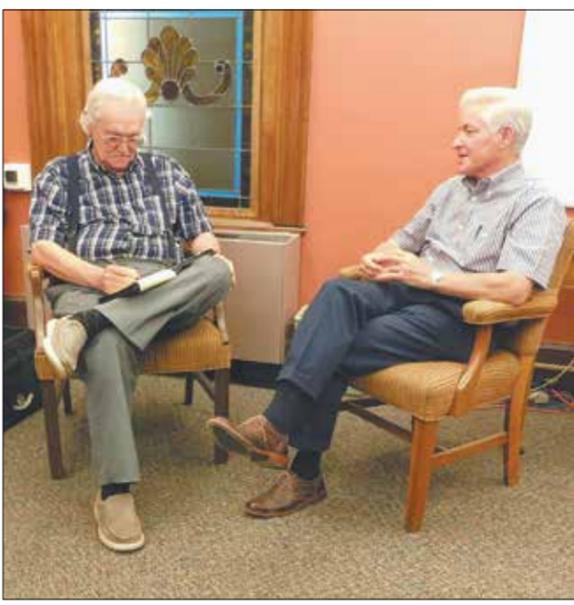
He said both of his parents were avid newspaper readers. In 1956 he said his mother was chosen out of the audience on a TV show hosted by Ed McMahan and he said, "I decided at 10 years old that's what I wanted to do."

"I like to tell positive stories," Dare said, explaining he likes to warn people of scams, expose people when it can prove crimes, investigate stories, and "be fair."

Dare's been with WATE

since 1996 after he traveled to a Boy Scout camp in Johnson City. He was, at that time, back in Miami for eleven years and was getting frustrated with changes in that community and was reporting on murders "two and three times a week." So, he sent tapes out of his experience.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts for speech and theater from North Carolina Wesleyan College in 1968, Dare volunteered in the Army and was trained as a combat engineer before attending Infantry Officer Candidate School. He was commissioned as



Focus reporter Mike Steely sat down with Don Dare recently to get to know the man beyond his WATE position. Dare talked about how he got into television, his family, and his history with the Boy Scouts.

After returning from Vietnam, he obtained a Master of Arts from the University of Georgia. While at UGA, he was a graduate assistant teaching writing courses and working with the University's PR Department producing and reporting TV stories for "The Georgia Report."

Completing his degree, he went on to work in TV news in Nashville, Miami, St. Louis, Los Angeles and back to Miami. Like many reporters Dare moved about the nation for

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By Ronnie Collins

company I worked for we put in 55-60 hour weeks. It was not an easy job but it was a good job.

After I retired I did lay around doing pretty much nothing for about three months. I really was getting lazy. I decided I

had had enough. I started walking every evening at East Town Mall. I enjoyed getting out of the house and having something physical to do again. It was not as demanding as the work I had done, but it was satisfying to get moving. I did this for a while and increased my distance as I got used to it.

When it warmed up I moved

to New Harvest Park and walked the walking trail there. I probably walked a mile or two each day. After a while I met a lady from the neighborhood, Nancy Gray, that was walking also. We got to talking about the area and started walking together. She had just gone through breast cancer and was walking to build her strength up. We walked together every day.

After a while when it got so hot it was hard to do much walking, we decided to move to morning walks. We are still walking together six mornings a week. We now meet at 6 a.m. and do five laps around the Target Shopping Center on Washington Pike, two laps around the New Harvest Park trail, and then do two laps around



In 2012 Ronnie Collins weighed 430 pounds. After band surgery and losing an additional 100 pounds while walking Ronnie now walks every morning. These contrasting photos show the weight loss as he poses with former UT Coach Bruce Pearl.

the pond trail across the street from the park. It comes to around 5-6 miles every morning. As long as it is not raining, or below 37 degrees, you will find us

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Rosie's World

Let it rain!
Let it rain!
Let it rain!

Yes, it finally rained. Not a whole lot but enough to make the flowers and other flora give a sigh of relief. And it also has gotten cooler, making it seem that autumn is finally arriving. Whenever I think of rain, I think of Noah, that great shipbuilder in the Bible. The story of Noah and the Flood is a familiar one it is often recounted as one of both God's anger with humanity and God's covenant with Noah. But it's also a story of faithful waiting.

When Noah follows God's command to build an ark, there was no sign of rain. The people around him think he's crazy, but Noah persists, patiently following God's instructions. Scripture does not tell us what Noah does or thinks while waiting for the storm to cease and the waters to recede, but we know that, "Noah did everything the Lord commanded him."

Waiting faithfully is always an act of hope and trust in God. There are many instances in our lives when waiting is part of our daily curriculum. When we're young, waiting seems to last forever. Waiting for summer, waiting to graduate from school, waiting find the right mate in life, the list goes on and on. To wait on the answers to our prayers is a never-ending journey that we feel will never end. But God eventually

answers them according to His purposes.

If life would commence on an even keel with rain, snow, sun, heat, and cold evenly distributed, we wouldn't have to be patient, but life is not like that. This is why patience and waiting enters our lives. If one doesn't have patience, then the events that happen will not be appreciated as they should be. Remember, "Curiosity killed the cat" but my grandmother always added, "But patience brought him back."

Thought for the day: We will never learn to be brave and patient, if there was only joy in the world. Helen Keller

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Best friends

By Ralphine Major
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Perhaps it is this time of year--in the fall--that has caused me to look back at some old photos. Or, perhaps it was my brother's recent birthday celebration that reminded me of earlier times. It could be because this year marks the 25th anniversary of our father's death. Perhaps, it is a little of all these and more that prompted me to stop in the middle of my workday and reflect on days that have long ago passed us by.

When I was younger, I often walked around our barnyard with my camera in hand. The animals were great subjects most of the time. Horses seemed to cooperate the best. Penny came to our farm from neighboring Grainger County. The young boy she belonged to wanted a



Picture of Penny and Jenny, by Ralphine Major

motorcycle and decided to sell the beautiful bay mare with a black mane, black tail, and black feet. My brother bought her. When Penny became too old to ride, Wayne kept her for a pet. For the next 25 years, Penny lived out her days on our farm. Our father wanted a jenny, or female donkey. "Jenny" as we called her was one of the last animals to arrive on our farm. Her tall ears and loud

bray was a sharp contrast to Penny's shorter ears and soft nicker, but the donkey and the reddish-brown mare became best friends. They were always together--in the barnyard, grazing on the hillside, or drinking from the pond.

Penny and Jenny. The two best friends brought us much joy through the years. An old snapshot of the two brings much joy to us now.

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Will Tennessee Valley Fair leave Chilhowee Park?

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have up to 50% greenspace and water. Other ideas include commercial buildings and a farmer's market along Magnolia Avenue, a new building for park administration, and a new pavilion.

Finding a new area for the fair, estimated at needing 90 to 100 acres in the city, is estimated to cost \$20 to \$25 million. The renovations, repairs and upkeep for the existing park over the next three year period was estimated at \$3,490,000

Barry stressed that there's no plan adopted by the city at present. He urged the public to respond with ideas to www.knoxvilleletn.gov/chilhoweeplan.

Public comments at the meeting included one citizen calling the proposals "a pipe dream."

CSL recommending renovating the park to create new event facilities, seeking out private business partners and a possible mixed-use development that would include offices, restaurants and residential housing.

A new amphitheater, to seat 3,500 attendees, could be built facing the lake with hillside open lawn seating that could accommodate up to 7,500 people.

Building a new multi-use facility of at least 30,000 square feet was suggested as well as turning over the Jacobs Building to a private investor for use.

The group said the current park has too much paved area when it should

Tennessee's Hermitage District, IV

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Congressman Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. seemed to have everything going for him; the only child and namesake of long-time congressman and late Speaker of the House Joseph W. Byrns, had defeated a reasonably popular incumbent inside the Democratic primary in 1938. Young Joe Byrns seemed a favorite of the House leadership, all of whom had known and liked the elder Byrns. Congressman Byrns had already been given several opportunities unusual for a freshman representative, including a rapid promotion to a major House committee of importance to his district.

The momentum of Joe Byrns' upward trajectory can be pinpointed with his remarks about the monarchs of Great Britain. Few politicians were as shrewd as Franklin D. Roosevelt and the President had calculated a visit by King George VI and his Queen would captivate the American people, especially if the royals seemed like regular people. When the British Embassy announced it would host a garden party in June of 1939, Washingtonians went wild. In the beginning, only a few select members of the U. S. Senate and the House leadership were to be invited to the party. It quickly became clear there would be a violent mutiny by Congressional wives unless the guest list was much expanded.

Congressman Byrns met their Britannic Majesties and bragged about wearing a \$12.50 summer suit (the equivalent of about \$231.00 today), but it was comment about the royal couple that horrified a good many Tennesseans. "What a couple of flat tires they turned out to be," Byrns complained. For one thing, most Tennesseans were mortified one would talk about guests in such a way. Even Tennessee's peppery senior U. S. senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, described the King and Queen as "lovely" people. It wasn't long before the young congressman felt some disapproval inside his own district. Sam B. Walker wrote the editor of the Nashville Tennessean to sarcastically suggest Byrns ought to be appointed to the diplomatic corps considering his flair for commentary. Mr. Walker then suggested perhaps Byrns should take the place of Secretary of State Cordell Hull, whom the author strongly suspected the congressman would also consider a flat tire. Walker noted Byrns's opinion of the royal couple was "adverse to the opinions of all other American notables." Sam Walker concluded by writing, "Mr. Byrns should be

crowned with a tire as flat as he is."

The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle published an editorial about the young congressman's remarks entitled, "Poor Manners." The Leaf Chronicle said Congressman Byrns did not represent the vast majority of Americans in having a poor opinion of the King and Queen of Great Britain. The editor of the Leaf-Chronicle pointed out the royals were not the head of state, but rather the "symbols of a great empire." Any discourtesy extended to the monarchs "while they were our guests was a discourtesy to the British Empire and a display of bad manners."

Several Tennessee newspapers, including the Tennessean, contrasted the comments of Congressman Byrns with the "fine and lovely" statement of Senator McKellar.

