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470,313	42,842	9.1%	627	.13%

SOURCES 1. U.S. Census Bureau 2. Knox County Health Department data from 4/23/2021.

AJ Building sale may be in jeopardy

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The tax break for the company buying the Andrew Johnson Building may be in jeopardy when the Knox County Commission meets today. If the work session is any indicator there are some strong "No" votes among the commission members.

When the resolution to approve the Industrial Board to negotiate

with BNA Associates on the developer's request for a tax break came up, Commissioners Carson Dailey and John Schoonmaker spoke up. Dailey referred to the original agreement from October 2017, and said the idea then was to put the AJ Building back on the tax rolls.

"I have a lot of concerns," he said, citing several changes from the original agreement to sell the historic building. He said the

developer promised no strings attached.

Schoonmaker noted the building was appraised six years ago at \$8.2 million but BNA's bid of \$6 million was accepted. He said BNA has promised 100 new jobs and revenue from renting hotel rooms, and originally there was no talk of a tax deferment.

He said the building is a premier property in downtown's most valuable location and the

developer has asked for "concession after concession" from the county. Schoonmaker suggested denying the tax break and allowing "other bidders to come back."

Chairman Larsen Jay pointed to several other downtown buildings that were granted a tax break and said the current building, presently the home of the Knox County School Administration, pays no taxes at all.

The discussion came following

a third-party review of the proposed and updated agreement between BNA and the county. The review came back with a shorter tax break period and suggested an annual tax payment by BNA of \$110,000 during the 12-year period.

The matter was sent on to today's meeting with no recommendation and is on today's agenda.

Remembering Senator Bill Brock

By Ray Hill

Bill Brock died March 25, 2021 of pneumonia while in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Brock was one of the founders of Tennessee's modern Republican Party and he had a great deal to do with turning the Volunteer State into a genuine two-party state.

Brock was the grandson and namesake of William E. Brock, the candy king who invented the chocolate covered cherry. William E. Brock also served in the United States Senate following the death of Senator Lawrence D. Tyson. The elder Brock was appointed to fill the vacancy by Governor Henry Horton and was elected by the people of Tennessee to serve until the term expired in March of 1931. Senator William E. Brock was a Democrat. So, too was the younger Brock until he returned to Chattanooga after a stint in the United States Navy. Bill Brock became a Republican and worked for Richard Nixon who carried Tennessee in the 1960 presidential election.

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Tennessee U. S. senators Bill Brock (left) and Howard Baker (right) being interviewed by the news media after a meeting at the White House with President Richard Nixon.



Conserving our East Tennessee bald eagles and birds of prey

Virtual program presented on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. by UT Arboretum Society

The UT Arboretum Society invites you to join the American Eagle Foundation for an exclusive, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the lives of their resident raptors, including the charismatic bald eagle ambassadors in a virtual presentation on Thursday, May 13. On this digital tour, Dr. Robyn Miller will guide participants in learning about eagles and other raptors' roles within our ecosystem, how AEF cares for them, and how we can help protect them. The nonprofit American Eagle Foundation is headquartered in East

Tennessee in Pigeon Forge.

The American Eagle Foundation has a longstanding history in the conservation of bald eagles and other birds of prey. Over the course of more than 30 years, the organization has released 180 bald eagles back into the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.

While completing her PhD in literature at Auburn University, Dr. Miller started volunteering at a local raptor facility in 2012. She decided to pursue raptor education as a full-time career upon graduating and joined American Eagle Foundation's team in 2018. As an educator and falconer, she hopes to share her partnership

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Above: Dr. Robyn Miller of the American Eagle Foundation said, "The conservation efforts of citizens, lawmakers and organizations like us have culminated in the bald eagle's triumphant comeback from the brink of extinction. Recent studies have found that the population has quadrupled since the last count."

Left: Samson and Gabby and their offspring, Romy and Jules.

Advisory Board of Health organized, mask mandate continues

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

In its first meeting after being dismantled by the Knox County Commission the new Advisory Board of Health Wednesday chose to keep the chairman and heard Knox County Health Department Director Martha Buchanan announce that the mask mandate for inside buildings will continue in effect. Dr. Jack Gotcher was again selected chair and Dr. Buchanan will serve as secretary.

The meeting started with Dr. Buchanan convening the meeting, asking for the election of a chair, and then

turned the meeting over to Dr. Gotcher. From that point, with some exceptions, the meeting proceeded as it has over the past year when the Board of Health was making regulations to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Buchanan said she will continue to work with the advisory group, seek their input, and agreed with their recommendations to drop all restrictions on curfews in restaurants, bars and venues and remove restrictions on crowd gatherings.

