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## COVID-19 Weekly Focus

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2019 Knox County Total Population <sup>1</sup>	Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases <sup>2</sup>	% COVID-19 Cases/ Total Population	Total COVID-19 Deaths <sup>2</sup>	% COVID-19 Deaths/ Total Population
470,313	31,001	6.6%	329	.0007%

SOURCES 1. U.S. Census Bureau 2. Knox County Health Department data from 1/2/2021.

## Applications being reviewed for commission's new Health and Economics Committee

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Who will be nominated by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs to the new Health and Economic Well-being Committee? Applications for committee membership turned in by December 21 are being reviewed by Dwight Van de Vate. Apparently the applicants will be reviewed by the county mayor before being recommended for approval to the commission.

Van de Vate told The Focus last week that the applicants' names would be released. He's currently filling the Chief of Staff position.

"A couple of the applicants were missing some incidental items, cover e-mails or letter, stuff like that," he said.

"We thought we would reach out to them and let them know if they were short on any items like that and give them a chance to remedy it, rather than simply rejecting them," he added.

Van de Vate said there was an applicant for every position of the new 11-member committee except for virologist. Members of the new board will also include two economists, one epidemiologist, two medical professionals, two psychologists or social workers, two business leaders, and one Knox County Commissioner. All would be appointed by Mayor Jacobs except the commissioner.

While only required to meet once a year, unless needed, the new board will be required to include a public forum during their meetings. All appointees will serve four years and the commission member would serve during their term on commission.

The Health and Economics Committee, created by a resolution by Commissioner Kyle Ward is an alternative advisory body to the Board of Health. The Committee on Health and Economics Well-Being is charged to "share its findings and recommendations to the Knox County Health Department and the Board of Health."

On another resolution from Ward, the commission may dissolve the Board of Health in their January 19 regular meeting with the idea to make Health Director Dr. Martha Buchanan the only authority to



Leaving the old year behind and entering a new year of possibilities is well illustrated in this photo by John Valentine of a young boy carrying the football during halftime of 2020's Battle of Broadway. The Focus is proud to feature more contributor talent in PHOTO FINISH in this week's Section B.

## 2021: The Year Ahead

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

While most people are happy to leave 2020 behind, any of its problems are stretching into this new year along with some opportunities.

COVID-19 is expected to get worse and not wane until mid-year when the majority of citizens will have received one of several vaccines. Until then the health department is asking everyone to continue the necessary steps to avoid spreading the virus. A new strain of the virus from Europe has been found in the United States and, while not more deadly, it is spread more easily.

The conflict between the Knox County Commission and the Board of Health is expected to be resolved in January when the commission meets for a second vote on dissolving the board. If passed, this would place all pandemic

oversight into the hands of the Knox County Director of Health.

The city and county will vote on whether or not to create a sports authority to oversee and finance a semi-pro baseball complex downtown. Organized opposition to spending tax-payer money on the project appears to be growing.

Both the city and county are expected to continue their greenway programs. Knoxville voters will see a primary election for council August 31. Five positions are up for grabs including Tommy Smith's District 1 seat. He was chosen to replace Stephanie Welch who joined the administration of Mayor Indya Kincannon.

Also facing re-election are Andrew Roberto, District 2; Seema Singh, District 3; Lauren Rider, District 4; and Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie, District 6. The general election is set for November 2.

The Knox County School Administration will probably be moving

from the Andrew Johnson Building this year now that the sales agreement of the historic structure has been approved. They will relocate to the TVA Towers.

Many of the annual events that were canceled in the city and county last year, including the Veterans Day Parade and Neighborhood Conference, are hoped to occur this year. The virtual meetings of most city and county events may continue for a couple of months depending on the spread of the virus.

Work will continue on creating a new Public Safety complex on the site of the former Tennova/St. Mary's Hospital and the Knoxville-Knox County E-911 plans to use part of the complex for a back-up location. Demolition of the former East Town Mall may begin making way for an e-commerce distribution center and the name of the future occupant may be announced.

## Board of Health considers its future

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Following hearing that Knox County's COVID-19 battle continues to have four RED lights again for the fourth meeting in a row and hearing members express how horrible the pandemic is touching our area, the Knox County Board of Health discussed the possibility of their own demise as a regulatory body.

The board voted, with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs voting "No" each time, to continue the 10 p.m. curfew on restaurant and bars and keeping the occupancy limit at 50% for businesses. The mask mandate continues with no expiration date and the other two regulations were set by the board to expire January 21.

Near the end of their two-hour meeting the discussion turned to an upcoming vote by the Knox County Commission.

"Do we have any clarity if the county commission goes with their second vote, are we repurposed or are we dissolved?" Dr. James Shamiyeh asked at the Board of Health's meeting Wednesday. His question was directed to Deputy Law Director David Sanders.

"My understanding is that technically the board is dissolved," Sanders replied, adding, "The ordinance that established it is revoked."

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## McNabb Center breaks ground on Mineral Springs Manor

By Ken Lay

Knoxville's low-income senior citizens will soon have another housing option on the north end of town.

The McNabb Center, which recently broke ground on Mineral Springs Manor located at 2704 Mineral Springs Road in North Knoxville, is a 50-unit rental complex. McNabb Center President and Chief Executive Officer Jerry Vagnier said the complex will fulfill a need for the senior community.

"Knoxville is in need of housing options for low-income senior citizens," Vagnier said at the ground breaking ceremony, which was held on Friday, Dec. 17. "We are excited to begin construction on this project and work to address



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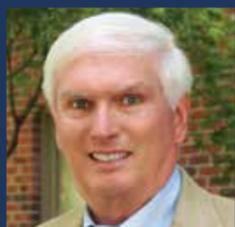
McNabb Center recently broke ground on Mineral Springs Manor, a 50-unit housing development for low-income seniors. Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs were in attendance and were among the ceremonial groundbreakers.

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# Election Fraud

From a distance



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James V. DeLong was magna cum laude graduate of the Harvard Law School and, while now retired, had a very distinguished legal career in Washington.

He wrote a recent article for the American Thinker called "The Honor of the Legal Profession." I wish

every lawyer would read it. He wrote that "anyone who reads the complaint filed by Texas (and rejected by the Supreme Court) must conclude that there are serious reasons to believe that this election was characterized by massive fraud in certain swing states and that this fraud was prepared and executed by partisan party operatives who used litigation to erode mechanisms of ballot security and control of the counting to consummate the win."

He added that he felt the evidence was "overwhelming" and that "it needs to be investigated."

Mr. DeLong also wrote

that "a legal establishment dedicated to upholding process values would regard itself as honor-bound to demand an investigation of these charges. If true, something must be done. If false, their proponents need to be convinced, and even more so, the huge number of neutrals who don't know what to think."

He added that "social peace demands" that Trump supporters "believe they lost only after fair, competent inquiry. This is not the reaction of (today's) legal establishment, which is demanding not just that the charges not be investigated, but that any lawyer who represents the

President be damned."

It is interesting that the same lawyers who are demanding action against lawyers for the president never did so against lawyers for Timothy McVeigh or against those who have represented some of the most heinous criminals in this country's history.

Supporters of Joe Biden have taken great pleasure in constantly bringing up the number of courts that have dismissed the cases brought by lawyers for the President.

And the national media has had a field day claiming that there is no evidence to back up the president's claims.

Actually, there is more evidence of fraud in this election than has ever been produced in regard to any election.

However, no judge, including a seven-member majority on the Supreme Court, has had the moral courage to allow the cases to be heard on the merits. All the cases have been dismissed on technical grounds by judges who lacked the courage to face all the controversy and the condemnation of the national media, the liberal establishment, and the rulers of the deep state.

The Biden team fought so hard to win these cases on technical grounds

because I think they knew down deep that there was so much fraud and so many illegal votes that Joe Biden did not win this election if only legal votes had been counted.

As Mr. DeLong wrote: "Millions of people believe, with good reason, that this election was stolen in the swing states."

However, as I wrote in my Focus column of Nov. 16, "because everyone knows the rioters and looters would come out by the thousands if Biden is not sworn in, I really doubt anything will be done."

## Curfew violators to face citation hearing

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Monday, January 11 has been set for a pre-hearing conference when the city is to introduce evidence of multiple curfew violations against several businesses. Normally restaurants and bars that serve alcohol are permitted to operate until 3 a.m. The Board of Health initially set a curfew last year to 11 p.m. and then reset the closing hour to 10 p.m. in efforts to manage the pandemic's spread.

While the Knoxville Sheriff's Department had continually declined to issue citations to those businesses outside the city limits the Knoxville Police Department began enforcing the curfew and several businesses have been cited.

Billiard and Brews and Paul's Oasis were issued multiple citations by visiting police officers beginning in November. City Attorney Charles Swanson said officers began visiting bars and restaurants and warning them of the Board of Health's regulations. Businesses with repeat violations are subject to fines for each incident and could lose their beer permits. The citations are based on Knoxville City Code 4-85.

During the hearing, before an independent officer, the city may suggest a 45-day suspension of the beer permits and a \$3,000 fine per violation plus court costs. The businesses will be permitted to

remain open until the hearing.

From the beginning of COVID-19 the Board of Health, the city government, and the Knoxville Police Department have said they would prefer not to issue citations but hardened their stance when continual violations took place.

Richard Lawhorn, owner of Billiards and Brews, responded to the citations in a statement with his attorney, Rick A. Owens. Lawhorn said he believes the Board of Health exceeded the powers granted to it by state legislation. He cited the mental health and economic welfare of his employees.

His statement said that no COVID-19 case has been traced to his business and called the curfew rules "glaringly arbitrary" and said his business serves "non-traditional off-shift workers."

Councilman Andrew Roberto, who chairs the Knoxville Beer Board, said, "The January 11th appearance you reference is a pre-hearing conference where the parties will establish the issues in dispute and set a date for a hearing. There are five hearing officers who take up matters before them on a rotation. I do not know if a hearing officer has been assigned to these specific matters."

"This is an administrative process handled by the hearing officer and not the Beer Board," Roberto added.



One white flag for each of the 451 COVID-19 deaths in Knox County were placed at the City-County Building Wednesday. Mayors Indya Kincannon and Glenn Jacobs spoke at the new memorial which included an empty chair at the table for the families of the victims. December alone accounted for 143 deaths. Photo courtesy Knox County.

## Can Your Spouse Be Made to Testify Against You?

If you have watched enough lawyer movies and TV shows, then you may have come across one where someone is facing a murder charge and they marry a key witness so the key witness cannot testify against the person who is now their spouse.

Is that how it works? Is being married to someone a free pass to avoid being made to testify against them in Tennessee? Not really.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 24-1-201 deals with the



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testimony of married persons and here is what it says.

(a) In either a civil or criminal proceeding, no married person has privilege to refuse to take the witness stand solely because the person's spouse is a party to the proceeding.

Right off the bat, it would seem that marriage is no help in avoiding having to testify in a case involving your spouse, but let's keep reading.

(b) In a civil proceeding, confidential communications between married persons are

privileged and inadmissible if either spouse objects. This communication privilege shall not apply to proceedings between spouses or to proceedings concerning abuse of one of the spouses or abuse of a minor in the custody of either spouse.

So this paragraph seems to help the spouse trying to avoid testifying. As long as the case is not a case between the spouses (like a divorce), or involves abuse (like a DCS investigation) then either spouse can object to testimony about confidential communications.

Now, let's see what the law says about testimony in criminal matters.

(c)(1) In a criminal proceeding a marital confidential communication shall be privileged if:

(A) The communications originated in a confidence that they will not be disclosed;

(B) The element of confidentiality is essential to the full and satisfactory maintenance of the relation between the parties;

(C) The relation must be one which, in the opinion of the community, ought to be sedulously fostered; and

(D) The injury to the relation by disclosure of the communications outweighs the benefit gained for correct disposal

of litigation.

(2) Upon a finding that a marital communication is privileged, it shall be inadmissible if either spouse object. This communication privilege shall not apply to proceedings concerning abuse of one of the spouses or abuse of a minor in the custody of either spouse.

Wow, so that is a lot. If I try to sum up what is said here, it would be that they want to make it hard for a spouse to get out of testifying. I mean, the communication between the spouses has to be claimed to be a privileged communication, and then, that it meets four criteria to be considered

of a nature that the spouse need not testify about the communication. That is very tough.

To circle back to our original point of discussion, no, simply being married to someone does not get you out of having to testify in a case in which they are involved.