The Tennessean had its own lengthy editorial castigating Congressman Joe Byrns, Jr. The Nashville newspaper's sentiment was immediately clear when it referred to the young congressman as "Little Joe" and wondered if the Revolutionary War had ended. The Tennessean, in a jab at Byrns' young age, thought perhaps "'Little Joe' had a colic." "At any rate," the editorial snapped, "he has felt himself called upon to add a very sour postscript to Yorktown, to throw one last harpoon into the defeated redcoats, to explode once and for all the nice fancy that in America civilization has reached its apogee..." The Tennessean reminded Congressman Byrns the King and Queen were in America as the invited guests of President Roosevelt and quoted Vice President John Nance Garner, a crusty Texan, as saying King George was a "mighty fine feller" and the Queen to be a "beautiful little lady." "Senator McKellar, the senior senator from your state," the Tennessean noted, "was affable and gentlemanly in his reference to the distinguished guests."

After pointing out no other member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation "saw any 'flat tires' around" Washington, sadly concluded, "It must have been the colic, Joe. We'd hate to think anything else."

Joe Byrns was smart enough to realize his mistake and he promptly sent a telegram to the Tennessean emphatically denying he had made the statement attributed to him by the newspaper. "You have done me a great injustice" for having published the quote purportedly made by him, Byrns complained. "I positively did not make this statement or any one similar at any time." Byrns told



Speaker of the House Willaim B. Bankhead (left) and Congressman Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. standing beneath the portrait of Joseph W. Byrns, 1939.

the Tennessean, "In justice to me you should publish this denial and retract criticism of me which is not merited."

Byrns certainly got a reaction from the Tennessean. Bascom Timmons, one of the best known newspaper reporters in Washington, D. C. asked Lacey Reynolds of the Tennessean's Washington news bureau to provide readers with the details of his interview with Congressman Joe Byrns, Jr. Reynolds said he telephoned Byrns from the press gallery of the House of Representatives "between 4 and 5 o'clock Friday." Reynolds claimed the congressman's secretary put his call through and he spoke to Byrns and wondered what the young man thought about "meeting the King and Queen" and asked for any comments he cared to make. Lacey Reynolds insisted that was when Congressman Byrns made his comment about "flat tires." Reynolds said he was surprised, as it was "the first unfavorable impression of the royal couple among the two dozen or so congressmen I had contacted during the day." Reynolds told Timmons he was "too much surprised to laugh" by Byrns's comment nor was there any indication the congressman was being "facetious" or joking. Lacy Reynold described Joe Byrns, Jr. as being "dead serious." Reynolds had not seen Byrns earlier in the day and asked what the congressman had worn to the reception. Byrns mentioned the \$12.50 summer suit he had bought two years earlier.

Byrns had tried to repair the damage after receiving telephone calls to his office, as well as indignant telegrams. The congressman said the quote was an "unqualified falsehood..." Byrns explained he had seen the King and Queen "face to face less than one minute" and shook hands with both and did not exchange a single word in the reception line. Byrns tried to explain the brief interlude was "insufficient for me to make up my mind either pro or con" about the royals. "They appeared to be a very pleasant couple and the Queen is a much prettier woman than her pictures would indicate," Byrns added.

Nor was Byrns without his defenders. One Herbert Sanborn of Vanderbilt University sent a letter to the editor of the Tennessean, which was vitriolic and insulted the royals anew while throwing a few blows at financier J. P. Morgan and the war debt that remained unpaid by Great Britain from the First World War. It likely did Byrns little good.

Byrns managed to disappear from the headlines for a few weeks and made his "maiden speech" in the House of Representatives on July 11, 1939 following the passing of Congressman Sam D. McReynolds of Chattanooga. McReynolds had been the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and a stalwart of the New Deal. It had been McReynolds who three years earlier had announced the death of Speaker Joseph W. Byrns. Congressman Byrns closed his own tribute to the late McReynolds with the very same words McReynolds had used in closing his eulogy to Speaker Byrns, "My heart is too full of emotion. I can say no more."

Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. had managed to defeat incumbent Richard M. Atkinson by running on a "100% Roosevelt" platform. Atkinson was viewed as being somewhat more conservative than Byrns and had strayed a few times from the New Deal. Byrns, along with two other Tennessee Democrats, voted against the administration "on the crucial vote" for a \$2 billion lending bill. Herron Pearson of Jackson and Wirt Courtney of Franklin, as well as Joe Byrns, Jr. voted with East Tennessee Republican J. Will Taylor against the Roosevelt administration. Jere Cooper, Albert Gore, and Walter Chandler of Memphis supported the New Deal. Byrns told one news correspondent he had voted against the lending bill in the belief it would likely enhance the passage of the housing bill before Congress adjourned. "I am tremendously interested in the housing bill," Byrns said, "because it carries funds for the completion of Nashville's slum clearance program." Byrns stated he felt certain had the lending bill passed, the

housing legislation "would have been defeated beyond a doubt."

Those were not all of Joe Byrns, Jr.'s complaints about the proposed lending bill. "Furthermore," Byrns explained, "the lending bill was, in my opinion, an effort to increase the public debt beyond the limit permitted by law." Byrns insisted "adequate appropriations" for most of what would have been accomplished by the lending bill had already been made by the Congress and "the allocation and approval of projects was left to one man --- the President."

The Nashville Tennessean did not approve. A small editorial the following day published the photograph of three congressional Republicans, including Minority Leader Joseph Martin of Massachusetts. According to the Tennessean, the "Gloat Club" of GOP congressmen in the House of Representatives were positively giddy with delight at the failure of the lending bill and the newspaper was quick to point out those gloating included Herron Pearson, Wirt Courtney, and Joe Byrns, Jr. The Tennessean lamented the three Tennessee Democrats had voted with the Republicans to kill the lending bill "which had already been passed by the Democratic senate" and was "a Democratic measure proposed by the leader of the Democratic party, Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Nashville's other daily newspaper, the Banner was a more conservative publication and owner James Stahlman published an editorial praising Byrns, Person and Courtney. The Banner thought the congressmen "displayed sound judgment, the courage of convictions and a compelling regard for the best interests of the nation when they voted against the President's latest huge lending-spending bill, the fourth measure of that description he had proposed in the name of recovery."

That same week the New Deal, which was facing a coalition of conservative Democrats siding with the Republican minority in Congress, lost a critical vote on the housing legislation that meant so much to Joe Byrns, Jr. Once

again, there was a freshman Democrat apostate who helped to defeat the bill. This time it was young Albert Gore of Tennessee's Fourth Congressional district; the same district that had routinely returned Cordell Hull to the House of Representatives. By a vote of 191 - 170, the House defeated the \$800 million housing bill. Gore was one of 54 Democrats who joined 137 Republicans in voting against considering the housing bill. Gore made his own maiden speech against the housing legislation, which he said was "neither self-liquidating nor low-cost." Gore's speech helped to seal the fate of the bill in the House and the Tennessean bitterly acknowledged the young congressman was "a hero" of the defeat of the housing legislation.

Certainly Albert Gore was no conservative, remaining an outspoken liberal throughout his long Congressional career. Perhaps young Joe Byrns, Jr., like his colleague from the neighboring Fourth Congressional district, simply disagreed with the President and the New Deal administration on a legislative program. Still, there were those that were not ready to forget Byrns had run on a "100% Roosevelt" platform against his predecessor.

Joe Byrns, Jr. returned home to Nashville and began to attempt to mend his political fences.

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What is parole?

You may be watching the news, or reading an article online about a high-profile criminal case and the criminal defendant is found guilty and sentenced to a long prison sentence.



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What the articles and stories usually do not discuss is how much of that sentence the defendant will actually have to spend in prison. Contrary

to popular belief, someone convicted of a crime almost never serves the entirety of their sentence in prison.

For example, if someone is convicted of a crime and they are sentenced to serve 10 years in prison, if they do not have much in the way of criminal history, they will become parole eligible after they have served 30% of their

sentence in prison.

Yes, this may come as a surprise to you, but the person who has been sentenced to a 10-year prison sentence may be out on the streets living their life after only 3 years behind bars. How is this possible? Well, first off, let me tell you that someone is not guaranteed parole at any point while they are in prison. They are only guaranteed the ability to become parole eligible after they have served 30% of their sentence. In practice, most prisoners

are not given parole at their first hearing, and there is no guarantee that they will ever be given parole. If you have seen the movie Shawshank Redemption then you may have seen Morgan Freeman's character go before the parole board multiple times over the course of the movie before he is released on parole.

If someone is given parole that means that they are allowed to leave prison early and serve the remainder of their sentence under

the supervision of a parole officer.

How is parole different from probation? Individuals are almost always given probation instead of going to prison, while parole is given after someone has already served some amount of time in prison.

Probation and parole operate very similarly in that the person must comply with very strict rules in regard to their conduct, living situation, and behavior. If they violate their parole, then there is

a very real chance that they will be sent back to prison to serve the remainder of their sentence.

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Watching unpleasant news

I admit it. I'm addicted to coverage of the political drama that is playing out on the cable networks. No, I'm not a fan of the president, but rest assured that neither am I a fan of those Democrats like Warren and Sanders. I'm



By Joe Rector
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more of a middle-of-the-road guy who eschews the calls from either extreme wing. With that said, the constant airing of information about the fights between parties draws me in. It's not the first time such a situation has captured me.

On January 8, 1973, the Watergate Hearings began. I was in college and too busy to spend much time keeping up with events. That changed on July 23, when President Nixon refused to turn over taped conversations. I was sucked into the coverage and spent as much time as possible watching the televised

hearings.

At the time, I was working a summer job with a construction contractor. He sent me to a house in West Hills where my job was to use a steamer to strip several layers of wallpaper from kitchen walls. On one counter sat a small television. For days, many more than were required for the job, I pulled paper, scalded my forearms with water droplets from the steam, and watched such notable personalities as Sam Ervin, Howard Baker, and Fred Thompson uphold the laws of our country and expose the corruption of the Nixon White House. In the end, I sadly watched Nixon resign from the office and even felt a bit of pity for the man as he waved "V's" to the crowd before boarding the helicopter that would take him off to infamy.

All too soon, the country returned to impeachment inquiries. Bill Clinton, a brilliant politician with a weakness for

women, was in trouble for his actions with Monica Lewinsky. Although these indiscretions didn't lead to an impeachment trial, charges of perjury and obstruction of justice did him in. He remained president when the Senate failed to vote to remove him from office.

I watched the hearings on a limited basis since I was teaching school at the time. I worried what another ouster of a president would do to our country. In disbelief, I watched as Clinton verbally sparred with investigators and hedged answering a question with that infamous line: "It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is." Anyone listening knew that the man was playing games to try to save his skin. He survived the process but has since carried a rather unwanted reputation.

We're back at it. President Trump is now the subject of an impeachment inquiry. Information has come to the forefront just in the last couple of weeks that paints the actions of the present administration in a dim light.

