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COVID-19 Weekly Focus

2019 Knox County Total Population¹
470,313

Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases²
34,868

% COVID-19 Cases/ Total Population
7.4%

Total COVID-19 Deaths²
396

% COVID-19 Deaths/ Total Population
.08%

SOURCES 1. U.S. Census Bureau 2. Knox County Health Department data from 1/16/2021.

Local bars face permit suspensions for curfew violations

By Ken Lay

Two West Knoxville bars now face suspension hearings early next month for multiple citations.

Paul's Oasis, located at 8021 Kingston Pike, and Billiards and Brews, located at Unicorn Drive, will appear before the Knoxville Beer Board in early February.

Both establishments have been cited multiple times for violating the Knox County Board of Health's 10 p.m. curfew put into place due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Paul's Oasis has been cited for violating curfew eight times since the curfew began being enforced in November. The bar will appear before

the beer board on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at noon. Billiards and Brews has been cited for 14 violations. It will have its license suspension hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Paul's Oasis is facing a 60-day permit suspension while Billiards and Brews could lose its permit for up to 75 days. In addition, the beer board has been

requested to fine each establishment \$3,000 for each violation.

The two pre-hearing conferences were conducted via Zoom Thursday morning due to the Tennessee Supreme Court's mandate of no public hearings. That mandate expires on Jan. 29. But beer board officer Celeste Herbert said that the hearing for Paul's

Oasis would likely be held via Zoom.

Beer board officer Gerald Gulley is hoping to conduct Billiards' and Brews' suspension hearing in-person, provided that the state Supreme Court does not extend its mandate.

"I would like to conduct this hearing in-person so I can judge the credibility of the witnesses," Gulley said.

Attorney Rick Owens is representing both establishments. Alyson Dyer from the City Law Department said that the city was looking for expedited hearings in both cases because she noted that both establishments would continue to be cited for curfew violations.

Dyer said that Paul's **Continue on page 4**

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TSSAA basketball officials (left to right) Michael Callahan, John Anderson and Danny Chandler from the Knox South Association give fist bumps to each other before taking the floor for the Halls vs. Powell game Thursday night at Powell. Officials across the state are working for less money this season to help offset financial losses at the gate that have hit high school athletics. Spectators at the games are restricted to players' parents or guardians and immediate household members due to the increase in COVID-19 infections. Please see story in Sports and Recreation, Section B.

Board of Health dissolution may be postponed

By Mike Steely

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With the COVID-19 pandemic still raging in Knox County, it appears supporters of dissolving the Board of Health may be backing off, at least for another month.

The board met Wednesday evening and heard Director Dr. Martha Buchanan report that four of the five "benchmarks" are in the RED category with only the testing capacity in the YELLOW.

"I'm hopeful Commissioner Ward will not go through with his ordinance," board member Dr. Patrick O'Brien said, adding he has talked with commissioners and "we have something in common. Butting heads is behind us." He added, "Let's keep the lines of

communication open."

Ward's ordinance to dissolve the board passed in a split vote last month and is on the agenda for today's work session. Several commissioners who supported the ordinance have said publicly they would vote to postpone it for 30 days.

The board members also talked about threats against them and their families as well as threats made against Knox County Commissioners. While voting to continue restrictions during the crisis until February 4th the board heard from Kevin Hill who asked them to condemn "credible threats" against several commissioners by unknown citizens.

The board responded with a resolution against **Continue on page 4**

Dual businesses request permission to open in Bearden

By Bill Howard

All too common an issue in local politics is whether a business is allowed to open. Given that businesses provide goods and services that people want, as well as providing employment for people who need jobs, it would be easy to think that business applicants would generally get a green light. And often that's the case.

But sometimes it's more complicated. Is the business in a commercial zone? Is it sufficiently far enough away from a residential zone? Can the business be trusted to remain up to code and be a good neighbor?

At its monthly meeting on Jan. 14, the Knoxville-Knox. Co. Planning Commission took up the issue

when Knoxville lawyer Benjamin Mullins, representing applicant Acre Kingston Pike T5 LLC, requested from the commission permission for Acre to open two businesses.

The property, currently a Kar Kare Muffler business, sits at 8002 Kingston Pike - near West Town Mall in City Council District 2 - west of Winston Road and on the south side of Kingston Pike. Across the street is Suburban Plaza.

The applicant wants to convert the current facility into a pair of complementary businesses: Scooters Coffee and Take 5 Oil Change. According to Mullins, the Scooters Coffee franchise will be the first in Tennessee; the Take 5 Oil Change will be the first **Continue on page 3**

What's the future of fire and rescue in Knox County?

By Mike Steely

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For several years there's been talk about a future fire department to serve all of Knox County. The city has its own fire department but in the county, there are different volunteer and subscription-based units covering different parts of the county. The same is true for rescue squads.

While a UT study of fire protection in Knox County has recommended a county-wide fire department there seems to be little support in the county administration or the commission because of the expense and a tax increase. Also, would it

be fair for Knoxville residents, who are county taxpayers, to be taxed for coverage they would not receive?

The UT study recommended spreading the cost of a fire department across the county which could save homeowners money from the current subscription rates for service and fire insurance. A county-wide tax to pay for a fire department would mean everyone, whether they want protection or not, would pay additional taxes. Given the uproar over higher county taxes, the county continues to move forward with some funding to independent fire and rescue groups.

While the fire and rescue groups continually ask for annual funding

the commission is looking at three and six-month contributions.

The current and short-term future of fire and rescue funding is before the Knox County Commission's work session and regular meeting. When the commissioners meet Tuesday in the work session they will discuss forming a "Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee."

The committee apparently already exists and has submitted a report notifying the commission that it was established back in March.

"Mayor Jacobs asked that we look at fire and rescue services across the county and provide recommendations for the FY21 budget," Brad

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I hope Joe Biden does a good job

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr. duncanj@knoxfocus.com

Joe Biden will be sworn in as president this week, and I hope for the sake of this country that he does a good job.

As I said in my last column, he has been very nice to me every time I have been around him, but I really thought he was not the best man for the job.

Even husbands and wives and best friends disagree sometimes, and I did not agree with President Trump on everything. But on the big things, he was a very good president. It was just his personality that got him into so much trouble.

I didn't vote for Bill Clinton, Barack Obama or Joe Biden, but I never had even the slightest bit of hatred for any of them. However, with the effort to impeach President Trump with just a few days left on his term, many of the Democrats in Congress showed that they were obsessed with hatred for the president.

I watched very little of the impeachment proceedings in the House, but all of the

Democrats I saw seemed to be emphasizing how fair and honest they thought the election was, trying to convince the country.

However, one of the polls after the election showed that 77% of Republicans, 49% of Independents, and even 28% of Democrats thought there was significant fraud in this election.

Another poll found 83% of Republicans thought the election was stolen.

An election law specialist who testified in the U.S. Senate hearing said his team found 42,000 in Nevada who had voted twice, over 1,500 dead people who were recorded as voting, and 8,000 who voted with non-existent

addresses.

John Lott, senior advisor to the Justice Department, published a study on Dec. 29 concluding that 368,000 "excess votes" tipped the election to Biden, and Pennsylvania legislatures found over 200,000 more votes were recorded than the number of people who actually voted.

Mr. Biden's lawyers fought tooth and nail to prevent detailed examinations of the Dominion voting machines. Why? In only one place, a small county in Michigan, did a judge allow such an analysis. In that one county, it was found that over 6,000 votes for Biden actually were votes for Trump.

Bart Marcois, a career foreign service officer and official election observer of more than 30 elections from Yemen in 1992 to Tunisia in 2019, found our presidential election totally dishonest in Atlanta, Philadelphia, Detroit and Milwaukee.

He wrote: "In every other big city in America, Biden underperformed Obama and (Hillary) Clinton, but in those four, he scored 10 points more than either of them. How? Each showed an enormous and statistically impossible spike in votes for Biden, recorded during the hours with no observers present in Detroit and Philadelphia, where the midnight vote

deliveries came in trucks or vans. Like in Georgia they were pulled from under the table."

The newest issue of the Smithsonian magazine, has a story of Joseph Rainey, a Republican, who in 1870 became the first African-American elected to Congress.

He was defeated in 1878 in a heavily Republican district. The magazine said "years later, Southern Democratic leaders boasted about all kinds of illegal acts" during the election.

It would not be surprising years from now to have some Democratic leaders boast about how they stole the Presidential Election of 2020.

COVID-19, random searches discussed at school board

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Board of Education's regular session meeting lasted just 39 minutes Wednesday night.

All items on the agenda passed unanimously with little or no discussion.

But the COVID-19 pandemic again took center stage as KCS Superintendent Bob Thomas announced that the district would continue its contact tracing policy despite the fact that the health department is no longer contact tracing.

"The health department is now focused on vaccines and they are no longer doing contact tracing but we're going to continue contact tracing, much like we did in the fall," Thomas said at the Andrew Johnson Building Wednesday night.

Thomas also noted that he's hoping that the vaccine will be available to all KCS personnel by late-February or early-March.

He also said that the district will not mandate that its employees take the vaccine.

"We would encourage all of our staff take the vaccine, but it will not be mandatory," Thomas said. "We would encourage our employees to think about taking the vaccine when it becomes available."

"Children's hospital will help us administer the vaccine to our staff."

Thomas also noted that he was optimistic as KCS moves forward during the pandemic.

"I really see a light at the end of the tunnel with this thing," he said. "I'm not saying that we had perfect attendance today, but this is our second week back (from Winter Break) and we prepared for 44,000 in-person students today."

The board also approved the second reading of its J-201 policy regarding random searches and Thomas said that measures have been put in place to assure that the searches are truly random and that they would cause little disruption in the school day.

"The searches are scheduled in advance and the principal and the Director of Schools must approve the searches."

"We do have procedures in place. The school resource officer at the school will not be directly involved in the search. The searches will videoed and archived."

THANK YOU

We'd like to thank Jo Anne Lavender for contacting us about an error on the COVID-19 Weekly Focus chart last Monday. We apologize for this error and remain grateful to our readers.

East Walker Springs Lane rezoning request postponed

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

An application for rezoning a lot at 8300 East Walker Springs Lane was postponed at City Council Tuesday evening for two weeks. Councilman Andrew Roberto requested the delay to give local residents time to talk with the developer, The Offices at St. Andrews LLC.

Residents around the site are complaining that the proposed three-story building doesn't fit the neighborhood and would interfere with the Jean Teague Greenway that passes through the area. A petition signed by 2,000 residents was presented against the project.

Roberto said residents and the developer were meeting

last Friday to discuss the issue. The original zoning change asked for RN-6 zoning for multi-family residential but the Planning Staff recommended RN-5 which would limit the height of a building to 35 feet. The vacant land is currently zoned for an Office Park.

Knoxville-Knox County Planning split on the vote, 8-6. Roberto said the rezoning request is "too early to vote on" until the residents and developer meet.

In other business, Mayor Indya Kincannon introduced Kelly Drummond as the city's new Human Resources Director. Drummond is currently the vice president of Human Resources and Leadership Development for the Boys & Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley. The mayor applauded

Drummond's more than 20 years of experience.

Kincannon also announced that Kyndra Brewer is the new director of special events for the city. She's been serving as the deputy director.

The council approved applying for a grant from the state for \$150,000 to subsidize the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency budget for salaries and operating expenses this year and approved \$225,000 in HUD federal COVID-19 funds to the Knoxville Urban League for homeless prevention services.

A resolution approving a three-year agreement with Vaughn & Melton for right-of-way acquisition, relocation and related services on an "as-needed basis" saw Councilwoman Amelia Parker

abstain in an 8-1 vote.

