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Pension Board attorneys prepare for Sessions Court date

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The Knox County Retirement and Pension Board met Monday in Room 640 in the City-County Building for its regular session and approved several retirements including one sheriff's department employee on the Uniformed Officers Pension Plan.

That controversial plan, which allows department

employees to include vacation days in their total earned income and have it included in the calculation of their monthly retirement income, spurred a 2017 lawsuit filed by the Knox County Law Director.

A group of citizens is now suing the Knox County Mayor and Commission, charging their action to dismiss the 2017 suit violates the Knox County Charter.

Pension Board Attorney John Owings, following a closed session of the board, obtained permission by the committee members to apply to enter the case on their behalf. Judge John Weaver permitted Owings to enter the suit. Mayor Glenn Jacobs hired attorney John Valliant to represent the county and Owings and Valliant have filed motions to dismiss the

case. The upcoming March 17 hearing, on both motions to "dismiss" the class action suit, could end the law suit or continue it on to a final ruling.

The citizens' suit asks that the actions of the mayor and commission be declared null and void.

In their last meeting prior to the March 17th Session Court hearing the Pension

Board heard Owings' partner, Stephanie Coleman, make a very brief statement on the matter.

"Right now we can't wait to get the chance to argue our case in front of the chancellor," she said.

In other pension board news from last week, Executive Director Jennifer Schroeder reported that

a program to allow UOPP retirees to return to work

as court bailiffs or school security guards expires in June. She said she met with Sheriff Tom Spangler and he wants that program to continue. Retirees could take the second jobs without losing retirement benefits, be paid and receive benefits, but nothing would be added to their UOPP retirement benefits.

Schroeder said that

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Members of the Knoxville Songwriters Association helped launch Tennessee Songwriters Week with a performance at the state's Welcome Center on I-75 in Jellico. Seated are Laurie and David Easterling. Standing, from left, are Gene Blair, Mitch Townley, Edna Riddick, David Lauver and Tim Doyle.

TVA Tower move, Andrew Johnson sale pass without comment

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The fight is apparently over between opponents of selling the Andrew Johnson Building and moving the school administration offices to the TVA Towers.

Both items were on the Knox County Commission's "consent" list, a long list of items that the commission votes on with one collective vote. Both items ended up there after the work session the week before, also without as much as a comment from commissioners in Monday's Regular Commission meeting.

The school board's split vote on the move prompted the commission to approve their resolution "regarding the relocation of the administrative offices from the Andrew Johnson Building to the TVA East Tower."

The \$6 million sale to BNA Associates LLC was also passed without comment "subject to contingencies and further subject to provisions."

The county still waits for an opinion from the Tennessee Attorney General or resolutions from the state House and Senate before being finalized. The question before the attorney general is "Can a county office be located in a federal building?"

Knoxville Songwriters Help Launch Tennessee Songwriters Week

Members of the Knoxville Songwriters Association helped launch Tennessee Songwriters Week by giving a musical welcome to state visitors at the Welcome Center on I-75 in Jellico.

Tennessee Songwriters Week was presented Feb. 23-29 by Tennessee's Department of Tourist Development. The I-75 Welcome Center concert was organized

by the Knoxville Songwriters Association, East Tennessee's largest regional songwriting organization.

Performers at the Welcome Center included KSA President Edna Riddick, Gene Blair, Tim Doyle, David and Laurie Easterling, David Lauver and Mitch Townley. Doyle, a security officer at the center, helped arrange the concert. Manager Ryne

Cummins invited the group back to perform during Tourism Week in May.

During Tennessee Songwriters week, selected writers from nearly 40 qualifying rounds performed at Knoxville's Bijou Theatre, Ole Red in Gatlinburg, and four other showcase events across the state. Finalists will share their original songs on the historic stage of Nashville's

Bluebird Cafe in March.

KSA usually meets each Tuesday at the Fountain City Library, 5300 Stanton Road in Knoxville. Visitors are welcome to join in the group's 5 p.m. jam session and 6 p.m. program and song critiques. The group will not meet March 3 because the meeting room will be used in the election.

Two appeals of zoning: South Knox Waterfront, Planned Parenthood

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New City Councilman Tommy Smith said "Here" for the first time Tuesday as he took his seat to represent District 1 on the Knoxville City Council. Smith was chosen by the council recently to replace Stephanie Welch who resigned to take a position with Mayor Indya Kincannon's administration.

Welch was present for

the meeting as chief of economic and community development and deputy to the mayor. Both Smith and Welch took an active part in the matters before the council Tuesday.

The South Waterfront Development

Smith moved right into the fray during his first council meeting when an issue came up within his

own district.

When Jennifer Arthur's appeal of a Board of Zoning Appeals decision came up Smith said the 931 Langford Avenue property has "years of history" and needs more community input before being considered. Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie moved to postpone a decision for two weeks. Smith requested that both sides speak prior to postponing the consideration.

The developer is seeking a variance on the setback requirements. The proposed development, South Haven, is only a block from the south waterfront and Suttree Landing Park and would have 230 multi-family units, 10 buildings, and block the view of the river for home owners behind the development.

Sean Chalmers, director of development for the Dominion Group, told the council the meetings were

held with the Old Sevier Neighborhood and the curve of Waterfront Drive plays into the design of the facility. He said the developer wants to give the community more green space and noted that the variances were approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

He did say that objections include the increased traffic and the height of the buildings.

Attorney Wayne Kline represented Arthur and

the Old Sevier Neighborhood and told the council the opponents have a petition against the granting of the variances signed by more than 600 people. He said that Dominion Group has shown no hardship and mentioned the size of the 10 buildings and two commercial spaces.

Residents opposed to the variances appeared en masse wearing green scarves. Kline said the only

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What does Pro Bono mean?



By Jedidiah McKeehan
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From time to time I will have someone contact me and ask me if I am willing to represent them on a pro bono basis, and usually they are kind of a jerk about it. They act like it would be a privilege to represent them on a pro bono basis. Unfortunately, I almost always politely decline their request.

What are these people asking me to do? The term, "pro bono," is simply a fancy term for volunteering in an area of professional expertise. So these people who I have never met or spoken to, want me to work as their lawyer for them for free.

Volunteering, especially in "the Volunteer State," is a great thing and is one of the pillars of what makes our country such a great place to live. I immensely enjoy helping people regardless of whether it's in my capacity as a lawyer or just as an individual.

However, I get a little frustrated when people call up my office and act offended when I am not willing to spend extensive amounts of my own time and resources working for free just because they believe that I should do so.

I presume these people would not ask their plumber to work on a pro bono basis, or ask their cable provider to provide them services, pro bono. Maybe I am wrong, maybe they would.

What is even more frustrating is that almost every lawyer I know does at least some amount of volunteer work, and some do a whole lot. Whether it's for existing clients, for relatives,

or through volunteer and community outreach services, lawyers are often volunteering their time and knowledge. Lots of lawyers take part in Free Legal Clinics that take place throughout the years.

Other than doctors (and I feel really bad for them), lawyers are usually the most likely to get stopped in the church parking lot for, "just a quick question." We do our best to be gracious, and answer the questions asked of us, even though we make our livings by charging people for the advice that we are giving you for free.

On top of that, the situations that most people are facing do not require that they obtain a pro bono attorney.

When you are facing jail time or the loss of your parental rights, and you have little or no income, then you are entitled to a free attorney.

Further, Legal Aid is an organization that provides free legal counsel for poor people on other cases. These can be any type of cases, but the most often kind of cases you see are orders of protections, divorces, and landlord-tenant matters.

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Races to watch in Tuesday's Primary Election

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There are several interesting races to watch while the totals start coming in Tuesday night. Many are in party primaries and involve both Republican and Democratic contests. It's an unusual year with so many party opponents challenging incumbents or members of their own party.

By far the most attention goes to the race for Knox County Law Director. Richard (Bud) Armstrong is term limited and is endorsing Deputy Law Director David Buuck. Buuck is facing Cathy Quist Shanks in the Republican Primary. The winner will face Independent Jackson Fenner.

The Public Defender race pits two Republicans, Eric M. Lutton and Rhonda Lee, against one another. One of those attorneys will oppose

Independent Sherif Guindi in the General Election.

Incumbent Commissioner Evelyn Gill faces fellow Democrat Dasha Lundy and the winner will go on to face Independent Reginald M. Jackson for the District 1 seat.

The District 4 commission race has two Republicans, Scott Broyles and Kyle Ward, and whoever wins will face Democrat Todd Frommeyer. Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom chose not to seek reelection.

Republican incumbent John Schoonmaker is being opposed by Clayton Woods in the primary and the winner faces Kimberly Peterson in the General Election for the District 5 commission seat.

The race for Assessor of Property pits incumbent John R. Whitehead against fellow Republican Tina Marshall.

Republican Grant Rosenberg is

unopposed in the primary to replace District 2 Commissioner Michele Carringer who chose to seek the state legislature seat vacated by Representative Bill Dunn. She may face Democrat Courtney Durrett and Independent Sam K. Ford in the general.

In the non-partisan board of education race District 2 incumbent Jennifer Owens is being challenged by John Meade. District 3's incumbent Tony Norman is opposed by Daniel Watson and District 8 incumbent Mike McMillan is opposed by Adam Brown.

In the next election the trend of a large field of challenging candidates will continue.

The April 2nd qualification deadline for state and federal offices may yet see more candidates pick up petitions but already the pattern of in-party challengers is repeating.

Republican and Democratic Primaries almost equal in turnout

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Early voting in Knox County rivaled the vote four years ago during that Presidential Primary. Knox County Election Commissioner Cliff Rodgers told The Focus that the large number of Democratic Presidential Primary candidates probably boosted that party's numbers this year.

The Republican and Democratic Primaries had almost the same number of voters although Knox County tends to be 3:1 Republican.

Some 35,153 voted early or with absentee ballots. Nine people

chose to vote only in the non-partisan Board of Education election.

The final day of early voting, Tuesday, saw a large number of early voters. Rodgers said there are 266,144 registered voters in the county and he's very pleased with the early turnout. He said he hopes for possibly another 40,000 people to go to the polls on March 3rd.

Rodgers also said that the upcoming Presidential and State Election in November could see more than 100,000 voters.

"I've never seen so many younger voters cast ballots at the City-County Building," he said.

Leading with the number of early voters was Downtown West, followed by Farragut, New Harvest Park, Halls, Karns, South Knoxville, City-County Building, Love Kitchen, Clinton Highway (Expo Center) and Carter.

The final two days, which saw polling places stay open until 7 p.m., boosted the totals. Monday had 5,676 voters and Tuesday had 8,245.

The Republican Primary saw 17,766 voters and the Democratic Primary had 17,378 voters. The totals included absentee ballots cast early or 1,686 votes.

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request will be taken up in a March 24th 2 p.m. meeting of the Document Committee.

The pension board also noted receipt of an invoice from the office of Owings explaining legal fees as of

January 31st. The bill is for \$7,522.44 and details the efforts by that office on behalf of the pension board including various hourly rates for work. Owings spent 5.50 hours at \$350 an hour for a total of \$1,925. Coleman spent 1.5 hours at the same rate

for a total of \$425. Other items on the bill included work by other staffers including Sarah D. Jarrard, who spent 17.25 hours working on pension board matters for a total of \$4,312.50. Retirement and Pension Board Executive Director Jennifer

Schroeder told the board that Sheriff Tom Spangler would like to continue a program allowing UOPP retirees to work as bailiffs and school guards. That current program ends in June and the sheriff hopes to continue it.

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Two appeals of zoning: South Knox Waterfront, Planned Parenthood

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hardship the developer has is the design of its complex. He said the South Waterfront (SW2) zone regulations minimize restricted views of the river.

"They can put these big box buildings up but they cannot reduce the 75% frontage," he said, adding, "the buildings block the entire neighborhood's view of the river."