I'm engrossed in the entire thing. The newest information centers around a phone call. It also has tentacles that ensnare the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the Department of Justice, and the president's personal attorney. The president sets off a tweet storm that includes plenty of name-calling and half-truths or lies. We citizens are stuck in the middle to watch the impeachment exercise play out. I suspect that the coming days will produce facts that will seal the fate one way or the other.

I'll watch this debacle until the end. The best outcome will be one that restores the U.S. to its former glory and place in the world. The individuals that loses this debate will retreat to lick their wounds and figure out what went wrong. The truth of the matter is that folks like me who have lived through 3 of the 4 impeachment proceedings are ready for honest, patriotic, qualified leaders in all branches of government.

Why I walk each morning

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out there. The best part of the morning is witnessing the beautiful sunrises in East Knoxville. We have some other walkers that are around, maybe not as early as us, but eventually we have become friends and talk to each other a lot. Plus some of the store employees in the shopping center always acknowledge us.

We look out for each other. We pick up trash. We report suspicious activity. We take care of each other. People sometimes ask Nancy and I why we go so early. It's easy for us. We both are early risers, and we know if we wait much later, we will make excuses to not do it. We just go and get it done.

I will say I have one other reason for my walking. In May 2012 I weighed 430 pounds. I had (lap-)band surgery done in February 2013, after having lost 100 pounds on my own by changing my lifestyle. I now maintain around 255 pounds. I know I could not do this without my walking. It is a big part of how I maintain my weight loss.

Don Dare

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employment.

When he moved to Florida as an investigative and consumer reporter, he began contributing input for his story selections. Don continued being a self-starter after moving to St. Louis where he began reporting medical stories and long-term projects. His reporting and consumer advocacy have earned Dare multiple national awards and recognition.

One of his more memorable stories was in Nashville in 1974. It was the last performance of the Grand Ole Opry at the Ryman Auditorium where he got to interview Maybelle Carter and Johnny Cash. The next day he would cover President Nixon's trip to Tennessee's capital and the new site of the Grand Ole Opry. The years in Nashville endeared the Dares to the state.

Dare began to get

frustrated with changes in the Miami community and having to cover murders "two to three times a week" there.

He asked his wife, Lynn, where they had been the happiest over his many years in the media and she said "Tennessee." He sent out tapes and his resume and was hired by WATE in 1996.

"We loved it and the people so much," Dare said of Tennessee. The couple

had met when both were students at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. She is a retired Gresham Middle School teacher.

Known in Knoxville now as a supporter of Boy Scouting, Dare said that began because he had been a scout as a youth but didn't become an Eagle Scout. His son, Brent, has that honor, is a UT graduate and is now the IT manager for Doctor Bob Overholt.

"I got involved with the Scouts in my 40s as a Scoutmaster while working in Florida. In 2007, I helped re-charter and start Pack 55 at Fountain United Methodist Church. I was the Cubmaster, also a Den Leader, and later Scoutmaster of Troop 55. Four of the six members of my first cub den went on to become Eagle Scouts." Dare has assisted scouts putting together TV stories at various jamborees

including national and international events.

When asked if he has any regrets, Dare said "I would like to have been kinder to people with what I've said to them."

How would he like to be remembered?

"As someone who cares for people. We've tried to give a voice to people who don't have a voice," he said.

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Farragut edges rival Bearden 14-7

By Alex Norman

As always, the Battle of West Knoxville was hotly contested. As almost always, this matchup had major playoff implications.

On Thursday, October 17th, the Farragut Admirals got a monster game out of senior Alec Keathley and found a way to outlast the Bearden Bulldogs 14-7. The

win puts Farragut in control of their own destiny for second place in Region 1-6A, and the home playoff game that comes with it.

"We are so proud of these guys," said Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney. "On a short week and coming off a tough loss to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, to come back and beat a

good Bearden team."

On the Admirals opening drive, they got a 40-yard gain down the home sideline by Alec Keathley to the Bulldogs 26-yard line. On the ninth play of the drive from the Bearden 11, quarterback Gavin Wilkinson saw the blitz coming and got rid of the football quickly to Hunter Shopovick. He

broke a tackle on the sideline and then barreled his way into the end zone. The extra point was no good due to a high snap, but with 7:38 to go in the first quarter, Farragut led 6-0.

Both teams exchanged 3 and out drives. But on their next possession, Bearden almost broke through. Senior quarterback Collin

Irons stepped back to pass at his own 45-yard line and hit Hayden Candela at midfield. Candela then broke tackles and ran past nearly the entire Farragut defense until he was finally stopped at the 6-yard line. But the drive would stall. Three running plays got the Bulldogs to the one-yard line. On fourth and

goal, Seth Arana was hit by Farragut's Andrew Doane almost immediately, and the game remained 6-0.

In the third quarter, Farragut (4-4, 3-1 in Region 1-6A) was still up by that same score. On fourth down and 9 at the Farragut 28, Bearden (2-6, 2-2 in Region 1-6A) went for it. **Cont. on page 3**



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Central's Eunique Valentine leaps to try and tackle Carter's Austin Ramsey in the Region 2-5A game Friday night at Central. The Bobcats won 30-10 for their 21st straight victory since last season's state title run began.

Penalties, ejections mar Central's win over Carter

By Bill Howard

What started as a typical, high-school football game - in this case an Oct. 18 clash between Region 2-5A foes Central and Carter at Dan Y. Boring Field - turned into an affair dominated by unsportsmanlike-conduct penalties and ejections.

Central won the game 30-10, but not before two of its players (Eunique Valentine and Isaiah Osborne), and the head coach of Carter (Scott Meadows) were all ejected.

A source who wishes to remain anonymous told The Focus that the official report released from Central High School stated that the players were ejected because each had two

unsportsmanlike-conduct penalties. This is per TSSAA rules.

According to the report, Meadows was ejected because, per the rules, his team received its third sideline warning.

The TSSAA reviews all ejections, and can overturn any it decides to.

"Intense game, kids know each other, it's a regional game...they're fighting for a playoff spot. We're fighting to maintain a top spot in the region," said Bobcats' coach Bryson Rosser. "I don't know, man... as far as flag and penalties and stuff goes, I'm not a ref.

"It got a little out of hand at times I thought. Kids were being kids, but ultimately my guys won. They did what

they had to do to get the W, and we stay in control of our destiny."

It looked early on that the game would be a Bobcat rout. Taking the opening kickoff, Central (8-0, 4-0) drove 70 yards in seven plays to take a 7-0 lead. On the drive, quarterback Dakota Fawver hit Isaiah Osborn for 22 yards, Jonathan Mynatt for 29, then scored on a two-yard keeper.

After forcing Carter (3-5, 1-3) to punt, Central took over on its 32. On the first play, Fawver found Liam Fortner, who had gotten wide open deep, for a 68-yard touchdown. With 4:26 left in the first, the 'Cats led 13-0. For the game, Fawver was 10 of 22 for 153 yards and one score through

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Lady Bobcats get elusive district soccer title

By Ken Lay

Central High School's girls soccer team has had a magical run over the last three seasons and on Thursday night; the Lady Bobcats captured one of two things that had been eluding them.

And that was a district tournament championship.

Central nabbed the crown with a 7-0 victory over Carter Thursday night at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

"This one has been a longtime coming," said Lady Bobcats' coach Bill Mize. "We always ran in to Catholic."

Central (10-5-2) has made two consecutive trips to the state sectional round where it has lost to Seymour. Now, the Class AA State Tournament is the only thing the Lady Bobcats lack on their lofty ledger.

While the Lady Irish, who moved to Division II after last season, had captured the district crown in 2017 and 2018, Central won the region title with a 1-0 victory over Catholic in 2017.

"Two years ago, they beat us badly when we played them in the regular season," Mize said. "We lost to them in a close game in the district tournament.

"Then in the region, we won 1-0 and (goalkeeper) Ashton (Blair) stopped everything they shot."

Now a senior, Blair had five clean sheets in District 4-AA regular-season and tournament matches. She's one of the county's top netminders.

But in the 2019 district tournament, she's played in the field, where she scored two goals.

She had a marker against the Lady Hornets Thursday night. She also scored in Central's 7-0 semifinal victory against Fulton Tuesday night in Fountain City.

Blair, who also plays basketball at Central, will continue her soccer career at East Tennessee State next season.

Against Carter, Lyric Fowler and Kyleigh Haught had two goals apiece.

Against the Falcons, Haught and Lily Wilds each tallied twice while Blair, Fowler and Dani Makres had a marker each.

Central will host Grainger Tuesday night in the Region 2-AA Tournament and Mize said he expects a tough match from the Lady Grizzlies.

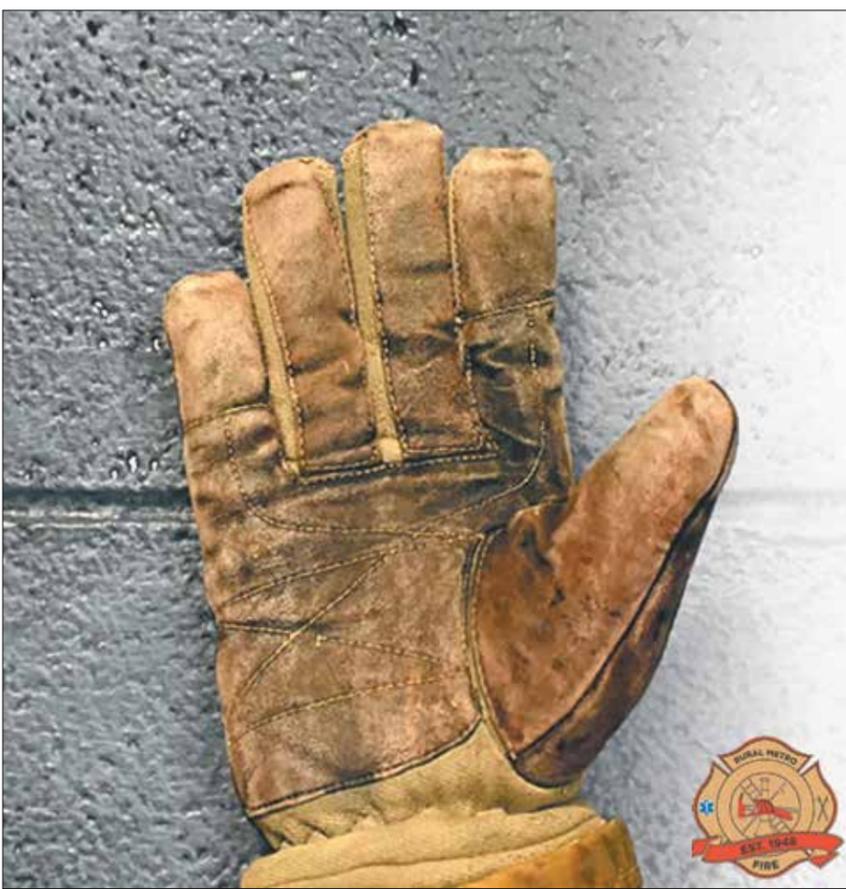
"They're a good team," he said. "They're big and they're physical. It will be a tough game for us."