Ziggurat Development LLC was given an agreement for \$233,458 for the 2021 Curb Cuts project and the final payment to Vaughn & Melton was made for the Jackson Avenue Ramps Replacement Project. Mayor Kincannon said that the east side of the historic ramps up to Gay Street should be open soon and urged the council members to "take a stroll" there to see the almost completed project.

The council also approved \$500,000 to the Western Heights Revitalization Master Planning with the Community Development Corporation and authorized \$19,500 in funding for six neighborhoods to support community-building activities.

South Knoxville Alliance brainstorms promotions for 2021

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

If you were involved in a neighborhood or business association and wanted to promote membership and shopping what would you do?

Members of the South Knoxville Alliance met last week on Zoom and discussed several things including how to promote their area. Last year about 40 businesses were members and thus far this calendar year 18 have signed on. SKA is made up of businesses and organizations within the 37920 zip code south of the Tennessee River.

Patrick Michael reported that seven new businesses have signed on as members.

The organization promotes the assets of their area, which they describe as one of "the most unique districts" in Knoxville, through marketing, events and festivals. Director Adam Fritts chaired the online meeting and asked for suggestions in promoting the alliance.

The group had hoped to elect officers but postponed that until their February



of Businesses & Professionals

Kevin Jeske-Polyak, of CTV and a South Knoxville resident, sat in on the meeting and suggested a cartoon-type map of the area featuring member businesses. SKA Chairman Bill Lenczynski said the map idea was "awesome."

Tocher also suggested ideas like a scavenger hunt or a "Where's Waldo" type event. Fritts mentioned something like Bingo cards, stamped at businesses, with a prize at the end. Terri LaSeuer suggested creating a directory of businesses. Tocher mentioned "welcome bags" that had been used to welcome new homeowners.

Commissioner Carson Dailey reported that Knox County sales and property tax collections are up and a new Covenant Health facility is opening in South Knoxville.

Membership in SKA is \$50 each year for businesses and organizations. You may contact The South Knoxville Alliance by mail at P.O. Box 938, Knoxville, Tn 37940 or email contact@SouthKnoxvilleAlliance.org.

meeting so members can be notified and nominations taken. Changes in the bylaws last year will also be reviewed.

Fritts said that last year's promotions were event-based until the pandemic hit.

Member Janice Tocher, president of Aerra Media, suggested emphasizing the Urban Wilderness and, in doing so, pull people from across the river to support South Knoxville businesses.

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Publisher's Position

Double Standards and Liberal Hypocrisy



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Is it any wonder why the country is so divided, so polarized? And what happened to healing and uniting our country? That seems to have disappeared in a bubble of the purest, most poisonous, palpitating hatred I've witnessed in my lifetime. The left is using the incident at the Capitol for all it's worth and let's just be honest and put everything into perspective. The same people crying "insurrection" are the very same people who told us the "protests" elsewhere were mostly peaceful, oftentimes while buildings burned in the background. More people were killed in the "mostly peaceful protests" than during the "insurrection." That is an indisputable fact, but you're not likely to be

reminded of it any time soon as the trifecta is now complete: the Democratic party, Big Tech, and the mainstream media all push the same narrative and now they are doing their best to silence anyone who doesn't agree with them. For people who talk about "Nazis" as often as the leftists do, they seem not to recognize their own tendencies as totalitarians. The elimination of free speech is the first sign a free society won't be free for very long. If you have a brain in your head EVERY totalitarian government since the beginning of time until the present, controls the media. The media is usually state-run and we have the closest thing to a state-run media than we've ever had in this country.

The people at CNN, for instance, who don't report news, but rather push a narrative, irrespective of whether it is the truth or a bald-faced lie. Lately, it's been pretty much a steady diet of bald-faced lies. The very same people who scoff at the very notion of election fraud last November are the SAME people who have insisted the 2016 election was somehow stolen by the Russians from Hillary Clinton.

CNN and Rachel Maddow of MSNBC have carried around that dead horse for the last four years, even after the multi-million dollar investigation by the once-infallible Robert Mueller couldn't produce a single shred of evidence to support the contention Trump had won the 2016 election because of Russian interference. There was interference in the 2020 election by the Chinese, the Russians, and Iranians, but do you hear anyone in the mainstream media talking or writing about it? Of course not!

Another difference in the narrative? The folks burning down businesses in Seattle, Minneapolis, and Portland were "protesters," while those at the Capitol were "rioters." The mainstream media has bullied, belittled and demonized law enforcement officers for the last year and suddenly they are filled with a profound concern for the officers at the Capitol. I am against ALL rioting and will always call it rioting whether it is on the right or left. I am for our law enforcement agencies and court system meting out justice to those who have broken the law equally. We've seen district attorneys across the

country announce what laws they will not prosecute. If the Knoxville News-Sentinel is to be believed, there has been "a serious uptick in violence" in our community while we have leftist nutcakes running around calling not only for the police to be defunded, but entirely abolished. The News-Sentinel states we had a record number of murders in our community last year and some of you people want to act like the soon-to-be-candidates for the Knoxville City Council who want to defund or outright abolish the police should be treated with respect. Do you suppose a social worker holding a daisy is going to help you much as a victim of violence? If those folks have their way, you're more likely to be pushing up daisies instead.

The uptick quote was attributed to Mayor Indya Kincannon, who seems to have about as much grasp of what to do in the city as an old maid with a shaving mug. Nor is Knox County free of public officials who don't understand their own roles or either the city or county government. It's no wonder so many folks are not taking masking seriously when you have so many

public officials, especially those locking down everything and yet traveling, dining out and not wearing masks. Do they seem to be afraid? The fact is there are many more restaurants and bars that serve liquor by the drink inside the Knoxville city limits than in Knox County. It is not Sheriff Spangler's responsibility to enforce any law or ordinance inside the City of Knoxville. The chief of police is not, as is Sheriff Spangler, elected by anybody. The Chief of Police of Knoxville is **appointed** by the city mayor and answers directly to the city mayor. Have you heard a single member of the Knox County Commission say Kincannon and the Knoxville City Council should take the cure for lockjaw and actually enforce the law? Nope, neither have I. Instead, our commissioners would rather chase each other around the table or virtually arguing about whether we need a Board of Health. The members of the Board of Health haven't fussed about city officials being as silent as a tomb about enforcement. Let me remind you, the Knoxville News-Sentinel published a startling panorama of photos

of UT students and the vibrant nightlife inside the city where there was not a single mask to be seen nor any social distancing being practiced. Who raised Cain about it? Nobody but The Knoxville Focus.

We're sending our kids back to school and Daniel Watson, a new member of the board of education, who seems less interested in education than social justice, proposed the Board meet virtually. Mike McMullan, whose experience in government likely dates back to when Watson was in short pants and had hair on his head, reminded him the board was sending students and teachers back to school and wondered what kind of message it would send if the board members cowered at home? The commissioners might ask themselves the same question.

Twitter and Facebook have lost \$51 billion in value since banning President Trump. Whether we like what someone else has to say, America has been the one place on the planet where someone had the right to say what they want, what they believe. When that right is gone, everything else worth having will be, too.

Dual businesses request permission to open in Bearden

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in Knoxville. This property was previously zoned C-4 (Highway and Arterial Commercial District) but was rezoned C-G-3 (General Commercial) with the adoption of the new zoning ordinance and map on January 1, 2020. The zoning request from Acre is for C-G-1 (General Commercial). The staff recommendation was to deny C-G-1 zoning because "it is not consistent with surrounding zoning and would set a precedent for a lesser level of C-G zoning in this area." "CG1 is consistent with the one-year plan and the sector plan," said Mullins. "They've also filed for a special-use permit with the plans for this being laid out for what they want to do, with design elements and sidewalk frontage on Kingston Pike. We've already gone through a development-review process with staff with regard to the site plan." There was concern from the commission about design standards. According to Mullins, Acre doesn't want to spend the money to meet those standards until it receives the proper zoning. "I understand the concerns about the lack of design standards for the CG-1," he said. "I think we need to look at this on a case-by-case basis. Here we're asking for a lesser intensive development for a company that's gonna be invested in the community. Since it's consistent with the one-year plan and sector plan, we request you grant the rezoning."

As usual, commission members differed on the matter. Said Tim Hill: "I think we do need to support this zoning ordinance. The reason I'm now in favor of the C-G-1 is because I started looking at the stretch of Kingston Pike. I said 'where would be considered the most walkable environment.' C-G-1 is designed to promote mixed-use development that recalls the city's traditional business district."

Sandra Korbelik said that section of Kingston Pike doesn't have adequate design standards. "I'd like to see us promote that direction," she said. "I follow the staff recommendation to deny CG-1."

Karyn Adams replied that a national franchise might have its own design standards upfront but would be flexible if the community requested changes that would make it fit in better to the local culture.

Asked Jeff Roth: "I've got a question about this... if special-use permit, if this is rezoned CG-3 ... if this is not approved today, can they still come through with a special-use permit and use their property the way they want to use it?"

Replied Planning staffer Amy Brooks: "It is contingent on them getting their rezoning. They would have to modify their design. It is a risk and we make that clear to applicants upfront."

"I'm in favor of allowing this change to C-G-1," said Scott Smith.

By a vote of 7-6, the rezoning request to C-G-1 was denied. The next meeting is Feb. 11.

Applicants sought for Equity Task Force

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"Starting Wednesday we will be accepting letters of interest at the city council office from anyone interested in serving on the African-American Equity Restoration Task Force," Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie announced Tuesday.

McKenzie said a biography and resume should be attached to the letter of interest and these will be accepted until 4 p.m., Monday, January 25. She said the resumes should be sent to the city recorder at wjohnson@knoxvilletn.gov. She said applicants will receive a confirmation by email.

Resumes may also be delivered to the council office in person, she said, adding that all will be reviewed and nominations made to the city council. Information on applying will be on the city's website and on Facebook.

"I've received a lot of phone calls and emails about the task force from people who want to serve," McKenzie said.

The African-American Equity Task Force will apparently provide input and make recommendations for how the \$100 million ten-year "African American Equity Resolution" would support strategic solutions. Ideally, the funding of the program would come from federal, state and donated money with no current city funds obligated.

The Equity Resolution is part of McKenzie's successful resolution last month to help the African-American community displaced and harmed by the Urban Renewal Program in the city from 1959 through 1974.

How this might be done came up during a recent City Council Work

Session. Vice Mayor McKenzie chaired the meeting and one of the speakers during the virtual session was Zimbabwe Matavou. The community activist and head of the Black Business and Contractors Association presented a detailed paper on what he feels should be done.

Matavou, a native of Knoxville's former neighborhood "The Bottoms," proposed that re-establishing the Office of Compliance would be a good start.

"The State of Black Community, a Culture in Decline, Rescue and Restoration" was sent to the council prior to Matavou's calling into the meeting and explaining the proposals. He also said that the Title 6 office should be elevated to a department within the Knoxville Mayor's office.

"The office never had an impact," he said, adding that a study of racial disparities in the city was

conducted and numerous disparities found but nothing changed.

He called for the Title 6 office to be staffed by three people with access to a city attorney to monitor the city's equality programs. He said the director should have the power to influence every city department and should report directly to the mayor.

Matavou called on the city to announce a strong public policy and place a notice in each department head's office to help "correct the damage done to the African-American culture." He pointed to the Urban Renewal programs of the 1950s and 1960s as displacing people and disrupting the Black culture.