"As you can see this issue is important. This property is a jewel in South Knoxville," Smith said in moving to postpone the vote for two weeks.

Before the motion passed there was some discussion of Smith opening an email package from Dominion prior to the meeting, with Councilwoman Lauren Rider saying council members should not have. Smith said he had talked about the property with members of the Old Sevier Neighborhood and Dominion prior to taking his seat on council.



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY

Tuesday's City Council meeting drew a sizable crowd, many supporting their cause and wearing tee shirts for Planned Parenthood or green scarves opposing a South Waterfront development.

The move to postpone passed without opposition.

Planned Parenthood expansion

Opponents of the South Waterfront were not the only ones to show up in colors to support their

issue. People supporting Planned Parenthood, several dozen of them, filled part of the audience.

The issue was the expansion of Planned Parenthood's headquarters at 710 Cherry Street at the corner of Washington Avenue. The project, which will double the size of the building,

was opposed by the Tennessee Right To Life Education Fund which objected to variances approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Attorney John King said that doubling the size of the building was not a hardship and that the structure, operated by Planned Parenthood for many years,

was originally approved as a medical clinic and violates the zoning there. Increase in traffic there was mentioned as well as entrances and exits off Cherry or Washington Avenue.

Resident Lynn Wyatt said a petition in support of the project was signed by several people who don't live

in the neighborhood and added there are some nearby homeowners who do object to the project.

Attorney Mark Jendrek spoke for Planned Parenthood and said the idea is to keep people from driving onto Cherry Street. He mentioned the 30 years of the organization in Knoxville and said the expansion project will cost between \$1.5 and 2 million.

One citizen who spoke in support of the project said the Right to Life group was simply "throwing up a road block" to the facility.

Councilwoman McKenzie asked for an opinion from the city and Peter Ahrens, director of plans and review, said the project meets all the variances.

"They actually met all the requirements and there appears to be a hardship," McKenzie said.

The appeal was denied by the council.

New feature exhibition open at the Museum of East Tennessee History

The Museum of East Tennessee History will feature Black & White: Knoxville in the Jim Crow Era, on view through June 14, 2020. The exhibition highlights three African American artists from Knoxville — Beauford Delaney, Joseph Delaney, and Ruth Cobb Brice — and how Knoxville during the Jim Crow era shaped their lives and careers.

The exhibition includes 66 artifacts highlighting the history of race relations, African American art, and the development of an art community in Knoxville following the Civil War. 45 of these artifacts are on loan to the Museum of East

Tennessee History from the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection, Beck Cultural Exchange Center, and private donors. The exhibition features several videos including Knoxville's Red Summer: The Riot of 1919 and Beauford Delaney, both courtesy of East Tennessee PBS and Black Appalachia; and The Civil Rights Movement in Knoxville courtesy of the Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound. A variety of artworks by the highlighted artists are on display as well as works from other Knoxville-based artists who influenced them.

There is an assortment of

artifacts reflecting the racial mentality of Knoxville following the Civil War. One case contains a variety of "Mammy" dolls, a stereotypical portrayal of African American women, and another case highlights African American stereotypes as presented through local photographers, the Knaffl Brothers. Other artifacts include items from the Appalachian Exposition of 1910 and a seat from the Gem Theatre, which opened in 1913 and was the South's largest black theater.

The East Tennessee Historical Society developed the exhibition with guest curator Robert J.

Booker and research assistance provided by the staff of the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection, Knox County Public Library. The exhibit is on view at the Museum of East Tennessee History through June 14, 2020. We encourage patrons to view the exhibition in tandem with the Knoxville Museum of Art exhibition Through the Unusual Door (through May 7, 2020), which provides a groundbreaking look at Beauford Delaney and his creative exchange with writer James Baldwin.

The Museum of East Tennessee History is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through

Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday. Museum admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, and FREE for children under 16. Each Sunday admission is FREE to all and ETHS members always receive FREE admission. The Museum is located in the East Tennessee History Center, 601 South Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37901.

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Rules Committee Chairman Larsen Jay holds up a list of possible changes to agenda items at Knox County Commission regular meetings. Some suggestions were approved Tuesday, including public forum, and will be before the full commission for consideration next month.

Speeding up Commission Meetings

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It is true, some meetings of the Knox County Commission seem to go on forever. The sessions, which start at 5 p.m. have been known to stretch out five and six hours.

In order to speed things up, the Commission's Rules Committee, chaired by Larsen Jay, is proposing some agenda changes that might help. One of those changes involve tweaking the public forum and moving a few things around on the agenda.

The following proposed changes will need to be approved during next month's commission meeting.

- Honor Resolutions, those matters that recognize individuals or organizations, may be moved to immediately follow the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. That could free up the honored group, individual or organization from having to sit through other agenda items.
- Public Forum, where any citizen may address the meeting, could be altered as well, allowing people who want to speak on specific agenda items an opportunity to do so after the Honor Resolutions at the beginning of the meeting or when their topic comes up on the agenda.
- Individuals who want to speak on non-agenda "open topics" may do so near the end of a commission meeting.
- One proposed change to the order of agenda items calls for non-controversial items or the school board requests that must be approved by law to be moved

to near the end of a commission regular meeting.

The Rules Committee saw several suggestions withdrawn including granting rezoning requests up to 60 days if the applicant isn't present and, if the applicant doesn't appear in the second session denying the request. The committee was told that state law does not require an applicant to be present but the commission sets the rule requiring an appearance.

Jay suggested that the reading of all the school board's budget requests be stopped but pulled the idea. Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong noted that state law requires the verbal reading of the requests.

An idea of having a reorganization meeting following a commission election and doing so by September 1st was also pulled. Commissioner Brad Anders said the reorganization, which selects the chair and vice chair, traditionally is held on the day of the oaths.

Commissioner Charles Busler's idea to have emergency meetings called by the chair, not the mayor, fell flat. Busler said the charter requires the chair to set an agenda and noted that the commission and the mayor's office are separate entities. Jay responded saying, "You're taking a leg off the stool" by removing the mayor's power to call such a meeting.

"We're letting someone else set our agenda for us," Busler responded. His idea failed in a 3-1 vote.

Substitute judges, flooding and repair on Raccoon Valley

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What happens when judges gets sick or cannot fulfill their duties?

In the past, court cases were postponed or a former judge volunteered to hear the cases. Those judges, sometimes sitting on the bench for weeks or months, have not been paid for their substituting.

The Knox County Commission took up the issue Tuesday evening in a resolution from the General Sessions Judges asking for payment of \$300 per half-day for substituting judges. The idea passed on First Reading and will amend the Knox County Code after a second reading.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker said the payment of special judges is "well deserved."

Esther Roberts, Knox County General Sessions Law Clerk, reminded the commission that last year a judge was out sick for five or six weeks and a former

judge filled in and served for free. She said other jurisdictions in the state pay for judges to fill in for absent jurists.

"This is a great call and we appreciate the judges bring this to us," Chairman Hugh Nystrom said.

In other business several homeowners pleaded for help after continual flooding in their properties and neighborhoods. Angela Holmburg said that a subdivision above her home causes runoff that has flooded her home several times.

The Pedigo Road resident said three other homes flood there and pleaded for help.

"We can't continue to pay for repairs over and over," she said.

Another resident told the commission he lives two miles from Beaver Creek, on a hill, and has flooding. He said he now pays \$500 each month for flood insurance.

Jim Snowden, Knox County Director of Engineering, said the department "is working to find a solution" and referred to a flood study

completed last year. He said that a large flood storage area in both cases might be the answer.

An Assisted Living and Alzheimer Care facility's zoning request for 2417 Reagan Road was approved by the commission, changing the zoning there to Low Density Residential. The applicant, Independent Healthcare Properties LLC said the facility may be completed and opened in 12 to 14 months.

The commission also overruled the planning commission and voted to permit a vehicle repair shop at 1918 East Raccoon Valley Drive. Benjamin C. Mullins appealed the ruling and found support from the commission members except for Commissioner Schoonmaker. He said the CA (Commercial Business) is "supposed to be a protected territory" and said the other commissioners were "just throwing it out the window."



Commissioner John Schoonmaker (left) shares a moment with Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong and Sherri Witt, Knox County Clerk.

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Wild Bird Eggstravaganza at the UT Gardens

Join Us for Springtime Family Fun on March 28

Celebrate springtime at the University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville, with wild bird education and an egg hunt on Saturday, March 28, from noon to 3 p.m. The start of spring at the UT

Gardens brings one of our most anticipated events—Wild Bird Eggstravaganza! The annual egg hunt, fun prizes and, of course, lots of great information about birds will highlight the event. Each participant will make bird-related crafts and will take home seeds to plant. The Easter Bunny might be found hopping around

the garden, too! Wear favorite spring clothes, bring a basket and camera, and come ready for fun at the Wild Bird Eggstravaganza. In partnership with the Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee, the annual Wild Bird Eggstravaganza is food free. This event is family friendly and is intended for children ages

12 and under. The event is also sponsored by Allergy & Asthma Affiliates and UT Federal Credit Union. Tickets are \$8 per child. Due to limited capacity, advanced registration is required. To register, visit tiny.utk.edu/eggstravaganza by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 26. More than 1,000 woody plants

are under long-term observation at the UT Gardens, and around 2,000 varieties of herbaceous plants are evaluated annually. The Gardens function as an outdoor laboratory, teaching and research facility, and public gardens, sharing their beauty with more than 50,000 visitors yearly.

Amherst Shivering Sharks raise funds for school activities



Amherst was so excited to be plunging for the 4th year! The Special Olympics Polar Plunge provides opportunities like Track and Field Day for student athletes at Amherst Elementary. The group added bowling this year, and the kids had a blast! Thanks to the funds raised by the Polar Plunge, the cost to the school for events during the year is only transportation. Pictured are: Special Education Teachers Assistants Whitney Smith, Rick DeMarsico, Ke'Yahra Bullard and Sarah Alestas, and Alex Roushdi, Special Education Teacher.

City Parks and Recreation job fair

The City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department will hold its second annual Job Fair on Sunday, March 8, 2-5 p.m. at the Cal Johnson Recreation Center, 507 Hall of Fame Drive.

In the coming months, Parks and Recreation will hire more than 100 people for a variety of part-time and seasonal positions, including lifeguards, summer camp staff, athletic field maintenance staff, umpires and referees, cashiers, and additional positions. The City Parks and Recreation Department manages four pools and 13 recreation/community centers and operates numerous sports leagues and recreational activities.

Job fair attendees will be able to interview on site. Application forms are available at KnoxvilleTN.gov/recreation.

Applicants for aquatics positions must be at least 15 years old. Applicants for summer camp staff must be at least 16. Applicants for all additional positions must be at least 18.

"Many summer jobs with Parks and Rec are ideal for young people to get training and job experience that they can build upon," says Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Aaron Browning.

Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department values a diverse workforce and seeks ways to promote equity and inclusion within the organization. The Parks and Recreation Department encourages candidates with knowledge, ability and experience working with a broad range of individuals and diverse communities.

ArtXtravaganza Art Show & Sale, March 6-8

Features Original Works by Nearly 70 Artists

Webb School of Knoxville's ArtXtravaganza art show and sale returns to Webb's Lee Athletic Center, March 6 through 8. Now in its 19th year, the event boasts nearly 70 juried artists from across the Southeast and beyond.

Free and open to the public, ArtXtravaganza is a celebration of art and community, where guests can purchase fine art paintings, sculpture, jewelry, and photography – at a variety of price points. The event offers a wide range of artistic mediums, such as oil/acrylic, ceramic, wood,

glass, and fiber, and showcases the amazing breadth and depth of artistic talent in the region. To keep the event fresh and exciting for both first-time and returning visitors, about one-third of the artists are new to this year's show and nearly 70 percent are traveling to Knoxville from other cities.