They Lady Hornets will travel to Corryton to face Gibbs in the other regional semifinal.

In District 3-AA: Gibbs claimed the championship with a penalty kicks shootout win over Grainger.

In that match, the Lady Grizzlies scored first before the Lady Eagles tallied the equalizer and the match ended in

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Mozingo takes blame for CAK's heartbreaking loss to Boyd Buchanan

By Ken Lay

A dream start turned in to a nightmare finish for Christian Academy of Knoxville's football team last week and when the dust had settled, Warriors' coach Travis Mozingo took responsibility for the team's collapse.

"This one's on me," Mozingo said after watching his team squander a big lead in a key Region II-AA East Region tilt Friday night. "Anything we could screw up, we screwed it up and the blame's on me. I've got to do a better job coaching our guys.

Things couldn't have begun better for the Warriors, but things went downhill as CAK dropped a 37-34 decision to Boyd Buchanan Friday night at Warrior Stadium.

CAK took a 31-7 lead midway through the second stanza when senior kicker Zander Tonkin kicked a 33-yard field goal.

The Warriors (6-2 overall, 2-2 in the region) saw things begin to unravel after Tonkin's first successful field goal attempt with 5 minutes, 8 seconds remaining until halftime.

The Buccaneers (7-1, 3-1) stopped CAK on downs with 1:55 remaining in the second stanza, and on their ensuing possession, they scored on just one play and pulled to within 31-21 when quarterback Eli Morris connected with Karson Gay on a 40-yard scoring strike.

And the Bucs were far from finished. They blocked a punt from Tonkin and took over on the Warriors 5-yard line. Boyd Buchanan scored two plays later on Morris' third touchdown pass of the night with 29 seconds left in the half.

CAK, still leading by double digits, took the kickoff in the third quarter but went three-and-out. But the Warriors would make the next big play on defense when Grant Sterchi recovered a Buccaneers fumble on the Boyd Buchanan 39.

From there, the Warriors moved to the Bucs 33-yard line but had to settle for another short field goal by Tonkin that made the score 34-21.

But CAK's joy was short-lived. The Warriors surrendered a safety on a bad snap on a punt with 3:51 remaining in the third frame and had its lead cut to 34-23.

CAK quarterback Ryan Degges threw an interception early in the final frame and that set up a Boyd Buchanan score that pulled the Buccaneers to within 34-30.

The Bucs scored the eventual game-winner when Matthew Stone scored on a 2-yard plunge with 4:46 left in the game.

The Warriors had one last gasp but that went awry when they turned the ball over at the goal line while driving for a potential game-winning touchdown of their own.

While things didn't go CAK's way in the end, the Warriors got four touchdown runs from Jarvis Stockton Jr. to help them open a 28-7 lead.

CAK suffered a heartbreaking setback but the Warriors can't brood on it for long as they face a tough road test against Grace Christian Academy this week and the Rams (7-1, 4-0) enter the game in sole possession.

"We've got a big one (this) week because Grace has had this one circled on their calendar for a longtime," Mozingo said. "I've got to do a better job coaching. I've got to do a better job coaching our punt team up.

"Our punter thinks this is his fault. The kid who fumbled at the end thinks this is his fault but it's all my fault and this is all on me."



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Powell defenders Colton Webb (15) and Jordan Brown (7) wrap up a West player in the Panthers' 21-20 overtime win over the Rebels Friday night at Haworth Field and Scarbro Stadium in Powell.

Daniel's stop in overtime keeps Powell unbeaten

By Steve Williams

The play may long be remembered as The Stop in Powell High football lore.

Senior tackle Jackson Daniel smashed West running back Isaiah Mattress' 2-point run attempt from the 1½ -yard line in overtime Friday night to give the Panthers a 21-20 victory in the battle of unbeaten.

"It was an open hole," said the 330-pound Daniel, describing the collision on the game-deciding play. "Me and him looked at each other and it was inevitable it had to happen.

"He's a great running back. He's a strong guy, but I knew I was stronger and I knew I was going to make the play. I was confident in myself."

West Coach Lamar Brown made the decision to go for two and took his extra-point kicking unit off the field after Powell committed an encroachment foul. The offside penalty moved the football half the distance to the goal from the 3-yard line.

"If we were out there still playing and had that same situation, I would do the exact same thing," said Brown. "I believe in our offensive line. I believe in Isaiah Mattress. You've got to give Powell credit. They

made a heck of a play."

Powell, now 8-0 overall and 5-0 in Region 3-5A, can wrap up the regular season championship with a win over visiting Oak Ridge in this week's Rivalry Thursday TV game. West (7-1, 3-1) will be looking to bounce back at Fulton.

"Our kids came out played with unbelievable heart and emotion and just did a tremendous job of laying everything they have on the line," said Powell Coach Matt Lowe.

"That game turned out on who was going to make that one play. Either they were going to win on that play or we were.

"Jackson Daniel shot the gap, made the big hit and was able to pull him down. And that is one heck of a running back coming downhill. For him to make that play, that's an unbelievable testament to Daniel."

The clash between the Panthers and Rebels in the Jungle was physical and filled with penalties.

"A lot of times these games don't live up to the billing, but this one sure did," said Brown. "That was two really good football teams playing against each other."

West drew first blood when Mattress, a 6-1, 196-pound junior, bolted

off left tackle and raced 39 yards to score with 7:27 showing on the first quarter clock. Freshman Tyson Siebe drilled the extra point through the uprights after an illegal procedure foul.

Interceptions were exchanged later in the quarter. Freshman Gianna Magdos picked off West quarterback Baker Dance to give Powell the ball at its 34. Cooper Shymlock stopped the Panthers when he picked off quarterback Walker Trusley's pass and the Rebels took over at their 40.

Cole Judy completed the aerial madness with his interception that gave Powell good field position at the West 39. The Panther offense couldn't take advantage of it, but versatile Bailor Hughes backed up the Rebs with his punt inside the 1.

Powell cashed in on the field position on its next possession when Corrian McIntosh scored out of the "jumbo" package from the 1. Judy's PAT kick tied the score at 7-7 with 9:09 remaining in the second quarter.

The Panthers took the lead before halftime when Trusley connected with freshman Adarius Redmond on a 34-yard 50-50 ball. Judy's PAT made it

14-7.

A strip by Gage Foster and a recovery by Judy at the West 49 gave the Panthers another shot in the final minute of the half, but three Trusley passes fell incomplete.

Both teams had long drives in the third quarter but couldn't score.

West's defense stopped Trusley for no gain on fourth-and-one at the Rebels' 37 at the start of the fourth quarter. Soon afterward, a 28-yard touchdown catch by Shannon Blair down the left sideline and Siebe's PAT kick knotted the score at 14 with 10:19 left.

West drove the ball deep into Powell territory late in regulation but lost a fumble with 44 seconds remaining.

Powell went on offense first in overtime. Hughes ran for seven yards around right end on first down and Jordan Brown scored from out of the "jumbo" formation on the next play. Judy's PAT made it 21-14.

West answered on first down in its OT possession, with Mattress galloping into the end zone on the right side from 10 yards out. But on the ensuing 2-point try, he ran into Daniel.

Penalties, ejections mar Central's win over Carter

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athletes, they made some good plays," said Rosser, referencing Carter's kickoff return. "We just had to get the ball back and we returned the next one for a kickoff return. I'm proud of my guys the way they fought through adversity from different angles."

The game took another unusual turn at the start of the second half. Hornets' running back Ken Cox took the kickoff on the five and ran 95 yards untouched for a touchdown. With 15 seconds gone in the half, the Central lead was down to three.

For 21 seconds, that is. On the ensuing kickoff, Osborne returned the favor, going up the right sideline for a 77-yard touchdown. The missed PAT made it 19-10, 'Cats.

"We know they have

out on top." Central hits the road Friday to play South-Doyle, a game with huge implications for the 2-5A standings. Carter travels to Gibbs. Rosser is glad to move on from Friday night.

"You never wanna see something like that happen," he said, referring to the game's ugly side. "You don't wanna take the game out of the hands of the kids. You never wanna see it happen that way, but again, just proud of our guys the way they fought through adversity and came out on top."

"Another big region game on the road," Rosser said. "It's the kind of game everybody's been looking forward to. We'll be excited and ready to go next week."

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Lambert, Rosser and Winiger receive ET Careacter Star awards

By Steve Williams

Three from Central High School – J.D. Lambert, Bryson Rosser and Dave Winiger – are recipients of the 2018 East Tennessee Careacter Star Awards and were honored prior to the Bobcats' home football game Friday night.

Lambert received the East Tennessee Athletic Director of the Year award, Rosser the ET Football Coach of the Year award and Winiger the ET Support Staff award.

Winiger has been the "ball boy" at CHS football games for 37 years.

"I'm extremely honored and proud on behalf of the Careacter Star team to be honoring these three tremendous and honorable men at Central High," said Dave Moore, founder of the Careacter Star program. "And this is the first time we've had three individuals at the same school to receive the awards."

Earlier this season, Jason Perry of The Roane County News was recognized as the East Tennessee Sports Writer of the Year prior to the playing of the 100th



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Central High's J.D. Lambert is congratulated by Dave Moore, head of the Careacter Star program, on being named the 2018 East Tennessee Athletic Director of the Year prior to the Central football game Friday night.

football game between Rockwood and Harriman.

Oak Ridge High also had two award winners announced earlier, with Barry Saunders receiving the ET Assistant Coach of the Year award and Terra

Davenport the ET Trainer of the Year award.

Leonard Scarbro of the Clinch Valley Football Officials Association will receive the East Tennessee Officials of the Year award at this Friday's football

game at Clinton.

Scarbro has been officiating high school sports for 38 years. He also has donated his time to referee the annual post-season Careacter Star Community Service Games all seven years at Grace Christian Academy.

STATE GOLF: Farragut's girls brought home the silver last week in the Large Class division, after finishing just two strokes behind Station Camp. The Lady Admirals totaled 300 and Station Camp 298 over the two rounds at WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester.