He addressed gentrification and called on the city to consider things like lower taxes, rent vouchers, freezing property taxes and investing in housing. He suggested using in lieu of tax programs like PILOTS

and TIFFS not just for companies but also to help with minority businesses.

Matavou also suggested using "eminent domain" to help turn unused or underused land in the urban area for minority investments and homes especially around the proposed semi-pro baseball complex being planned near Old City.

Chief Policy Officer and Deputy to the Mayor Erin Gill answered Matavou's remarks about the Title 6 program, saying that the program operates under the Office of Community Empowerment but agreed the city "must think beyond the strict compliance and inclusion."

Several council members had questions for Matavou and the city administration including a concern on how difficult it is for a person to make a complaint about housing or disparities. The city is promising to put a link on their website for complaints.

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When I was a small boy, my parents called me into the kitchen one night. They held up a pair of my pajamas; small holes were cut in both the shirt and pants. They asked me what happened to cause those



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cuts, and I told them that I didn't know. I was spanked "not for cutting the holes but for lying about not having cut them."

When I was in high school, I allowed a girlfriend to drive my mother's car. That night when I arrived home, Mother asked why I'd let the girl drive. I denied having done so, but she told me our insurance agent had,

in fact, observed the girl driving down Oak Ridge Highway. She took the keys from me and informed me that I couldn't drive for a month for letting someone else drive the car and for lying.

I've always been a fan of Judge Judy. I especially enjoy watching her tear into folks who present flimsy evidence in their cases. In regard to teenagers, she says the way to tell that they are lying is by watching the mouths. She declares, "If a teen's lips are moving, he or she is lying."

The same pronouncement might be used with politicians. In the past

month, many of those who represent us have spread a bed of lies as thick as peanut butter on a slice of bread. Many of those falsehoods have dealt with the presidential election. The claims of fraud, illegal voting procedures, ballot stuffing, and other sins have been repeated so often that people accept them as facts. Even after 60 court rulings have determined no evidence substantiates such claims, pols and citizens continue to believe the tall tales.

Every American citizen knows what happened on January 6. A riotous crowd stormed the Capitol, knocked in doors and windows, and trashed many areas, all while the House and Senate worked to certify the Electoral College

votes. Five people died during that assault on our government. The goal of the intruders was to stop the certification of the election and to take hostage or even murder members of Congress.

Now that it's over, the perpetrators deny that they were violent, deny that they destroyed anything, and denied intended harm. Some even claim another extremist group infiltrated their demonstration and caused all the damage.

After the insurrection, our governmental bodies returned to finish their work. Senator Romney decried the request to form a committee to investigate. He said the only way to stop the conflict was by simply telling folks the truth. For that, the senator received

a standing ovation.

Okay, the truth, then, is that the president, his family members, his attorneys, and some in Congress stoked the flames of the attack on the Capitol. The truth is that five people died in the melee. The truth is that the halls of that historic building were defiled by bloodshed during beatings, destruction of windows and doors, and even by human excrement. How in the world is any of this part of the defense of the United States democracy? The truth is none of it is.

We are in one hell of a mess. Extremists promise to return this week, this time with weapons. A legally elected president will be inaugurated, but security forces must be increased to guard against violence.

State capitols are also at risk of demonstrations by gun-toting malcontents. The truth is simple: This is not the America that most of us want. We must demand justice for the attacks on our democracy and the death of an officer trying to protect it. The thugs that perpetrated this travesty must pay a price, as well as other higher-ups. Most of all, all Americans must stand up and shout "Enough!" Let this old president fade away so that the country can address real problems that exist: COVID-19, a struggling economy, hungry people, and the country's wounded status as that bright city on the hill.

Only truth will save us.

Dwight and Gloria (Part 6 in series on Dwight Kessel)

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They met at a pledge dance at The University of Tennessee (UT) in Knoxville. "I spotted a cute little brunette that my fraternity brother knew," Dwight Kessel said. It was then that he was introduced to Gloria Jane Grubb. After graduating from UT, Kessel accepted an industrial engineering job (new position) at Knox Stove Works (Knox Metal Products) making \$225 a month. He had been on the job less than a year when he and Gloria married on March 10, 1951.



Picture of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Grubb, Gloria Grubb and Dwight Kessel, Rehearsal Dinner at Holston Hills Country Club, courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. Glen Grubb, March 9, 1951

and later turned to snow. We were married on Saturday night, and I had to be back at work on Tuesday." The Kessels lived on Kelly Place about five months. One day Gloria's father called Kessel and his brother-in-law, Ralph Dunn, to his office and told them he had bought two houses in Holston Hills from Carl Fielden (furniture dealer). He made the down payment on the

two houses, and they were to continue making payments of \$116 a month. (Kessel was making \$250 a month.) "I mentioned my situation and he said, 'We won't worry about that' and he never did," Kessel said. "At least once a week, Dr. Grubb would go to the A & P grocery store on Magnolia Avenue (a building he owned) and bring us a load of groceries and he helped in many other ways," he

added. The Kessels lived in Holston Hills 25 years. They had three children. The first one, Carol, only lived three days. Edgar Dwight was born in 1953, and Karen Lynn was born in 1954. This year, on March 10, 2021, Dwight and Gloria Kessel will celebrate 70 years of marriage!

Words of Faith: For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. James 3:16 (KJV)

Board of Health dissolution may be postponed

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threats against their members and commissioners and several board members commented on the dangers aimed at them. Threats against the board have not been public knowledge but board members have mentioned additional protection given to them recently.

Health Director Dr. Martha Buchanan reported that more than 4,000 COVID-19 vaccines were administered over the week, not including vaccines administered by hospitals and pharmacies. She said that about three percent of the county residents have been given vaccines. She said the number of active cases has climbed to more than 300 per day and deaths are at about four per day.

She confirmed the health department is waiting on more vaccines and for the state to agree with a federal order to open the vaccine policy to people 65 and over. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said that as the vaccines become more available, the majority of the shots will move from

the health department to primary providers and pharmacies.

Dr. James Shamiyeh said that testing is showing a 22.4% positive rates and described that rate as "stable in a bad way."

While some indication of infection are down slightly, the board voted to extend the 10 p.m. curfew and crowd size for restaurants and bars and social gatherings at ten people with the return of students to campus in mind. Board member Ani Roma voiced some concern about the curfew and she and Jacobs voted "No."

Only Jacobs voted "No" on the size of social gatherings. He and the board unanimously voted "Yes" on a resolution condemning threats against the board and commissioners.

The mask mandate continues with no expiration date and Dr. Buchanan said she has seen more and more people wearing masks in public.

The social restrictions continue through February 4 and the board plans to meet again on Wednesday, January 27.

Local bars face permit suspensions for curfew violations

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Oasis owner Paul Osterbrink has stated on social media that he will continue to stay open past 10 p.m. That was her reasoning for an expedited hearing in the matter.

"Every day that they stay open past 10 o'clock is a violation of city code," Dyer said. "Every day we sit here, citations are occurring."

Owens objected, raising concerns over the proceedings being conducted before the citations were adjudicated in the municipal court system.

The Fifth Amendment didn't apply because the suspension hearings are not criminal cases. The Fifth Amendment protects defendants against self-incrimination.

"Beer board violations

have never been tied to dispositions in other courts," Herbert said during the pre-trial conference hearing for Paul's Oasis.

Billiards and Brews was cited for a violation on Dec. 27 when police responded to a fatal shooting after 2 a.m.

And while the beer board doesn't directly become involved in criminal proceedings, Dyer said that the number of violations is a concern.

"We know that somebody has been shot," she said. "We don't care who was shot."

"There is not another business in Knoxville right now that has as many citations as your client and has had a murder on the premises," Dyer said while addressing Owens during the hearing.

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The Changing of America & Tennessee

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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As 1945 came to a close, the Second World War had been won by the Allied nations. Adolf Hitler had shot himself in his underground bunker as the Red Army overran his capital of Berlin. Benito Mussolini, the Italian dictator, had been executed by his own people and strung up by his heels at a filling station, along with the bodies of his mistress and several compatriots where their corpses were abused by angry citizens. The Japanese Empire had crumbled with President Harry Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Japan's Emperor, Hirohito, who was considered a living god by his subjects, ordered his government to sue for peace. Truman's decision may have saved as many as one million American lives.

1945 saw the beginning of the Nuremberg trials, holding top Nazis accountable for their crimes against humanity. Tennesseans carried their part of the burden during the war, as well as the postwar world. Winfield B. Hale of Rogersville, Tennessee served for a year as a judge at the Nuremberg trials. While in Germany, Judge Hale was asked by a reporter what was uppermost in his mind. "Getting home," Hale replied. "For living purposes, I wouldn't swap one acre of Tennessee mountainside for the whole of Europe." Judge Hale tried cases involving the German High Command. Today, the entire transcripts of those trials are in the University of Tennessee's Special Collections.

Speaking to the Knoxville Exchange Club following the war, Judge Winfield Hale acknowledged, legally speaking, there is no such thing as a "crime against civilization by initiating and waging wars of aggression." Hale told the Exchange Club members there were other charges which were entirely legal. "Crimes against enemy belligerents" as well as "mistreatment of enemy civilians," Hale said, were legal charges.

Tennessee's governor during the Second World War was Prentice Cooper. Having toured Europe in 1937, Governor Cooper believed if war broke out in Europe, it would be a matter of time before the United States became involved. Cooper began preparing as best he could and Tennessee was the first state in the country to have an Advisory Committee on Preparedness.

More than 300,000 Tennesseans served in the armed forces during the Second World War. Six of those were awarded our country's highest military decoration for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor. 5,731 Tennesseans were killed during the war, making the ultimate sacrifice for their state and

country. Likewise, although less well remembered, the Japanese would also be called to account for wartime atrocities. After the Japanese had surrendered, General Douglas MacArthur ordered the arrest of forty men accused of being war criminals. Included amongst that number was Hideki Tojo, who served as Prime Minister, Army Minister and the Chief of Staff for the Imperial Japanese Army. Holding all of those posts simultaneously, Tojo left himself hardly any wiggle-room after losing the war. General MacArthur and the Americans were also anxious to conveniently assess no part of Japan's aggressive war in the Far East to Emperor Hirohito. Like many of his German counterparts, Hideki Tojo was hanged after being convicted of being a war criminal.

Another casualty of the Second World War was President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had served only three months of a newly won four-year term. President Roosevelt, gaunt, dark circles prominently displayed under his weary eyes, and appearing frail, had gamely campaigned for a fourth term in 1944. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage on April 12, 1945 at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia. Roosevelt's vice president, Harry S. Truman, became President of the United States.

The war cost immeasurably in both American blood and treasure. Some \$350 billion had been spent to win the war, an astronomical sum then, but perhaps not so impressive in a time when our government spends trillions. One of the first effects to be felt when America entered the Second World War was the labor shortage, as young, able-bodied men were leaving to fight. Women replaced their husbands, fathers, and brothers in many industries and even a few of us still remember the image of "Rosie the Riveter" today. Women filled jobs as the United States dramatically increased its manufacturing and production. Women also faced the challenges, relatively new for most at the time, of working fulltime and trying to maintain their home lives. The number of students dropping out of high school increased with the beginning of the war, as youngsters were eager to fill waiting jobs; the number of teenagers working in the United States rose from a million to three million. Just as families had been transformed forever with the advent of the Great Depression, so too were they changed forever with the Second World War. Some children, born while their fathers were in the service, grew up never knowing their father. Many husbands, brothers, and sons



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Parade in Nashville Following the Second World War.

came home broken, while others never came home at all. None came home the same as when they had left American shores.