Encaustic painter Shane Miller of Nashville, Tennessee is ArtXtravaganza's featured artist for 2020. A self-taught artist, Miller explores the emotions of dreams, distant memories and silent emotions left

unexpressed.

Layering oil and encaustic wax on board and canvas, he depicts stirring landscapes in a way that allows the viewer to reflect on their own experiences.

ArtXtravaganza will also include a student art exhibition, presenting pieces by Webb Lower, Middle and Upper School grades, as well as an "artist in action" booth, featuring Webb student artists.

Reflecting Webb School's tradition of fostering community by enhancing lives through art education and appreciation, proceeds

from ArtXtravaganza support Webb's hallmark Artist-In-Residence program and the school's visual and performing arts. Celebrating its 18th year, Webb's Artist-In-Residence program is a four-to-six-week on-campus teaching and learning experience that features nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. The program provides Webb students a glimpse into the real world of art by exposing them to professional artists, their work and their perspectives, and inspires students to explore their own creative abilities. This

past fall, the school hosted Webb alumnus and mixed media artist and illustrator Corwin Levi of New Hampshire, who shared his skills and experiences with Webb's elementary, middle and high school students during their art classes. Digital artist Kim Lloyd recently took up residence as Webb's spring visiting artist. Based in Memphis, Tennessee, Lloyd is a notable video and film director/producer/editor.

Over the past several years, ArtXtravaganza has donated a portion of its proceeds to arts programs

in the Knoxville community. This year, ArtXtravaganza is pleased to again support Knoxville's Community School of the Arts.

Doors to ArtXtravaganza will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, March 6. The art sale continues Saturday, March 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Twenty-five percent of each sale is tax-deductible. For more information, visit artxtravaganza.org. And be sure to follow ArtXtravaganza on Facebook and Instagram.

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Picture of a single robin in winter, courtesy of Steve Ellis, Light House Studio. "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:26 (NIV).

The Robins are Here! Spring's Around the Corner!



By Ralphine Major
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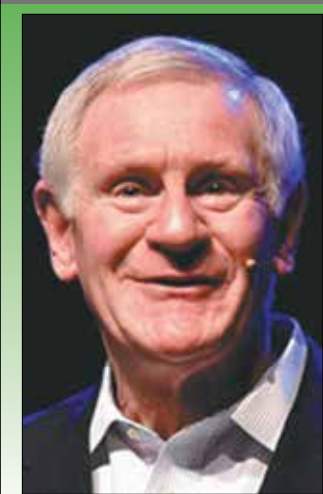
It was in early February when we first noticed them. On a cold Sunday morning, there was lots of chirping coming from the field that was once our orchard. It was covered with the little birds most often identified by their orange breast. They are one of the first signs of spring. In February? What happened to winter?

The "winter" months brought several days of snow

flurries hinting that a snow was coming. Thus far, we have seen only a few light snows this year. Mostly, the days designated as winter have been mild and wet. February brought more historic flooding just as it did last year. Schools have closed for sickness and rain instead of the usual "snow" days.

The beautiful little robin is a welcome sight, a reminder that winter is almost over.

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Pay the piper

By now, millions of Americans have filed their tax returns; usually those folks are anticipating a refund. Citizens who might owe more taxes are a bit slower to file, and some request exten-



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sions to push back the dates that they must make the final accounting. For most of us, the three things that are for sure in this life are life, death, taxes.

As a teenager, I worked in the summers and during high school years. The pay was low, but money was in short supply, and any little bit helped. Each pay period, I'd receive a pay stub that told the total I'd made and how much was withheld for social security and for federal income taxes. The first of these checks came when I was 15 and working at the Copper Kettle.

Over the years, I continued part-time jobs, and as the pay grew, so did the amount of taxes and social security deductions. My understanding of the whole system was minimal, but when a refund check

put the funds into savings.

I began teaching in 1974 for \$7200 a year. My goal was to make \$10,000 a year, a sum that I thought would make me rich. Amy and I also married that year. So began the life of filing as a married couple. Most years, our return was small, but any extra cash that came in was welcome. Our family grew and so did our income. We were by no means rich, but we lived a comfortable middle-class life. Our daughter was born on April 15, and I immediately dubbed her "our new little tax deduction." Dallas came four years later, and again we claimed another deduction.

Like other families, we had a mortgage and other things that could be claimed as deductions. For most of our lives, Amy has completed the forms and filed our taxes. Any refunds we received were either put into savings or applied to outstanding bills that we had.

Eventually, our children went on their own ways and no longer were helpful to

our tax liability. Thankfully, we had paid off our mortgage. All of a sudden, Amy and I stared down the barrel of a tax system that failed to reward "no debt" filers. A few years back our income dramatically dipped. We made less but had to pay more taxes; how is that right?

The rich folks in our country pay less (as a percentage of income) in taxes than most of us. Go figure! I know some people have done somewhat better on paychecks since the Trump tax cuts, but many are surprised that their refund checks are smaller than they'd expected. According to the Tax Policy Center study, the lauded tax cuts we lesser earners receive will end in 2025, and by 2027, only the top 1% tax filers will receive 82.3% of returns.

I have never minded paying my taxes. If citizens want services, they must be willing to pay for them. It's like paying the piper. Yes, too much of our tax dollars are wasted; too many sectors take a disproportionate share of those dollars. I also think that people should be allowed to enjoy the fruits of their labors. At the same time, those who are wealthy should pay a fairer share. Companies should not thrive while not paying a dime in taxes.

Don't forget that April 15 is the tax deadline. I hope you receive a nice check in the mail. As for Amy and me, we'll keep our fingers crossed as the forms and W-2's are figured. Good luck!

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Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate, IV

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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William Gannaway Brownlow, better known to Tennesseans as "Parson" Brownlow, was another Volunteer State governor who made it to the United States Senate. Brownlow was as colorful a character, perhaps even more so, than his predecessor, Andrew Johnson. By trade, Brownlow was a journalist, minister of the cloth, and politician. Orphaned at the age of eleven and despite having little formal education, William G. Brownlow drifted into the ministry, becoming a traveling minister for the Methodist Church. Brownlow brought a fierce passion to his work and he set out not only to save souls, but people from the temptation to join another denomination.

Once Brownlow married, he found it necessary to look for other work to support his family. The Parson had a talent for writing, which naturally drew him to journalism and Brownlow bought a newspaper in Elizabethton, Tennessee, popularly known as Brownlow's Whig. Brownlow entered the newspaper business as a stern partisan of the Whig Party. Not only did Brownlow champion the Whig Party nationally and locally, he promoted the presidential prospects of Kentucky's Henry Clay. Brownlow was such a partisan of both the Whig Party and Henry Clay that his son, John, later recalled one of the rare times he witnessed his father cry was due to Clay's loss of the 1844 presidential election.

Brownlow moved his newspaper from Elizabethton to Jonesboro, then again to Knoxville in 1849. Brownlow's prowess with a pen made his newspaper influential and before the Civil War erupted, the Parson had almost 15,000 subscribers all across the country.

Gaunt and clean-shaven, the Parson's rather ordinary exterior hid a soul that thrived on controversy. If no controversy existed heretofore, Parson Brownlow would supply it through the pages of his newspaper. Brownlow gloried in attacking his opponents and spared them little. Brownlow's attacks in print were almost always personal and corrosive in nature. The Parson's friends and supporters always enjoyed his attack on his adversaries and referred to him as the "Fighting Parson." Taking pride in his ability to involve himself in any raging controversy, political or social, Brownlow crowed he was never neutral about anything. Brownlow remained an ardent Methodist and any critic of the Methodist faith would feel the lash of the Parson's pen and tongue.

Increasingly, Brownlow became a spokesman for his own point of view, which included adherence to the Methodist Church, support for the Whig Party, and lectures upon the evils of the influence of imbibing alcoholic beverages. Parson Brownlow was a strong proponent of temperance. One of the favorite tactics of Brownlow was to accuse his opponent of being drunkards. Eventually, William G. Brownlow became one of the leading voices in Tennessee against secession. Brownlow was equally opposed to the Confederacy. For decades Brownlow had been a bitter political opponent of Andrew Johnson. The two men frequently opposed one another on the stump, but found themselves allied in their opposition to secession. When Tennesseans voted in February of 1861 in a referendum to secede from the Union, Brownlow joined Andrew Johnson in campaigning hard against secession. Both native East Tennesseans, Brownlow and Johnson helped to convince enough of their neighbors to reject the idea of secession by two-to-one majorities. The February referendum failed and when voters again went to the polls the following June, both Brownlow and Johnson went on speaking tours to oppose it. While East Tennessee continued to oppose secession, Middle and West Tennessee voted heavily to leave the Union.

Once his mind was made up, virtually nobody or anything could change the Parson's beliefs. For twenty years Brownlow had been a fervent political supporter of John Bell, who had enjoyed a storied political career, serving as Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, Secretary of War, and U. S. senator. Bell was urged to run for president in 1860 as a third party candidate against Republican Abraham Lincoln and Democrat Stephen Douglas. Among those urging Bell to run was William G. Brownlow. The Whig Party had disintegrated and delegates went to Baltimore to attend the national convention of the newly formed Constitutional Union Party. Bell competed for the presidential nomination of the Constitutional Union Party with Sam Houston. Bell was finally nominated and Parson Brownlow strongly supported his friend's presidential candidacy. John Bell carried Tennessee, as well as Kentucky and Virginia.

As Civil War approached, John Bell's attitude shifted. While Bell still believed in preserving the Union, he also believed if Tennessee



Official portrait of Governor William G. Brownlow.

were invaded by Union troops, the Volunteer State had every right to protect itself from the invaders. Bell came to Knoxville for a speech, speaking at the courthouse. If Bell thought he might make some converts, he was much mistaken. Noting that many of his long-time friends had absented themselves from his speech, Bell met with several friends after speaking, among them was William G. Brownlow. John Bell gently observed the absence of his friends and the plainspoken Parson replied of course he didn't attend his friend's speech and had no intention of being present. Brownlow said he did not "wish to witness the spectacle of your being surrounded by your enemies, who a few months ago were denouncing you as a traitor." Brownlow told Bell, "We did not wish to hear these men shouting for you and see you in such a position." The Parson then let loose with a "torrent of abuse" against the notion of secession. John Bell remained silent.

The influence of the Knoxville Whig was acknowledged by Brownlow's enemies, when they tried to back a rival newspaper, the Knoxville Register. J. Austin Sperry, a noisy secessionist was installed as editor of the Register, which touched off an editorial war between the two newspapers. Brownlow gleefully observed the Register had few subscribers and referred to Sperry as a "scoundrel" and "debauchee," among other things. Nor was it William G. Brownlow's fiercest feud with a political enemy. Years earlier, Brownlow had engaged in a wild feud with Democrat Landon Carter Haynes, a spat that ended with the Parson assaulting Haynes on a Jonesboro street. Brownlow had beaten Haynes with a sword cane, causing the beleaguered Democrat to pull out a pistol and shoot the Parson in the thigh. Haynes later became the editor of a rival newspaper and the two would trade insults regularly. When he relocated his newspaper to

Knoxville, Brownlow casually referred to the competing newspaper, the Standard, as a "filthy lying sheet."

When Tennessee joined the Confederacy, Parson Brownlow continued to roar his opposition to the Confederate States of America. Initially, Confederate authorities left the Parson alone, but eventually they suppressed his newspaper. Brownlow fled from Knoxville to the Great Smoky Mountains.

William G. Brownlow and John Bell had been far more than political allies; they had been warm personal friends for more than two decades. In fact, Brownlow had named one of his sons after John Bell. In a book he wrote after the beginning of the Civil War, Brownlow readily confessed the break with John Bell had caused him "great pain" and admitted both he and Bell had "parted with tears" that evening. Publicly, Brownlow had despaired his old friend was the "officiating Priest" who was all too ready to sacrifice the country upon the altar of the "false god of Disunion."