Lynn Lim of Station Camp was the individual champion medalist with an even par 71-73-144. Farragut's Lexanne Halama tied for third place with a 74-73-147.

The Lady Admirals' Aynsleigh Martin placed 11th with a 78-75-153 and Lindsay Ott tied for 20th with an 82-85-167.

In the Large Class boys' tourney, Farragut placed fifth with a 36-hole team total of 654. Champion Franklin totaled 602.

Individually, the Admirals'

Lance Simpson placed ninth with a 72-75-147. Carson Kamman of West tied for 25th with a 78-81-159. Crockett County's Jaden Zimmer took first place with a four-under par 70-70-140.

STATE RINGS: Members of the 2018-19 Bearden boys' basketball team received their state championship rings Sunday, Oct. 13, in a ceremony in the BHS Gymnasium.

All of last season's players were present for the occasion except for Trent Stephney, who is away at school at UNC-Asheville, where he's on the basketball team.

CROSS COUNTRY: Callie Tucker of Catholic and Savannah Rivera of the Knoxville Ambassadors each posted a time of 19 minutes, 6 seconds to win the girls' Large School and Small School 5,000-meter races, respectively, in the Ashe Park All Comers meet last week.

In the boys' Large School division, Catholic's Riley Smith finished first with a time of 17:05, while

the Ambassadors' Carter Rivera won the individual winner in the Small School division with a 17:18 time.

In the team competition, the Oak Ridge girls took top honors among Large Schools, followed by Catholic and Hardin Valley Academy. The Knoxville Ambassadors' girls team took first place among Small Schools, with Northview Academy second and L&N STEM Academy third.

HVA's boys took first in the Large Schools race, followed by Oak Ridge and Catholic. Alcoa, Webb and Knoxville Ambassadors finished 1-2-3 in the boys' Small Schools team event.

The Region 2 cross country meet will be held this Thursday at Victor Ashe Park as individual runners and teams compete for state berths in Division I.

A LOOK AHEAD: Regular season football titles could be on the line in Week 10 when Central invades South-Doyle in Region 2-5A and Grace Christian Academy hosts CAK in the Division II Class AA East Region.

Farragut edges rival Bearden 14-7

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But Ironside was sacked by Keathley. It looked like the Admirals would pad their lead, but Keathley fumbled, and it was recovered by Reed Frederick at Bearden's own 27.

They marched down the field and on fourth and 8 at the Farragut 31, Ironside launched the football to a wide-open Candela for a touchdown. And after a nine play, 73-yard scoring drive and with 3:21 to go in the third quarter, it was 7-6 Bearden.

But the Admirals punched back on the final play of the third quarter. Gabe Hensley ran under the right side for a 27-yard score. They'd convert on the two-point conversion on a Wilkinson/Keathley hook up, and took a 14-7 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Bearden's best chance to tie the game with just over

three minutes to go at the Farragut 31. Ironside was hit from behind by Eli Purcell. The ball popped free and Keathley recovered it at the Bearden 29 with 2:54 remaining.

"We didn't want to bring our defensive ends off the edge because they can run the draw," said Courtney. "We did a great job getting off blocks and our linebackers could play coverage and contain so it was big to be able to make that play."

From there the Ads ran out the clock with a couple of first downs and won the game 14-7.

"We talked all week about if we can't be first, we've got to be runner up," said Courtney. "Winning the region is one of our goals. Bearden had won the last two weeks and had momentum going their way."

On Friday it'll be another

rivalry game for Farragut as they make the short trip to Hardin Valley Academy, while Bearden will hope to bounce back at home against Morristown West.

"The (Bearden) rivalry means so much to both teams who know each other. The coaches have a lot of respect for each other."

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Shannon Blair
10th grade WR at West High School

The West Rebels shut out the Clinton Dragons 42-0 in the Week 7 game that opened with Blair's amazing 70-yard kickoff return in the first seconds.

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Tyler Bost
12th grade LB at Central High School

The Battle of Black Oak Ridge ended with a Central victory over Halls, 45-3. Bost counted eight tackles, four assists and three sacks.

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Lady Admirals' season ends with heartbreaking loss

By Steve Williams

Farragut came about as close as a team can get to the TSSAA state volleyball tournament without getting there.

The Lady Admirals were within one point of extending a five-set battle with Daniel Boone High into extra play, but the Lady Blazers' Greyson Stevens hustled to the ball and directed it over the net and out of reach of Farragut players for the match point Thursday night at Farragut's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

The result: joy on one side, disappointment on the other.

The sectional contest really could have gone either way. Both coaches agreed to that.

But Boone headed back to upper East Tennessee with the victory by a score

of 23-25, 26-24, 21-25, 25-19, 15-13.

The Lady Blazers (29-6) will travel this week to the state tournament at MTSU in Murfreesboro. As they pass the Campbell Station Road exit on their way, some of them may very well think back to the win over Farragut and how close the battle with the Lady Admirals had been.

"The one thing I would say about this team is they keep fighting and keep fighting," said Farragut Coach Susan Davidson, fighting back tears. "In the fifth set we were down quite a bit and we could have shut the door and gone home. But these kids came back and were resilient. And to play five sets against a really good team like Daniel Boone and come up short two points ... (it was a) great season."

Farragut finished 22-17. "This was a good team all around and we hung with them," said Farragut senior co-captain Alexis Cosey. "When it came down to it, we were still fighting, but it wasn't that little push that we needed. Everyone was fighting their best and we gave it our all because our goal was to make it to state."

Boone Coach Chelsea Baker said "momentum" was the key to the win. "Farragut was a great team. They were great blockers, great defensively."

After winning the first set, the Lady Admirals started the second set with a 7-0 run.

The Boone coach called timeout and told her team in the huddle: "It is all about heart."

The Lady Blazers then went on an 11-point run of their own. "They flipped it around and got some momentum going," said Baker.

Boone led most of the way in the deciding set and won a controversial point at the net to go up 14-11 - one point away from the victory.

Farragut senior Lauren Loveday answered with a return shot to an open spot in the middle of Boone's defense and sophomore Ellie Ackerman's block cut the deficit to 14-13.

Stevens scored her match winner on the next play, after a great save by Loveday had kept the ball alive.

"She stepped up big time

in the middle," said Coach Baker of Stevens. "She had 17 kills, which is phenomenal for her. She did amazing."

Laken Jones also had 23 digs for Boone.

Loveday led Farragut with 18 kills, 15 digs and 11 blocks. Sophomore Kate Priest stood out with 15 kills and four blocks. Reese Schroeder had 36 digs and 25 assists. Ackermann contributed 15 kills and 11 blocks. Ashley Hilbelink added 19 assists.

WEST FALLS: Knoxville West travelled to Kingsport for its Class AAA sectional and was eliminated by Doby's-Bennett 25-12, 25-13, 25-7. The Lady Rebels had one of their best seasons in years, posting a 28-9 record.

GIBBS BOWS: Coach Sarah Sharp's Eagles played in Kingsport in the Class AA sectional round, losing to Sullivan South 25-22, 25-21, 25-11, which ended their season at 16-15.

DIVISION II: Catholic, Concord Christian School and The King's Academy were scheduled to host state quarterfinal matches Saturday. Webb School was eliminated at Tipton-Rosemark 3-2 in an earlier first-round match last week.

REGION PLAY: Gibbs defeated host Alcoa and Central lost to Anderson County 3-1 in the Region 2-AA semifinals. AC won over Gibbs 3-1 in the finals.

Seymour was eliminated by Elizabethton 3-0 in the Region 1-AA semifinals.

Lady Bobcats get elusive district soccer title

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In District 3-AAA: Top-seeded Oak Ridge outlasted Powell 1-0 at Oak Ridge. Both teams advance to this week's Region 2-AAA Tournament.

In District 2-AA: Emma Houser had a hat trick to lead the Seymour Lady Eagles to a 7-0 victory over Pigeon Forge Thursday night.

The Lady Eagles enter Tuesday night's Region 1-AA Tournament seeking a third consecutive trip to the Class AA State Tournament in Murfreesboro.

They'll host Sullivan Central Tuesday while the Lady Tigers will travel to face perennial powerhouse Greeneville in a region semifinal elimination game. Greeneville routed Sullivan Central 9-0 in the District 1-AA Championship game.

In District 2-AAA: Bearden had to work a little overtime to earn its district tournament title.

The Lady Bulldogs, who completed a third consecutive district run downed longtime rival West High 2-1 in overtime at Turner-Allender Field.

Becca Roth scored the game-winning goal in the first extra frame to lead Bearden (15-2-1) to victory. Freshman Brinley Murphy scored Bearden's marker in regulation.

Bearden will host Science Hill Tuesday in the Region 1-AAA Semifinals. The Lady Hilltoppers dropped a 4-0 decision to Kingsport Doby's-Bennett in the District 1-AAA Championship Game.

The Lady Indians will host the Lady Rebels Tuesday in the other regional semifinal.

In District 4-AAA: Hardin Valley edged top-seeded Maryville 1-0 Thursday night at John Sevier Elementary School.

The Lady Hawks will play host to Powell Tuesday night in a Region 2-AAA semifinal elimination match. HVA won the regular-season meeting between the two schools 2-0. The Lady Rebels will travel to Oak Ridge in Tuesday's other semifinals. Match times were not set at press time.

In Division II: Three area sides were still competing in postseason play.

In Division II-AA: Catholic finished as the East Region runner-up. The Irish dropped a 3-0 decision to Chattanooga Girls Preparatory School late last week.

They will play Ensworth on Oct. 26 for the right to go to Murfreesboro.

In Division II-A: Christian Academy of Knoxville outlasted Notre Dame 2-1 Thursday night and Grace Christian Academy defeated Boyd Buchanan in a penalty kicks shootout after the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

The Lady Rams defeated the Lady Buccaneers 4-2 in the shootout.

Our four teams were in action Saturday but results were unavailable at press time. All will also advance to the preliminary rounds of the state tournament.

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Farragut and West go 1-2 in Region 2-AAA

By Steve Williams

A young Farragut High volleyball team, peaking at the right time, surprisingly emerged as the Region 2-AAA champion.

West got its outstanding setter back and also won a do-or-die region semifinal match to qualify for the state's sectional round.

It was indeed a big night for Knox County's two representatives in the region tourney at Wildcat Arena in Oak Ridge last week.

District 4 champion Oak Ridge and District 3 champion Maryville were the victims. Farragut and West had been the district runners-up.