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# Publisher's Position

## Response and Responsibility



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Recently the Knoxville News-Sentinel published a nice little article that was more editorial than news story in covering the Knox County Commission's discussion of whether or not to dissolve the Board of Health. The reporter covering the spectacle of the Commissioners arguing over the Board of Health was underscored by noting approximately seven people had died every day while the commission dithered. Very frankly, the action or inaction of the Knox County Commission on this particular issue doesn't make any difference. None. It is absolutely meaningless. It is mighty interesting this is the same newspaper who published a gallery of twenty plus photographs

showing the vibrant nightlife inside the City of Knoxville, young people standing in clusters, not socially distanced nor wearing masks. The City of Knoxville has done virtually nothing to protect citizens during the pandemic. Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon has said little about the COVID-19 virus pandemic save to chastise county Mayor Glenn Jacobs there was "no prize" for being the first to reopen businesses. When have you heard any member of the Knoxville City Council say a blessed thing about COVID policy or enforcing mask mandates? Never. Not a single utterance has been made to my knowledge. Only now do we hear the City is beginning to fine businesses that have been violating the 10 p.m. curfew, one at least ten times.

Yet here are the commissioners trifling over whether Knox County has a Board of Health like it is a life or death issue. I can tell you with certainty, there would have been no fewer deaths in this county, irrespective of what the county commission did or did not do with regard to the Board of Health. Neither the Commissioners, nor the News-Sentinel or much

of anybody else seems to realize virtually every restaurant (all that serve alcohol) and every bar have been annexed into the City of Knoxville. That is not only a valid point, but a vital point, yet the Commissioners continue to chase their tails. I don't think it matters whether we have a Board of Health so long as we have a medical professional in charge of the Health Department. State law says all of the powers held by a Board of Health would devolve upon Dr. Martha Buchanan without a board. Would Knox Countians be in mortal danger without a Board of Health. No, absolutely not. Dr. Buchanan, as far as I can tell, has been utterly professional in her conduct of her office.

We have had at least one member of the Board of Health propose a resolution attempting to extend the board's regulations beyond our area. There is no basis in state law to allow for such a thing. It kind of helps when someone occupying an office understands that particular office's or department's limitations under the law, not to mention reality.

It is well past time for us as a country and community

to stop politicizing the coronavirus. Let's be honest, neither the left nor the right has a spotless record on this issue. Yes, the virus really is a thing and should be taken seriously, especially with the news a new strain of the virus (which is reportedly more infectious) has broken out in England. The Left has presumed to tell everybody else what to do, how to behave, folks not wearing masks just don't care about their fellow human beings, all the while ignoring protesters and rioters not socially distanced or wearing masks. We have seen all too many instances of leftist governors and mayors locking down businesses while eating in high priced eateries without masks. Is it any wonder some of the right don't take the threat seriously when they see public officials acting like that, apparently unconcerned? I understand the need to keep the economy growing, especially as we spend money as a nation we don't have. Leftists seem not to understand the connection between businesses being open in order to pay taxes to local, state and federal governments, as well as employing people with those

things called "jobs." Both taxes and jobs are necessary and while I understand those on the Left view the government as a provider for folks, there has to be revenue for them to spend before everything comes crashing down about our collective heads.

Neither the News-Sentinel nor the county commission have acknowledged the fact the City of Knoxville is where most of these businesses are located; neither the News-Sentinel nor the members of the Knox County Commission have held the City government accountable for their own actions or lack thereof.

Does it really make a any difference what the Knox County Board of Health does or doesn't do when a person can walk into any grocery store without wearing a mask? Is the issue really whether we have a Board of Health when we see folks strolling around grocery stores without wearing masks? And has the Board of Health done such a whiz-bang of a job that we are apparently the hottest spot in the country, at least as it relates to the COVID virus?

I recently saw where bars and restaurants accounted for only 2% of the COVID

cases in New York. The one thing we ALL require is food, whether it is delivered to our front doors or we go out and get it ourselves. Young and old, rich and poor, heavy or skinny, black, white, yellow or brown, we all must eat. Wear your mask in grocery stores.

It is astonishing to me the county commission has been quibbling for so long over an issue that really doesn't matter, while ignoring a much bigger issue that does matter. It annoys me that opinion leaders in this community have bounced up and down on the county government while completely ignoring the lack of responsible action by the city leadership and government. I'm almost embarrassed to use the word "leadership" in the same sentence with the city government as that has been nonexistent. Just like the fact nobody seems to want to hold the city government accountable while folks fuss over a Board of Health.

What DOES matter in a community is ENFORCEMENT. Without that, a panel of experts, real or imagined, doesn't have much effect.

## Senator Briggs opposes limits on the Board of Health

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When the Tennessee Legislature meets January 12, an amendment to the Tennessee Code may be taken up that would limit the Knox County Board of Health to an advisory role only in the struggle against COVID-19. State Representative Jason Zachary of District 14 has introduced HR 007 which would, if passed, move the board and the director of the health department to serve under Knoxville Mayor Glenn Jacobs and the Knox County Commission.

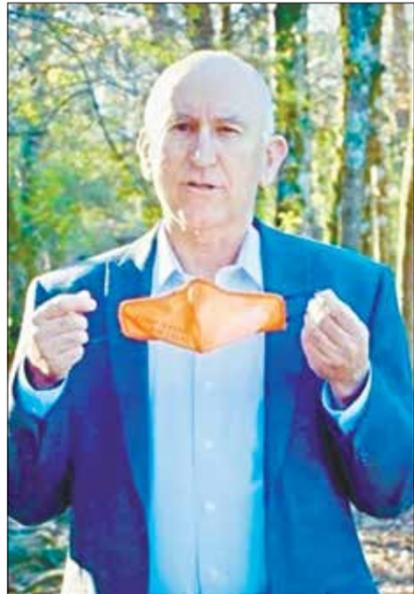
The bill includes several metropolitan counties in Tennessee but, in fact, is aimed directly at Knox County. State Senator Mike Bell has a similar bill for the upcoming legislature. SB0015 would specify that the county mayor has the authority to establish a county-wide health emergency and directs the county health director to develop policies/.

The Board of Health was authorized by the state and as long as Governor Bill Lee has his emergency order in effect the board has regulatory powers above and beyond the county mayor or commission.

Republican Zachary's bill has one main opponent, fellow Republican Dr. Richard Briggs, a state Senator and physician from Knoxville. Likewise Briggs opposes interference locally by the commission. The Focus asked Dr. Briggs to comment on the proposed legislation.

"My interpretation is the county commission can pass whatever they like but during a state of emergency only the Governor has the authority or power to delegate, not a county commission who may want to delegate it to the health department. In a state of emergency, the board of health can ignore any county commission ordinance and adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to protect the general health and safety of the citizens of the county," Briggs told The Focus.

Commenting on "un-elected" members of the Board of Health in Knox County, Briggs offered this statement: "The unelected FAA decides when the 737MAX is airworthy. The unelected FDA decides when a vaccine or drug is



State Senator Richard Briggs is a supporter of wearing masks and the other personal steps everyone should take in fighting the spread of COVID-19. He opposes measures in the Knox County Commission and in the state legislature to take away the powers of the local Board of Health.

safe. No one I know wants those boards to be 'advisory' and an untrained elected official make the decision, someone without the expertise or who could be influenced by unrelated political factors."

Addressing the powers of the Board of Health under the governor's order, Briggs said, "He can also do this by Executive Order only during a State of Emergency. As an aside, a county commission cannot pass ordinances or resolutions to repeal or supersede the Governor's lawful authority during a State of Emergency."

Zachary's bill in the state legislature requires approval of both the house and the senate and Senator Briggs sits as first vice chair of the State and Local Government Committee and is a member of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

Senator Briggs points to the governor and the powers granted him to delegate powers to counties and boards of health. He says the Zachary bill violates that.

## Board of Health considers its future

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"It can reconvene with the same people," he said, explaining that the same people could serve and meet in public session with the director of health but as an advisory board. The board would make recommendations, he explained, and Dr. Martha Buchanan would make the decisions.

He said a "separate entity" would replace the current board.

"If that happens what happens to the things that are in place at that time?" Dr. Shamiyeh asked.

"My presumption is that they would cease," Sanders replied.

"Dr. Buchanan has supported all of those with her vote and would have the ability to re-enact those?" the doctor asked.

"Yes, under current actions by the governor giving the health departments in six counties very broad powers. As health director she would have all the powers that the Board of Health now has," Sanders replied.

Dr. Maria Hurt was critical of Dr. Buchanan being "ping ponged" by the Knox County Law Department, being told last year she must work under the Board of Health and now being told she must again assume the authority she had before.

Dr. Shamiyeh said that whether it's the Board of Health or Dr. Buchanan "the outcome will be very similar."

"I'm just trying to understand this too," Shamiyeh said to the other board members. "If we're going to pivot what does that look like?"

"In the middle of the pandemic, I don't want to be caught flat-footed not knowing my role," he said.

Chairman Dr. Jack Gotcher Jr. said he understands that the commission's Health and Economic Well-being Committee may function as the advisory board.

"If we are not dissolved completely and functioned as an advisory board we would be doing just what we do now," he said.

Dr. Patrick O'Brien asked if the advisory board would be named by the health director or the county commission. Attorney Sanders said, "She can seek advice from whomever she wishes." He added that those meetings would have to be publicly noticed.

"We have a head start on figuring it out," Shamiyeh said.

The board also discussed hiring an assistant director for Dr. Buchanan but she downplayed the idea.

She said the department of health was recently reorganized and an assistant director was not part of that restructuring. "Certainly if I felt I needed one I would budget for that and ask for that position," she said, adding that should she consider retiring she would be planning for a replacement.

"In the past the director of the health department has been appointed strictly by the mayor," she said, referring to the county mayor.



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# It Really Was a White Christmas--- not just a dream

Many called it God's gift during COVID-19. White Christmases are rare in East Tennessee. I can only recall two or three of them. On Christmas Eve, as predicted, the rain turned



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ushered in the long-awaited holiday, thoughts turned to those who were suffering from COVID, families who have lost loved ones to the dreaded illness, and families whose Christmas celebra-



Picture of a white Christmas in East Tennessee during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic, by **Ralphine Major**

Quickly, huge snowflakes came pouring down! Meteorologists cautioned everyone to stay home unless an emergency required them to go somewhere. As darkness fell, quiet beauty settled all across the barren landscape.

tions were disrupted due to the virus. By daybreak, earth's canvas was blanketed in white. The sight was spectacular! Tree limbs looked like lacy fingers clad in white. Images of the white Christmas were waiting to be captured in pictures to be enjoyed now and in

years to come. May the spirit of this special Christmas season live in your heart all through the new year, and may the memory of a "white Christmas" at the end of a

challenging year bring you lasting joy and renewed hope. Words of Faith: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1 (NIV).

# McNabb Center breaks ground on Mineral Springs Manor

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the Tennessee Housing Development Agency and private donors. "Affordable housing for seniors in this area is hard to come by and I appreciate all the work for those who helped and contributed to this project."

The complex will be comprised of one-bedroom housing units and the homes are designed to offer housing options for those who wish to live independently despite experiencing issues with the aging process. It will offer its residents supportive services to help them to remain independent and safe.

The funding for the nearly \$8 million development is possible due to financial support and partnership between Knoxville's Community Development Corporation, the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation, the City of Knoxville, Knox County, Federal Home Loan Bank-Cincinnati,

the Tennessee Housing Development Agency and private donors.

Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs both attended the groundbreaking ceremony last month and Kincannon said this was one of her goals when she was elected and took office in 2019.

"I'm about to celebrate my one-year anniversary as mayor and we ran on this in my campaign," she said. "We ran on affordable housing and this will help with the need for affordable housing."

"This was the No. 1 issue in our campaign."

Jacobs also said that he understands the need for affordable housing options for Knox County's senior citizens.

"Everybody needs a safe and affordable place to live and I'm pleased to be here," he said.

## Applications being reviewed for commission's new Health and Economics Committee

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through February, meaning that until the commission takes some action the Board of Health will remain in charge unless the commission passes the ordinance to dissolve.

However, Law Director David Buuck said that the health director can name her own advisors, who would not be under the power of the commission or mayor. Governor Bill Lee has extended the statewide Emergency Order

Does that mean that the Health and Economic Well-being Committee will exist alongside the weakened Board of Health? Will the committee advise the mayor and commission and the board advise the health director?