William G. Brownlow negotiated with Confederate officials to turn himself in upon the condition he would not be handed over to local civil authorities, who he insisted were political and personal enemies. Whatever agreement was reached was breached and Brownlow landed in the Knoxville jail.

Brownlow brazenly published his "farewell" in his own newspaper, telling his readers, "This issue of the Whig must necessarily be the last for some time to come... for I am to be indicted for treasonable articles by a Confederate Court in Nashville...I could go free by taking a new oath but my purpose is not to do any such thing.. Leaders of the secession have been trying to have me assassinated all summer...I will not accept bond. I am prepared to die in solitary confinement or at the end of a rope before I will make any humiliating concession to any power on earth."

Brownlow wrote, "I have

committed no offense. I have not shouldered arms. I have discouraged rebellion and I have refused to make war on the government of the United States. That is my offense. I have refused to write false versions of the origin of this war and the breaking up of the best government the world ever knew --- and all this I will continue to do if it costs me my life." The fiery Parson explained to his readers, "The real object of my arrest is to destroy the only Union paper left in the 11 seceded states--despite the fact that Southerners advocate freedom of the press."

Brownlow was charged with treason for the editorials appearing in his newspaper. Brownlow became quite ill with typhoid fever while in Confederate custody and his life was likely saved when he was ordered expelled from the Confederacy. One likely reason Brownlow was freed was because the Confederates had no desire to make a martyr out of the Parson. Northern newspapers noted Brownlow's incarceration and loudly demanded his release. "Brownlow may be consigned by trembling tyrants to a dungeon but there will be more of God's sunshine in his soul than can ever visit the eyeballs of his country's enemies," one such Northern newspaper thundered. "If a million prayers can avail, the naked stones of his cell will be a softer and sweeter bed than his traitorous foes will enjoy."

Brownlow, under a flag of truce, was released into the custody of the union, where he met his old enemy, Andrew Johnson in Nashville. Brownlow recovered and began a speaking tour over a six-month

period where he spoke in many large Northern cities. Defining his own personal experience as a prisoner made him a celebrity of sorts almost instantly. The Parson also profited personally from his speaking tour and quickly published a book about his experiences. The revenue from his lectures and book allowed him to revive The Whig as he followed Union troops into Knoxville in 1863. Once back in the newspaper business, Brownlow resumed where he left off, railing against the perfidy of the Confederacy. With Union troops occupying most of Tennessee, William G. Brownlow became a candidate for governor in 1865 and was elected, succeeding his old foe Andrew Johnson. Most former Confederates had been disenfranchised and were not able to vote in the gubernatorial election. Johnson quickly became president following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Brownlow had little sympathy for his former ally. Governor Brownlow allied himself with the Reconstruction policies of Congressional Republicans, which were opposed by President Johnson. Brownlow pressed the Tennessee state legislature to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which it did. Governor Brownlow then pressed Congress to fully restore Tennessee to the Union. Brownlow was as successful in pressuring the Congress as he had been with the Tennessee General Assembly. Brownlow's guiding the legislature and the Congress to fully restore Tennessee to the Union spared the Volunteer State the bitter Reconstruction experience of the other former Confederate states.

Brownlow thought it only proper most former Confederates were disenfranchised at the ballot box, but he also believed in giving former slaves the right to vote, a notion that was incendiary to most Southerners. One unpleasant result of the governor enfranchising former slaves was the birth of the Ku Klux Klan in Tennessee. Parson Brownlow became a fierce critic and bitter opponent of the Klan. Brownlow's attitude about slavery had changed significantly, as he had once said the institution of slavery had been "ordained by God." Brownlow boldly debated another clergyman over the slavery issue, but by the time the Civil War began raging, the Parson was fully behind emancipation.

Next week's column will continue the tale of William G. Brownlow's path to the United States Senate.

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Traveling Emory Road Two Centuries Ago

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A Day Away



By Mike Steely

route is now a modern county route but the story of the historic route began more than 250 years ago.

Chief Tollunteskee, a brother to Cherokee Chief John Jolly, took over a trail leading from what is now Kingston up Cumberland

Mountain and on to Middle Tennessee. As treaties changed the chief established a ferry near Southwest Point (Kingston) and collected a toll for the crossing

and use of the trail. Early white travelers were often attacked along the route.

Until the chief took control the route across Cumberland Mountain was considered so dangerous that many white travelers to Fort Nashborough chose

to go up into Kentucky and back down into the middle Tennessee settlements.

The Chief's village was located in what is now the Rockwood, between Clinch River and Cumberland Mountain. Fort Southwest Point was built at the junction of the Clinch and Powell rivers to help protect travelers along the old Native American route. Eventually the Cherokee demanded that one road across the mountains be built to replace several trails in Tennessee that were being used to travel west.

In 1786 Knoxville founder Captain James White and others, including

James Robertson, began clearing the trail from White's Fort, across Emory River and on to Nashville, spending 17 days doing so. The trail basically followed a route cleared earlier by Peter Avery.

The previous year the North Carolina legislature authorized a force of 300 soldiers to help clear a route west.

In 1787 that legislature authorized a road to be cleared and built from the south end of Clinch Mountain to Nashville. The route started at present-day Blaine and the Avery Trace closely followed what became the Emory or Emory Road.

The road crossed the Clinch River at Lea's Ford

near the Oak Ridge marina and passed through Oak Ridge near the high school and went on to Winter's Gap (Oliver Springs). It continued to the Emory River near Wartburg and up the mountain to Standing Stone in Monterey. The cleared route became known as Avery's Trace, the Old North Carolina Road, and Emory Road.

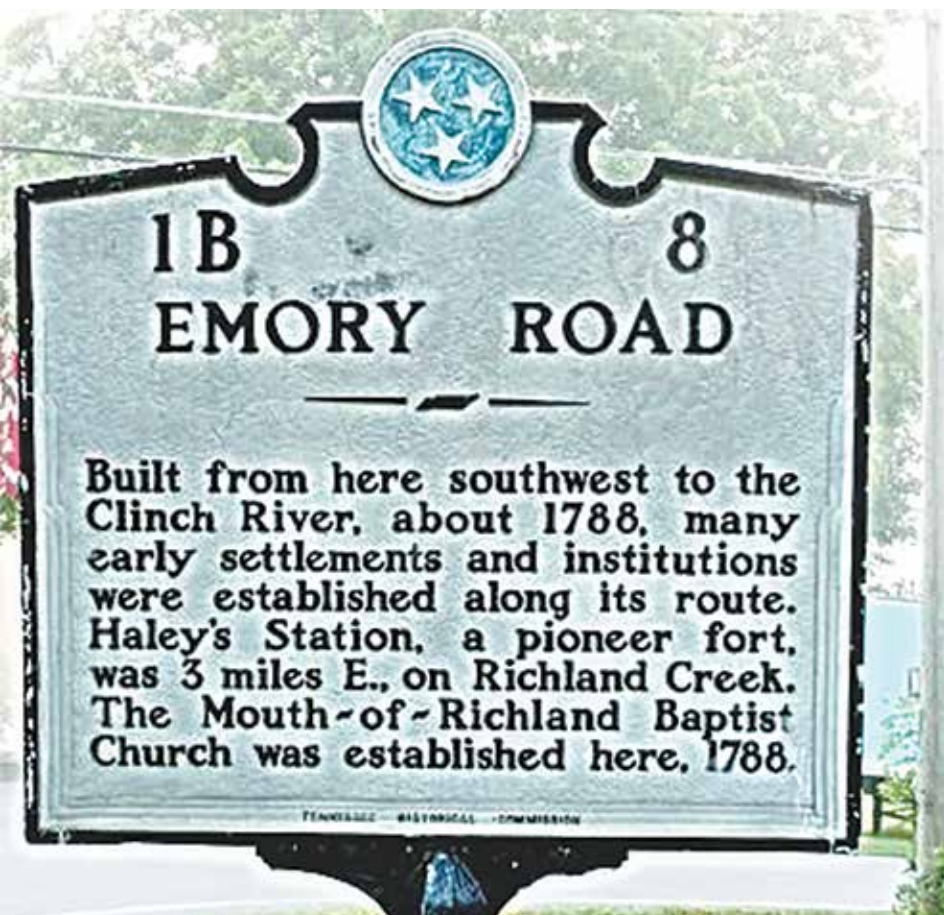
Travel was still dangerous and often travelers waited on the banks of the Clinch River for an armed escort.

In 1795 a wagon road was opened from Knox County to Nashville and became known as Emory Road. It became the primary route of travel and connected several other

paths and wagon routes. A historic marker at the Melton Hill Marina recalls the original Emory Road. Another marker, near Blaine in Northeast Knox County, marks the original route near its eastern beginning.

Along the way in Knox County the road passed the Nicholas Gibbs homestead. Currently the name "Emory Road" continues on and becomes Karns Valley Road, ending in Karns.

Originally the route turned northwest and cross the Clinch River to pass by the David Hall Cabin, near Claxton. It continued westward, passing through what is now Oak Ridge.



Locally Emory (or Emery) Road is today a main corridor in north Knox County, linking Corryton, Gibbs, Halls and Karns together, crossing Tazewell Pike, Maynardville Highway, Powell, and Karns. Along the way are housing subdivisions, businesses, farmland and many historic sites.



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Davis, Treadwell prove to be too much for Halls in regional quarterfinals

By Ken Lay

Throughout her career, senior center Jakhyia Davis has had some stellar games for Bearden High School. But Friday night's performance was one of her best.

Davis nearly outscored the entire Halls High School as she led the Lady Bulldogs to a 68-27 victory in the Region 2-AAA quarterfinals at Bearden High School.

Davis, the East Tennessee State University signee, scored 26 points and had half of those over the first eight minutes of the contest against the Lady Devils.

"I thought Jakhyia did a great job getting the ball inside for

us and setting the tone early," Bearden coach Justin Underwood said.

Davis put this one away early as she scored the first six points of the contest. She gave the Lady Bulldogs (28-2) a 20-4 lead with 4 minutes, 11 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Davis wasn't the only strong post presence for the Lady Bulldogs. Freshman Avery Treadwell scored 13 points off the bench against Halls High, which had a big height disadvantage against Bearden.

"Avery did a good job for us when she came in and our guards did a good job getting

(Davis and Treadwell) the ball."

Junior guard Zneyah McLaughlin had 10 points and sophomore guard Emily Gonzalez finished with seven. Jah'niya Bussell scored five points. Maddie Brillhart chipped in with four while Emma Stone added three on the strength of a long-range jumper in the third quarter.

Bearden, which will host Farragut today at 7:30 p.m. in an semifinal elimination game, also played its trademark stifling defense against the Lady Devils, who finish the season with a 14-15 record.

The Lady Bulldogs surrendered just five field goals before

halftime as they opened a 39-11 lead at the break.

Halls nearly doubled its offensive production in the third quarter. The Lady Devils scored 10 points in the period as Macy Kirby buried a pair of 3-point shots.

"We wanted to know where Kirby was at all times and she got away from us a few times in the third quarter," Underwood said. "But we did a good job on her."

She finished with 10 points. Forward Michaela Allen led the Lady Devils with 11 points, but nothing would come easily for her as she had to contend with

Bearden's swarming defense, especially Davis and Treadwell.

Bearden will now turn its attention to a familiar foe in the Lady Admirals. The Bulldogs claimed both regular-season tilts between the two Kingston Pike rivals.

But Underwood knows that his squad can't take Farragut (23-9) lightly. The Lady Admirals outlasted Powell 52-37.

"It should be a great game between two great basketball teams," Underwood said.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with the other region semifinal, which pits Oak Ridge against Maryville.



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Farragut's Madison Hodge eyes the basket for a free throw as teammates Claire Wyatt, Macy Barnes and Ace Strickland look on. The Lady Admirals iced their 52-37 win at Powell Friday night by sinking 13 of 13 foul shots in the final period.