The failure of many men to come home after the war and the change of women working saw women becoming the head of households and providing for the family.

One traditional role filled by women became an especially important calling during World War II. The demand for nurses was so great, it became a rather prestigious profession. A majority of nurses in the United States volunteered for the Army Nurse Corp and its sister, the Navy Nurse Corps, leaving a shortage of nurses in the country. Teenaged girls were anxious to enlist in the Cadet Nurse Corps. To make up for the shortage of nurses in America, thousands of retired nurses came back to work at local hospitals. Women also formed the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) where female pilots flew airplanes from the factories where they were made to airfields in the eastern United States.

The birthrate in the United States had jumped in 1941 and dipped significantly from 1944-1945 when twelve million men were wearing their country's uniform. After those men came home, the birthrate took flight and lasted until the late 1950s, which was America's "baby boom."

During the war, in spite of increased wages and more jobs available, poverty in America actually increased. Americans daily faced shortages of all kinds - - - there was a very serious shortage of housing, a lack of schools, nor were there enough hospitals and very few childcare facilities. The divorce rate rose and the war left five million "war widows." Women comprised fully 36% of the workforce in America during the war and, with extended working hours, it exacerbated problems with children being left at home to fend for themselves.

The American government constantly reminded its people of the need to conserve and created the first recycling program with folks saving bottles, tin cans, all kinds of scrap metal, paper and animal fats used for cooking. There was rationing of food, meatless days, and powdered eggs and liquid paraffin instead of cooking oil. Gas was rationed and automobiles were no longer made as the former automotive

manufacturers were producing tanks, airplanes, and jeeps instead. Rubber was a commodity used for the war and new tires were almost impossible to come by. "Victory Gardens" were encouraged for people to grow their own vegetables and 50% of America's vegetables were grown in such gardens at one point during the Second World War. America's economy was helped by the sale of war bonds and stamps; the comedy team of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, at the height of their popularity, made a tour of the country and sold the equivalent of \$1 billion in war bonds. Taxes also skyrocketed. Folks like Abbott & Costello were in the 95% tax bracket.

People began moving all over the country; one and a half million people relocated from rural areas to cities. Washington, D. C., before the war, had been described as a "sleepy little Southern town" but during the war became a bustling metropolis with a particularly severe shortage of housing for residents. Developments in the suburbs of Washington, D. C. began to boom. It was 1949 when America enjoyed a massive boom in housing that the availability of homes caught up with the demand.

One transformation that was especially profound for one region of the country during the Second World War was that in the South. Some wag once said the seniority system in Congress was the South's revenge for the Civil War, as incumbents from the South, especially in the Senate, tended to remain in office for long periods of time, elevated by the seniority system into positions of influence and power. Southerners occupied more than their fair share of committee chairmanships in Congress and as a result, new industries flocked to the South because of its right-to-work laws as well as the

government building new installations, military and otherwise. South Carolina's Mendel Rivers (slogan: "Rivers Delivers"), over time, so loaded down his district with military installations and projects, it was said the area was at risk of sinking into the ocean. \$9 billion dollars was pumped into the South for military installations and defense plants. Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, was chairman of the relatively minor Post Office and Post Roads Committee, but he was also acting Chairman of the enormously powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, through which every federal dollar spent passed. It was Senator McKellar who was summoned by President Roosevelt to the White House. Once there, FDR asked the senator if it was possible for McKellar to "hide" \$2 billion in the budget. Senator McKellar immediately replied, "Of course I can, Mr. President, but where in Tennessee are we going to hide it?" McKellar hid it in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. McKellar's seniority and influence ensured Tennessee likely got more than her fair share of projects and federal dollars.

As per his usual habit, Senator McKellar did his best to "hide" as many federal projects in Tennessee as possible. In June of 1941, Middle Tennessee was selected as the site for war maneuvers for infantry and tanks. Supposedly, Middle Tennessee was chosen due to its similarity to the topography of Western Europe. It was there General George Patton refined his tactics, which made him one of the most famous American commanders during World War II.

Senator McKellar and his junior colleague, Senator

Tom Stewart, pressed the War Department for installations. Camp Campbell was located in Clarksville and is known as Fort Campbell today; Camp Forrest was established near Tullahoma, Tennessee. Camp Tyson, named for the late general and U. S. senator Lawrence D. Tyson, was located in Paris, Tennessee. During the Second World War, those camps held thousands of enemy prisoners.

For most of the war, Cordell Hull was Secretary of State. A longtime congressman and U. S. senator from Tennessee, Hull had been meeting with Japanese diplomats when news arrived of the Japanese Empire's attack on Pearl Harbor. After reading the note handed to him by the Japanese negotiators, Hull replied, "I must say in all my conversations with you during the last nine months I never uttered one word of untruth. That is borne out absolutely by the record. In all my 50 years of public service I have never seen a document that was more crowded with infamous falsehoods and distortions - - - on a scale so huge that I never imagined until today that any government on this planet was capable of uttering them."

While the curmudgeonly Secretary of the Interior, Harold Ickes, described Hull as looking like an early Christian martyr, the Secretary of State possessed a vivid and colorful vocabulary of profanity, which he was fully capable of employing at a moment's notice. Hull's dressing down of Saburo Kuru and Kichisaburo Nomura became legendary. Cordell Hull turned the air blue in his profanity-laced denunciation of the duplicitous Japanese.

Tennessee got her fair share during the war, but she also gave her fair share.



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Six neighborhoods receive small grants from city

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Six neighborhood groups have been selected to share \$19,500 in Neighborhood Small Grants from the Office of Neighborhoods. The efforts of the neighborhood groups, according to Debbie Sharp, Knoxville's Neighborhood coordinator, built community activities in response to issues,

problems and opportunities.

The Knoxville City Council approved the awards Tuesday following recommendations and reviews of applications by a six-member independent evaluation committee. Three sponsoring groups, the East Tennessee Community Design Center, Legacy Parks Foundation and Sustainable Future

Center, submitted the six suggestions.

The Office of Neighborhoods will monitor the progress of the funded projects, provide technical assistance, ensure delivery of all project close-out reports and encourage an exchange of ideas among the recipients.

Here are the sponsors' choices of neighborhood

groups:

East Tennessee Community Design Center — \$3,000 to support Fairmont Emoriland Neighborhood Association's project to continue improving their "Pollinator Garden" with benches, tables and paths for the garden.

East Tennessee Community Design Center — \$3,000 to support Roseberry City

Connection Community Organization to install a sign and rose bushes to re-imagine their identity.

East Tennessee Community Design Center — \$2,500 to support Town Hall East in organizing an East Knoxville Neighborhood gathering.

East Tennessee Community Design Center — \$2,500 to support Westwood Homeowners Association

to support their Park Bench Restoration project.

Legacy Parks — \$4,000 to support South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association to install neighborhood signs to create a sense of identity.

Sustainable Future Center — \$4,500 to support Vestal Community Organization for their bus shelter project.

In Loving Memory

On January 14th 2021, the light of **Melissa Elizabeth Rhodes** joined the heavens.

Born on September 9th, 1976, she was a lifelong resident of Athens, Tennessee.

Melissa was a graduate of McMinn Central High School and Hiwasee College. She was employed as a special education assistant for fourteen years at Englewood and E. K. Baker Elementary schools until her retirement due to health issues.

Melissa served as a volunteer for many charitable organizations. As an assistant for the McMinn County Junior Miss pageant for twenty years, she was honored with the Honorary Spirit Award.

She served at Keith United Methodist Church in the Children's Ministry, Vacation Bible School, and Children's Sunday School for over twenty years. She was also an assistant for the Relay for Life as a cancer survivor herself.

Despite numerous medical challenges, she never lost her positive attitude, and once told her father, "I am lucky to have lived this long."

Anyone who knew Melissa, loved her and was loved back.

Melissa had many physical limitations, but no one had a better, caring heart.

Take the light that she brought into this world and carry it with you, so that others may know the love that she showed all of us.



Vestal gets some good news

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The Vestal Community Organization received good news last week on several points. City Council member Tommy Smith told the virtual meeting that the trail extension connecting Mary Vestal Park to Fort Dickerson will be cleared and completed in February.

Smith also reported that the city has hired four new outreach workers to work with the homeless and one of those new employees will primarily be assigned to South Knoxville. He also said that the sidewalk along West Moody, connecting Martin Mill Pike to Chapman Highway, will be completed this year.

"If we could have picked any street, that one is the most appropriate," Eric Johnson, VCO president, said.

Johnson reported that

April 27 has been set for a South Knoxville Cleanup. The organization will be coordinating with Keep Knoxville Beautiful to supply gas, gloves, etc. for the cleanup.

Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey told the meeting he is proposing a "Litter Court" of three members that could fine or sentence violators based on state guidelines.

Johnson said such fines could discourage littering. Dailey also said he's talking with Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler about creating a litter crew and also hopes to add some funds in the upcoming county budget for litter clean up.

David Bolt of Sustainable Future reported on the progress of a bus stop shelter and the effort and Bolt's leadership in it was called a "very important priority."

Gene Burr reported a new ice cream shop in Vestal and said he's

talking with the new owner of Candoro Arts and Heritage Center about future events.

It was suggested that signs telling of VCO meetings be altered to direct citizens to their online events.

Johnson reported on brush clean up at Mary Vestal Park and behind the Vestal United Methodist Church. He also noted that the city should help in maintaining the park and noted that the

playground there has been removed. There was also talk of creating an additional community garden, possibly at the Sustainable Future Center.

The Vestal Community Organization meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Currently the meetings are virtual and information is available on the group's Facebook page, at (865)771-6223, or contacting Johnson at ericzjknnox@gmail.com.

What's the future of fire and rescue in Knox County?

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Anders, director of E-911 and chair of the committee wrote to the commission. On the Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee, aside from Anders, are David Brace, deputy to Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon; Larry Huttsell, Emergency Response Coordinator for the Health Department; Perry Ben-shoof, Knox County Controller; Jenny Holden, director of Knox County Community Development; and Dwight Van de Vate, Knox County Chief Operating Officer.

The resolution before the commission also includes a county commissioner yet to be named to serve on the group along with the chief of each fire and rescue organization within the county. The group would be required to meet at least quarterly, serve as

an advisory committee to the mayor and commission, and observe the procedures of the Knox County Commission.

The Fire and Technical Rescue Committee's report recommends continuing to support three groups at FY20 levels for six months. Those would be the Karns Fire Department, the Knox County Rescue Squad and the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department. The Karns Fire Department and the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department would each get \$62,000 and the Knox County Rescue Squad would receive \$212,500.

Knox County Commission Chairman Larsen Jay sent the following statement to The Knoxville Focus regarding the EMS Funding and the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee:

"I am pleased to see the funding support for our local emergency response agencies continue at the same levels through the end of the fiscal year. I do think creating a standing committee dedicated to analyzing the resources Knox County dedicates to EMS services is a wise approach. My hope is they will look at the needs of a growing county and make smart recommendations for a level of investment that will support this vital public safety component.

"As it appears on this month's agenda, here's the makeup of that Committee:

"The composition of the Committee shall include a County Commissioner, the Executive Director of the Knox County Emergency Communications District, the Director of Knoxville-Knox County Emergency

Management Agency, the Controller for Knox County Finance, the Emergency Response Coordinator for Knox County Health Department, the Director of Knox County Community Development, the Mayor's Chief Operating Officer, and the chief of each fire and rescue organization serving Knox County residents outside the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville: Karns Fire Department, Knox County Rescue, Rural Metro Fire Department, and Seymour Volunteer Fire Department.