# Overcoming guilt

It is amazing how big guilt can be in your life. Some have called it an invisible giant. People all around us are carrying unimaginable loads of guilt that can crush and suffocate. Guilt kills slowly and with much pain. A powerful story of guilt in the Bible is found in King David. David really had it all going for



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him. He was a valiant warrior who had some of the greatest warriors of all time surrounding him and fighting for him. He could sing, play musical instruments, and dance. As a boy he fought lions and bears in the fields while protecting the sheep. As a young man he killed the giant Goliath and many others in battle. But he had risen to the top and now he was

bored. He needed something else to conquer, but this one got the best of him.

The story of David's sex scandal, cover-up, and murder of an innocent man are found 2 Samuel 11. David had to live with his mistakes and they were no doubt eating him up from within which is what guilt does to you. We have two Psalms that reveal what was going on in David's soul: Psalm 32 and 51. These need to be read in reverse order. Psalm 51 shows the excruciating pain of his guilt while Psalm 32 shows his repentance and renewal. Both of these Psalms reveal the signs that accompany guilt: silence, sorrow, and secrecy.

When we have sinned and the guilt settles into our lives, one of our first responses is silence: "When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long" (Psalm 32:3). When we are full of guilt, we don't want to talk, especially to those

closest to us. We can't talk to God because we are hiding our sin. This was huge for David who was known for his close walk with God. But now David was experiencing silence with God. The only sound David could hear was his groaning. His bones even aged during this period. His soul and health were in bad shape.

Another response of guilt is sorrow. Listen to what David wrote about his sorrow: "For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer" (Psalm 32:4). We find that David was trapped inside his guilt. Sorrow fell over him and his warrior strength was exhausted. His dancing days were over and there were no words he could sing as he played his musical instruments. The only poetry he could write were words of grief. A third response of guilt is secrecy. David could not talk to his friends or God.

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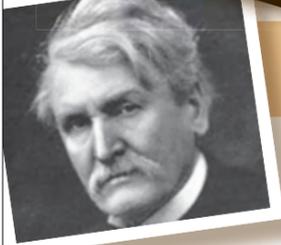
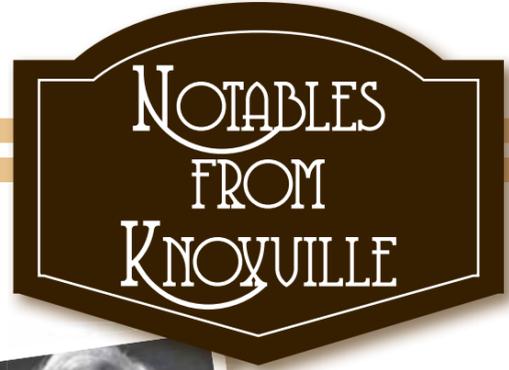
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**JOSEPH KNAFFL**

Born in Wartburg to an Austrian-born physician, Joseph Knaffl became a Knoxville based art and portrait photographer. He was widely known for his 1899 portrait "Knaffl Madonna" which was used on many Hallmark Christmas Cards.

Knaffl attended school in Knoxville and had a studio on Gay Street. He was in charge of photo exhibits for the National Conservation Exposition in 1913 and operated a famed photo studio until his death in 1938.

In the mid-1890s Knaffl did a series of photographs that made fun of negative racial stereotypes. His photos were featured in various magazines. His photo "The Prophets" won a gold medal at the St. Louis World's Fair. His son founded a framing gallery on Kingston Pike which thrived until 1987 and his grandson, Edward Hurst Jr., was a noted portrait painter.

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# The Nomination of Judge John J. Parker to the U.S. Supreme Court, IV

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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As the United States Senate considered the nomination of Judge John J. Parker to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court, a variety of allegations were flung about publicly, not the least of which was a member of the Senate having been offered a judgeship if he would vote for Parker's confirmation.

It was Tennessee's wily senior senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, who created a media sensation when he produced a copy of a letter written by Joseph M. Dixon, then serving as First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to President Herbert Hoover's Chief of Staff, Walter Newton. Dixon, a former U. S. senator and governor from Montana, had been born in Parker's home state of North Carolina. Dixon's letter spoke of a political realignment in the Southern states, several of which had supported Herbert Hoover in the 1928 election. Dixon described the nomination of John J. Parker to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court caused by the death of Edward T. Sanford of Tennessee would be nothing less than a "master political stroke." Senator McKellar read Dixon's letter on the Senate floor, which sent newspapermen running, as it confirmed one of the charges made against Parker's nomination: that it "was inspired by political purposes."

Judge Parker's nomination was also heatedly opposed by organized labor and Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York was one of labor's champions inside the U. S. Senate. In the debate swirling around Parker's nomination, Wagner spoke in opposition, dismissing the judge as "Just another lawyer." Senator Wagner was unimpressed by the speeches of his colleagues who urged approval of Parker's nomination. Those arguments amounted to little more than the claim John J. Parker merely possessed the "usual stock in trade of the lawyer." Wagner said there had been no evidence presented that convinced him Judge Parker comprehended "the great social and economic problems confronting the Supreme Court." Nor did Wagner believe Judge Parker had the wisdom or "statecraft" to solve any of the country's pressing problems. Senator Wagner addressed Parker's statement about limiting the rights of blacks to vote, declaring it "insufferable." "Judged by the available record, he is obviously incapable of viewing with sympathy the aspirations of those who are aiming for a higher and better place in the world. His sympathies," Wagner said, "are with those who are already on top, and he has used the authority of his office and the influence of his opinion

to keep them on top and restrain the strivings of others, whether they be an exploited economic group or a minority racial group."

Paul Y. Anderson, a staff correspondent for the St Louis Post Dispatch wrote he thought Senator Robert Wagner's speech was "one of the most impressive" during the Senate debate on Judge Parker's nomination. Just days before the final vote, Anderson wrote the outcome was unknown, with the end result expected to be very close. It was entirely possible Vice President Charles Curtis would be able to exercise his prerogative of breaking a tied vote. Anderson wrote where opponents of Judge Parker's nomination had once been confident, they appeared to have doubts. There were, according to Paul Anderson, a number of Democrats who had yet to make up their minds on whether to vote for or against Judge Parker's nomination. Senator Daniel O. Hastings, a Republican from Delaware, angrily asserted it was not the opposition of organized labor that doomed the nomination of Judge John Parker. Hastings said "it was not the Red Jacket Coal (company) decision that is about to defeat Parker," the senator from Delaware shouted. "I think it may be true that the Liberals are stirring the country and the Senate to reject this man" as part of a plan for the future. "It is demanded now that nominees for the Supreme Court bench shall be liberals and no longer conservative," Senator Hastings charged. The senator thought that a "dangerous" notion.

"I resent the effort of the laboring man to come here and undertake to control the only independent body of this country," Hastings huffed. "I say it will bring chaos. I am in favor of giving him legislation but I am not in favor of giving him legislation contrary to the Constitution."

Judge John Parker wrote a letter to Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina as a means of stating his own case and answering his critics. As intended, Overman quickly made the letter public, releasing its contents to the press. The Senate Judiciary Committee had voted to unfavorably recommend Judge Parker's nomination to the full Senate. The committee had also defeated a motion to allow the judge to appear before it to answer the charges made against his nomination. Judge Parker said he was certainly not anti-labor; the judge explained in his letter to Senator Overman he had merely "followed the law as laid down by the supreme court...", which also happened to be true. Parker pointed out, "It is of course



Senator William Emerson Brock of Tennessee, circa 1930.

the duty of the lower federal courts to follow the decision of the supreme court. Any other course would result in chaos." Parker wrote as to the statement he had made during his 1920 campaign for governor of North Carolina as the republican nominee, he had been answering a charge made by his Democratic opponent, who had accused him to attempting to organize black voters "and restore the conditions of the reconstruction era." Parker said he had denied that he or the North Carolina Republican Party was trying to organize black voters, much less reimpose the conditions of reconstruction. "I at no time advocated denying them (black voters) the right to participate in the election in cases where they were qualified to do so, nor did I advocate denying them any other of their rights under the constitution and laws of the United States."

Senator McKellar spoke against the nomination of Judge John J. Parker on the same day his colleague Robert F. Wagner did - - - April 30, 1930. It was then McKellar created yet another media sensation by reading Joe Dixon's letter to Walter Newton to his colleagues and the rest of the world. McKellar acknowledged he could not say President Hoover had even been influenced by Dixon's letter, but he also stated he did not care to hear "the charge of politics" hurled at him by friends of Judge Parker during the debate. McKellar took issue with Simeon Fess of Ohio, a Republican, who had said the campaigns against Charles Evans Hughes for Chief Justice and John J. Parker to serve as an associate justice of the Supreme Court was nothing less than a "socialistic movement." Called down by the peppy Tennessean, the senator from Ohio replied he did not mean every senator opposing the Parker nomination was a socialist but insisted the "recent opposition has had socialistic interests at heart."

At the time of Judge Parker's nomination to the Supreme Court, Tennessee's junior United States

senator was William Emerson Brock of Chattanooga. A Democrat, Brock had been appointed to serve in the Senate September 2, 1929 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Lawrence D. Tyson. Brock was a highly successful businessman, a candy manufacturer who had invented the chocolate covered cherry and the grandfather of his namesake, William E. Brock, III. The younger Brock served in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate as a Republican from 1963 - 1977, as well as Chairman of the Republican National Committee and U. S. Trade Ambassador and Secretary of Labor under President Ronald Reagan.

McKellar's speech in the Senate certainly influenced at least one of his colleagues. Prior to McKellar speech, W. E. Brock had been counted amongst those Democrats favorable to Judge Parker's confirmation. Senator Brock, along with McKellar, voted against confirmation of Judge John J. Parker to serve on the Supreme Court. If so, Senator Brock's vote was decisive in defeating the nomination of John J. Parker to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court.

Senator McKellar was once again in the newspaper headlines when he noted his Senate office had been broken into, causing the Tennessean to speculate "probably by secret service agents." McKellar's Tennessee colleague, William E. Brock, said his office had been broken into as well, although the only things taken were a desk pad and a couple of pens. Reed Smoot, a stern Mormon elder and Republican from Utah, reported his office had been the victim of a similar burglary and once again, the only items taken were a couple of "new" pens. McKellar said as far as he could ascertain, nothing had been stolen from his office but it was most certainly "left in a mess."

The full Senate rejected the nomination of Judge John J. Parker to serve on the Supreme Court, but the vote was incredibly close,

41 - 39. Had but a single member of the Senate changed his vote from nay to aye, Vice President Charles Curtis could have broken the tie and voted for Parker's confirmation. Sixteen senators, for various reasons, did not vote. Two senators normally associated with progressives and both Republicans from the state of South Dakota, Peter Norbeck and William McMaster, did not vote. Twenty-nine Republicans and ten Democrats voted to confirm Judge Parker's nomination, while seventeen Republicans and twenty-three Democrats voted against confirmation. Henrik Shipstead, a member of Minnesota's Farmer-Labor Party, voted against confirmation. Among those not voting were ten Republicans and six Democrats.

Senator Charles Deneen, a Republican of Illinois, had heard from numerous black constituents who telegraphed, telephoned or wrote their opposition to Judge Parker's nomination, especially in the Chicago area. Deneen, facing a serious primary challenge from Congresswoman-At-Large Ruth Hanna McCormick, voted against Judge Parker's confirmation. Deneen's colleague, Otis F. Glenn, did not vote. Senator Glenn, a Republican, likely did not wish to vote against the Hoover administration, but apparently neither did he wish to vote against tens of thousands of his constituents.

Robert LaFollette, Jr. and John J. Blaine, progressive Republicans representing Wisconsin, voted against Judge Parker's confirmation. Thomas Schall, a Republican from Minnesota, and up for reelection in 1930, voted against Judge Parker's confirmation. James Couzens, a Republican millionaire automobile manufacturer and former partner of Henry Ford, voted against confirming Judge Parker's nomination. Arthur Vandenberg, Couzen's GOP colleague from Michigan, also was opposed to Judge Parker. William Pine, an oil millionaire and the first Republican to be elected to the U. S. Senate from Oklahoma, voted against confirming Judge Parker. As expected, William E. Borah of Idaho and Hiram Johnson of California, both leading progressive Republicans, voted against Judge Parker's confirmation.

It is interesting to note, of the ten Republican senators not voting on Judge John J. Parker's nomination to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court, six were either up for reelection in 1930 or their terms were expiring.

There were those Democrats who voted to confirm John Parker's nomination. Lee S. Overman and Furnifold M. Simmons, senators from Parker's home state of North Carolina, both strongly supported Judge Parker. Joseph Ransdell and Edwin Broussard, Democrats from Louisiana, voted in favor of Judge Parker's confirmation. Carter Glass and Claude A. Swanson, Democrats from Virginia, cast their votes in support of Judge Parker's confirmation. Coleman Blease of South Carolina, a demagogue and racist from South Carolina, voted for Judge Parker's confirmation while his colleague, E. D. "Cotton Ed" Smith, did not vote.