Eagle, Lady Eagle wrestlers shine at state tournament

By Ken Lay

FRANKLIN --- The Gibbs High School wrestling teams each had stellar showings in the recent Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association's State Championships at the Williamson County Expo Center. The Eagles finished seventh in the Class A/AA Tournament while the Lady Eagles claimed eighth place in the Girls' State Meet in the three-day event that concluded Saturday, Feb. 22.

The Gibbs boys had seven athletes place on Tennessee's grandest wrestling stage.

In the 285-pound weight division, Garrison Albino was the state runner-up. Marcus Smith finished third in the 106-pound class while Christian Moore (138) finished fourth for the Eagles, who scored 108 team points at the Midstate.

Kirk Parsons (182 pounds) and Colby Tate (145) each posted fifth-place finishes.

George Gillman (132 pounds) and John Pittman (152) finished sixth in their respective brackets.

In the girls championships: Gibbs had four medalists as Kaylee Hayes finished fourth in the

126-pound weight class. Trinity Lynn (160 pounds) finished fifth. Haley Redmond (119) and Skyler Vogt (132) came in sixth in their respective weight classes.

In the 140-pound weight class, Bearden High's Kiera Blevins finished fifth. At 150, Farragut's Elaina Thibeault finished sixth.

CAK has two medalists in Division II: Christian Academy of Knoxville had a pair of wrestlers leave Williamson County with medals. Nathan Harris came in fifth in the 132-pound weight class and Parker Sapp placed sixth at 126.

Also in Division II, Grace Christian Academy's Ben Beaver (120 pounds) finished fifth.

Knoxville Catholic's Kaden White (170 pounds) and Webb School of Knoxville's Brik Boruff (220) each posted a sixth-place finish.

In Class AAA: Hardin Valley Academy's Josh Pietarila posted a runner-up finish in his weight division for the third consecutive year, closing out his dominant prep career. Brandon Elkins, Halls High School's 220-pounder, also posted a runner-up finish in the final high school event of his career.

Lady Admirals' defense stops Powell, 52-37

By Steve Williams

Macy Barnes and Ashlyn Sheridan didn't score a single point, but played key roles in Farragut's 52-37 win over host Powell in the Region 2-AAA basketball tournament's quarterfinals Friday night.

They guarded Bailey Trumm and the Lady Admirals' defense did not give up a single basket to the TSSAA career record-setting 3-point shooter at Jeff Hunter Gymnasium.

A stifling full-court press staked Farragut to a 10-1 lead during the opening four minutes of the game.

"We felt like we could pressure

them," said Coach Jason Mayfield. "We would have stuck with it, but we got into a lot of foul trouble and had to pull out of it a little bit. But we were confident in our half-court defense as well.

"Macy Barnes did a fantastic job on the older Trumm girl. She really even didn't get to attempt a lot. Macy and Ashlyn (Sheridan) both were doing a really good job on her."

Trumm, an Appalachian State signee, went 0 for 4 from behind the arc and scored only two points, with those coming on a pair of free throws late in the game.

"That was the first game this season that I didn't hit one," said a teary eyed Bailey after the game. "It sucks to be that game that you don't hit one, because it was life or death. My team needed it, so it sucks, but I wouldn't say it was their defense; I'd say it was more me."

Claire Wyatt, a 6-1 senior wing, led Farragut with 24 points as the Lady Admirals advanced to tonight's semifinal showdown at Bearden against the rival Lady Bulldogs. Sophomore point guard Keeleigh Rogers added 10.

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Bearden falls in District title game

By Mark Nagi

Last season the Bearden Bulldogs achieved their dreams, winning the Class AAA championship in boys' basketball for the first time in program history. They've got some work to do if they are going to get back to Murfreesboro.

On Tuesday, February 25th, the Bulldogs fell to Maryville in the District 4-AAA championship game 70-56. It was their third loss to the Rebels this season.

"I felt like we had a punchers chance in the game, even though we are undermanned in our lineup," said Bearden head coach Jeremy Parrott. "Our point guard (Izaiha Bredwood) was hurt in the Farragut game. Tyler Nordin, our leading scorer, has been out since January, and then our other point guard Cahlib Edwards was out with knee problems, but I have confidence in the guys that were playing. I really do. We just didn't do some key fundamental things in that game."

The first quarter was played at a blistering pace, with rare whistles and only three fouls combined for both teams. The visiting



On Tuesday, February 25, the Bearden Bulldogs finished as the runners up at the District 4-AAA tournament. They lost to Maryville 70-56.

Rebels led 16-10 after the opening eight minutes.

Bearden chipped away at the deficit in the second quarter, and after A.J. Pruitt knocked home two free throws in the final minute of the half, Bearden only trailed by a single point. But the Rebels got a huge triple from junior Josh Seiler at the top of the key with less than a second on the clock. Maryville (26-4) took a 34-30 lead into the

locker room.

"I felt like we struggled rebounding early and it allowed them to keep a comfortable edge," said Parrott. "We never really closed the gap like I wanted to. We couldn't come up with the key stop or key defensive rebound early on and it allowed them to stay up a couple of possessions most of the game. I didn't like that trend. The big basket there at the

end of the half was a huge momentum swing in their favor, and they carried that over into the third quarter."

That's when the crowd in West Knox County saw Maryville senior Joe Anderson put on a show. During an 18-2 run by the Rebels to start the second half, Anderson scored 14 points, including two three-pointers and a couple of steals. The lead ballooned to 52-32, and the Bulldogs

couldn't recover.

In a losing effort, Bearden got a team high 25 points from sophomore Elijah Bredwood. Time and time again he drove to the hoop and made some spectacular shots.

"We are aware of what Elijah can do," said Parrott. "Elijah has always been able to score the ball. He needs to continue to work on his defense and learning the scheme of the game,

but he is a good young player with a lot of promise."

Bredwood would be named to the District 4-AAA All-Tournament team, along with teammates Pruitt and Hayden Treadwell.

Bearden (22-8) lost a ton of talent from that state title winning team, including Drew Pender (Tennessee) and Ques Glover (Florida). Some would think this would be a rebuilding year. The Bulldogs don't see it that way.

"I don't know why you should ever be surprised when you are successful," said Parrott. "That's your aim every year so I don't think we should be surprised when we are successful. We have good depth in our program. These kids work hard, and I am proud of them."

The season would continue for the Bulldogs on Saturday night, February 29th when they hosted a Region 2-AAA quarterfinal against Central.

Mark Nagi is the author of "Decade of Dysfunction," which takes an up close look at all that led to Tennessee's crazy coaching search in 2017. The book is available on Amazon.

Preseason weather for prep ball has been a challenge again

By Steve Williams

East Tennessee weather has affected preseason practice for high school baseball and softball teams this year much like it usually does and a few coaches say it's even been a little worse.

The official opening date to begin practice on the TSSAA sports calendar was Feb. 10, but heavy rain and flooding the week before then delayed the start for most teams.

With games allowed to begin next week (on March 9), there have been very few days to get outside and practice over the past month due to inclement weather conditions.

The current weather forecast for next week could make those season openers iffy, as there is a 40 percent chance of showers most days, although the daytime temperatures are expected to warm up to the low 60s.

Some head baseball coaches commented last week on this year's weather compared to past seasons and what their feelings would be about playing the baseball season in the summer, although Iowa is the only state that does that. Ohio had previously but has switched back to a spring season.

Buzz McNish, West: "The weather has been difficult this year, but about the same as last year.

"I do not think the TSSAA would ever move baseball to the summer. I wish they would. At least start later and run into summer. The TSSAA wants to keep all of their spring sports state championships and part of the Spring Fling. The TSSAA

also does not want to run anything in the summer."

Tommy Pharr, CAK: "The weather has been worse this preseason. I hope we never move to a summer season. I think it would kill high school baseball."

Doug Polston, Halls: "It's been a rough two weeks. It's been worse but not sure when. I wish they would move the season to April and play into June, but I don't see that happening. Too many conflicts."

John Rice, Bearden: "I think that it has been wet this season, as it was last season, but I don't think it's changed much overall since I was playing high school baseball in Morristown in the 1990s. If you recall, we had a significant blizzard in 1993 in late March or early April.

"We won't ever have high school baseball in the summer."

Carol Mitchell, Gibbs softball coach: "The weather is about the same as in previous years. It has always been a challenge."

In 2017, the TSSAA considered swapping the seasons for softball and volleyball, a sport in which weather is not a factor since it is played inside in the fall. Seven states in the nation play softball in the fall.

Coach Mitchell's take on that: "I think I would like softball in the fall. This is when the middle school teams play, and it is nice. It's really hot at the beginning of the season, but cool at the end with a lot less rain. Whereas now it is cold and rainy throughout most of February and March, rainy in April, and drastically hot at the end."

Despite flooding, Powell home openers set for March 9

By Steve Williams

Powell High's programs have been hit the hardest by Mother Nature as its baseball and softball fields were flooded by Beaver Creek for the second February in a row.

As he checked the damage to the baseball field the weekend after the flooding, new Powell coach Josh Warner commented that \$50,000 had been spent on improvements to the Powell field, which included a new state-of-the-art \$20,000 scoreboard.

Coach Warner also said Knox County Schools were going to send out engineers to check into what could be done, if anything, to prevent future flooding from Beaver Creek, which is located right behind the school's baseball and softball fields.

Warner said too that it might eventually come to a point where a new area

may need to be found for a baseball field, if the costly flooding conditions couldn't be stopped.

On Feb. 18, Warner said in an email: "We got on the field for the first time last night which was nice, but it is still very wet. We were limited on what we could do out there. I have not heard anything from Knox County officials, but I did see them working on the softball fence yesterday."

"As far as last week, we were on the turf at the football field and Grace Christian let us come over and use their field (which has an artificial turf infield) on Saturday. We are hoping to go to the University of Tennessee (Feb. 19) to practice. Our hope is that the field will start drying out soon, but we will do the best we can."

Powell softball coach Jeff Inman shared some good news about his

field this past Saturday.

"Everything's good," said Inman. "The dirt's good. They've still got to get some of the fencing up."

Inman said the Lady Panthers have been practicing on the field.

"We'll be ready for our opening day," he added. "They've just got to get that fencing finished."

"We're trying to get Knox County Schools to pay for it. That cost us \$8,400 to get our dirt done so quick. We're hoping to send that up to the superintendent's office next week, and hopefully they come through and step up and pay for it for us."

Powell's baseball and softball home openers are scheduled for Monday, March 9 against Campbell County, starting at 5:30. The Lady Panthers also will play a second game at 7.



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Powell junior guard Savanna Parker races down court in the first half of the Lady Panthers' championship game at Oak Ridge Feb. 25. Powell led big early, but the Lady Wildcats caught up in the second period and went on to win 64-53.

Fulton boys' fourth-quarter scoring run bests Alcoa, 52-40; wins District 4-AA title

By Bill Howard

It was a game worthy of a district championship. It was intense, scrappy, and hard-fought, and on several occasions bodies hit the floor. Ties and lead changes were numerous, and when Fulton High School's boys basketball team led Alcoa by one point with seven minutes left in the game, it appeared it might well go into overtime.

The fourth quarter, however, was all Falcons, as they outscored the Tornadoes 17-6 to win 52-40 and claim the District 4-AA title in Region 2. A 9-0 run over two minutes was the difference. The final score didn't do justice to the tenor of the third game this season between the teams. They split the other two.

"Typical Fulton-Alcoa basketball game," said Falcon's coach Jody Wright. "If you've watched a lot of these games, tonight was probably the norm. Two teams going at each other really hard, playing tough. I think both teams have a lot of respect for each other. It was hard-fought."

Alcoa (18-10) led 9-4 early, but a 7-0 Falcon streak, which included a pair of treys, gave them an 11-9 lead at the end of one. The teams traded buckets in the second, and the half ended tied at 24.