"Apparently E-911 Director Anders got an early start on creating the committee and the commission resolution is similar to that organized by Anders, but appears to be the same committee, just formed before it was authorized."



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Davidson honored by AVCA for 400th win

“Coaching is hard. Winning is harder. That’s why every year we recognize the coaches who have reached milestone win totals. You deserve to bask in a few moments of glory among your peers and collect a plaque to hang in your office.” – A message to coaches from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

By Steve Williams

Susan Davidson recently received a letter of congratulations from the American Volleyball Coaches Association for her 400th win as a high school head coach.

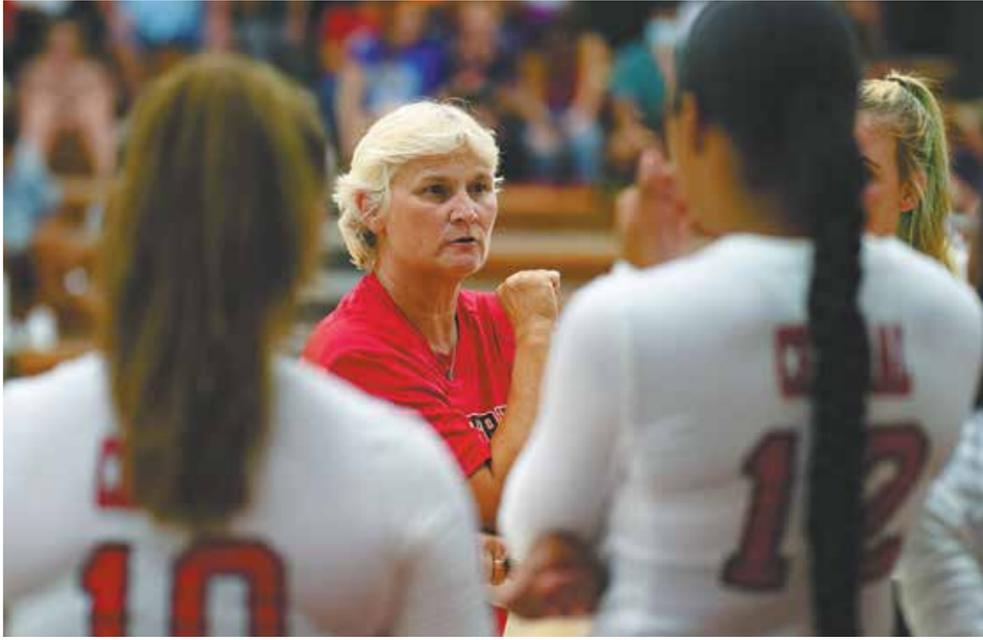
“The plaque should be coming soon,” said Alice Rogers, Membership & Awards Specialist who oversees the AVCA’s Victory Club and confirmed information pertaining to Coach Davidson’s 400th win had been submitted in 2018.

Davidson was coaching at Farragut High at that time. She also coached the Lady Admirals in 2019 before resigning in February of 2020. Her won-loss record after 10 years at Farragut was 448-100.

Davidson became Central High’s gain when she accepted the Lady Bobcats’ vacant volleyball post prior to last season.

J.D. Lambert, CHS athletic director, remembers that time well.

“Our position for that job opened up Tuesday, I found out



Central High School volleyball coach Susan Davidson has been honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association for her 400th win.

Coach Davidson was available Wednesday and we were at Litton’s for lunch on Thursday,” recalled Lambert.

All that remained were the formalities.

Lambert has known Davidson for quite awhile and knew about her credentials, which included five trips to the TSSAA state tournament and three state runner-up finishes in her decade at Farragut.

“Her 400-plus career wins put her in exclusive company,” said Lambert.

Davidson made a mark in her first season in Fountain City. Lambert said she guided

Central to a regular season district title before losing at Carter in the district tournament and her team advanced to the region tourney for just the third time in school history before bowing to Anderson County, which moved on to the Class AA sectional and state.

The team’s record was 2-10, but the Lady Bobcats were competitive in several of their losses.

“She did a great job for us and also is a tremendous person,” said Lambert. “The wins are a bonus.”

The Central AD also said “the more you get to know her, the

more you like her.

“As a coach, she’s one that can make a difference when talent and everything else is equal. She’s also one that makes a difference in a student’s life.”

Coach Davidson said she is grateful to have the opportunity to work with student-athletes.

“Being honored by AVAC is a special recognition,” she added. “Having the opportunity to coach volleyball and work with athletes is a great blessing I don’t take lightly. Building lasting relationships with my players is the greatest reward.”

Farragut runs past Gladiators in triumphant return to hardwood

By Ken Lay

The Farragut Middle School boys basketball team opened its post-season with a big win Thursday night. And while the Admirals are looking to make a deep run in the Knox County Middle School Basketball Tournament, for now, they’re just happy to have a chance to play.

Farragut, the No. 3 seed in the tournament, hadn’t played in more than a month due to COVID-19 concerns and school closure during the final week of the fall semester. First-year coach Lynn Allen was just happy to see his squad hit the hardwood.

But the Admirals did more than play. They picked up a 65-25 victory over the No. 14 Gresham Gladiators Thursday night at the Bobby J. Henry Gymnasium.

“We’re very excited. We’re looking to make a big run in the tournament and be a light for the Lord,” Allen said. “Every playoff game is tough and (Gresham) coach (Joel) Sampsel is one of the best coaches in the league. He does a great job with his team and he’s a great guy.”

“We have great kids and they work hard.”

The Gladiators were also outmanned on this night.

Gresham dressed only eight players for what turned out to be its 2020-2021 season finale and Farragut darted to a fast start as it employed a stifling pressure defense, dominated the boards and scored several transition baskets out of the chute.

The Admirals pulled away early as they boasted a balanced offensive attack en route to opening a 24-8 lead by the first quarter’s end.

And they just kept building their advantage from there. Farragut extended its edge to 37-15 by halftime.

Parker Lane led the Admirals with 15 points, including nine over the first 12 minutes. Dominic VanAcker scored eight of his 14 points before halftime.

Landon Collins chipped in with eight points while Kent Carbaugh and Brodie Roberts finished with seven points each.

After halftime, Trey Slagle and Daniel Lanning each buried a pair of 3-point shots.

Xzavion Gibby led the Gladiators with seven points.

REGION 2 HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Littlejohn shut out by Sevier County, but eyes state

By Steve Williams

Hardin Valley Academy’s Devean Littlejohn came into the Region 2 bowling tournament last week having produced the top average in the state during the regular season – a sizzling 223.05.

He left with three straight losses as two Sevier County bowlers got the best of him.

Peyton “Hollywood” Huskey-Elrod, the Smoky Bears’ No. 1 bowler, outdueled Littlejohn 248 to 223 in the opening game at Crest Bowling Lanes in Maryville. The “two-handed bowler” also downed Devean 196 to 178 in Game 2.

With Sevier County’s 23-4 semifinal win all but locked up, freshman Lukas Raney took over from there and rolled the best game of his life to beat Littlejohn 245 to

233 in Game 3.

Raney, averaging a team-low 150, started with five straight strikes before rolling a ball in the gutter. Some fans on hand speculated the pressure got to him, but he bounced back with four more strikes in a row.

“It was great,” Lukas said of his game afterwards. “I did have one Brooklyn strike, but everything else was good.”

Raney said he was inspired by going up against the state’s top bowler. “Yeah, it definitely did.”

Littlejohn complimented Raney’s effort. “He had a great day out here – 245 as a freshman, that’s a lot of potential out of him.”

Huskey-Elrod finished with a 245 for a 689 series to lead Sevier County. Senior

teammates Caleb Marshall (241 and 225) and Jameson Whaley (225 and 220) also contributed to the win.

Devean may have lost three matches, but he didn’t lose his confidence and is looking forward to this week’s TSSAA state individual tournament in Smyrna.

An Oak Ridge High School student who bowled for HVA in the TSSAA’s co-op program, Littlejohn fired a season-high 278 in the District 4 tourney.

“My goal at state tournament is to come in at least Top 6,” said Devean. “I want to make that first cut to step ladders and hopefully things go good from there.”

Sophomore Jack Shepherd rolled a personal high 223 for Hardin Valley in the first game as the Hawks trailed only 5-3.

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Rachel Rice confers with Bearden coach Jennifer Allen as senior teammate Mariam Elwasif (left) gets ready to bowl in the Region 2 tournament at Crest Bowling Lanes in Maryville last week.

Brooks shines, but Carter comes up short in region

By Steve Williams

Ava Brooks finished her high school bowling career in grand style.

But it wasn't enough to keep the Carter girls bowling team's season alive in the Region 2 tournament semifinals last week at Crest Bowling Lanes in Maryville.

William Blount edged the District 4 champion Lady Hornets 16-11, with the winning margin coming in the match's total pin fall (2,310 to 2,287).

Brooks, a senior and Carter's leadoff bowler, posted a 201 in the second game of the series. She also rolled games of 147 and 146 for a match-high 494 series.

Carter came up just short in only its second season of having a bowling team.

"You knew it was going to be close," said Lady Hornets Coach Ray Wynn. "I'm so proud. We've never been here before. They came out and competed and made adjustments."

This Carter team laid the foundation for the program felt Wynn, and it had only two seniors – Brooks and Elizabeth Umbarger.

The Lady Hornets will return the 2-3-4 bowlers in their lineup – sophomore Hallie Lane and freshmen cousins Kayla Rucker and Gracie Miller.

Gracie rolled Carter's next best game of the match – a 144.

Abigail Mauricio led William Blount with a 179 game. Olivia Leuking contributed a 165. Lily Durman chipped in a 158. Sheyenne White had games of 156 and 153.

In the other semifinal match, Sevier County eliminated District 4 runner-up Bearden 18-9 behind Maggie Patterson's 204-122-157 (483). Senior Mariam Elwasif led the Lady Bulldogs with a 167-153-162 (482).

William Blount toppled Sevier County in the finals 18-9, but the Lady Governors had only a 30-pin



Sevier County Coach Dixon Brown (left) and Bearden Coach Jennifer Allen go over the numbers at the Region 2 bowling tournament.

edge in total pin fall. White led WB with a 165-159-192 (516).

In Saturday's sectional round, William Blount was scheduled to host Dobyms-Bennett, while Sevier County traveled to Rogersville to battle Cherokee High.

Farragut girls rout Lady Warriors in tourney opener

By Ken Lay

Farragut Middle School's girls basketball team opened the 2021 Knox County Middle School Basketball Tournament with a lopsided victory early last week.

The Lady Admirals, like most other area teams, haven't gotten to play much this season.

But the postseason is proceeding as planned and the Lady Admirals notched a 47-8 victory over Whittle Springs on Monday, Jan. 11, at the Bobby J. Henry Gymnasium in Farragut.

The Lady Admirals (7-2) surrendered just three field goals to the Lady Warriors (1-5) in the contest as they played their trademark stingy defense, but Farragut coach Devan McIntyre said that she wasn't pleased with her team's defensive effort out of the gate against Whittle Springs.

"I thought we were lazy on defense early," McIntyre said. "We were reaching and we weren't moving our feet."

"I thought we did better in the second half. Defense has been a priority for us this year. We turn our defense into offense and we play our best when we're able to get out into transition."

The Lady Admirals' commitment to defense showed throughout the game as they gave up a pair of long-range jumpers in the first half.

Hadi Daugherty knocked down a 3-pointer that pulled the Lady Warriors to within 6-3 in the first quarter while Jayda Young converted a trey in the second stanza.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Farragut guard Annie Priest directs traffic in the Lady Admirals' 47-8 victory over Whittle Springs last week in the Knox County Middle School Tournament.