As might be expected, John J. Parker was both deeply disappointed and distraught about the failure of his nomination to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court. Parker had a distinguished career as a judge and served as a judge during the Allied Tribunal in Nuremberg in trying Nazi war criminals. Looking back, scholars who have studied Parker's entire legal career say they could not detect any evidence of racism in his judicial opinions or application of the law. John J. Parker continued to serve on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals until his death on March 17, 1958.

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# Historic Jackson Avenue Ramps to open

By Mike Steely  
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Soon walkers and drivers will get the opportunity to pass over portions of something that is more than 100 years old. The Jackson Avenue ramps, leading up to North Gay Street or down to Jackson Avenue in the Old City, were partially opened for public travel on New Year's Eve.

The sixteen-month long effort to totally reconstruct the historic ramp and reuse most of the bricks from the old ramps cost almost \$7 million. The city's investment was only \$270,000 and the project did run a few weeks over the hoped-for deadline in December. The extra time was used to allow Bell & Associates Construction time to address neighboring property owners' minor cosmetic issues, including cleaning the facades and removing door and window protections. They also removed and replaced sections of stamped concrete that did not turn out well.

Downtown Coordinator Rick Emmett said while nothing unusual was found during the demolition of the old ramps, older utility lines and construction related to some of the business basements were discovered.

"Basically the bridge was the wall for some of the businesses," Emmett told The Focus.

"We plan to restore all the brick that was showing when the ramps came down. There were some extra bricks that had been



Mayor Indya Kincannon listens to Downtown Coordinator Rick Emmett about the Jackson Avenue Ramp project. The project restored the 100-year-old brick ramps that connect the historic avenue to Gay Street. Photo courtesy of Eric Vreeland.

asphalted over so we will probably have some leftover to use on the underside," he said.

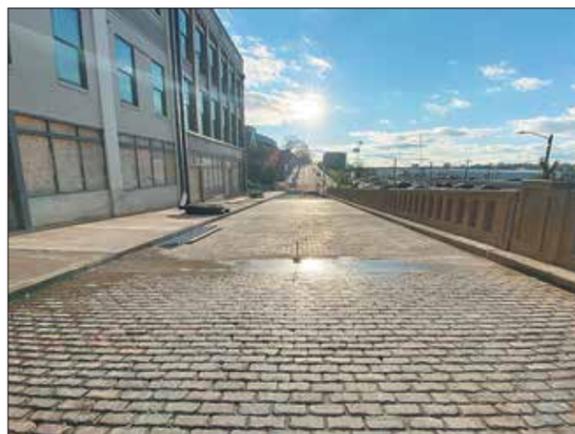
"The new bridge pays homage to the historic one, right down to the reuse of the original brick pavers. The new ramps should last another 100 years, just as the original did," he said.

The original ramps and the construction of the Gay Street bridge over the railroad tracks 100 years ago forced the closure of many buildings' first floors, which served as the main

business entrance. The bridge and ramps eventually were built over and covered many of the first floors of those buildings stores in the 100th block.

The building owners moved their entrances to the second floors and today the lower floors are either not used or used for storage.

Prior to and during construction many people were curious to see those old first floors uncovered. Those "first floors" continue to exist behind the bridge and rebuilt ramps.



The Jackson Avenue ramps leading up to Gay Street were opened for partial use on December 31. Much of the brickwork originally installed on the 100-year-old ramps have been used on the brand new ramps. Photo courtesy of City of Knoxville.

## Overcoming guilt

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The king spent a year living with a secret in exile from God and from people. God was not done with David, however. God sent Nathan the prophet to wake David up with a parable (2 Samuel 12:1-7). Thankfully, David confessed his sin. He didn't play the blame game. He asked God to cleanse his sin and restore the joy of his salvation.

I am so thankful God included this ugly yet beautiful story in our Bibles. We have all been there. We have all dealt with unconfessed sin in our lives and the consequences of that. Experiencing a life of guilt is no way to live. The lack of confession will eat you alive from the inside out. You can't sleep as the event keeps coming back into your mind. It is better to come clean as hard or as impossible as that may seem.

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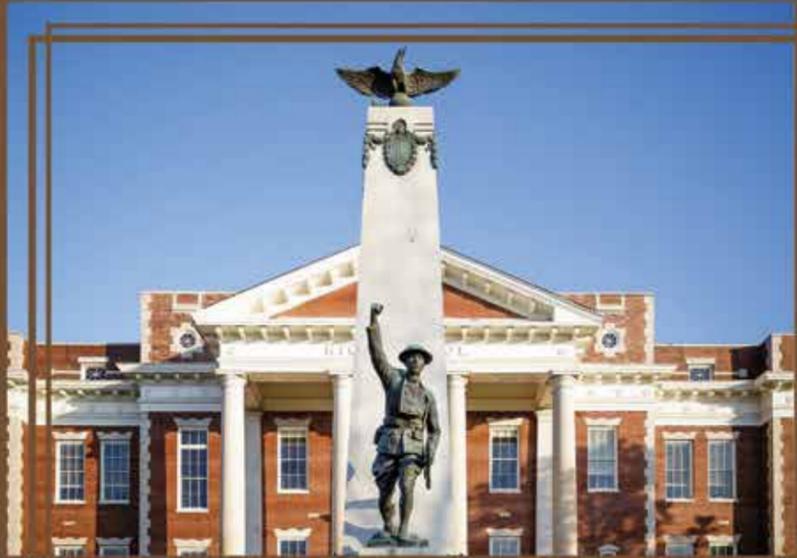
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# 'He was just being Gene'

## Longtime TSSAA official is fatal victim of hit-and-run

By Steve Williams

On a snowy Christmas Eve night in Halls, Gene Mynatt, a longtime TSSAA official in multiple sports, left this world doing what he liked to do best – and that was helping someone.

His assistance this time found Mynatt, 74, walking alongside East Emory Road on his way to meet his youngest daughter, Ashley, and help her get back home.

Around 7 o'clock that night, a UPS truck was turned over on its side and traffic was backed up when Ashley called her father to ask what she should do.

Mynatt, at home not too far away, advised her to find a place to pull over and park and he would come to get her and they could walk back together. He even took a pair of his wife's boots and a jacket for her to wear.

Ashley had been living with her mom and dad at their condo in Halls the last two or three years mainly because her parents had dealt with some health

issues and she works in health care.

Gene never made it to Ashley. He was struck by a hit-and-run driver.

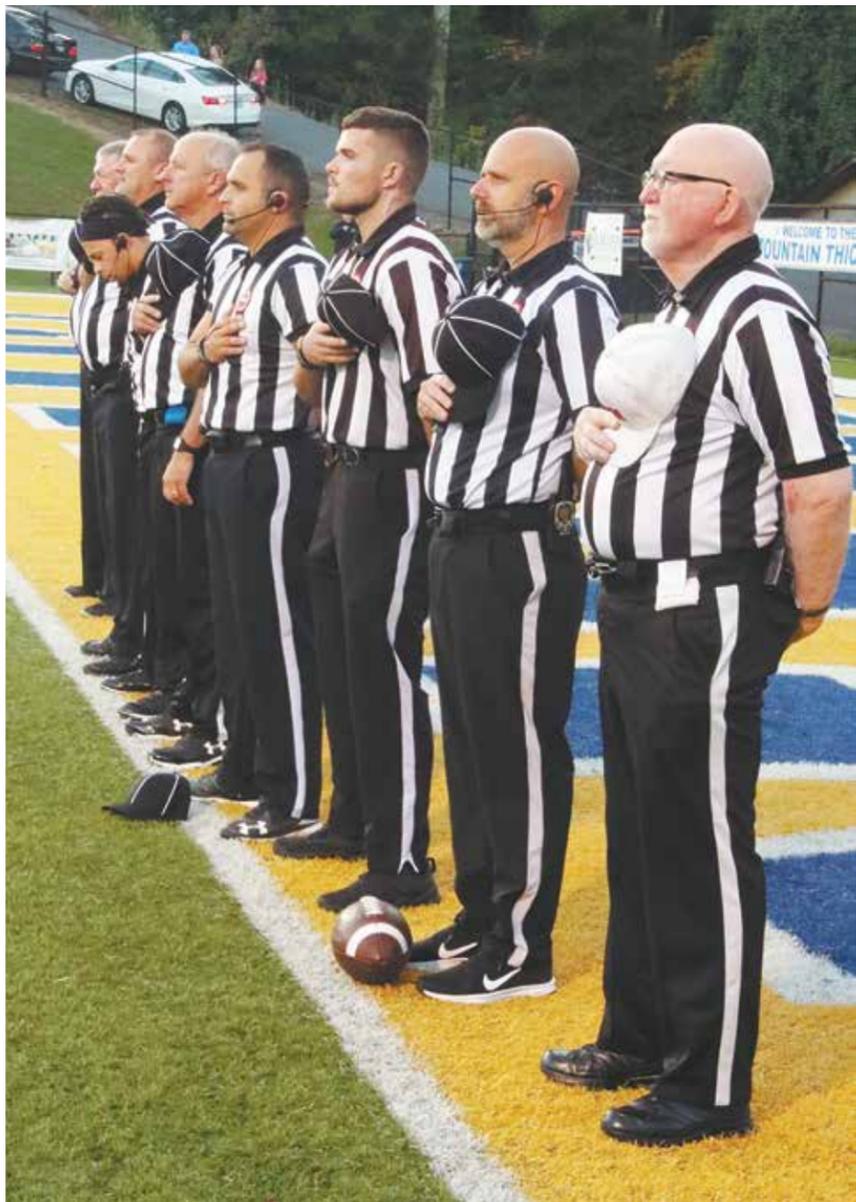
"Apparently, somebody was impatient obviously and pulled around the traffic that was stopped," said Shane Mynatt, Gene's son, last week. "He was ... hit from behind."

"Fortunately, there was a gentleman, Clint, right behind that vehicle and saw it. He went over to where Dad was."

Clint talked briefly to Gene and advised him not to get up until medical personnel arrived, according to Shane. Clint also found Gene's cell phone and talked to Gene's wife, Patsy. He went and got Patsy and then picked up Ashley and took them to Tennova North Medical Center, where Gene later passed away from the injuries he had suffered.

"Dad was always a servant and would do anything anybody needed," said Shane. "And so he left this world, just serving my

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Referee Gene Mynatt, with the white hat, stands at attention with his crew during the playing of our National Anthem before officiating a high school football game. Mynatt died on Christmas Eve after being struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run incident on East Emory Road in Halls.

## Catholic boys nab two wins in Sevier County

By Ken Lay

The championship game of the Sevier County Winterfest Shootout was scrapped Wednesday afternoon but Catholic High School boys basketball coach Mike Hutchens was grateful that his team got the opportunity to play two games over the Christmas Break.

"Our game Wednesday was canceled but I glad that we got two games in," Hutchens said after the Irish routed Cedar Bluff Area rival Christian Academy of Knoxville 82-47 Tuesday afternoon at Sevierville Middle School. "We had the Arby's Classic canceled and we were hoping to get three or four games in, but this opened up and we were able to get two games and I'm happy with that."

Catholic's next game is tonight against Providence Academy in Johnson City.

Against the Warriors, the Irish (8-2) had four players, all steady and solid contributors, post double figures in the scoring column.

Junior point guard B.J. Edwards, last season's Division II-AA State Tournament Most Valuable Player, led the way with 24 points. Blue Cain added 21. Presley Patterson scored 14 and 7-foot junior forward Handje Tamba finished with 12.

Hutchens, the Irish's longtime head coach, said he's pleased with the way Catholic, which has lost games to Morristown East and Christ School (North Carolina, has played thus far this season, coming off the program's first-ever state championship.

"We're playing well right now," he said. "We had four guys in double figures against CAK and those four guys are all averaging

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## Long's standards could lead GCA to state titles

By Steve Williams

New Grace Christian Academy head football coach Justin Long says his "plan and goal" is to win state championships.

GCA has never won a state title, but Long is familiar with TSSAA state crowns. He was a senior quarterback on Fulton's first state title team in 2003.

As an assistant coach at his alma mater, he also helped the Falcons win state crowns in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Long, 35, replaces Rusty Bradley at GCA and it's his first head coaching position. Bradley is now the offensive coordinator at Webb School.

Long graduated from Carson-Newman in 2009 and played for the late Ken Sparks, one of the most successful coaches in college football history.