The back-and-forth continued in the third. Alcoa opened the quarter with four straight, but Fulton then ran off seven to lead 31-28. The Falcons led by a mere point, 35-34, after three.

Fulton (19-6) won it in the fourth when Edward Lacey's layup with 6:15 to go started the 9-0 run. A one-point Falcon lead was suddenly 10, and Alcoa wouldn't come back. Fulton finished

the game on a 15-4 jaunt as junior Tommy Sweat had eight in the frame.

"We hit a couple of shots there late and we got a couple of stops in a row and that kinda gave us a cushion," said Wright.

Sweat tied with Alcoa's Nick Roberts for scoring honors with 18. Dominic Holland added 12 for Fulton; TJ Martin chipped in 11 for Alcoa.

"He (Sweat) brings another dimension, he brings a smart player," said Wright. "He's got good basketball savvy, he can shoot the basketball, he can guard multiple positions."

"I thought our kids really played hard both ways," said Alcoa's coach Ryan Collins. "We went through a stretch where we turned it over too much, we kind of self-destructed. You also have to execute and play smart. We made some turnovers and it kind of snowballed on us in that stretch."

For Wright, Fulton's D was the difference. "I think how we defended tonight, that's how we wanna play," he said. "I thought we played really solid defense against an Alcoa team that presents a lot of matchup problems. Above anything else, I'm just really excited with how we defended tonight."

Lacey was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Teammates Sweat, Dominic Holland, and Adam Robinson were named to the All-Tournament team. Roberts, Martin, and Camden Burden were so honored from Alcoa.

"He (Lacey) did a great job of not forcing the issue, of trusting his teammates and getting them good looks," said Wright. "His effort and energy on the defensive end..."

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Like Fisher warned, OR's 'No. 2' made it hard for Powell

By Steve Williams

Powell got off to a great start in the District 3-AAA girls basketball championship game.

The Lady Panthers led by nine points over halfway through the opening period at Oak Ridge and Bailey Trumm's third 3-point basket had them ahead by eight in the second quarter.

Then Khamari Mitchell-Steen took over on Jill Prudden Court Feb. 25.

The Lady Wildcats' 5-8 junior guard scored eight straight points to cap a 10-0 run that put Oak Ridge ahead and on its way to a 64-53 win and the title.

"Khamari definitely ignited something for us offensively," said Coach Paige Redman, whose team improved to 27-6. "She got us to another level offensively and when that gets going, our defense steps up and then it starts clicking."

Mitchell-Steen, the tournament's MVP, finished with 22 points and senior guard Bri Dunbar, a King University signee, totaled 21 and was eighth for eight from the line.

"I just felt like it was a great team effort," added Redman.

Semaj Clark came off the bench and had 11 rebounds. Raja Eckles chipped in eight points.

"It may have been a bad coaching move," said Powell's John Fisher, "but I said to my team (the day before), if No. 2 goes out and hits a bunch of threes, we're going to have a hard time winning."

"That was the difference in the game and we didn't shoot particularly well and they had a lot to do with that. Oak Ridge gets up and guards you. They always have. When we played over here (Jan. 28, a 57-54 Powell win), we shot it a little bit better and they didn't shoot as good."

The Trumm sisters (Bailey and Reagan), who are well known for their 3-point shooting, led Powell with 21 and 14 points, respectively. Bailey had five treys and Reagan three. Savanna Parker added nine points and Cassidy Hill seven.

Mitchell-Skeen's last two shots in her scoring spree were 3-pointers, the first from the right wing and the second from the left corner that put Oak Ridge in front 19-17.

Bailey Trumm, who became the TSSAA girls' career record holder for treys (410) during the regular season, stopped the flurry briefly with a 3-pointer at the left of the key, but it would be Powell's last lead of the game.

Mitchell-Skeen fed Gracie Hearon

for a basket inside, and after OR's defense forced a turnover with a five-second closely guarded count, Khamari swished in her third 3-pointer. She followed that with a scoring drive that gave Oak Ridge a six-point advantage.

Dunbar scored nine of Oak Ridge's 17 points in the third period as the Lady Wildcats stretched their lead to 14.

Powell tried to rally in the final period. Bailey Trumm made two free throws to cut the deficit to nine (53-44) with 4:15 left. The Lady Panthers stole the ball but gave it back on a traveling violation.

A steal by Parker followed by Reagan Trumm's 3-pointer pulled Powell within eight (55-47) at 2:42, but they would get no closer.

SWEEP FOR RIDGERS: Oak Ridge held off Clinton 73-69 for the boys' title. MVP Isaiah Johnson led the Wildcats (24-4) with 20 points. The Dragons (15-13) got a game-high 26 points from sophomore guard Jackson Garner.

In the tourney's consolation games, the Central Bobcats defeated Karns 61-48 for third place and the Clinton Lady Dragons outscored Halls 81-77.

Lady Admirals' defense stops Powell, 52-37

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Reagan Trumm, Bailey's younger sister, led Powell with 13 points. She was 1 for 4 from 3-point range. Savanna Parker chipped in 10 points and made Powell's only other trey. As a team, Powell was 3 for 15 behind the arc.

Despite falling behind early, the Lady Panthers battled back and tied the game at 17-all with 2:23

left in the first half.

About a minute later, however, Powell Coach John Fisher was issued a technical foul with 1:27 on the clock.

"I was walking away from the play," said Fisher, describing what happened that resulted in the technical. "I threw a towel down, didn't say a word to an official. I threw a towel down."

"It was a block-charge

call. He gave me a technical. I wasn't even walking towards them (officials), wasn't arguing a call. I threw a towel down. I shouldn't have reacted that way, but did it warrant a technical? It happened, so I'll just leave it at that."

Wyatt sank the two technical foul shots and Rogers hit a 3-point shot after Farragut also was awarded the ball. It resulted in a

five-point swing.

Fisher, by rule, also had to stay seated during play the remainder of the game.

The Lady Admirals went into the locker room at half-time leading 23-19.

Reagan Trumm's 3-point shot cut Farragut's lead to 28-24 a little over halfway through the third quarter.

Coach Mayfield had his team hold the ball for a little over two minutes and

until Powell came out of its 3-2 zone.

"We just needed our best five players on the court," explaining why he had his team hold the ball.

He added that getting Ace Strickland and Wyatt back on the court in the fourth period was the key to his team's game-clinching play in the final period.

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The Crust has been good for UT basketball

Grant Williams and Admiral Schofield left the Tennessee basketball program last year affectionately known as "Peanut Butter and Jelly."



By Steve Williams

So, with their former teammate's collegiate career winding down, I'm going to call Jordan Bowden The Crust.

Most of us know the outer edge of a slice of bread – the crust – is not the tastiest part, but it contains the most nutrients. Many moms have told their kids, "Eat the crust, it's good for you."

Bowden hasn't been the best player on the UT team during his career, but he has often been the most valuable member on the floor.

He can shoot the 3-ball or take it to the rim. He can defend as well as anyone in the conference. He has held up strong under pressure.

The Crust.

With Bowden being a local product from Carter High and a young man I watched, interviewed and respected on and off the court, it bothered me when I would hear fans criticize him as he went through a long shooting slump this season. Some wanted to cut the crust off and throw it away.

When asked what helped him get through the slump and handle the criticism, Jordan answered: "Just God and having my faith."

Coach Rick Barnes stuck with Bowden because his defensive play remained strong and consistent. His patience paid off.

Some thought Bowden, an athletic 6-5 guard, had the best game of his career in the road loss at Auburn that saw the Tigers overcome a 17-point deficit in the second half.

"It was good to see the ball go in the basket," said Jordan, "but I want to win." In addition to his



PHOTO BY TENNESSEE ATHLETICS

UT senior Jordan Bowden drives against the Auburn defense Feb. 22 in perhaps his best overall game of his collegiate career. It was among four games in which the Carter High product averaged a team-high 17.3 points and shot 40.9 percent from 3-point range after a long offensive slump.

defensive play, Bowden finished that game with a career-high 28 points, making nine of 12 field goals, three of four from 3-point range and all seven free throw attempts. He also had six assists, four rebounds and committed only two turnovers in 39 minutes of action.

"He played his heart out," said Barnes.

Bowden also played well in the following road loss at Arkansas last week and was Vol Network color analyst Bill Justus' UT Player of the Game.

"I think you are one of the most productive players in Tennessee basketball history," Justus, a UT All-American guard in the late 1960s, told Bowden on the post-game show.

"Thank you," said Jordan. "We still have three more games to go."

The Florida Gators were scheduled to be in town Saturday. The Vols have a road trip to Kentucky Tuesday night and their regular season finale is Saturday at noon against Auburn at Thompson-Boling Arena.

It will be Senior Day for Bowden, who four years ago became the first Knoxville player to receive a basketball scholarship from UT since Doug Roth of Karns signed with the Vols in 1985.

I've written before that Bowden is one of the most exciting players I've seen in now over 50 years of following high school basketball on the local scene. He stood out mostly above the rim and played on a Carter team that averaged 92 points his senior season – second most in the nation.

Still, Bowden did not have any big-time offers coming out of high school and probably one of the best decisions he ever made was playing a year of prep ball on the 22 Feet Academy national team in Greenville, S.C., where he quickly gained the attention of major college programs.

As a college player, Bowden had to add to his game, although his rim-rocking, alley-oop slam off an in-bounds pass ranked No. 3 on Sports Center's Top 10 plays in one of the first games he played at UT. Bowden's defensive play probably helped him get on the floor more than anything. He added 3-point shooting to his arsenal, and as a junior, he learned the point guard position.

Bowden broke into the starting lineup at Tennessee in just his second game as a freshman and made 28 starts his first season.

He averaged nine points per game as a sophomore,

led the team in steals (39) and ranked second in 3-point percentage (.395).

Bowden was a valuable sixth man much of his junior campaign when the Vols took over No. 1 in the national rankings, scoring in double digits off the bench in six of the last eight games and 19 times on the season.

Jordan will be missed on and off the floor. I saw firsthand his community service with the Hoops for Hope program at Knoxville Christian School, where the UT men's and women's teams annually share their love of basketball with those who live with Down syndrome.

Hopefully, Bowden's play and conduct will open the door for other Knoxville-area players to be recruited into the Tennessee program. Drew Pember, who played on Bearden's Class AAA state championship team in 2019, was signed by the Vols last year.

As for Bowden, I believe he has a lot of good basketball still in him. He reminds me of former Vol Josh Richardson, who was drafted by Miami in the NBA and played four seasons with the Heat and is now with the Philadelphia 76ers.

I don't see The Crust going stale anytime soon.

BOYS SOCCER

Admirals to have familiar faces in different spots in 2020

By Ken Lay

When the 2020 high boys soccer season begins later this month, the Farragut Admirals will have some familiar faces in their lineup.

Those players, however, may find themselves playing different positions.

"We'll have some good players playing different positions," said coach Ray Dover, who will soon begin his fifth season as Farragut's coach.

The Admirals lost several players to graduation from last year's side that went 19-3 and won both the District 4-AAA regular-season title and the district tournament championship. They also capture the Region 2-AAA Tournament crown before falling at home to Kingston Pike rival Bearden in the state sectionals for the second consecutive season.

That loss sent the Admirals home, while region runner-up Karns upset Science Hill in its sectional match.

"Take nothing away from Bearden, they had a great team, Dover said. "But it's always tough to go home and find out that the team that you beat in the region championship won their substate game and is going to the state."

The Bulldogs would go on to prove just how good they were by beating Station Camp on penalty kicks to win the Class AAA State Championship in Murfreesboro, their second title in four years.

But 2020 is a new year and Dover and the Admirals are ready to begin anew with a deep squad. The team, however, will have some new faces on the varsity squad and some old faces in new places on the field.

Farragut has three returning starters including senior Nathan Miller (who can play anywhere on the field), senior forward Avery Hathaway and junior forward Timi Omi-taomu.