The Lady Admirals had their offensive struggles early as well but they featured enough firepower to open an 18-6 lead by halftime.

But they were really able to blow things open after the break as they outscored Whittle Springs 19-0 in the third frame and opened a 37-6 heading into the final stanza.

Sydney English led Farragut's balanced offensive attack as she scored a game-high 14 points. She had 12 points over the final 24 minutes. Annie Priest added nine points while Gabbie VanAcker scored eight points, all in the fourth quarter. Lilly Mullins finished with six.

Young led Whittle Springs with five points.

Littlejohn shut out by Sevier County, but eyes state

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"We had a good first game," said HVA Coach Terry Disney. "In fact, our 1,119 total was our top game of the year."

"I felt like our team bowled really well," said Littlejohn. "We've got a cohesive unit. We did a lot better here than we have throughout the season. It just wasn't good enough."

"Thank God for the ability to be here today," added Devean. "It's a lot of blessings to get to this point. I appreciate everything."

Sevier County, which has

a strong program under Coach Dixon Brown, went on to take the region title with a 23-4 win over William Blount. The Smoky Bears had a 3,698 total pin fall to WB's 3,295.

Whaley had a series high 720, with games of 220, 220 and 280. Marshall chipped in a 266 and 234. Ace Harrell led the Governors with a 258 and 225.

In the other semifinal match, District 4 champion Bearden lost to William Blount 20-7.

Tyler Fries, the leader of

the Bulldogs' junior-dominated team, had a series high 677, including a 246 game. Ethan Shaw chipped in a 224 game and Zak Hubbs a 221.

The Gobs were led by John Garland's 639 series and Hunter Autry's 637.

Sevier County (24-2) will host Cherokee in the sectionals today (Jan. 18) at 1 at the Sevierville Community Center, while William Blount travels to Kingsport to go against Dobyms-Bennett.



Bearden junior Tyler Fries, the No. 3 ranked bowler in District 4 with a 194 average this season, had a 246 game and 677 series to lead the Bulldogs in their semifinal loss to William Blount in the Region 2 tourney last week.

Local football players honored by TFCA

By Ken Lay

The 2020 high school football season was like no other but it was completed during a global pandemic, and as usual, the campaign

was filled with intriguing games and stellar performances.

The Tennessee Football Coaches Association recognized some of the area's top players on its all-state teams.

In Class 5A, it was a big year for Knoxville Area teams and 12 area players from that classification received all-state honors including Jordyn Potts (quarterback, Powell), De'Sean Bishop (running back, Karns), Shawn Gary (running back, South-Doyle), Liam Fortner (wide receiver, Central), Anthony Stocker (wide receiver, Carter), Cameron Stokes (offensive lineman, Fulton), Baker Dance (athlete, West) and Kalib Fortner

(athlete, Central).

On defense in Class 5A: Halls High defensive lineman Xander Allen was selected along with fellow defensive linemen Terrell Brown (South-Doyle) and Andrew Gilbert (West). South-Doyle linebacker Noah Myers also received all-state honors.

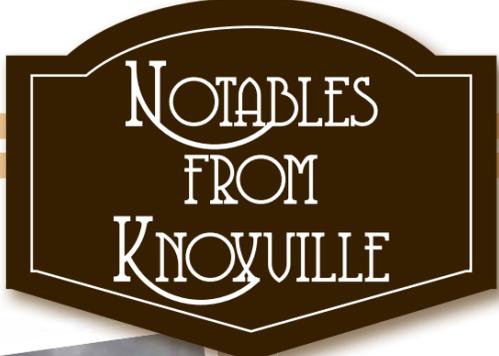
In Class 6A: Farragut High had two selections in linebacker Eli Purcell and quarterback Dawson Moore was selected as an athlete.

In Division II-A: The King's Academy had three all-state standouts including Nakelin McAfee (running back), Ja'Chim Williams (wide receiver) and Garrett Weekly (defensive back).

Several area players were named to the Division II-AA all-state squad. They included Cooper Riggs (quarterback, Grace Christian Academy), J.D. Dunn (running back, Christian Academy of Knoxville), Pierce Browning (wide receiver, Grace Christian Academy), Grant Sterchi (wide receiver, CAK), Jackson Bradley (offensive lineman, Webb School of Knoxville), Ross Badgett (CAK) and Chi McNeil-Harrison (linebacker, CAK).

In Division II-AA, Catholic had a pair of selections as Hayden Todd was selected as an athlete and defensive back Jarvis Mynatt was named to the team.

Over two centuries many notable people have been born or lived in our county, from music and movie stars to business and political leaders. The Knoxville Focus highlights some of the outstanding individuals who have left their stamp on our history.



CHARLES MCGHEE TYSON

Charles McGhee Tyson was the son of prominent Knoxville businessman Lawrence D. Tyson, who also served as a U. S. Senator. Charles was a Knoxville businessman and naval flyer who was lost in action during a naval patrol in the North Sea near the end of the First World War.

He was born on August 10, 1889, in New York and moved with his family to Knoxville in 1891. After finishing college at Princeton in 1912, Tyson moved back to work in his father's textile mills.

Tyson enlisted in the Naval Reserve Flying Corps in 1917 and a year later transferred to England as a lieutenant. On October 11, 1918, he volunteered for a mine-laying mission as the plane's nose gunner. Tyson was killed when his plane crashed into the Humber estuary.

In 1929, Tyson's parents donated land to be used as an airfield in Pond Gap, in west Knoxville, stipulating that it be named in honor of their son. McGhee Tyson Airport was moved in 1935 to its present location in Alcoa.

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'Hold that line'

For fans who listened to University of Tennessee football broadcasts on WROL/ WATE/ WETE, 620 on every AM radio dial, during the 1950s, 1960s, and even into the 1970s, there was some great locally produced Saturday football programming.



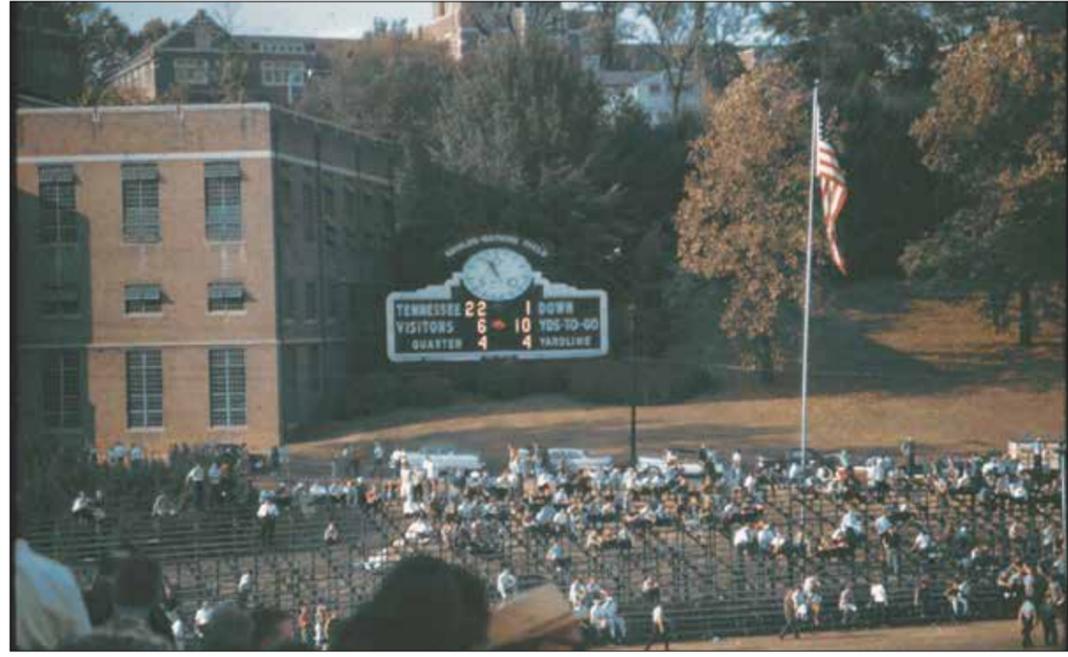
By Tom Mattingly

Examples include "The 50-Yard-line" with Chuck Ketron and "Grandstand Quarterback" with ex-Vol quarterback Freddie Moses. There was also "Pigskin Predictions," with Russ Bebb, Ed "Tip" Tipton, Ben Byrd, and Ed Harris. It was a delightful time.

George Mooney and former Vol All-American wingback Bob Foxx, along with spotter Julian Andes, brought the excitement of Vol football to your home, car, or place of business on the "Texaco Radio Network."

Then there was "Hold That Line" which came on immediately following the Tennessee game broadcast, featuring Chuck Ketron, Johnny Pirkle, Jim Eikner, Jim Humphries, and Ken Johnson, and others, some of the great names from the history of Knoxville radio. There were even ads for "Hold That Line" and other WATE programming in Vol football programs in the 1950s and 1960s.

The phone number was (615) 524-4657, and the program was definitely "must-hear." Fans heading away from Shields-Watkins Field found the show to be a pleasant diversion from post-game Knoxville traffic, which was



The Shields-Watkins Field scoreboard told the tale in the 1959 Mississippi State game. Radio station WATE's "Hold That Line" kept Vol fans abreast of the scores of other games. Photo courtesy of John Hollingsworth.

as bad in those days as it is now. "When I went to work at WATE Radio in October 1956, 'Hold That Line' was an established program," said Bill Ross, who went on from Knoxville to a career with NBC Radio.

"Bill Ross was the 'Music in the Night' man at that time," said Ketron, "a man with a golden voice." Just for the record, Ketron's voice wasn't bad, either.

"Hold That Line' was a defensive cheer," said Ross. "In our case, it translated to 'Hold that telephone line while I find your score.'"

The show would be a complete snoozer today, he suggested, since the caller's voice was never heard.

"We used standard multi-line rotary telephones (ringing constantly)," said Ross, "wire service copy, NBC Radio feeds, a few local stringers, and the standard chalkboard for posting the scores."

The show's callers wanted to know not only the SEC scores, but also "the scores of the teams on their parlay sheets."

When the phone rang, what the caller (and the listening audience) heard was, "Hold that line." The caller would ask one of the hosts, "What's the Tennessee score?" Then, on the air, came "Tennessee 22, Mississippi State 6." With that, it was on to the next call.

Occasionally, he said, there were some light-hearted moments, when the continued recitation of

the day's scores led to some creative ways of passing the time, while still keeping the show interesting.

There was, for example, the "multiple score," a technique later picked up by would-be comedians: "And in the Virginia -William & Mary game, the score was Virginia 14, William 10, Mary 7."

There were times callers found the jokes less than amusing.

"We would usually have to correct the score because of an irate alumnus calling," said Ross. "Even the most obscure school is someone's alma mater. I had to move to Pennsylvania before I could verify that there really was a Slippery Rock."

Slippery Rock University of

Pennsylvania was the topper of them all, its score being in constant demand not only over the Shields-Watkins Field public address system, but on the air as well.

"Some of us turned out some remarkably forgettable doggerel every week, praising the Big Orange and impugning everything about the week's opponent," Ross added, mentioning his "audacity" in writing cheers for the Tennessee cheer squad, back in the days cheerleaders actually led cheers.

One memorable yell came in November 1959, when LSU rolled into Knoxville undefeated and No. 1 in the country.

This was it, from Ross's pen: "LSU, who are you? You won't be first when the Vols get through!"

"Not only did the cheerleaders record it for radio and make it the watchword for the week, they also had the fans yell it during the game. As it turned out, I was a better prophet than poet." Tennessee upset LSU 14-13.