"He was every bit of a great coach and every bit of a great Christian man," said Long. "And he definitely walked the walk."

Long started his coaching career at Fulton in 2009, directing the Falcons' wide receivers. He transitioned to quarterback coach in 2014 and last season he was promoted to offensive coordinator.

Long said he enjoyed coaching at his alma mater and for some really good teams. "I'm also proud

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Justin Long plans to continue state championship standards in his first head coaching job at Grace Christian Academy.

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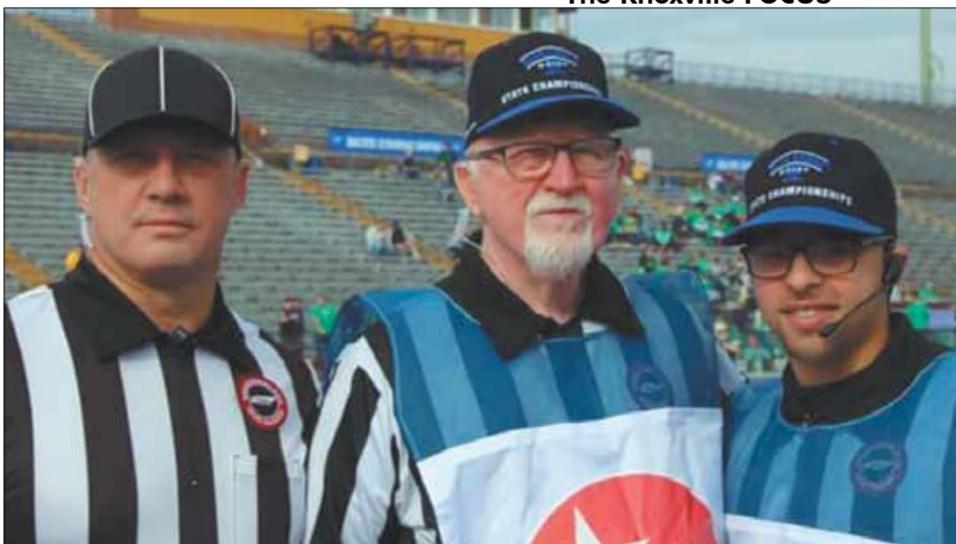
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*Cantrell's Cares*

Gene Mynatt with son Shane (left) and grandson Jared prior to working the 2017 TSSAA state championship football game at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. Shane worked on the field as an umpire in the game and Gene and Jared were part of the chain crew.



## 'He was just being Gene'

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... sister, walking down there to go help her get home."

As of Wednesday (Dec. 30), the person who drove off had yet to be found. The Tennessee Highway Patrol is involved in the investigation.

Witnesses reportedly told authorities the vehicle was a white pickup truck, possibly a Ford F-150.

"We're not mad," said Shane. "Nobody's looking for justice here ... But we just wish they would come forward and we could have some closure. I just don't want my mom for the next year or two, as she drives around in Halls, to wonder is that the truck that hit Gene?"

Mynatt loved serving as a deacon at CrossPoint Church.

"For us, knowing that dad's faith was in Jesus, and how we believe from a spiritual perspective that he's in Heaven, and because we have a

faith in Jesus, we'll get to see him again one day," said Shane.

Patsy and Gene had their 55th wedding anniversary in November.

Mynatt retired after working 40 years at South Central Bell, BellSouth and AT&T.

He was with the TSSAA for over 35 years, officiating football, basketball and softball. He worked two state tournaments in softball and would have worked his third, but the 2020 tourney was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Mynatt came off the football field as a referee at the end of the 2019 season. That year his crew included Shane at umpire and grandson Jared Mynatt at back judge.

Gene also had been the assigning officer and a supervisor in the Knoxville Football Officials Association the past two seasons.

Mynatt was an excellent bowler and had posted two 300 games

within the past five years.

Gene liked to compete.

"He was a heck of a card player," said Shane. "He could shoot pool like a pool shark. And if he got on a roll at a bowling alley, buddy it was look-out, because he's just gonna keep pouring it to you."

Mynatt graduated from Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy and served in the Navy. He was to have received full military honors at his service on Saturday (Jan. 2).

"I appreciate, even in his death, some of the honors that are being bestowed upon my dad," said Shane.

"He really just did what he did, even serving and leading, he just did it in a real simple and ordinary way. He didn't look for any recognition; he just kind of did it."

Even on a snowy Christmas Eve night in Halls, added Shane, "He was just being Gene, and that's really all it was."

## Governor restricts spectators at sporting events

Governor Bill Lee issued Executive Order No. 70 on Dec. 21 and it remains in effect through Jan. 19, according to a story posted by the TSSAA. Because of the significant increase in the incidence of COVID-19 infections in Tennessee, additional restrictions on who may attend interschool athletic practices and contests will be in place.

Unfortunately, large scale attendance by spectators and students must be curtailed. Doing so means that bands, pep bands, cheerleaders and dance teams may not attend athletic contests while these restrictions remain in place.

Knox County Schools shut down athletic events (games and practice) and extracurricular activities Dec. 13 through today (Jan. 4). Games are expected to resume for Knox County School teams Tuesday, with the Governor's Executive Order No. 70 in effect.

In accordance with the new executive order, the only attendees permitted at practices or games, in addition to the student-athletes on the team, are: Players' parents or guardians

and immediate household members; first responders; coaching and team personnel; school, game, and facility administrators; athletics officials; and media and athletic scouting personnel attending the event in their professional capacity.

Social distancing between persons from different households is required. While the executive order does not mandate the use of masks, the governor has encouraged masks, and the TSSAA COVID-19 Sports Regulations provision regarding the use of masks remains. Refer to the Tennessee Returns to Play page at TSSAA.org for full information.

These are minimum restrictions. Depending on particular school, facility, or community circumstances, school officials may require additional limitations on attendance.

The governor's office conferred with TSSAA about these restrictions.

TSSAA concurred with governor's office in a statement: These restrictions represent the best means for us to continue providing interscholastic athletic participation opportunities to our student-athletes while also doing our part to curb the spread of the virus. We remain hopeful that we will soon begin to see a decline in the instances of infection and that our schools will soon be able to return to more normal operation of their athletic competition.

## Catholic boys nab two wins in Sevier County

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double figures right now.

"B.J. is averaging 19, Blue is averaging 15. Tamba is averaging 15 and Presley Patterson is averaging 14.

Hutchens said his team will have a loaded schedule over the next few weeks and that he's happy to have seen his team play 10 games this season.

"I can't wait to get to 2021. We'll be loaded with games in January and February, and I'm glad that we've gotten to play 10 games and we're pretty much on schedule," he said.

The Irish opened tournament play on Monday, Dec. 28 against the host Smoky Bears. Catholic crushed Sevier County 71-36.

Edwards, coming off an ankle injury scored a team-high 18 points. Yesan Warren added 14 while Cain and Tamba scored 10 points each.

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The day was Tuesday, June 2, 1998, when a media release about a significant happening within the University of Tennessee Athletic Department was sent out, accomplished on something called a Fax Expander.

"MEDIA CONFERENCE SET FOR WEDNESDAY: The University of Tennessee Athletic Department will hold a media conference in the Team Meeting Room on the second floor of the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center on campus tomorrow (Wednesday, June 3) at 11 a.m. The media conference will involve Vol broadcaster John Ward."

The next day, there was the official announcement that Ward and sidekick Bill Anderson were stepping down from the Vol Network. Ward had broadcast basketball starting in 1964-65 and football with Anderson since 1968.

"When 107,000 people show up for a football game or 24,000 come for basketball, part of the legacy goes to John Ward and

Bill Anderson for creating an aura about our place that has just been tremendous," Athletic Director Doug Dickey said.

Ward was succinct, as always: "I have a prepared statement, and I'm going to read it. Verbatim." Here came the news.

"It's time." With that, he sat down, although he would later answer questions.

There were magic moments on the gridiron for the duo, such as the 1985 Alabama game ("Shula back to throw, left-handed, out into the flat... Broken up... Was that intercepted in mid-air? Ladies and gentlemen, what a play by Dale Jones!"), the 1986 Sugar Bowl ("Powell just came roaring down the greensward..."), the opening play of the 1995 Alabama game ("80 yards, Joey Kent... Touchdown... on Play... Number 1"), a key moment of the 1998 Arkansas game ("Just give it to Henry," as the Vols moved ever closer to the game-winning score at the south end), and many others.

Early in the 1977 California game, sophomore quarterback Jimmy Streater broke an 80-yard touchdown run. Ward had the

call, and Anderson could be heard in the background urging him on as he broke the line of scrimmage and headed to the north end zone. Anderson and John Majors had been Tennessee teammates, and Bill was obviously interested in helping his old pal whenever and however he could.

There was the magic year of 1966-67 when the Vols surprised everybody by winning the SEC in hoops, and Ward's broadcasts of road games were the hottest show in town. Ron Widby led the way, and the team became known as the "Fearless Five."

Tennessee won the SEC title that year with a triple-overtime win at Mississippi State when sophomore guard Bill Justus canned two free throws to give the Vols the victory. When the game ended, the recollection is that Ward said something like this: "Wrap it up, tie it in orange and white, and send it to Bill Justus, care of Gibbs Hall, Knoxville, Tennessee."

There were the "Ernie and Bernie" years. When the game was over, everybody in Stokely Center went home to watch the



The Vol Network broadcast crew (led by L-R Bill Anderson, John Ward, and General Manager Edwin Huster), brought the excitement of Tennessee football to Vol fans on Saturdays during the fall. Photo courtesy of the University of Tennessee Athletic Department.

video replay with Ward's radio call of the game dubbed over the tape.

One night at Kentucky, when Bernard King was at his best, Ward uttered these memorable words: "We don't editorialize much, but this young man... can play... this game."

His broadcast style was light years ahead of its time, featuring a staccato baritone many have tried to emulate, but no one has ever duplicated. Ward made football and basketball play-by-play, especially basketball, into an art form. He could make the standard broadcast disclaimer ("This broadcast

is authorized under broadcast rights granted by the University of Tennessee solely for the entertainment of our listening audience...") a thing of beauty.

One day at Kentucky, the Vols were massed at the northwest corner of Commonwealth Stadium, as it was known back then, ready to take the field. Ward looked knowingly at Anderson and said: "Bill, what time is it?" Anderson looked flummoxed, and with some gentle prodding from John, came up with the right answer: "It's football time in Tennessee," adding this statement: "I didn't know I could say

that." He could, and life on the broadcast went on.

A wonderful Ward story came in an unlikely setting. John and wife, Barbara, once took a trip on the Orient Express. Just before the train left the station, another man and his wife got on. The man walked past the Wards, looked in John's direction, and said, "Bottom!"

John, Barbara, and Bill are all now in Glory, but the memories linger.

That's the way things appeared more than 30 years ago, announcing the media conference to "involve Vol broadcaster John Ward."

## Long's standards

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that we had some really good young men and took care of business on and off the field. I got to work under some great coaches and got to be around not just great coaches, but great men, great husbands and great fathers."

As for the Grace Christian position, Long said: "I threw my name in the hat. It was just an opportunity I felt to be a head coach early on. Once I learned more about Grace and their mission and their focus, it definitely felt like a good match for me."

Long knows what he wants on and off the field at GCA.

"On the field I want us to be tough and physical," he said. "I want us to be really disciplined. I want guys to be smart and I want guys to understand game situations."

"I want us to be stingy on defense, solid on special teams and explosive and fun to watch on offense and one that can put up a lot of points.

make sure we are doing everything the right way to honor Christ and make sure the people see that in our players when we're playing."

"Off the field, the same," continued Long. "I want us to be involved in anything that brings honor to God and honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And as a coach, I want to make sure we are doing community service and giving just as much as we are receiving."

"I want our kids to be doing right with their academics; that's going to be very important. I just want them to be high caliber young men every year."

If the Rams meet these standards, they could be in the running for state championships.

"That is the plan and the goal," said Long, who will get started when school resumes in January.

In addition to his coaching position, Long also will be an assistant athletic director helping with facilities.

Justin and his wife DeLayne have a 1-year-old son, Carter.

## I am a Fantasy Football Champion

By Mark Nagi

It finally happened.

After 25 years of playing fantasy football, many of those years playing in more than one league, I can finally put a fantasy football championship on my resume.

My team, "Schiano Sunday," beat Russell Smith's "Freshwater Sarks" 115-75 in the finals in the Tennessee Sports Media League. As you'd guess by the name, this is a league for current and former sports media members in the Volunteer state. Smith is the host of "The Drive" on Fox Sports Knoxville.