Farragut jumped on Oak Ridge quickly in the first two sets, and then came from behind to edge the Lady Wildcats in a highly competitive third set and win the semifinal match 25-20, 25-20, 30-28 last Tuesday.

The return of Sophie Cain, who didn't play in the district tournament due to an ankle injury, was certainly a factor in West's 26-24, 17-25, 25-19, 25-22 semifinal win over Maryville.

Cain ended up being named the tournament MVP, although West bowed to Farragut in the finals, 25-22, 25-21, 25-18.

"We've been growing," said Farragut Coach Susan Davidson after the win over Oak Ridge (33-5). "We're kind of young, but I'm really proud of the sophomore and junior groups and our two seniors (Lauren Loveday and Alexis Cosey) who have been leading these girls since May, trying to nurture them and build them up."



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Farragut High's Au Amiranee and her teammates on the sideline react as the Lady Admirals score the match point to defeat West in the Region 2-AAA finals at Oak Ridge.

Farragut lost five starters off last year's team, which was region runner-up.

"At the beginning of the season we were playing really individually," recalled Loveday. "About half of our team is sophomores. But my co-captain (Cosey) and I really made an effort to lead the team the best we can and make sure everybody plays as a team. Nobody thought we could make it this far, and here we are. It feels awesome."

Farragut was 17-14 at the end of the regular season and seeded No. 5

in its district tourney. Loveday said that's when the team took off.

"At the beginning of the district tournament we were really surprised, beating people that we didn't beat in the regular season," she said. "We played really well as a team. We had everybody doing their job and no complaints. We had our heads in the right place."

Loveday led Farragut's victory over Oak Ridge. Also shining were Ellie Ackermann, Kate Priest, Cosey, Meg Frank and Au

Amiranee. Reese Schroeder was outstanding from her libero defensive position particularly in the first set.

Amiranee served three straight points, including two aces, to increase Farragut's lead to 14-6 in the opening set.

In the second set, a return point by Cosey opened up a 16-7 advantage. Oak Ridge made a late run to get within three (22-19). But Loveday fired a cross court shot the opposition couldn't reach to end it.

In the exciting third set, Farragut staved off three set points before Ashley Hilbelink set up Ackermann for the match winner.

"I think our girls came really focused," said Coach Davidson. "We had a better synchronization, better coverage and better serves. That gave us an advantage. They hit the ball great. Our back row was really working hard and providing the digs we needed to run some offense."

In the finals, Ackermann, Loveday, Frank and Priest stood out for Farragut.

Hilbelink and Megan Carlton added several nice set shots.

West was powered by Avery Jolley and Cain. Mary Austin Slate had a strong third set.

The Lady Rebels built a five-point lead in the opening set (21-16) but Farragut finished stronger down the stretch and Ackermann ended the set with a kill.

The Lady Admirals never trailed in the second set, although West cut the deficit to two points late (23-21). Ackermann scored and Priest hit an open spot to end it.

Farragut jumped out to a commanding 14-3 lead in the third set and coasted.

West Coach Jessica Lee said Cain and some of her other players weren't at full strength and she told her team to put their energy and emphasis on winning the semifinal match and advancing.

"We might have just run out of gas (in the finals) because we're still trying to recuperate and recover," she said.

Cain, according to Lee, was about "70 percent" in practice the day before the region.

"For her to go out there and play the way she did, coming off that ankle sprain, it's pretty impressive," said Lee. "There are a lot of other athletes that might not be playing right now."

ALL-TOURNAMENT: Ainsley Patrick, Oak Ridge; Meg Mersman, Maryville; Avery Jolley, West; Reese Schroeder, Lauren Loveday and Ellie Ackermann, Farragut. MVP - Sophie Cain, West.

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TSD	OPEN	OPEN	vs. South Haven L, 20-56	vs. South Carolina W, 56-21	vs. Alabama L, 0-38	vs. Mississippi L, 36-60	vs. South Carolina W, 64-24	vs. Florida L, 12-58	vs. TN Heat L, 72-74	OPEN	OPEN
AUSTIN-EAST D1, Class AAA, R2	vs. Knox Webb L, 0-3	vs. Alcoa L, 0-42	vs. Kingston W, 34-22	vs. Fulton W, 70-36	vs. Greenville L, 22-49	vs. Brainerd W, 46-36	vs. Scott County W, 46-10	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman, W, 32-17	vs. Pigeon Forge W, 40-3	OPEN	vs. Northview Academy
CARTER D1, Class 5A, R2	vs. Rhea County L, 6-42	vs. Campbell County L, 21-24	vs. Seymour W, 27-7	vs. Lenior City W, 20-7	vs. Halls L, 18-19	vs. South-Doyle L, 0-42	vs. Morristown West W, 27-21	OPEN	vs. Central L, 10-30	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County
CENTRAL D1, Class 5A, R2	vs. Cleveland W, 51-20	vs. Fulton W, 13-12	vs. Sevier County W, 55-13	vs. Hardin Valley W, 16-7	vs. Seymour W, 49-3	vs. Knox Central KY W, 43-7	vs. Halls W, 45-3	OPEN	vs. Carter W, 30-10	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs
GIBBS D1, Class 5A, R2	vs. Halls L, 21-32	vs. Seymour W, 41-23	vs. South-Doyle L, 17-62	vs. Morristown East W, 31-6	vs. Campbell County W, 42-14	vs. Rhea County L, 0-49	vs. Sevier County W, 55-48	OPEN	vs. Lenior City W, 56-21	vs. Carter	vs. Central
HALLS D1, Class 5A, R2	vs. Gibbs W, 32-21	vs. Karns W, 45-0	vs. Clinton W, 34-26	vs. Union County W, 35-6	vs. Carter W, 19-18	vs. Powell L, 0-49	vs. Central L, 3-45	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 21-49	vs. Sevier County	vs. Seymour
SEYMOUR D1, Class 5A, R2	vs. The King's Academy W, 24-17	vs. Gibbs L, 23-41	vs. Carter L, 7-27	vs. Campbell County L, 13-35	vs. Central L, 3-49	vs. Heritage W, 37-14	vs. South-Doyle W, 7-3	OPEN	vs. Sevier County W, 41-20	vs. Lenior City	vs. Halls
SOUTH-DOYLE D1, Class 5A, R2	vs. Fulton W, 42-3	vs. Grace Christian W, 61-7	vs. Gibbs W, 62-17	vs. Anderson County L, 22-31	vs. Sevier County W, 60-20	vs. Carter W, 42-0	vs. Seymour L, 3-7	OPEN	vs. Halls W, 49-21	vs. Central	vs. Powell
FULTON D1, Class 5A, R3	vs. South-Doyle L, 3-42	vs. Central L, 12-13	vs. Powell L, 0-34	vs. Austin-East L, 36-70	vs. Karns L, 28-20	OPEN	vs. Maryville L, 19-49	vs. Clinton W, 36-13	vs. Campbell County W, 24-6	vs. West	vs. Oak Ridge
KARNs D1, Class 5A, R3	vs. Walker County L, 40-42	vs. Halls L, 0-45	vs. West L, 0-45	vs. Powell L, 6-49	vs. Fulton W, 20-28	vs. Campbell County L, 20-27	vs. Oak Ridge L, 13-60	OPEN	vs. Heritage W, 43-14	vs. Rhea County	vs. Clinton
POWELL D1, Class 5A, R3	vs. Greenville W, 19-17	vs. Anderson County W, 48-36	vs. Fulton W, 34-0	vs. Karns W, 49-6	vs. Clinton W, 48-7	vs. Halls W, 49-0	vs. Campbell County W, 49-6	OPEN	vs. West W, 21-20	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. South-Doyle
WEST D1, Class 5A, R3	vs. Bearden W, 34-31 OT	vs. Farragut W, 24-13	vs. Karns W, 45-0	vs. Jefferson County W, 49-22	vs. Oak Ridge W, 49-22	vs. Hardin Valley W, 52-20	vs. Clinton	OPEN	vs. Powell L, 20-21	vs. Fulton	vs. Campbell County
BEARDEN D1, Class 6A, R1	vs. West L, 31-34 OT	vs. Maryville L, 14-47	vs. Dobyms-Bennett L, 14-39	vs. Bradley Central L, 21-49	OPEN	vs. McMinn County L, 13-37	vs. HVA W, 34-28	vs. Jefferson County W, 42-22	vs. Farragut L, 7-14	vs. Morristown West	vs. Science Hill
FARRAGUT D1, Class 6A, R1	vs. Bradley Central W, 37-30	vs. West L, 13-24	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge L, 14-21	vs. Morristown West W, 42-14	vs. Maryville L, 24-35	vs. Science Hill W, 35-25	vs. Dobyms-Bennett L, 13-38	vs. Bearden W, 14-7	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Jefferson County
HARDIN VALLEY D1, Class 6A, R1	vs. Oak Ridge W, 13-6	vs. Cleveland L, 19-31	vs. Science Hill L, 14-52	vs. Central L, 7-16	vs. Dobyms-Bennett L, 0-42	vs. West L, 20-52	vs. Bearden L, 28-34	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County W, 14-0	vs. Farragut	vs. Morristown West
KING'S ACAD D2, Class A, East	vs. Seymour L, 17-24	vs. Gatlinburg Pittman L, 20-55	vs. Grace-Franklin W, 48-7	vs. Mt Juliet Christian W, 65-49	vs. Webb School W, 77-35	vs. Friendship Christian L, 7-42	vs. Mid TN Christian W, 42-21	vs. Onieda L, 21-28	vs. DCA W, 17-14	vs. Grace Chattanooga	OPEN
CAK D2, Class AA, East	vs. Volunteer W, 36-16	vs. Clinton W, 24-14	vs. White County W, 32-29	vs. Stone Memorial W, 59-20	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 28-14	vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 3-14	vs. Notre Dame W, 26-6	OPEN	vs. Boyd Buchanon L, 34-37	vs. GCA	vs. Knoxville Webb
WEBB D2, Class AA, East	vs. Austin-East W, 3-0	vs. McCallie L, 7-42	vs. Boyd Buchanon L, 21-28	vs. David Crockett L, 21-28	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame W, 26-7	vs. GCA L, 7-14	OPEN	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 42-20	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. CAK
GCA D2, Class AA, East	vs. Stone Memorial W, 34-6	vs. South-Doyle L, 7-61	OPEN	vs. York Institute W, 28-7	vs. Notre Dame W, 35-6	vs. Silverdale W, 36-11	vs. Knoxville Webb W, 14-7	vs. Chattanooga Christian W, 38-21	vs. Trinity Academy W, 47-20	vs. CAK	vs. Boyd Buchanon
CATHOLIC D2, Class 3A, East/Mid	vs. Chuckey-Doak W, 48-0	vs. Highlands Corbin, KY W, 31-28	vs. Ensworth L, 28-33	OPEN	vs. McCallie L, 19-56	vs. Science Hill W, 48-17	vs. Brentwood W, 42-37	vs. West Greene W, 49-7	vs. Baylor L, 20-34	vs. Brentwood	vs. Father Ryan