Ross also mentioned a longstanding desire to change the tides of history.

"If I were doing 'Hold That Line' now, I would use it as a forum to create a groundswell of opinion to demand a recount of the votes for the 1951, 1956, and 1997 Heisman Trophies."

Ross was so adamant about it that the answer to the next question ("Why"?) was a no brainer.

"Hank Lauricella, John Majors, and Peyton Manning deserve justice."

Vols hire Kevin Steele. What does it mean?

By Mark Nagi

Tennessee's football program is floundering. Recruits are de-committing. Assistant coaches are bolting. Their head coach has been in COVID-19 quarantine, not seen in nearly a month.

Making matters worse, an internal investigation is underway to determine if Tennessee is guilty of recruiting violations.

That's not good. Tennessee has reportedly put a halt on contract extensions for the coaching staff, which makes complete sense with the investigation ongoing. They were also reportedly in a hiring freeze, which is a problem since the staff was already down a defensive line coach and an offensive line coach.

But on January 12th, Tennessee announced that Kevin Steele, a Tennessee grad and two-time assistant coach at UT, was hired as a defensive assistant.

"Kevin is someone I have respected and admired for a long time on and off the field," Pruitt said in a press release. "I had the opportunity to learn and work with him during our time at Alabama and our friendship grew from there. He has outstanding knowledge of the game and understands what it takes to be successful in this conference. Having coached under the great Johnny Majors, he has a sincere appreciation for what it means to be a Tennessee Volunteer. We are thrilled to welcome Kevin and Linda back to Rocky Top."

"Linda and I are excited to be coming home," Steele said in that same press release. "Tennessee is a special place to me personally. I

am truly grateful to Coach Pruitt and Coach Fulmer for this opportunity, and I am eager to get to work alongside them once again. I look forward to helping create an environment where our players are successful and truly embrace what it means to be a Volunteer."

Steele was available after Gus Malzahn was fired at Auburn. Rumors circulated that Auburn boosters were trying to promote Steele, who had been serving as the Tigers defensive coordinator. Instead, the gig went to Boise State's Bryan Harsin.

Pruitt knows Steele well from their time together on the Alabama coaching staff in 2007 and 2008. But make no mistake, this was a Phillip Fulmer hire. Fulmer worked with Steele when both were assistant coaches at UT under Johnny Majors. Fulmer thought so highly of Steele that he was in the final three for the Tennessee head coaching job before Fulmer hired Pruitt.

It's difficult to argue with Steele's resume. Steele has 38 years of coaching experience, including 13 years in the SEC and 10 years as a defensive coordinator. He's a very good recruiter and has put a whole bunch of kids in the NFL.

Cash strapped Tennessee is also thankful that Auburn is paying most of his salary,

But the hiring of Steele at Tennessee is also some insurance in case the investigation turns up some things that force them to fire Pruitt. Steele has Power 5 head coaching experience, so it is likely he'd be picked to hold the Tennessee job, at least on an interim basis. Granted, a 9-36 record

in 4 years at Baylor won't energize the fanbase, but it would mean that they

have someone in place to get Tennessee through the 2021 season. They

wouldn't be rushed to make a panic hire as they did in 2010.

The hiring of Kevin Steele means a lot... for a lot of different reasons.

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Referees are getting less, but receiving more appreciation

By Steve Williams

Sports referees don't get much positive publicity.

Like Gene Menees of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association recalled recently, "It's the old adage ... You got to start out being perfect when you're an official and get better from that point."

However, during the pandemic this basketball season, that's been different. Officials are being looked at in a different light, as they are working for less money to help offset financial losses that have hit high school athletics at the gate. Spectators are restricted to players' parents or guardians and immediate household members due to the increase in COVID-19 infections.

That restriction, which continues through Jan. 19, was initiated with Tennessee Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 70 on Dec. 21.

"What we did with officials' fees was a direct result of the Governor's order that drastically restricted people in the gym, which would drastically reduce the amount of gate," said Menees, whose duties at the TSSAA include overseeing basketball and officials.

The TSSAA started getting some inquiries, asking if high school basketball games could be officiated by two-person crews instead of three-person crews to reduce expenses.

In Tennessee, the fee for a two-person crew working a girls' and boys' varsity doubleheader is \$115



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

With many empty seats in the background due to stricter guidelines on fans allowed, TSSAA basketball official Michael Callahan prepares to put the ball in play at Powell High Friday night. Callahan and other officials across the state are working for \$25 less a night this season to help offset financial losses at the gate.

per official. That's a total of \$230.

A three-person crew is paid \$105 per official, a \$315 total.

"We didn't want to go back and work two people and I think most of the coaches would tell you they would prefer three officials," said Menees, "but we were trying to find a way to save a little bit of money."

After talking to some people, Menees suggested working three-person crews at \$80 per official, a total of \$240, and he called all 12 officials' associations across the state and talked to a supervisor at

each association about it.

That would save a school \$75 a night, meaning each official would receive \$25 less.

"The consensus from the supervisors was, recalled Menees, 'Well, we don't want a pay cut, but we don't want to go to two officials either. So if we can keep it at three, we much prefer that.'"

Menees also pointed out that if the TSSAA went to two-person crews, there would be several officials who would lose games.

The officials' cutback in pay is for the remainder of the regular season. Regular pay will resume during

post-season games.

"Some of them weren't enthusiastic about a pay cut, but I think in most cases our officials have come on board with it," said Menees.

"The majority of officials have been very professional, very cooperative and they were willing to do it. They discussed it and talked about it, but we really appreciate what the officials have done and it went into place Jan. 4."

After Central had only "100 spectators" for its home games against Oak Ridge Jan. 5, Central Athletic Director J.D. Lambert made plans to recognize

the officials at the school's Jan. 8 games against Powell.

Lambert made an announcement of the referees' financial sacrifice between the girls' and boys' games. The teams lined up and listened as Lambert addressed the fans. The officials received a nice ovation.

"They have willingly agreed to take less money to help the kids out," said Lambert. "I hope the fans will appreciate their help and that they care."

"It's going to help us pay our bills."

Menees said: "Supervisors from all 12 of our

associations do a great job and our officials are dedicated in basketball to the student-athletes and the game. From a supervisors' perspective, nobody wanted a pay reduction from Memphis to Bristol.

"Some schools have more money than others, but some of our smaller schools rely upon those gate receipts to pay the expenses of the game that night."

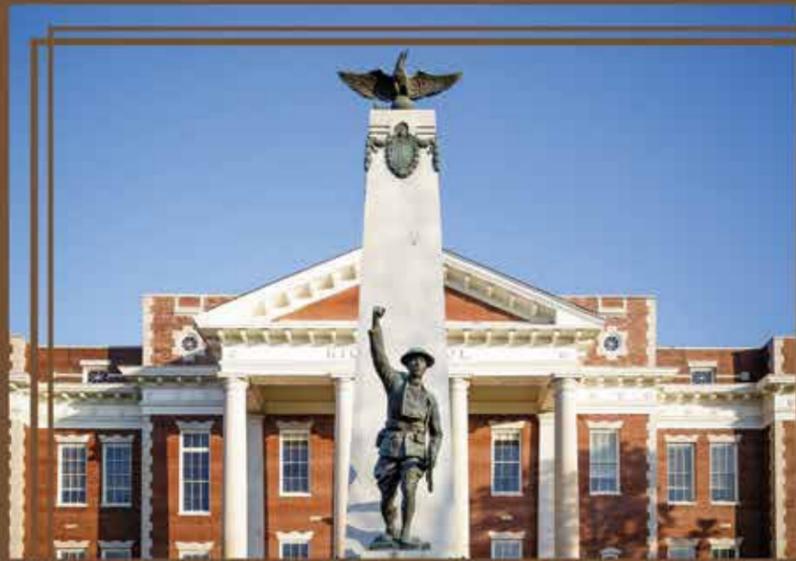
Supervisors and Menees felt today's game needed to stick with three-person crews.

"With two officials, it would be hard to cover the way these kids are playing today," he said. "I mean that as a compliment to the coaches and players."

Kenny Coulter, longtime supervisor in the Knoxville South Officials Association, said he appreciates his officials' loyalty.

"I feel most of them are doing it out of loyalty to the association and to the group," he said. "I've had several officials call me and say, 'Don't worry. We're going to call no matter what happens. We appreciate Knoxville South and our basketball association and we're going to call. We're going to officiate and just wanted to let you know.'"

"So even though it's a downward thing and our people don't like it, they've continued and nobody has come out and said they're not going to officiate because of the pay cut. I appreciate, especially as a supervisor, those guys' loyalty."



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Excommunication

First, they came for President Trump and since I sometimes disagreed with him, I did nothing.

Then they came for Republicans and since I was not a member of that Party I did not object.

Then they came for conservative media and I did not speak out.

Then they came for Trump supporters and I remained silent.

Then they came for me because there was no one left to speak for me.

(Adapted from Martin Niemöller's poem "First they came...")

Several of my readers have asked me what I'm going to say about the January 6th riot at the Capitol. Perhaps they missed the end of last week's essay "Wise Men" where my opinion was succinctly stated in the last paragraph. If you want to read last week's essay, go to the archives at KnoxvilleFocus.com and read what I actually thought.

Going to the source was what journalists used to do before "news" became political propaganda and morphed into "fake news."

Actually, there are greater issues than the Capitol riot. A few hundred fools and knaves, out of the more than a quarter million Trump supporters at the Washington protest, unlawfully invaded the Capitol. The wackos who entered the Capitol or who scuffled with police will be found, prosecuted and go to jail. Again, I make no excuses for these miscreants. But, on the other hand you should not ignore the Democrats who were silent for eight months during the riots, looting, destruction of businesses and violence of 2020. Kamala Harris excused these riots as did Pelosi who brushed off any condemnation with the cavalier comment, "People will do what people do."

And even more important than President Trump's November 3rd defeat, in

what I perceive as a fraudulent election, are the repercussions of hate and the exercise of raw power which now endangers all of us. We saw idiocy at the Capitol with the shirtless guy sporting a bearskin headdress and horns. And we saw hatred at work with the punitive impeachment of President Trump by the Democrat Congress. Lord Acton once said, "Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely." The Democrats, allied with the media and Big Tech, now control everything and their blood lust has morphed into excommunication.

By the high Middle Ages Kings and Popes vied for power. Kings had armies and argued they were chosen by God to reign. However, the Pope controlled the soul's access to heaven which could be removed from a rebellious individual, even a King, by excommunication. This threat brought one French king literally to his knees as he crawled penitently through snow to have the bull of excommunication lifted by the Pope. Martin Luther was excommunicated and this ushered in the Protestant Reformation. Henry the 8th refused the Pope's control, was excommunicated and then established his own Church of England and made himself the papal equivalent.

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People who disagree with the secular Popes (Democrats, media, RINOs, Big Tech) don't have the power of a Luther or Henry the 8th and are now being systematically excommunicated or purged in the parlance of Stalin, Mao and other totalitarians. Everyone should be terrified by these new "pontiffs" who mandate politically correct groupthink and, like Orwell's Big Brother, demand you love your inquisitors and fearless leaders.

Excommunication is proceeding under the guise of public safety and manifests as censorship, banning, shaming, terminations of employment, divestiture, shunning, even doxing and gas-lighting. During Mao's Cultural Revolution I remember seeing penitents standing before threatening crowds bowing and begging for forgiveness for "incorrect thought." I've seen religious groups turn their back on apostates, even family members. AOC, one of the new "papal scions," now crows that the government should reign in the media, in other words, the so-called alternative media which are not the sycophant mouth pieces of the Democrat-socialists.