If you are a regular reader of The Knoxville Focus, you might remember my column from a few weeks ago. In that article, I explained that I hate fantasy football, how I've gained nothing but pain and anguish from the experience, and how I have been bred to expect the worst... because the worst always happens.

This year, by the grace of sweet baby Jesus, it didn't. This was in my third

league (don't judge). I had a terrific team throughout the season. I made some great draft picks (Dalvin Cook, Travis Kelce), picked up some key guys on the waiver wire (Jeff Wilson Jr.) and had the mental fortitude to start Mitchell Trubisky of all people at quarterback in the championship game.

But I was waiting for the other shoe to drop at any moment. This is what I had been trained for all these years. I was never going to win... there was going to be some sort of devastating occurrence that took away my hopes and dreams.

This year it looked like it was going to happen against Jesse Smithey's "Pigskin Spice Latte" in the semifinals.

I led in that game most of the day. ESPN gave me a 99% chance of winning at one point. Then, disaster struck. Deandre Hopkins caught a long touchdown pass against Philadelphia, and he took a 92-90 lead. I still had Kelce playing against the Saints, but that game was in the fourth quarter.

Kansas City Head Coach Andy Reid did me a solid, tossing the ball to Kelce on a two-point conversion. That tied the game with Smithey. I had the tie-breaker but got an extra point from Kelce later in the game to pad the lead. Then, like a lunatic, I paced on my porch, constantly refreshing the Arizona/Philadelphia game status on my phone. I needed that game to end in regulation because Hopkins could still pick up points should the contest go to overtime. I'm like Rain Man when it comes to fantasy football numbers, so I was examining every possibility.

But a Hail Mary was knocked down, and I escaped with a 93-92 victory.

In years past these were the games I always found a way to lose.

But not this year. I know that many of you play fantasy football. You probably have stories just like mine, of championships lost because a player slid down before crossing the goal-line, or a 0.1-point

loss due to a quarterback end of game kneel down.

Believe me. I feel your pain.

So, keep hope alive. Keep your feet on the ground but keep reaching for the stars. Keep on keeping on.

There is one more part to this dynamic. When the clock finally struck zero on the Titans/Packers game, and I was mathematically assured of victory, I cracked open a beer and gave a little fist pump that only my dog Bailey saw. I thought I'd feel a lot more happiness... but I didn't.

I remember Philip Fulmer (and I'm sure others) saying that the pain of losing is worse than the joy of winning (or something to that effect). And that is totally the case.

That doesn't mean I'm not going to enjoy this for the next nine months.

Who wants to hear more about how great I am at fantasy football!

And yes, I say that knowing another 25-year streak is sure to begin in 2021.



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# A PHOTO FINISH



Photo contributors to The Knoxville Focus helped add to our prep football coverage and we are proud to display several of their pictures.

We'd like to thank photographers Cassie Vaughn, Danny Dunlap, John Valentine, Ella Wilds, Shelley Johnson, Luther Simmons, James Spears and Tracy Heard for their exceptional work during this past unusual season.



*Top: James Spears documented the diving effort of Gibbs wide receiver Ethan Coppinger.*

*Above: Danny Dunlap captured Webb quarterback Charlie Robinson's stiff arm to the helmet of a Boyd Buchanan defender.*

*Right: Shelley Johnson caught the block of South-Doyle's David Hull that rocked a Daniel Boone High player.*



*Bleachers above: Ella Wilds caught Central students spelling out #WeOwnBroadway and the large turnout present for the rivalry game against Fulton.*

*Above: Cassie Vaughn snapped Marcellus Jackson's back flip before the Fulton Falcons took the field.*

*Left: Luther Simmons recorded the exhilaration of West Assistant Coach Dwight Hundley on the sidelines in the Rebels' playoff game against Oak Ridge.*



*John Valentine nabbed a shot of Deon'tae White's run down the sideline as Central coaches and teammates celebrate the TD play.*



*Tracy Heard focused on Jordan Brown (7) and the Powell Panthers ripping through the cheerleaders' pre-game banner.*

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**The Doctor is in**  
a weekly column by  
**Dr. Jim Ferguson**

## Pottersville

“To argue with a man who has renounced the use and authority of reason, and whose philosophy consists in holding humanity in contempt, is like administering medicine to the dead, or endeavoring to convert an atheist by scripture.”  
Thomas Paine

A friend of mine recently asked me when will reality set in for Biden voters? I told him hatred will not allow such a reasoned conclusion. Insanity is never acknowledged by the insane.

I’m a fan of classic Christmas movies. The newer cable offerings are usually pathetic. We even found one directed by Arnold Schwarzenegger. I’m sure “The Terminator” (character) would have done a better job than the former Governor of California, aka “girly man.”

Among the dozen or so classics we watch each year is Frank Capra’s “It’s a Wonderful Life” starring Jimmy Stewart. You’d have

to be “off your nut,” as protagonist George Bailey proclaimed in the movie, to be unfamiliar with this story of Christmas redemption and contrasting realities of the idyllic Bedford Falls and the dystopian Pottersville.

What if Donald Trump had never been born or elected president? Hillary Clinton would have continued Obama’s “third term” of failed economic policies and we would not have seen tax cuts with a record, booming, pre-pandemic economy. Trump’s wall would not have been built and millions more illegal aliens would have flooded the country. The ISIS caliphate would not have been defeated, nor would historic Middle East peace deals have been signed. The neocon Clinton might have started another war as she did in Libya because Trump would not have been there to say no to endless foreign wars. And we would still be hostage to the Middle East because we would not have energy

independence.

Trump’s energy, magnetism and policy zeal to “Make America Great Again” would never have happened. It is astounding that MAGA triggers leftists, the deep state, socialists, the media and DINOs (Democrats in Name Only because the modern-day version are just progressive socialists). Imagine a decimated military in the age of Chinese hegemony. Imagine an additional 300 progressive Federal judges and three more Supreme Court uber liberals. Imagine the 500,000 new American manufacturing jobs that would never have occurred because Obama said these were gone forever. Imagine no executive orders eliminating onerous regulations, and Trump not there to challenge China, the Tech-Lords of Silicon Valley and the Washington status quo. Imagine if there was no Trump to espouse pro-life perspectives and push back against a Democrat party which advocates abortion on demand. And if Trump had never been president, does anyone believe we would be vaccinating millions against COVID-19 as a result of Operation Warp Speed? Trumpism is a stark contrast to Democrat-progressive-socialists, Joe Biden and the Washington elites like Lamar, Romney and Pelosi.

As 2020 ends, the vision

of Bedford Falls is under assault. There have been many casualties of dreadful 2020. The two casualties which stand out for me are the coronavirus pandemic and the fraudulent election. So much stems from these two, including the lockdowns while Democrat elites’ wine and dine, a destroyed economy, loss of freedoms once guaranteed by the First Amendment, and the loss of what residual trust we had in the media, Congress, the FBI, the Justice Department and the entire election process.

Handshakes are even gone in 2020 along with Southern hugs. Our faces are hidden behind masks eliminating friendly smiles and muffling the spoken word. You no longer see your doctor if you’re sick. The protocol now is a referral to a stranger at a COVID-19 clinic. What a medical perversion. Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick” (Luke 5:31). If you’re sick, good luck seeing your doctor in Pottersville.

In Pottersville “woke” ideology, secularism and post-Christian apostasy are operative. The progressives in my United Methodist Church have renounced John Wesley’s Quadrilateral creating the now Divided Methodist Church. John Wesley founded Methodism on foundational principles which can be

imagined as a three-legged stool. Philosophically and theologically, Methodism “sits” on scripture with the stool’s legs being reason, experience and tradition. Progressives have toppled my church. Similarly, we no longer live in The United States of America, but the DSA (divided states of America).

In today’s Pottersville, the media elites of Time magazine select Joe Biden and Kommie Harris as persons of the year instead of pandemic doctors, nurses and first responders or the police who oppose the anarchists of Antifa, BLM and the societal dregs looting and burning cities. In the proverbial “Bedford Falls,” the 2020 Gallup poll selected Donald Trump as the most admired man in America.

Calumny is the “false accusation of crime, misconduct, or defect, knowingly or maliciously made or reported, to the injury of another.” Calumny has become the weapon of the media (CNN, NYT, etc.) and the Democrat leadership like Pelosi and Eric Swalwell, who lied about President Trump for years. And Swalwell was recently discovered to have dated a Chinese spy, yet he still sits on the House Intelligence Committee.

The disconnected and gullible public, along with the calumny of Pottersville’s establishment,

destroyed President Trump. Even the Supremes (John Roberts) are intimidated by the threat of leftist riots, abandoning their oath to the Constitution and prostituting themselves before the “woke” mob.

There was Democrat optimism when Obama was elected in 2008. Similarly, populists and conservatives like me were elated when Trump was elected over the truly “deplorable” Hillary Clinton in 2016. However, I sense no elation of leftists, deep staters or even Democrats over the fraudulent election of Joe Biden, whose “darkest days ahead” comment harkens to his Pottersvillian visage.

For four years President Trump accomplished much for America despite the Democrat’s “resistance” and calumnies. I do not accept their Pottersville. Nor will I accept their puppet of China, the tyranny of Silicon Valley Tech-Lords, the opinions of media fools or the elites of Washington and East/West Coast toadies.

Join me and 74 million other “George Baileys” in resistance saying NO! to their dystopian Pottersville. It is time for the counter-revolution.

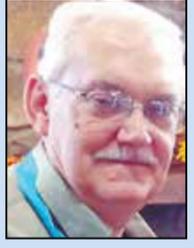
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# Readers respond to ‘What do you collect?’

In a recent story in The Focus I mentioned that my wife and I collect political and promotional buttons and cups from places we’ve visited, and other things like post-cards and business cards. The article drew some response when it appeared.

Kathy Turpin wrote, “I read your column in The Focus. Related to collections our house is full of

## More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

them. My husband collects stamps and coins but mine is different. I collect nun statues!

“They are hard to find, especially in the south. I have two aunts who are sisters and I am Catholic and attended 13 years of Catholic schools, so it’s a natural for me. Here’s a picture. I have them high up so the kitty cats don’t bother them.”

Two old family friends

responded they also collect items. Kerri Jones Clark said she favors kaleidoscopes and Dar Johnson collects magnets. One of the ladies lives in Florida and the other in Virginia.

Knoxville’s Judy Padoll collects shot glasses and Janis Young Buckner collects cups and magnets. Neighborhood leader Ronnie Collins wrote and said he collects Jack Daniels items, UT memorabilia, and books about Knox County and Tennessee.

Melanie Jennings Monday and Keith Richardson got a laugh with their responses. Monday said she collects dust and

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This display is packed with the shot glass collection of Terry Creech Hill.

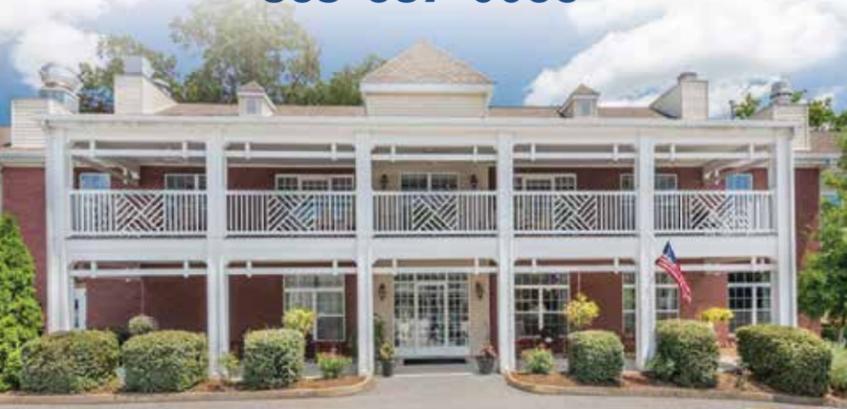


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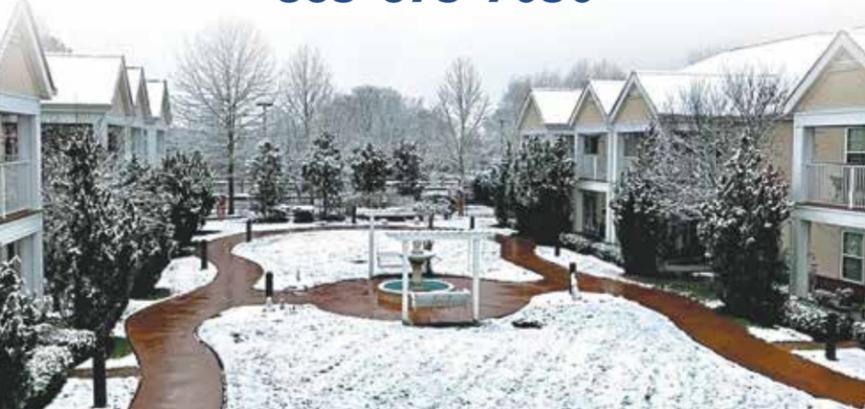
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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## FORECLOSURE NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

WHEREAS default has occurred in the payment of a debt due David L. Aiken & wife Judy L. Aiken, secured by a Deed of Trust dated 10/24/19, from Ashley F. Carpenter, and recorded at Inst. # 202010250028492, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and whereas A. Scott McCulley has been appointed as Substitute Trustee by Instrument dated 12/29/20 and recorded at Inst. # 202010250028492, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and whereas A. Scott McCulley, Substitute Trustee has been requested to sell the property securing the debt, the following said property will be sold at the front door of the City County Building, 400 Main Ave., Knoxville, TN 37902, on 1/27/2021 at 11 a.m.

SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being those certain premises comprising a portion of the project known as Woodford Reserve Condominiums, such project having been established as a horizontal property regime by Master Deed of Woodford Reserve Condominiums dated June 28, 2006, and recorded in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, as Inst. # 200607260007604 in said Register's Office, pursuant to the provisions of the Horizontal Property Act of Tennessee (TCA 66-27-101, et seq.) as amended, the premises being more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of Unit 6 of the Woodford Reserve Condominiums as shown on Exhibit D to the Master Deed of Woodford Reserve Condominiums dated June 28, 2006, and recorded at Inst. # 200607260007604, in said Register's Office, to which Master Deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

Being the same property conveyed to Ashley F. Carpenter by Warranty Deed from David L. Aiken & wife Judy L. Aiken, dated 10/24/19 of record at Inst. # 201910250028491 in the Register's Office for Loudon County, Tennessee.

The Property, known as 10943 Woodford Bend Way (Map & Parcel 1430C/42.00D) will be sold for cash in bar of right and equity of redemption and dower rights. The property is sold subject to applicable easements, restrictions, covenants, prior encumbrances and unpaid taxes. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Substitute Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. Other parties of interest: Publication Dates: 1/4/21, 1/11/21, 1/18/21 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. This 29 day of December, 2020.

A. Scott McCulley, Substitute Trustee, 8930 Cross Park Dr., Ste. 1, Knoxville, TN 37923, 865-243-3363.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid by Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated October 11, 2016, and recorded as Instrument No. 201610170024505 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Clayton M. Schmied, Kelley P. Schmied, being one and the same person as Kelly Schmied, and Sammy A. Peroulas ("Grantor") conveyed in trust to David A. Underwood, as Trustee for Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, a certain tract of land located in Knox County, Tennessee and the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and the owner of the debt secured, Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, having requested the undersigned to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof, at the option of the owner, this is give notice that the undersigned will, on **February 16, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.**, at the City-County Building, outside the large assembly room, Knox County, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

SITUATED in District No. Five (5) (old District No. 8), of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 45th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the center line of Francis Road, Northwest corner of tract conveyed to Hinkle by Deed of record in Deed Book 1105, Page 95, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee; thence North 2 deg. West and with the center line of Francis Road, and distance of 312 feet, more or less, to a stake, corner to other property of second parties; thence North 81 deg. East and with the Southerly line of Second Parties' lot a distance of 450 feet, more or less, to Miller's West line; thence South 2 deg. East and with the Miller line 256 feet, more or less, to a stake, corner to Hinkle tract referred to at the commencement of this description; thence South (approximately) 72 deg. West and with the Hinkle (second parties) line a distance of 430 feet, more or less, to the point of BEGINNING.

BEING part of the same property conveyed to Clayton Schmied and wife, Kelly Schmied and Sammy Peroulas by Quitclaim Deed from Lena Peroulas, Trustee of the Achilles Seraphim Peroulas Trust, said Quitclaim Deed being dated September 8, 2016, and recorded as Instrument No. 20160900016427, as corrected by Instrument.

TOGETHER with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto pertaining, releasing all claims to homestead and any other rights therein. To have and to hold the said premises to the Second Party, and his successors forever, in trust for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

AND THE FIRST PARTIES, for themselves and for their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, do hereby covenant with the said Second Party, and his successors, that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the premises above conveyed and have full power, authority, and right to convey the same, that said premises are free from all encumbrances, and that they will forever warrant and defend the said premises and the title thereto against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever.

This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback lines, all existing easements, and to all conditions as shown on the recorded map.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the above-named Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust

executed on October 11, 2016, due to the failure of the makers to comply with all provisions of the Deed of Trust.

Other parties interested as defined by Tennessee statutes and to whom the agent for the Trustee has given notice of the sale include the following: City of Knoxville, Rose Mortuary, Inc., Peter G. Dedes, State of Tennessee, and United States of America.

In compliance with TCA section 35-5-104(4) the following liens of the United States are listed: Notice of Federal Tax Lien filed against Saint Augustine Group and Sam Peroulas, General Partner, filed November 12, 2015, as Instrument No. 201511120029829, in the Knox County Register's Office.

Notice of Federal Tax Lien filed against Sammy Peroulas filed May 1, 2017, as Instrument No. 201705010066435, in the Knox County Register's Office.

Notice of Federal Tax Lien filed against Sammy Peroulas, filed May 1, 2017, as Instrument No. 201705010066436, in the Knox County Register's Office.

Notice of Federal Tax Lien filed against Sammy Peroulas, filed April 8, 2019, as Instrument No. 201904080058932, in the Knox County Register's Office.

For every above-listed lien or claim of lien of the United States so identified, the notice required by 26 U.S.C. section 7425(b) has been timely given, and further, the sale of the land thus advertised will be subject to the right of the United States to redeem the land as provided for in 26 U.S.C. section 7425(d)(1).

In compliance with TCA section 35-5-104(5) the following liens of the state of Tennessee are listed: Notice of State Tax Lien filed against Sammy A. Peroulas filed January 9, 2013, as Instrument No. 201301090045041, in the Knox County Register's Office.

For every above-listed lien or claim of lien of the state of Tennessee so identified, the notice required by T.C.A. section 67-1-1433(b)(1) has been timely given, and further, the sale of the land thus advertised will be subject to the right of the state of Tennessee to redeem the land as provided for in T.C.A. section 67-1-1433(c)(1).

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; and restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender and/or agent for the Trustee. Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the agent for the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as agent for Trustee, and subject to the approval of the Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representation or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular purpose.

Notice provided for the foreclosure sale of **1200 Francis Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37909** by:

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## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: SHARON ELAINE WARD  
IN RE: THOMMY WAYNE LAWRENCE  
v. SHARON ELAINE WARD  
NO. 200260-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
In this cause appearing from the sworn complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, SHARON ELAINE WARD, 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 SHARON ELAINE WARD. IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is, 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125 Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 3RD day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION**

**IN RE: TRUSTEES OF GREATER FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST v. EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH AKA WEST KNOXVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. -NO. 201491-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION it is ordered that said defendants, ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with E. Richards Brabham, an Attorney whose address is, 4th Floor Bank of America Center, 550 Main Street Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, at 400 W.

Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 15th day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**JAMES ADAM LETNER-Vs- AMANDA CHERI LETNER  
Docket# 150070**

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 AMANDA CHERI LETNER 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 AMANDA CHERI LETNER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JAMES ADAM LETNER, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with HEIDI WEGRYN, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 412 EBENEZER RD, KNOX, TN 37923, 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 16TH day of DECEMBER, 2020.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Michelle Henry  
Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: MATFEY LISOVOY  
IN RE: MATFEY LISOVOY v. ANNA R. MORGUNOVA  
NO. 198997-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, MATFEY LISOVOY, 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 MATFEY LISOVOY.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Allison H. Ankrom, an Attorney whose address is, 117 Center Park Dr., Suite 100 Knoxville, TN 37922, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 14th day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

**IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
No. 29299K  
KNOXVILLE TVA EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX aka Asia Thompson, Defendants.**

It appearing in this case that the Civil Warrant was issued for the defendants, Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox aka Asia Thompson, to appear before this Court, and said summons as to Joey Dewayne Thompson was returned by the process server "Not to be found in Knox County" and as to Asia Denise Cox aka Asia Thompson was returned by the process server "Not to be found in Brockton, Plymouth County, MA."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that service of process upon defendants, Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox aka Asia Thompson, be made by publication as set forth in T.C.A. §21-1-204; and that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, requiring the said defendants to appear before the General Sessions Court of Knox County, Tennessee, held at the Old Knox County Courthouse, 5th General Sessions Courtroom, 3d Floor, 300 North Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee on January 25, 2021, and make defense to the Civil Warrant filed against them in this cause; otherwise, said Civil Warrant will be taken for confessed, and the cause proceed with ex parte.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, inasmuch as the defendants and the circumstances of non-service in this matter, No. 29299K, and in No. 29300K are identical, the publication in The Knoxville Focus, of both shall be by one notice referencing both docket numbers, 29299K and 29300K, in substantially the form of Exhibit A hereto.

ENTERED the 9th day of December, 2020.

JUDGE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

William L. Cooper, III, #011447  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2008 E. Magnolia Avenue  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37917  
(865) 577-1776

EXHIBIT A  
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION: IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE TVA EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX aka Asia Thompson, Defendants, Nos. 29299K and 29300K.

To Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox aka Asia Thompson, Defendants: A Civil Warrant (lawsuit) has been filed against you by Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union in each of these two (2) cases. The nature of the claim against you is for breach of your agreement to pay on an account/debt. The prior summons against you was returned by the process server "Not to be found in Knox County, Tennessee" and in Brockton, Plymouth County, MA." The said Court, by Order Of Publication entered December 9, 2020, has ordered service of process be made upon defendants, Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox aka Asia Thompson, by publication as set forth in T.C.A. §21-1-204, in The Knoxville Focus. Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox aka Asia Thompson, shall appear before the General Sessions Court of Knox County, Tennessee, held at the Old Knox County Courthouse, 5th General Sessions Courtroom, 3d Floor, 300 North Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee on February 17, 2021, and make defense to the Civil Warrant filed against him in this cause; otherwise, said Civil Warrant will be taken for confessed, and the cause proceed with ex parte. Counsel to the plaintiff credit union is William L. Cooper, III, 2008 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917. Dated this 9th day of December, 2021, Mr. Charles D. Susano, III, Clerk

Order of publication to be run for one (1) day a week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Verification of compliance to be mailed to the Mr. Charles D. Susano, III, Clerk, Knox County General Sessions Court, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901.

Payment of publication should be billed to: William L. Cooper, III 2008 E. Magnolia Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee 37917 (865) 577-1776

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TIFFANY DAWN HODGE -Vs- RAFAEL MADRIGAL MARTINEZ  
Docket# 150463**

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 RAFAEL MADRIGAL MARTINEZ 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 RAFAEL MADRIGAL MARTINEZ.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by TIFFANY DAWN HODGE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with JOSHUA D. HEDRICK, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 607 MARKET ST., SUITE 1100 KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902, 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 28TH day of DECEMBER, 2020.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: KERLEY HEATING & AIR INC AND VICTOR KERLEY  
IN RE: SWIFT FINANCIAL LLC v. KERLEY HEATING & AIR INC  
NO. 200726-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants KERLEY HEATING & AIR INC AND VICTOR KERLEY are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon KERLEY HEATING & AIR INC AND VICTOR KERLEY it is ordered that said defendants, KERLEY HEATING & AIR INC AND VICTOR KERLEY file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Glen C. Watson, III, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 121950 Nashville, TN 37212, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 28th day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: BILLY JOE LAMB,  
IN RE: ELIZABETH ANN LAMB v. BILLY JOE LAMB  
NO. 200766-2**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, BILLY JOE LAMB, 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 BILLY JOE LAMB.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Travis Patterson, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, TN 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridmore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 29th day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF STANLEY EDWARD BECKER  
DOCKET NUMBER 83766-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STANLEY EDWARD BECKER who died Sep 11, 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:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF STANLEY EDWARD BECKER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PATRICIA WARREN BECKER;  
EXECUTRIX 2105 WOODSON DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JULES WILBURN BERNARD  
DOCKET NUMBER 83833-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JULES WILBURN BERNARD who died Apr 11, 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:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF JULES WILBURN BERNARD  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LANCE HAYDEN BERNARD; EXECUTOR  
833 WALKER SPRINGS RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN BLACK  
DOCKET NUMBER 83788-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET ANN BLACK who died Jul 25, 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:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN BLACK  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BOBBY SHANE BLACK; EXECUTOR  
8919 GARRISON DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

STANLEY F RODEN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10269 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF IRENE ELIZABETH BUCKLEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 83869-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IRENE ELIZABETH BUCKLEY who died Nov 2, 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:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF IRENE ELIZABETH BUCKLEY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARIE ELAINE BUCKLEY; EXECUTRIX  
5317 MARTIN MILK PX  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM CARTER  
DOCKET NUMBER 83783-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM CARTER who died Oct 31, 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.