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FOOTBALL

Week 9

- Austin-East - Kadell Robinson
- Bearden - Carson Hammond
- CAK - Collin Sapp
- Carter - Tim Flack
- Catholic - Karaaz Johnson
- Central - Jaidin Weatherspoon

- Farragut - Connor Lyle
- Fulton - Alex Bodio
- Gibbs - Tyson Merritt
- GCA - Collin Campbell
- Halls - Ty Humphrey
- HVA - Marquette Hayes
- Karns - Devin Sanz
- Powell - Evan England
- Seymour - Nolan Nelson
- South - Doyle - Nate Adebayo

- TSD - Jerry Williams
- TKA - Tyler Mink
- Webb - Jackson Baker
- West - Chase Wells
- University of Tennessee - Tyler Byrd (UT recipient following Mississippi State game)



The Doctor is in

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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Mayhem

On Columbus Day, I read a story about the intrepid Captain who, "in 1492, sailed the ocean blue." (I suspect this was the first historical date I memorized.) But there is more to his story. Before Columbus sailed westward he spent more than a decade trying to convince the King of Portugal and then the King of Spain to fund his expedition to find a westward route to the Spice Islands. Spices such as pepper were highly coveted by Europeans of the renaissance and quite expensive.

Sailing to the Far East from Europe required a long and arduous trip down the western coast of Africa and around Cape Hope, then across the Indian Ocean to the Spice Islands of present day Indonesia. Understandably, an alternative route sailing westward was sought. However, it would be Magellan who later discovered the westward route to the Spice Islands during his

circumnavigation of the world completed in 1522. And Magellan's westward journey would be even more arduous than Columbus' voyage.

Columbus did not believe astronomers of his day who thought the world was larger and farther away than his own calculations. Columbus finally convinced the king of Spain, Ferdinand, and his wife Isabella, to support his adventure. Sailing westward Columbus finally made landfall in the Bahamas and later explored Cuba and the island of Hispaniola. He never found the Spice Islands he sought. Some argue that Columbus persisted in his belief that he had discovered Asia despite the observations of others who concluded that he had actually discovered a "new world" between Europe and Asia.

What if one day you come to realize that your observations and foundational beliefs are wrong?

Could you accept such a challenging reality or would such a new revelation destroy you and proverbially throw you to the floor in a fetal position?

Since I am philosophically Trinitarian, I find three options in most situations. I have told Becky that if we ever find ourselves on the Newlywed Game (Ha, it won't happen!) and Bob Eubanks asks what is my favorite number, she should say three. So to complete Ferguson's philosophical triad, I can conceive that a third option would be to deny the new reality and embrace a delusion.

Paraphrasing Mr. Webster, a delusion is a persistent false belief that is maintained despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Perhaps Columbus was delusional. It is certain that the present day media Democrat leadership and the Democrat media are delusional. Like Ahab chasing the great white whale, Moby Dick, their hatred of Trump has made the Democrats insane and delusional.

Adam Schiff, the Democrat Presidential wannabes, as well as Pelosi and the media have invested so much in the destruction and impeachment of President Trump that they have become lost to reason and observational reality. These people are willing to damage our country and the rest of

us in their obsession to destroy their great white whale, Donald Trump. A characteristic of schizophrenia is delusional thinking. I wonder if it is possible to have "political schizophrenia?"

I love the Allstate Insurance Company's TV commercials that feature a destructive man, a personified Mayhem. The term mayhem is defined as needless or willful damage. Perhaps Swamp Democrats should do their own commercial spots with their new spokeswoman an AOC, who opines Democrats should be willing to lose the 2020 elections to destroy the great white whale. This is delusional and sick. Daily, I pray for these lost and confused souls. In November 2020 we must remember what happens when you elect progressive-socialist-Democrats - Mayhem.

As I pen this essay on a beautiful Thursday afternoon, I remain optimistic in the wisdom and goodness of the American people. A friend of mine sees the world differently than I do. He is an intelligent and thoughtful Christian who is a liberal Democrat. I have assured him (and others) that I do not place him within the ranks of Washington Swamp Democrats or the major news media. Our respectful disagreement on politics is an aspect of tolerance which allows diversity and makes

democracy work.

Like me, President Trump is an imperfect man and a sinner. Early in my marriage I was less careful in my speech and occasionally guilty of profanity. The lovely and grace-filled Becky contributed to my marital enlightenment, decreeing that profane speech was "unacceptable." Actually, profanity is reflective of an impoverished vocabulary - except perhaps when you hit your finger with a hammer.

A common complaint regarding President Trump is his sometimes crass speech. I personally wish that he was more genteel in his verbiage, but he is battling the combined forces of Democrats, the media and the Swamp. Quite honestly, many in Washington make me want to swear. And, under the circumstances of constant lies and the Democrat's endless Presidential coup d'état, I don't know how Trump keeps his tongue as well as he does. I doubt that I would be able to do so. Perhaps I'll ask Becky to write Melania Trump and offer some advice for curbing the President's tongue. However, I did not vote for Trump's elocution. I voted for his execution (elimination) of policy, such as reversing Obama's anti-American, globalist and progressive-socialist dictates.

Recently, I asked a friend how she might act

if her son were viciously attacked. She implied that "Mama Bear" would respond vigorously. As a result, I challenged her premise that Trump's speech is non Presidential and hateful. I pointed out that eight years of unchallenged negative press drove George Bush's approval rating down into the 20s and negatively affected our country. Trump is a Bronx counterpuncher, and if you hit him he will hit back. He's a regular guy just like me. Neither of us are Jesus Christ, who would turn the other cheek.

I really don't know what will happen in the next year other than to warn you that things will be worse in the run-up to the November 2020 election as Democrats become increasingly desperate. It was Hippocrates who once noted that desperate situations often lead to desperate measures. Repeatedly, the Democrats' measures have failed, but they are not finished.

The Doctor's advice in this coming year is to turn off cable news and be skeptical of everything you hear. Sift everything through your conscience and use common sense. Love your family and be kind and tolerant of your neighbors. And always, keep looking up!

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Speaking Honestly

In my daily Bible reading, I was reading in Proverbs 27. Verse six jumped out me: "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses." I think this verse has some great application for our lives today. Most of us like to be around people who make us feel good and happy. We want people to endorse our behavior and encourage us with the direction we are headed. We see this with politicians all the time. They surround themselves with people who obey their every wish and command, and if you think or speak differently on an issue, you are often relieved of your duty.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Yet the Bible points out how important it is to have people in our lives who can speak truth in love to us. There are times we need to be reeled in. Our behavior or actions may be off track, and it is critical at those seasons in life to have someone that can be honest with us. The words might sting, but we need to listen to the

advice and counsel and truly discern if there is truth in them. If you only have people in your life kissing up to you, you are in trouble.

I am reminded of the story of King Solomon's son, Rehoboam. After he took the throne when King Solomon died, King Rehoboam

called in his advisors. He had a dilemma. The people had come to him asking that the harsh labor practices Solomon had inflicted on them be done away with. The people said they would serve him if he lightened the load. King Rehoboam then consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon. He asked for their advice and they told him to be a servant to the people and they would in turn serve him. This was great counsel, but he rejected this advice. Instead, Rehoboam called in his friends who had grown up with him and asked them the same question. They gave opposite advice: make their work even more difficult. He should not show weakness by giving into their demands; he

should cause them to fear him as the new king. Rehoboam listened to his young contemporaries and in turn the people became angry and the nation was divided. The ten northern tribes broke away and became Israel with Jeroboam as their king, while the two southern tribes kept Rehoboam as king and called themselves Judah.

The divided kingdom was a mess. There were continual warfare, idolatry, and heartache between tribes and families. This could have been prevented if young Rehoboam would have taken the advice from wise counsel, even if it hurt to hear. "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed" (Proverbs 15:22). Rehoboam should have taken the counsel

he received and brought it before the Lord. Instead, he just acted without seeking God. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed" (Proverbs 16:3). The Bible speaks of those who don't listen to wise counsel as fools. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline" (Proverbs 1:7).

We can prevent much heartache in our lives if we have friends and family who love us enough to tell us what we need to hear, even if we don't want to hear it. And may God help us to receive the words in the spirit they were given and to then prayerfully discern changes we need to make for our benefit and for others as well.



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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debt and obligations secured to be paid in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Austin Hamilton and Robert Hamilton, to Roger B. Tipton, Trustee, as the same appears of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee as Instrument #20190010022740in the aforesaid Register's Office, to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of the said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof and by failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein, at the option of the owners, Junto Bros. Development, LLC, this is to give notice that P. Timothy Grandchamp, Trustee, will on **November 14th, 2019 commencing at 10:30 AM** at the main entrance of the Knox County City-County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in front of the Small Assembly Room, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, free from the right of equity of redemption, homestead, dower and other exceptions which have been expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, the following described premises:

SITUATED in the second (2nd) civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 15th Ward of the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, being Lot 8, in Block DD, Cold Springs Addition, as shown by map of record in Map Cabinet A, Slides 80-D and 81-A (formerly in Map Book 3, page 106 and 107), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said lot fronting 50 feet on the north side of Magnolia Avenue and running back northerly between parallel lines 175 feet in the south line of a 14-foot alley.

THIS CONVEYANCE is subject to matters depicted or disclosed on map of record in Map Cabinet A, slides 80-D and 81-A (formerly in Map Book 3, page 106 and 107), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS CONVEYANCE is subject to a Storm Sewer Easement of Record in Deed Book 431, Page 420, and to any and all zoning regulations, building restrictions and setback lines, if any, easements and rights-of-way for public utilities of record.

BEING the same property last conveyed to Austin Hamilton and Robert Hamilton, by Warranty Deed from Junto Bros. Development, LLC, said Warranty Deed being dated March 5, 2014 and of record as Instrument #201403110052144 in the aforesaid Register's Office.