"We're still trying to

decide where to put Nathan Miller. He's a Swiss Army Knife and he can play forward, midfielder or defender," Dover said. "Different games and different situations will determine where he will play."

"Avery and Timi will both be up top."

Other key returners for Farragut include: Jacob Williams (senior, defender); Max Kaplan (junior goalkeeper); Ohni Bhaduri (senior, midfielder); Dali Bhaduri (senior, midfielder); Cade Goode (senior, forward/defender); Adam Fuller (senior, defender); Nolan Murr (senior, midfielder) and Lucas Arnold (junior, defender).

The Admirals also have a talented group of newcomers led by Mason Chase, a senior who transferred in from California. He can play both forward and midfielder.

"We have 16 field players on varsity and there will be others who will pop up," Dover said. "We call guys up from JV all the time."

The coach said that his team's biggest strength is its cohesiveness.

"If these guys can stay healthy, I really feel like we've got a shot," Dover said. "This team has cohesion and chemistry. This is the most cohesive team that I've ever coached or been a part of."

"They're all buddies and they all hang out together off the field and that's important."

Dover noted that this team must pick up its pace if it is to achieve its goals.

"We play a possession game and it's possession with a purpose. We don't possess the ball just to possess it," he said. "We need to improve on the speed of play and the players who can handle the pressure are the ones who are going to be out there playing."

The Admirals open their season against Greeneville at home on Tuesday, March 10.

Fulton boys

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... he's a warrior. I think he was the difference tonight with his energy level on both ends of the floor."

Both teams now head to regionals. The Falcons are trying to make their third straight trip to the state championship game. They came up short in the last two. Wright is confident but knows the road will be tough.

"This is where it gets big-boy basketball," he said. "We'll enjoy this one tonight and it's back to work. I like how we played tonight...can you do it again next time? It's a grind, taking it one game at a time and you gotta show up every night."

Fulton and Alcoa also played for the girls' district championship in the first game. Alcoa won 68-34.

BOYS SOCCER

Hardin Valley soccer looks to bounce back after rough 2019 season

By Ken Lay

When Hardin Valley Academy's boys soccer team opens its season, it will look to reverse a bit of misfortune from 2019.

The Hawks were bitten by the injury bug out of the gate last year, the first for coach Brad Delano, who was HVA's third coach in four years.

The injuries forced Delano to call up players from his junior varsity squad to join an already young team.

The result was a 5-10-6 record but the Hawks did show marked improvement later in the season.

"If you look at where we were early when Farragut just ran all over us and we lost 6-0; then, we were right there and lost 2-0 in (the District 4-AAA Tournament), you could see that we had gotten better," Delano said. "We had the injuries and I had to pull up a lot of freshmen and sophomores."

"The other thing is that a

lot of these guys were playing for their third coach in four years and they really didn't know what to expect. When a team doesn't know what to expect, they play scared."

Well, 2020 is a new year and Hardin Valley has a bevy of returning players and almost all of the Hawks' District 4-AAA matches are at home this season.

"I think people are going to see a different Hardin Valley than they saw last year," Delano said. "Most of our district matches are at home and we're a team that plays well on turf."

"I have almost all of my guys back from last year and these guys are a brotherhood but we'll have to work on defense. We'll have a lot of new, young guys playing on the back

line."

Delano said that the Hawks have lofty expectations for the upcoming campaign, which opens March 10 at Oak Ridge.

"We want to get to the district championship game," he said.

Key players for Hardin Valley, according to Delano, include: Angel Garcia-Perez (senior, forward); K.C. Ritzenbery (senior, midfielder); Zander Bolas (senior, forward); Adonay Sandoval (senior, forward); Damon Foster (senior, goalkeeper); Joseph Palacios (junior, defender); Collin Combs (sophomore, midfielder); Ivan Usynin (sophomore, midfielder); Rudy Dardon (sophomore, defender) and Gavin McCormick (sophomore, defender).

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Seasonal Reflections

While campaigning in South Carolina, Hillary Clinton once intoned, "I don't feel no-ways tarred." Well, these days I often do.

When I was younger, I used to get up, take a shower, drink Dolly's "cup of ambition" and be at the top of my game. Not so anymore, at sixty-nine years old.

Perhaps it's just the rain, the lingering gloom of February and winter's chill. But these days, it takes a hot shower, several cups of "Joe" and spiritual journaling to rise above the barrage of negative "news" which floods my iPhone each morning. I suspect my internet "windows on the world" may not be healthy for me. However, I believe staying informed is my duty as a citizen, especially when my country is at war.

At this writing, I carry the ashes of Lent upon my forehead. Though I am a Christian, the Lenten season has always been less joyous for me than

the Christmas Season. And Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday never did much for me. I tried fasting once, but it didn't help me focus on the reason for the season. In years past, I tried giving up various things, but this didn't help my focus either. Consequently, this Lenten Season I'm taking a different approach. My goal is to try and associate all everyday life events as a means to refocus my prayers on "what is better" (Luke 10:42).

Actually, I feel better when I trust in the Lord. And I'm not alone in this conclusion. Sages down through the ages have come to the same revelation. That does not mean I just sit passively and wait for Jesus to brush my teeth each morning. Nor, do I expect the government to feed me, provide me with "affordable housing" or pay for my education.

During the recent South Carolina Presidential

romper room "debate," the Dems were challenged to outline their policies that would provide these needs and "equity" for minimum wage workers. Folks, the answers from Bernie and the Bros was socialism. Minimum wage is for unskilled entry level workers. It is not a career choice, unless you aspire to live in your parent's basement and take community college courses on women's studies.

I graduated from high school in 1969 when America was winding down from the Vietnam war and decreasing the military. As a result, I never served in the army, and in some respects, I regret this. Soldiers in war zones do their duty. I believe my tour of duty is here and now. The war against the seditious Deep State, the dishonest "Drive-by Media," the hate filled anti-American leftists like Antifa and the Democrats who even politicize the coronavirus crisis takes its toll even on soldiers of the home-front.

I've previously written about the various "isms" (Get Woke January 13, 2020), but apparently this needs to be oft repeated and explained to millennials and others you encounter who are misinformed.

Socialism is a political, social and economic philosophy which arose in the late 19th century in

opposition to capitalism. Socialism advocates collective ownership of all means of production. Advocates recognize that class struggle may be necessary to effect societal change. The more radical socialists moved beyond the ballot box to armed conflict in Russia, China and Cuba. These radicals identify as proponents of Communism, a system where a socialist system is run by an elite ruling class (Washington?). Vladimir Lenin once said that the "goal of socialism is communism."

Perhaps it's just ignorance that so many young people have a favorable opinion of Socialism, a system that has a 100% failure rate. Winston Churchill once said, "Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy." If young people haven't been educated, then we have a duty to educate them. Unfortunately, a bigger problem is the realization that the educational system is too often a source of malicious indoctrination and maleducation.

I am certainly not advocating the unfettered Capitalism of the late 19th century robber barons. However, capitalism which is based on private property, personal industry and market demand, has lifted more people out of poverty

than any other system. Again, I quote Churchill, "The inherent vice of Capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings. The inherent virtue of Socialism is the equal sharing of miseries." However, rest assured that the Washington elite will be spared the misery they advocate and create.

I have friends who are more conservative than me and others more liberal. I don't personally know any leftists, a perspective that advocates ever larger government, open borders, elimination of free speech and racial issues inherent in all aspects of life. Antifa devotees are leftists and anti-American.

Like me, Liberalism espouses civil liberty, free speech, American national sovereignty and free markets. However, I get confused by Pelosi and the Democrat Presidential candidates who actually espouse Progressive philosophies such as economic, social and environmental justice, universal healthcare and a living wage. Perhaps Democrat politicians only masquerade as liberals and are actually progressive socialists like "Bolshevik Bernie."

I've found the best way to respond to the confused is to ask them why they believe such and such. When you encounter misinformed people, ask them for an example

which supports their position. I've found this less confrontational than saying that you just don't accept their premise, which is often emotional parroting of political correctness.

Soldiers all undergo training, and it is important to get informed and codify your thoughts. Then, I recommend you ask The Master for courage and strength and the wisdom to "speak the truth in love." Though all should be viewed as children of God, I don't advise this approach with Antifa types or the Bernie Bros. Only the Lord can help them, but fortunately they remain a decided minority. Like the self-described socialist, Bernie Sanders, they are beyond reason because their ideology has become their religion.

During this Lenten Season, I plan to focus on a positive spiritual and civic attitude during the forty days of Lent, and hopefully beyond. I will pray for the victims of the coronavirus, for President Trump, the lost and the confused. And though the Boy Scouts have killed their once noble organization, I will continue to use their motto. "I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country" and those I love (even the unlovable).

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Cause No. CE-29074
In the Circuit Court of Blount County, Tennessee
Adoption of Lochlan Noah Perez DOB 12/18/2011
By: Eduardo Jose Perez and Maritza Vidal Perez, Petitioners
v. Stephanie Nicole Perez, Respondent.

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that Respondent Stephanie Nicole Perez, residence is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it is ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, as required by law, in The Knoxville Focus a newspaper published in Knoxville and Knoxville County, Tennessee, notifying Respondent Stephanie Nicole Perez to file an answer with this court and a copy to Petitioner's attorney, Julia Spannaus, Esq., whose address is PO Box 4595 Maryville, TN 37802, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to said Respondent. If there is no answer, a hearing on Petitioner's motion for default judgment shall be heard on April 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.. Failure to answer or appear may result in termination of Respondent's parental rights to the child referenced above.

Clerk, Blount County Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ROBERT LEE GILMORE -Vs- WENDY MICHELLE GILMORE

Docket # 148265
IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant WENDY MICHELLE GILMORE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon WENDY M. GILMORE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by ROBERT L. GILMORE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with ROBERT L. GILMORE/PRO SE, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 8803 CORRYTON RD., LOT#6, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 20TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

Mike Hammond Clerk
 Deputy Clerk

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ESTATE OF JOSEPH R ANDERSON, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 82698-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH R ANDERSON, JR. 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:

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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

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ESTATE OF JOSEPH R ANDERSON, JR.