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM CARTER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUSAN CARTER FRITZ; ADMINISTRATRIX  
1345 SHAWFERRY LANE

# Readers respond to 'What do you collect?'

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Richardson said, "I've been told I collect flies. Is that what you're asking?"

Betty Perkins Gottmann said she doesn't collect anything anymore but used to collect cut glass and teapots.

Kim Webber collects snow globes and Sylvia W. Woods seeks out patches. "I sew them on a piece of burlap with a dowel at the top and bottom, I got the idea from sewing Boy Scout patches," she said, adding, "I forgot to say they take up just a little space and make a nice wall hanging. The grandchildren loved looking at the

colorful patches. We trimmed the burlap up both sides with the different states we had visited."

Lynn Fuson likes collecting ceramic salt and pepper shakers that look like each other and Victrolas listening dogs.

Georgia Vines said, "Tiles, the first one was from the Milwaukee County Horticultural Conservancy."

Terry Creech Hill also collects shot glasses and said they are easy to tuck away in a suitcase. She sent a photo of her display cabinet packed with dozens and dozens of shot glasses.



Kathy Turpin's collection of nun figurines are displayed high enough so her cats can't get to them.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEREMY MILANI HAWS DOCKET NUMBER 83643-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEREMY MILANI HAWS who died Aug 11, 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.

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the date of the first publication of this notice to creditors if the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JEREMY MILANI HAWS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RYAN MILANI; ADMINISTRATOR  
200 TWINLEAF LN.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KENNETH D JARNAGIN DOCKET NUMBER 83861-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH D JARNAGIN who died Oct 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.

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 21 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF KENNETH D JARNAGIN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TRACI RHEA; EXECUTRIX  
6611 CHERRY DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE JOYCE LANDRETH DOCKET NUMBER 83870-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE JOYCE LANDRETH who died Oct 26, 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.

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE JOYCE LANDRETH**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GINGER LEIGH SILLS; EXECUTRIX  
7615 WINDY KNOLL DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONALD JOSEPH LEATHERWOOD DOCKET NUMBER 83806-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD JOSEPH LEATHERWOOD who died Nov 10, 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.

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 17 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

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

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 17 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF RONALD JOSEPH LEATHERWOOD**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GLENDA ROACH; EXECUTRIX  
4519 HWY 92  
RUTLEDGE, TN. 37861

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SAM MCCLANAHAN DOCKET NUMBER 83865-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAM MCCLANAHAN who died Sep 28, 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:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 21 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF SAM MCCLANAHAN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HOME FEDERAL BANK/KATHLEEN L WALDROP; EXECUTOR  
515 MARKET ST., STE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

**GLEN KYLE ATTORNEY**

4931 HOMBERG DR  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HANSA S PATEL DOCKET NUMBER 83814-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HANSA S PATEL who died Oct 22, 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:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF HANSA S PATEL**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUDHIR PATEL; EXECUTOR  
1709 TOTANKA LN.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

**DANIEL WILKINS ATTORNEY**

7632 GLEASON DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANN PENLAND DOCKET NUMBER 83867-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN PENLAND who died Dec 8, 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.

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANN PENLAND**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MATTHEW T CATANI; ADMINISTRATOR  
8144 OLIVE TREE WAY A202  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

**THOMAS R RAMSEY, III ATTORNEY**

550 W MAIN ST., STE 310  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN RAY DOCKET NUMBER 83722-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN RAY who died Sep 1, 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:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN RAY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHRYN RAY HIGH; ADMINISTRATRIX  
3621 KING ARTHUR DRIVE  
LEXINGTON, KY 40517

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PARNICK H ROGERS DOCKET NUMBER 83855-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PARNICK H ROGERS who died Oct 2, 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:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF PARNICK H ROGERS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ALAN L ROGERS; EXECUTOR  
4134 GALBRAITH SCHOOL ROAD  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JUSTIN TYLER SOUTHERS DOCKET NUMBER 83837-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JUSTIN TYLER SOUTHERS who died Oct 19, 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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This the 17 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JUSTIN TYLER SOUTHERS**

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DONNA L SPLANE DOCKET NUMBER 83862-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of DECEMBER 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONNA L SPLANE who died Sep 27, 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 21 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF DONNA L SPLANE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HOWARD SCOTT SPLANE, III; EXECUTOR  
3211 WHISPERING OAKS DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JO ANN BRANUM DOCKET NUMBER 83875-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JO ANN BRANUM who died Oct 27, 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 23 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JO ANN BRANUM**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARTY R. BRANUM;  
ADMINISTRATOR 9921 HIGDON DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF AUBREY WALKER DYE DOCKET NUMBER 83201-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of AUBREY WALKER DYE who died Feb 17, 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 23 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF AUBREY WALKER DYE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KAREN DYE; CO-EXECUTOR  
4405 PINEHURST DR.  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JASPER EARL GIBSON DOCKET NUMBER 83873-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JASPER EARL GIBSON who died Sep 20, 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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This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JASPER EARL GIBSON**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DONNA LEE SHINLEVER; ADMINISTRATRIX  
4097 BLAZIER RD.  
ROCKFORD, TN 37853

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BITHA J GRIMES DOCKET NUMBER 83872-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BITHA J GRIMES who died Dec 3, 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 22 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF BITHA J GRIMES**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SALLY SNYDER; EXECUTRIX  
7727 ESTER WAY  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PEGGY JO HARB DOCKET NUMBER 83878-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PEGGY JO HARB who died Dec 4, 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 23 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF PEGGY JO HARB**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GREGORY HARB; EXECUTOR  
7625 CHRISTEN LEE CIR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EDITH JACKSON DOCKET NUMBER 83827-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EDITH JACKSON who

died Aug 4, 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 28 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**ESTATE OF EDITH JACKSON**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHEILA JACKSON KELSO;  
ADMINISTRATRIX 5510 PACE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY LOU MCMAHAN DOCKET NUMBER 83877-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LOU MCMAHAN who died Nov 3, 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 23 day of DECEMBER, 2020

**ESTATE OF MARY LOU MCMAHAN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOYCE M BROGAN; EXECUTRIX  
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# How street names got their names: Moody Avenue

By Mike Steely  
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The origins of some street and road names in Knox County are pretty obvious. Routes like the various Sevier streets, highways or avenues are clearly named for settler and Governor John Sevier. Henley Street is named for an early militia commander and there are many streets named for early community leaders, patriots, soldiers and families.

Several streets are named for former presidents and some are named for still-living community leaders such as Knox County Trustee Ed Shouse, retired newscaster Bill Williams, and, more recently, for Alan Williams, newscaster for WVLT TV.

But other streets are named for unknown reasons and it takes a bit of research to find out why and when.

Take Moody Avenue, for instance.

I got an email from a reader asking about Moody, which runs from Martin Mill Pike in Vestal to Woodland Avenue near the James White Parkway. East Moody runs with Woodlawn briefly and turns north to pass through that neighborhood, beyond Old South High School, and ends Davenport Road or Wynn Avenue. Back at the main Moody route it becomes Sevierville Pike. That busy connector route crosses Chapman Highway and serves several South Knoxville neighborhoods as West Moody.

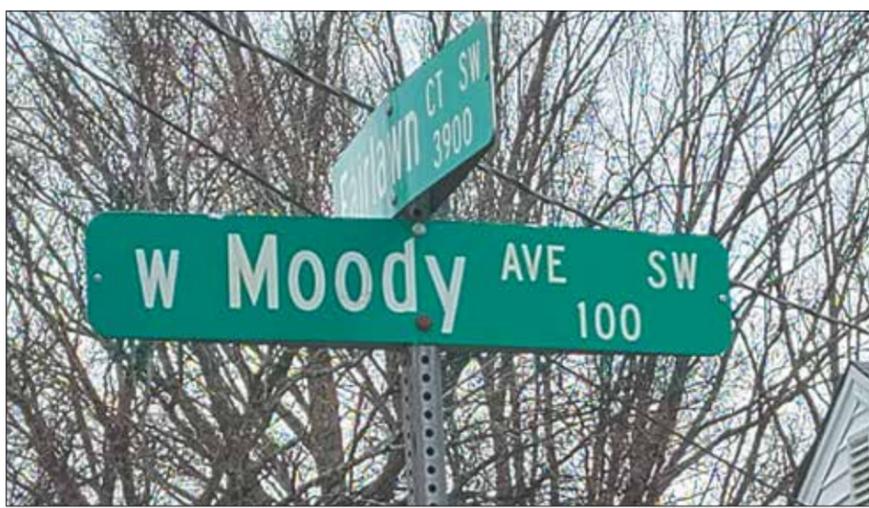


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*Moody Avenue in South Knoxville is a major carrier of traffic all the way from Vestal to the Old Sevier neighborhood. It also connects Chapman Highway travelers to the James White Parkway and is vital to the quickly growing area. Ever wonder how Moody and other streets got their names?*

I had, at first, thought it might have been named for the late public servant Wanda Moody who passed away last year at age 91. But one resident along the route it said was named long before that grand lady was born.

"The Moody family settled in Knox County prior to the Civil War. Members of that family still live in the area and some have migrated to other states. One of the family members became governor of Texas," Sylvia Woods, a Moody Avenue resident, told The Focus.

Sometime before 1931, Moody Avenue had been known as Cedar Lane, but obviously that conflicted with the Cedar Lane that connects Inskip and Fountain City in North Knoxville.

A little research turned up several Moodys from the area but no solid clues on which one the street was named for. James M.

Moody was born in 1807 in Virginia. He married Anna in 1820 in Charlotte County and some of their children moved to our region. Amanda Moody was born in 1834 and died in 1904 in Knox County. James also married Nancy Taylor in Virginia and some of their children were born in Tennessee.

George Washington Moody was born in 1880 and died in Lake City, he's buried in Anderson County.

Another Moody, William H., was born in Virginia in 1829 and one of his children, Amanda, died in Knox County in 1904.

Texas Governor Daniel James Moody Jr. was born

at Taylor, Texas, on June 1, 1893, the son of Daniel James and Nannie Elizabeth (Robertson) Moody. Nannie was born in Roane County, Tn.

One genealogist offered this: The Moody Family migrated from Virginia to North Carolina in the early 1700s. They travelled across North Carolina and settled in the border area with Tennessee. They made frequent moves in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Julius K. Moody was born in 1901 in North Carolina. By 1940 he was 39 years old and living in Knoxville with his wife, Daphne, two sons and two daughters.

## How streets are named now

Until recently the city council had a Street Naming Committee. Councilwoman Lauren Rider headed up the most recent committee and explained to The Focus what the procedures are now:

"The City Of Knoxville encourages honorary Street and Property namings over renamings when the goal is to commemorate someone who has been a significant contributor to the community. The public property naming committee reviews and considers appropriateness for applications. After changes (last) year, this committee no longer reviews renaming of streets which starts now in the Planning Commission.

"Both honorary names and renaming are ultimately reviewed and voted on by City Council. Recent changes to the ordinance in 2020 reevaluated our honorary naming ordinance. We did an extensive look at other cities across the country and how they handled these requests.

"After reviewing best practices by comparing other standards across the country we expanded our ordinance to provide more details for applicants and guidance for the Public Property Naming Committee," Rider explained.

"The revised ordinance gives the committee a set of standards to consider applications. Honors are reserved for individuals who are deceased. Exceptions can be made with unanimous support from the committee, the mayor and the council. This was a pretty standard rule in most municipalities and states across the country. Thus we chose to add to our ordinance. Another point of note in the revised ordinance is consideration should be given to the origin and significance of an existing name and any historical facts. We should always consider why something was named as it was originally.

"Street renamings are handled by the planning commission because they are the legal entity that handles addressing. Street renamings occur predominantly when needed to eliminate confusion for 911. For example, construction of an exit off Alcoa Highway bisected an existing road and to ensure the ambulances would arrive at the correct location when needed, street renaming was needed to create the distinction between the two halves of the street" she said.

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