ACCORDING to the records of the Knox County Property Assessor said property is identified as Tax ID 082FS022 and bears a street address of **2719 E. Magnolia Ave. Knoxville, Tennessee 37914.**

Said sale will be made as stated above free from homestead and dower rights of the makers of said Deed of Trust and in bar of the rights of equity and redemption as provided for therein, and subject to the restrictions, conditions, easements and encumbrances and any other rights superior to said Deed of Trust which affect the above described property including all unpaid city/county taxes or other liens or assessments. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

P. TIMOTHY GRANDCHAMP
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

Pubs: 10/14; 10/21 & 10/28/2019

COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN E CARPENTER
DOCKET NUMBER 82121-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of JOHN E CARPENTER who died May 21, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF JOHN E CARPENTER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL D CARPENTER;
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
8505 ISLANDIC STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEANNINE BROWN CHAPMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 82243-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEANNINE BROWN CHAPMAN who died Sep 9, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

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

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

This the 2 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF JEANNINE BROWN CHAPMAN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACKSON G KRAMER;
EXECUTOR P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

JACKSON G KRAMER ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARCUS D DAILEY
DOCKET NUMBER 82238-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARCUS D DAILEY who died Aug 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 2 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF MARCUS D DAILEY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES G DAILEY; CO-EXECUTOR
3174 HWY 360
VONORE, TN. 37885

WAYNE RUSSELL; CO-EXECUTOR
516 ENSLEY DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL H ELMORE
DOCKET NUMBER 82172-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL H ELMORE who died Jul 25, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL H ELMORE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY JANE ELMORE;
ADMINISTRATRIX P.O. BOX 53182
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37950

GORDON D FOSTER ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 2428
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-2428

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GRACE M GREENE
DOCKET NUMBER 82245-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GRACE M GREENE who died Jul 20, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF GRACE M GREENE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GLENN STEPHEN GREENE; EXECUTOR
1808 EAST GOV JOHN SEVIER HIGHWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

JAMES S TIPTON ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-1990

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY RUTH HAMMER
DOCKET NUMBER 82253-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY RUTH HAMMER who died Aug 16, 2019, were issued 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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received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

This the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF MARY RUTH HAMMER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CYNTHIA LOU DEADERICK; EXECUTRIX
1201 DEADERICK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

JAMES S TIPTON ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BONNY JO SMITH HICKMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 82241-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BONNY JO SMITH HICKMAN who died Aug 27, 2019, were issued 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 2 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF BONNY JO SMITH HICKMAN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
J SCOTT HICKMAN; EXECUTOR
1510 PLANTATION DRIVE
BRENTWOOD, TN. 37027

J SCOTT HICKMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW
150 3RD AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 1100
NASHVILLE, TN. 37201

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEAN ELIZABETH HOBOCK
DOCKET NUMBER 82192-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEAN ELIZABETH HOBOCK who died May 30, 2019, were issued 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 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF JEAN ELIZABETH HOBOCK
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HEATHER FLESHMAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
1512 SMALLMAN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

TREY JACKSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
250 HIGH STREET MARYVILLE, TN. 38704

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARBARA WILKERSON LUTHER
DOCKET NUMBER 82191-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA WILKERSON LUTHER who died Aug 4, 1919, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF BARBARA WILKERSON
LUTHER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARBARA LUTHER CORDEN; EXECUTRIX
1904 COTTINGTON LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

TREY JACKSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
250 HIGH STREET MARYVILLE, TN 38704

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF VIRGINIA LEE OAKES
DOCKET NUMBER 82173-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA LEE OAKES who died Aug 11, 2019, were issued 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 1 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA LEE OAKES
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JUDITH KAY MCCARTNEY
MEYERS; EXECUTRIX
316 THORN AVENUE
MOUNDSVILLE, WV 26041

REBECCA D ABBOTT ATTORNEY AT LAW
118 HUXLEY ROAD, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF VIRGIE GRIFFIN OWEN
DOCKET NUMBER 82252-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGIE GRIFFIN OWEN who died Aug 18, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF VIRGIE GRIFFIN OWEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CYNTHIA OWEN HUFF; EXECUTRIX
701 CENTEROAK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DELORES FROST SEARCY
DOCKET NUMBER 82236-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DELORES FROST SEARCY who died Jul 4, 2019, were issued 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 1 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF F DELORES FROST SEARCY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOME FEDERAL BANK OF
TENNESSEE; EXECUTOR
C/O KATHLEEN L WALDROP
515 MARKET ST., SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

REBECCA D ABBOTT ATTORNEY AT LAW
118 HUXLEY ROAD, SUITE 7
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT ROY WALLACE
DOCKET NUMBER 82247-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of ROBERT ROY WALLACE who died Aug 7, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 3 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF ROBERT ROY WALLACE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT S COPPOCK; CO-
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
11105 JOINER WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

DANIEL J CHUNG; CO-ADMINISTRATOR CTA
1836 STONEBROOK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

DANIEL J CHUNG ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 1
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY LEE WILHOITE
DOCKET NUMBER 82161-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in

respect of the Estate of MARY LEE WILHOITE who died Feb 26, 2019, were issued 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019

ESTATE OF MARY LEE WILHOITE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SCOTT L WILHOITE; EXECUTOR
10634 RIVERMIST LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

STEPHEN L CARPENTER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARK STEPHEN WYATT
DOCKET NUMBER 82259-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARK STEPHEN WYATT who died Sep 17, 2019, were issued 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 the 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

Hixon announces candidacy

Deputy District Attorney General Kyle Hixon of Knox County last week announced his candidacy for Judge of Criminal Court, Division II, of Tennessee's Sixth Judicial District. This seat has been held by retiring Judge Bob R. McGee for the past 11 years.

Since 2014, Mr. Hixon has served as Deputy District Attorney General for Knox County. Upon being admitted to the Bar in 2008, Hixon became Assistant District Attorney, starting a career dedicated to public service. Hixon also spent two years serving the State at the Office of the Attorney General in Nashville.

Hixon currently supervises all prosecutions in Knox County and personally participates in some of the most complex litigation in the courtroom including

some of the County's high profile criminal cases.

"During my career as a prosecutor, I have seen firsthand the important role our Criminal Courts play in maintaining public safety through the fair administration of justice. I have led prosecutions from the earliest points of a criminal investigation through the last stages of appellate review. I am ready to take what I've learned and serve the people of Knox County from the Criminal Court bench," Hixon stated.

Ford Little, with the law firm Woolf McClane, is Treasurer for the Committee to Elect Kyle Hixon. The primary election will be held on March 3, 2020, and the general election will occur in August of 2020.

"Judge McGee set a great example for how all of us

should conduct ourselves in a courtroom. He has been immensely fair and at all times demonstrated the utmost level of respect and courtesy to those who appeared before him. This approach builds the community's confidence in the justice system and it is one that I will embrace as Judge," stated Hixon.

Hixon is a two-time graduate from the University of Tennessee. Hixon earned his Juris Doctorate summa cum laude from the U.T. College of Law in 2008 and obtained Order of the Coif distinction. He graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Communications in 2005. From 2003-2011, Hixon was an announcer and producer at the Vol Network.

Hixon is a member of the Tennessee Bar and is also licensed to practice in the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and all three federal districts in the State of Tennessee.

Hixon and his wife Rachel have three children. The Hixsons are active in the community and in church at the Laurel Church of Christ. Hixon serves on the Board of Directors for Sertoma Center and is a past board member for CASA of East



Kyle Hixon

Tennessee. Rachel volunteers her time by serving as an ally at Restoration House. Kyle is an Adjunct Professor of Law in Trial Practice at the University of Tennessee College of Law. He has been active in the Republican Party, serving as Parliamentarian for the West Knox Republican Club, and Delegate in the Rocky Hill Precinct.

Governor Bill Lee will make an interim appointment to fill the seat following Judge McGee's retirement through the upcoming election.

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
RFP 2900, Victim Advocate Services, due 11/13/19

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.

2006	FORD	1FMEU72E762A11928
2000	MERCEDES	WDBJF65J7B119105
2001	NISSAN	5N1ED28Y11C527637
2016	NISSAN	3N1CN7APXGL867991
1997	SUZUKI	JS1GN78A1V2104525
2003	STRN	1G8JW54R03Y552364
2019	TOYOTA	2T3RFREVAJW804037
1995	TOYOTA	4T1SK12XSU588143

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 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 November 14th, 2019 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

2002	VOLVO	VY1RS61R722191175
2000	TOYOTA	5TBR73413Y5063002
2002	SUZUKI	S1GN7BA732108407
1998	PONTIAC	1G2WP12K2WF336009
2006	PONTIAC	2CKDL63F866100738
2016	NISSAN	3N1AB7AP0FL670102
2007	MERCURY	4M2CU39H58KJ14968
2001	MERCURY	2MEFM75W61X619952
1999	LEXUS	JT8BD68S5X0071046
1996	LEXUS	JT8BF12G6T0161091
2008	KIA	KNAFE121185545448
2001	HONDA	2HGES16501H519783
1982	HONDA	JH2ME0406K109074
2003	GMC	1GKEC13Z6R153466
1988	FORD	1FTDF15NXJNA82947
2009	FORD	1FAHP35NX9W233453
1990	FORD	1FTEF14N4LNA77025
2014	FORD	1FADP3F29E1189783
1998	CHEVY	2G1WL52MXW9315961
2008	CHEVY	1G1AK58F487306098
1983	CHEVY	1GCGG35M5D7117819
2009	AUDI	WAUJF78K59N068924

Knoxville District Attorney Citizens Academy graduates 24

Twenty-four people graduated from the 2019 District Attorney General's Citizens Academy last Tuesday. These individuals spent the past seven Tuesdays taking a deep dive into Knox County's criminal justice system.

The Citizens Academy is held in the fall and offers a behind-the-scenes look at the criminal justice system. Participants learn about the specific roles of law enforcement, attorneys, and the courts, while being exposed to the inner-workings and complexities involved in prosecution.

If you would like to be notified when the academy dates and application are available, please email emily.scheuneman@knoxcounty.org with your contact information.

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Is holding a lien sale of all goods stored in units B0108, E0254 & F0290. These being in lien & abandoned more than 60 days.

These units will be sold via an on-line auction at this web site www.storagetreasures.com beginning date 10/19/19 & ending date 10/26/19. This sale/ auction is to satisfy the owner's lien against the delinquency of occupants: Vergie Joiner; Sineka Demery; & Lisa M. Gibson. Highest bidder must have sufficient means of transporting goods. Cash is the acceptable payment method. Sale is subject to termination or postponement prior to the ending sales date.

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