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ESTATE OF JAMES SAMUEL BYARS

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ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DAY, JR.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELEANOR KAREN DINDA DOCKET NUMBER 82715-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ELEANOR KAREN DINDA who died May 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF ELEANOR KAREN DINDA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 CAROLE HAWKINS; ADMINISTRATRIX
 8424 CHILDRESS ROAD
 POWELL, TN. 37849

KEVIN TONKIN ATTORNEY AT LAW
 LAW 8517 KINGSTON PIKE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY DOUGLAS ELLIS DOCKET NUMBER 82701-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JERRY DOUGLAS ELLIS who died Sep 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 10 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JERRY DOUGLAS ELLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 LINDA KAY ELLIS TUCKER; CO-EXECUTRIX 5209 MURPHY ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

LESLIE ANN ELLIS NIPPER.; CO-EXECUTRIX 915 MIDDLETON PLACE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

MICHAEL R CROWDER ATTORNEY AT LAW
 P.O. BOX 442
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0442

date of death This the 10 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JERRY DOUGLAS ELLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 LINDA KAY ELLIS TUCKER; CO-EXECUTRIX 5209 MURPHY ROAD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET H FISHER DOCKET NUMBER 82716-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET H FISHER who died Dec 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARGARET H FISHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSAN M BUTEFISH; EXECUTRIX 1428 WINEBERRY ROAD
 POWELL, TN. 37849

BAILEY MORGAN SCHIERMEYER ATTORNEY AT LAW
 903 N HALL OF FAME DRIVE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHYTESHIA D GANT DOCKET NUMBER 82598-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHYTESHIA D GANT who died Oct 31, 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 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF SHYTESHIA D GANT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 BRIDGET JORDAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
 444 DISCO LOOP ROAD
 FRIENDSVILLE, TN. 37737

JARED T ANDERSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
 351 GLASCOCK STREET ALCOA, TN. 37701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KEITH ALAN GARREN DOCKET NUMBER 82689-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KEITH ALAN GARREN who died Jan 9, 2020, 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 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF KEITH ALAN GARREN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 KARA GARREN; ADMINISTRATRIX
 8101 HAYDEN DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICE FAYE HARLESS DOCKET NUMBER 82718-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALICE FAYE HARLESS who died Jan 29, 2020, 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF ALICE FAYE HARLESS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JAMES H DAVIS ; EXECUTOR 5101 WILD CHERRY LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

DAVID H LUHM ATTORNEY AT LAW
 310 N FOREST PARK BLVD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

date of death This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF ALICE FAYE HARLESS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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DAVID H LUHM ATTORNEY AT LAW
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN MOORE HILL DOCKET NUMBER 82714-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN MOORE HILL who died Dec 3, 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN MOORE HILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DESTINY ROSE HILL; EXECUTRIX 2011 ASTER ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

ROBERT W GODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW
 AT LAW 4611 OLD BROADWAY
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVELYN LENA HOUSER DOCKET NUMBER 82124-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of EVELYN LENA HOUSER who died May 10, 2018, 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 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF EVELYN LENA HOUSER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 PAUL WAYNE HOUSER;
 ADMINISTRATOR CTA
 261 COUNTRY WALK DRIVE
 POWELL, TN. 37849

JAMES C ENSOR ATTORNEY AT LAW
 707 MARKET STREET, SW
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KEITH A ISAKSON DOCKET NUMBER 82705-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KEITH A ISAKSON who died Dec 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF KEITH A ISAKSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WANDA L ISAKSON; EXECUTRIX 660 SEDGLEY DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLADYS MAE KEITH DOCKET NUMBER 81983-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLADYS MAE KEITH who died Apr 16, 2017, 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 11TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF GLADYS MAE KEITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KATHERINE

WILSON; EXCUTRIX 2330 SUNNYWOOD LANE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

JAMES C. ENSOR ATTORNEY AT LAW
 707 MARKET STREET SW
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY STELLA KIRBY DOCKET NUMBER 82372-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY STELLA KIRBY who died Oct 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 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 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY STELLA KIRBY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 TIMMY W KIRBY; ADMINISTRATOR
 3012 GALBRAITH STREET
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

ROGER D HYMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW
 P.O. BOX 26072
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912-9672

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLADYS LAMBDIN DOCKET NUMBER 82420-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLADYS LAMBDIN who died Sep 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 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 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF GLADYS LAMBDIN
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 K DIANE STEWARD; ADMINISTRATRIX
 1325 CANDLEWICK ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Halls business owner, Carl Cecil Haynes Jr., has died

Carl C. Haynes Jr., 80, passed away at his home Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He went to Heaven peacefully after a lengthy battle with cardiac, circulatory and respiratory issues in the aftermath of a 2016 heart attack.

Carl was a faithful Christian and 40+ year member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church where he served as an usher and sometime

Sunday School teacher. He was ordained as a Deacon at Lonsdale Baptist before moving to Halls and BDBC.

A devoted and steadfast husband of 57 years to wife, Charlotte, he was a dedicated and loving father to children, Michael, Lisa (Neil) Rasor, Gregory (Kendra) and Matthew (Renee) as well as a dotting grandfather to Abigail, Camden and Christopher.

Carl was a United States Army Veteran, serving active

duty and reserves from 1957 to 1964. In 1971, he co-founded and operated Southeast Termite and Pest Control and built the business into the largest family owned pest control company in the Knoxville/East TN area. After his ardent and unwavering devotion to faith and family, his work ethic defined him as he routinely worked 6 days a week even as his health began to decline. As an employer, he

was loved and admired. Several of his employees have logged more than 20 years with the company.

A simple man by nature, he treasured family time with his children and grandchildren in the summertime around the pool at his home in Corryton. Family gatherings and dinner outings were frequent- no holiday or calendar date was too small. These traditionally ended with friendly- but

competitive- board and card games.

He and Charlotte normally spent their leisure time traveling to the Bahamas 3-5 times per year with close friends.

Carl was an avid sports fan, closely following the Tennessee Volunteers and Atlanta Braves. As a TV watching fan, he also enjoyed golf and NASCAR. Carl also looked forward to playing the occasional round of golf.

He grew up in Lonsdale as the youngest of three sons to Sarah Frances Haynes Ford. He graduated from Rule High School in 1957 and was always proud to be from that community. He is preceded in death by his mother, Sarah, and father, Carl Sr.; stepfather, Herbert Ford; and brothers, Paul and Ray. He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

Finding true hope

Ephesus, during Paul's day, was the fourth largest city of the Roman Empire. The city was known for the selling of incantations that were meant to unleash healing power upon those who needed assistance. These small scrolls with spells have been found in various places around the Mediterranean.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

been a major trade center in these incantations.

And it was Paul who came preaching and teaching that it is Jesus Christ, not incantations, who breaks the power of demons and heals us. So many were coming to faith in Christ and rejecting these magical scrolls that it was affecting the sale of them. Acts 19:18-20 records that those who came to faith in Christ confessed their evil deeds and many who practiced sorcery burned their scrolls/incantations publicly. The value of the scrolls came to fifty thousand drachmas. A drachma was a day's wage. If an average day's wage in America is \$100, the value of the scrolls burned would be the equivalent of five million dollars. This shows the impact of the gospel. They didn't sell their scrolls to someone else to make some money back because they now learned that there was no power in these

scrolls. They offered a false hope. They destroyed them.

I remember someone who battled cocaine and other drugs bringing a mirror to me one day. He wanted me to get rid of it. I was confused, until he told me this was what he used to cut his drugs with. I gladly took it off his hands and disposed of it. When you encounter the living Christ, you rid from your life anything that offers power or influence apart from Him.

Is there anything from your previous life before Christ you need to get rid of? Are there things that are distracting you from following Jesus whole heartedly? What scrolls might there be in your life that you trust as a source of security?

Jesus brought hope and security to the Ephesians that were turning to Christ. Ephesus was known not just for incantations and spells, but also for pagan deities/religions. Ephesus

was the city of the goddess Artemis (Romans called her Diana). The Temple of Artemis was considered one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. You could purchase statues of Artemis for your home. Artemis was a mother type goddess who blessed marriages and crops. People came from around the Roman empire to honor Artemis at her temple. The Ephesians were proud of their deity. They reaped the financial

rewards due to religious tourism. People began to notice the influence the Gospel of Jesus was having in town, and how people were not purchasing the statues of Artemis. The artisans who made the statues feared the economic impact, and a riot broke out. This makes me wonder how the gospel might affect the economy in Knoxville if Jesus was taken seriously. Jesus is the only source of hope for our world.

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LEGAL SECTION 94

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Knox County Commission Ordinance number 0-05-9-102, the following described vehicles impounded by Knox County Codes Enforcement will be offered for sale at public auction after 10 days from the date of this notice. The respective owner(s) may reclaim their respective vehicle(s) within this time by paying all costs associated with vehicle extraction, such as but not limited to towing and storage fees. After the expiration of this time period, these vehicles will be sold at public auction online at www.

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1992 Honda Civic LX sedan SEDAN 4-DR, 1.5L L4 SOHC 16V. (VIN) 1HGEG8655NLO39127

2010 Ford Transit Connect XLT Wagon WINDOW VAN, 2.0L L4 DOHC 16V. (VIN) NMOKS9BNOAT014252

1991 Sterling 827 SLi hatchback SEDAN 4-DR, 2.7L V6 SOHC 24V. (VIN) SAXX556H5MM280880

1997 Chevrolet Blazer 4-Door 4WD SPORT UTILITY 4-DR, 4.3L V6 OHV 12V. (VIN) 1GNDT13W9V2115004

2006 Nissan Sentra 1.8 SEDAN 4-DR, 1.8L L4 DOHC 16V. (VIN) 3N1CB51D96L591529

2006 Toyota Prius 4-Door Liftback HATCHBACK 4-DR, 1.5L L4 DOHC 16V HYBRID. (VIN) JTDKB20UX67081039

1989 Chevrolet G-Series Van G30 MOTORIZED CUTAWAY, 5.7L V8 OHV 16V. (VIN) 2GBHG31K6K4151676

Blue Ford Escape 1FMCV93108KA97156

1997 Chevrolet Astro Cargo Van EXTENDED CARGO VAN, 4.3L V6 OHV 12V. (VIN) 1GDCM19W5VB169140

1998 Honda Civic EX coupe COUPE 2-DR, 1.6L L4 SOHC 16V. (VIN) 1HGEJ8148WLO07046

1987 Chevrolet S10 Regular Cab 2WD REGULAR CAB PICKUP 2-DR, 2.5L L4 OHV 8V. (VIN) 1GCBS14E2H265436

1991 Dodge Grand Caravan LE SPORTS VAN, 3.3L V6 OHV 12V. (VIN) 1B4GK54RXXM516908

1997 Ford Ranger XL SuperCab 2WD EXTENDED CAB PICKUP 2-DR, 2.3L L4 SOHC 8V. (VIN) 1FTCR14A5VPA25292

2001 Lincoln LS V6 Automatic SEDAN 4-DR, 3.0L V6 DOHC 24V. (VIN) 1LNHM86S1Y616432

1989 Chevrolet G-Series Van G30 MOTORIZED CUTAWAY, 5.7L V8 OHV 16V. (VIN) 2GBHG31K6K4151676

2006 Freightliner M2 106 CONVENTIONAL CAB, 7.2L L6 DIESEL. (VIN) 1FVACWDD26HW54301

2003 Ford Focus LX SEDAN 4-DR, 2.0L L4 SOHC 8V. (VIN) 1FAPP33P7W132857

2001 Ford Focus ZX3 HATCHBACK 3-DR, 2.0L L4 DOHC 16V. (VIN) 3FAFP31361R251404

1997 Ford Mustang GT Coupe COUPE 2-DR, 4.6L V8 SOHC 16V. (VIN) 1FALP42X6VF178385

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

THE OWNERS AND/OR LIEN HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE HERBY NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PAY ALL CHARGES AND RECLAIM SAID VEHICLES BEING HELD AT THE STORAGE LOT OF COLLINS TOWING AND RECOVERY FAILURE TO RECLAIM THESE VEHICLES WILL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF SAID VEHICLE AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON March 9, 2020 1406 N Central St Knoxville TN 37917
08 Mercedes WDDNG686X88A213875
05 Mazda 4F2C294125KM13995
01 GMC 1GKEK13T51J153663.
05 Nissan 5N1AN08U95C607626

PUBLIC NOTICE

The required annual meeting of Fort Sumter Community Cemetery Board of Directors and the community is scheduled for March 19, 2020 at 7 o'clock at the cemetery office located at 4828 Salem Church Road. The annual report and questions will be answered at this meeting. Bid forms for the seasonal moving may be obtained by calling 865-660-6949. The bids must be back in the cemetery office by 5 pm on March 6th.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of the following leased units will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien at Morningstar Storage of Western, March 10, 2020 at 10AM. The Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Some units may not be available on the day of sale. Please call 865.588.8822 to confirm the sale.

BB14 - Stacie Hall
CC04 - Gwendolyn Smith
CE08 - Edith King
BA06 - Jennifer Rochester
AF09 - James Shinelever

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of the following leased units will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien at Tillery Self Storage, 115 Tillery Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912, March 11, 2020, at 10:00 AM. The Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Some units may not be available on the day of sale. Please call 865-687-7308 to confirm the sale.

Tabitha Pryor - 260, 281
Jeremy Caylor - 271
Kristen Cook - 32
Lance Shidi - 325
Branthony Finch - 304
Kathy Merrick - 312