In George Orwell's dystopian novel "1984," the infamous quote, "Big Brother is watching you," has actually become a reality with Big Tech's "Surveillance

Capitalism," a term coined by Shoshana Zuboff. Her 2019 sentinel book and the Netflix's documentary "The Social Dilemma" sealed it for me. The Big Tech of Google, Twitter, Amazon and others of Silicon Valley is dangerous, anti-democratic and is 2020's Big Brother. And even more terrifying, the Tech-Lords are allied with the Democrats, the media, BLM, Antifa and Washington's ruling class. In 2020 we learned this cabal even controls the election process. The ruling class of Washington will never lose another election.

So, what should we do about the purges? A friend of mine coined the phrase and admonition, "Get informed, get inspired, get involved."

It takes work to be informed. I listen to the left and the right. I read widely and so should you. Then, I believe you should use your own observations and apply common sense rather than intoning the surrealistic dogma of political correctness, CNN or the knavish Pelosi.

It's sometimes tough to "speak the truth in love" as Paul advised. It's tough to resist the mob and refuse "going along to get along." It's human to think this moment is unique, but we post-moderns don't have it tough like those during The Great Depression or

the soldiers in landing crafts heading for Omaha Beach on D-Day. I am fortunate that I have enough and cannot be bought or fired, at this point. And I have a voice at The Focus. In fact, if this column disappears you should get read because they will soon be coming for you.

I recommend you network with others by email, text, snail-mail or phone. I realize that all of these means of communication can be monitored, but at this point they can't suppress us all. I reject both violence and hatred. Yoda, the master of the misplaced modifier, said of hatred "A path to the dark side, it is."

Lastly, I'm maintaining my new year's resolutions to focus on Jesus, teaching and offering encouragement to others. Hopefully, there are elements of these perspectives in this weekly column.

I'm reading biographies this year and daily proclaiming Psalm 118:24 as I endeavor to increase my faith, virtue and knowledge (2 Peter 1:5). I'm enjoying retirement, helping with grandkids and working on the second novel of my science fiction trilogy. Stay tuned!

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

Overcoming Anger

Another obstacle of life that has imprisoned many is that of anger. At some level we have all dealt with anger. Anger is communicated in many ways - some constructive, but many in a harmful way. If left to itself, anger will consume someone with rage to the point where they are willing to kill someone no matter the price. Our world is an angry place, ready to explode. This past year we have especially seen anger demonstrated due to frustrations over political differences, race



By **Mark Brackney**, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

relations, economic hardship, and pandemic issues.

Anger is so unpredictable at times. It can show up irrationally and without warning. Some people have a lengthy fuse. There is time to smell the smoke and douse

it with water. But if the fuse is short, watch out. Anger is found in the earliest pages of Scripture when Cain murders his own brother in the first family we have recorded. Notice what Paul says about anger: "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the

sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold (Ephesians 4:26-27). This passage reminds us that anger is not sin, just like temptation is not sin that I talked about last week. It is what we do with temptation and anger that can lead to sin. Here are a few verses of many that talk about how we should treat anger: "You have heard that it was said to our people long ago, 'You must not murder anyone. Anyone who murders another will be judged.' But I tell you, if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be judged. If you say bad things to a brother or sister, you will be

judged by the council. And if you call someone a fool, you will be in danger of the fire of hell" (Matthew 5:21). "Foolish people lose their tempers, but wise people control theirs" (Proverbs 29:11). My dear brothers and sisters, always be willing to listen and slow to speak. Do not become angry easily, because anger will not help you live the right kind of life God wants" (James 1:19-20). "Don't get angry. Don't be upset; it only leads to trouble" (Psalm 37:8). "Do not be bitter or angry or mad. Never shout angrily or say things to hurt others. Never do anything evil" (Ephesians 4:31).

While it is true there is such a thing as righteous anger that Jesus even showed (John 2:14-15; Mark 3:5), you must approach it with care like a blinking yellow light - slow down and look in both directions before proceeding. What we think is righteous anger might be something else. We need to remember that feeling angry is a choice and it is better to deal with quickly, even before the day is over (Ephesians 4:26). Be careful of hurtful words you might use out of anger that tear others down. Let's say and do things that will build others up (Ephesians 4:29). God says that when

someone makes us angry, our response is love. We don't retaliate when we have been wronged, we offer redemption (Romans 12:20). Jesus showed us how this is done through his example on the cross as he prayed for God to forgive those killing him. Sin was not ignored by Jesus; it was healed and death was destroyed. When we are quick to show grace and love instead of all the actions that flow out of having an angry spirit, this is a testimony of our God to this broken world. Let us offer good for evil and blessings for curses as kingdom people reversing the curse of sin.



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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. # 201910250028492, 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. # 201910250052711 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 29th day of December, 2020. A. Scott McCulley, Substitute Trustee, 8930 Cross Park Dr., Ste. 1, Knoxville, TN 37923, 865-243-3363.

COURT NOTICES

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 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. Pridemore, 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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

KNOXVILLE TVA EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson, (Defendants.) No. 29299K and 29300K IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

It appearing in this case that the Civil Warrant was issued for the defendants, Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox a/k/a 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 a/k/a 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 a/k/a 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 February 17, 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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JENNIFER JULIANNE CRIDER IN RE: SHANE ALLEN SPROLES v. JENNIFER JULIANNE CRIDER NO. 201058-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, JENNIFER JULIANNE CRIDER, 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 JENNIFER JULIANNE CRIDER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Timothy Housholder, an Attorney whose address is, 900 S. Gay Street Suite 2100, Knoxville, TN 37902 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 II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13th day of January 2020. Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA M ANDERSON DOCKET NUMBER 83921-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA M ANDERSON who died Oct 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 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) A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 6 day of JANUARY, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA M ANDERSON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) FREDRICK M ANDERSON; EXECUTOR 8016 LONDON PARK WAY POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF IMOGENE B COOPER DOCKET NUMBER 83894-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IMOGENE B COOPER who died Nov 15, 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 6 day of JANUARY, 2021

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ESTATE OF RUTH ANN COATNEY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DONNA KAY CURRIE; EXECUTRIX 3047 GIBBS DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDITH SMITH HANCOCK DOCKET NUMBER 83910-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EDITH SMITH HANCOCK who died Oct 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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ESTATE OF EDITH SMITH HANCOCK PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CAROLYN HANCOCK DENNISON; ADMINSTRATRIX 2723 WOODSMITH ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY C JONES DOCKET NUMBER 83758-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY C JONES who died Oct 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:

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ESTATE OF ERNESTINE H INGLE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JANET H PARKEY; EXECUTRIX 9012 LEGENDS LAKE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNESTINE H INGLE DOCKET NUMBER 83887-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERNESTINE H INGLE who died Sep 21, 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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ESTATE OF ERNESTINE H INGLE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JANET H PARKEY; EXECUTRIX 9012 LEGENDS LAKE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNESTINE H INGLE DOCKET NUMBER 83887-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERNESTINE H INGLE who died Sep 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:

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ESTATE OF CLARA CALLIS ELKINS DOCKET NUMBER 83892-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLARA CALLIS ELKINS who died Sep 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:

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ESTATE OF CLARA CALLIS ELKINS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARVIN A ELKINS; CO-EXECUTOR 135 CENTRALVIEW ROAD ANDERSONVILLE, TN. 37705

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARA CALLIS ELKINS DOCKET NUMBER 83915-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JANUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CLARA CALLIS ELKINS who died Sep 24, 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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ESTATE OF MILAN EUGENE CARR DOCKET NUMBER 83918-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JANUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILAN EUGENE CARR who died Sep 24, 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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ESTATE OF MILAN EUGENE CARR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KATHERINE FAYE ROACH; ADMINISTRATRIX 1834 PAINT ROCK VALLEY ROAD PHILADELPIA, TN. 37846

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILAN EUGENE CARR DOCKET NUMBER 83918-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JANUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILAN EUGENE CARR who died Sep 24, 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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ESTATE OF MILAN EUGENE CARR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLES CHILD ATTORNEY AT LAW 706 GATE LANE, SUITE 202 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARA CALLIS ELKINS DOCKET NUMBER 83910-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EDITH SMITH HANCOCK who died Oct 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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ESTATE OF EDITH SMITH HANCOCK PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PHYLLIS J ELKINS; CO-EXECUTOR 135 CENTRALVIEW ROAD ANDERSONVILLE, TN. 37705

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDITH SMITH HANCOCK DOCKET NUMBER 83910-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EDITH SMITH HANCOCK who died Oct 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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ESTATE OF EDITH SMITH HANCOCK PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DARRICK EDMONDSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2100 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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ESTATE OF EDITH SMITH HANCOCK PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CAROLYN HANCOCK DENNISON; ADMINSTRATRIX 2723 WOODSMITH ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY C JONES DOCKET NUMBER 83758-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY C JONES who died Oct 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:

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ESTATE OF ERNESTINE H INGLE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JANET H PARKEY; EXECUTRIX 9012 LEGENDS LAKE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNESTINE H INGLE DOCKET NUMBER 83887-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERNESTINE H INGLE who died Sep 21, 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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ESTATE OF ERNESTINE H INGLE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STEVEN K BOWLING ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 11125 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37939

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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**ESTATE OF THERESA RENEE JOHANSEN
DOCKET NUMBER 83755-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JANUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THERESA RENEE JOHANSEN 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.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of JANUARY, 2021.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MEGAN NICHOLE MARIE
DOCKET NUMBER 83934-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JANUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MEGAN NICHOLE MARIE who died Nov 15, 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 8 day of JANUARY, 2021.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF STEPHEN WESTON MURRIAN
DOCKET NUMBER 83721-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEPHEN WESTON MURRIAN who died Oct 24, 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 4 day of JANUARY, 2021.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2021.
ESTATE OF LARRY BRENT NEWMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACKSON G KRAMER; ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 629
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RAY B PADEN
DOCKET NUMBER 83854-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAY B PADEN who died Oct 5, 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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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 12 day of JANUARY, 2021.
ESTATE OF BETTYE WILSON SPURGEON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATTI SPURGEON VERGERIO; EXECUTRIX
125 KEEBLE AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SUSAN ANN STEWART
DOCKET NUMBER 83924-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUSAN ANN STEWART who died Dec 12, 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 13 day of JANUARY, 2021.
ESTATE OF DEWEY VAUGHN TARVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MITCHELL EUGENE GRIMES; EXECUTOR
7112 WRIGHT ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JUDY E TAYLOR
DOCKET NUMBER 83777-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY E TAYLOR who died Sep 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 8 day of JANUARY, 2021.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF W L LINDSAY
DOCKET NUMBER 83926-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of W L LINDSAY who died Sep 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 7 day of JANUARY, 2021.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LINDA MAY
DOCKET NUMBER 83300-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA MAY who died Jun 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 13 day of JANUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF THERESA RENEE JOHANSEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA FREEMAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
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ESTATE OF MEGAN NICHOLE MARIE

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ESTATE OF W L LINDSAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ESTATE OF LINDA MAY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BOBBY GENE MANZIE
DOCKET NUMBER 83860-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BOBBY GENE MANZIE who died Sep 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARBARA C MCLEMORE
DOCKET NUMBER 83949-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BARBARA C MCLEMORE who died Oct 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.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF BOBBY GENE MANZIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MAYA DENISE MANZIE; ADMINISTRATRIX
3224 WILSON AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

ESTATE OF BARBARA C MCLEMORE

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