The health director said she will issue a "strong statement" about urging businesses and events to

keep a six-foot distance between customers. She said she wants to continue the monthly meetings with the group and may recommend a replacement for member Dr. Patrick O'Brien who resigned rather than serve in an advisory board.

The reorganization of the board adopted rules similar to the Knox County Commission but, since they are now advisory only, may discuss issues without voting and will drop the public forum session. Prior to the meeting four residents called into the virtual session and complained about the mask mandate and one caller asked for Dr. Buchanan's resignation.

Attorney David Sanders told the group that meetings will need to follow the "Sunshine Law" as open public sessions and be publically noticed.

Members of the board indicated they prefer more of a "roundtable discussion" at meetings rather than voting on recommendations. One of the recommendations to Buchanan was that the health department make an attempt to convince the public to get the vaccine. She said the number of people showing up for vaccines is dropping.

Dr. Buchanan told the group that her powers may be curtailed depending on action by the state

legislature or the emergency order from Governor Bill Lee. She gave her "benchmark" report noting that there are still 30 to 40 positive cases each day locally and that the number of deaths are increasing again. She said that at least 38% of the Knox County adult population

has received at least one immunization.

The health director said she will report back with final rules for the reorganized board in their May meeting.

"It's been a tough year, we all stand ready to serve and help," Dr. Gotcher said at the end of the meeting.

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The Cinderella Story You Never Heard About

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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Station neighbors, Anna Sue Watson, wife of former LMU basketball coach Hugh Watson.

It is the true story of how one of the smallest schools in Kentucky defeated the big schools from Louisville, Lexington, and elsewhere to win the 1952 basketball state championship.

Cuba was an unincorporated community of about 150 in the far west tip of Kentucky near the Tennessee line. It was an isolated farming area hemmed in by rivers on three sides, the Tennessee, Ohio, and Mississippi.

Most of the boys on the team, the Cuba Cubs, were the sons of tenant or very small farmers. They had to milk cows and do other

farm chores both before and after school.

The book tells of how one of the star players, Doodle Floyd, and his father and brothers would walk two miles to the house of a neighbor who had a radio to listen to major sporting events.

The family had "much excitement" waiting for a new radio when their father was finally able to order one on the Sears catalog. When it finally came, the boys were "not to touch it."

These were boys who had no toys or games and didn't even have a regulation basketball to play with except for at school.

Most of the Cubs played together from the eighth grade on. They jelled

together until at the end, almost the whole state of Kentucky was rooting for the poor boys from Cuba.

I enjoyed reading about the boys and their families, their coach, and their many come-from-behind victories.

What impressed (and saddened) me the most was the way the author, Marianne Walker, ended the book.

She wrote that Cuba and the surrounding small schools were replaced with "a modern, progressive facility, with certified faculty and administrators, and with a much-improved curriculum and athletic facilities. Since then, nothing remarkable has happened in Cuba.

She added that most of the original houses and farms are gone and that "the people who live in the Cuba area now don't know everyone else by their first name. In the evenings they don't sit on their front porches and talk as the folks once did. Missing, too, from the landscape, are little boys playing basketball outside."

It was a big mistake to build bigger and bigger high schools. Kids have a better chance to make a team, be a cheerleader, serve on the student council, or lead a club in a smaller school, or at least be more than just a number.

I once read in USA Today that the largest school in New York City, with 3500

students, was broken up into five separate schools and their drug and discipline problems went way down.

Marianne Walker wrote: "In the last fifty years, small schools have been consolidated into larger ones, despite objections from parents, students, and teachers. With their schools gone, many little rural communities - like Cuba - have lost their sense of identity, unity and purpose.

Ms. Walker added that the rural communities, in large part because of school consolidation, "are frequented now as cities are, so it is not likely that little Cuba's story will ever happen again."

Election Commission reorganizes

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Election Commission met Wednesday to reorganize and Hannah Hopper was chosen as chairperson. She becomes the first Republican woman to serve in that position.

While Democrat Cameron Brooks was selected as secretary, he is leaving the commission and will apparently be replaced by Andronicus Thomas. Also stepping down from the election body is Tammy Kaousias who is to be replaced with fellow Democrat Julie Gautreau. Both will take office in May.

Knox County Administrator of Elections Chris Davis was approved for two more years of service. Davis said, "At the moment, Eddie Smith (R) is the only new commissioner. He fills the spot held previously by Chris Heagerty, who as you know is now Chancellor Chris Heagerty. "Hannah Hopper is believed to be the youngest chair in the history of the election commission."

The other member of the commission is Bob Bowman.

Why is the print media capitalizing "b"?

My musings typically generate comments. In twelve years the most negative comments I received were over the letter "b". A copy editor had capitalized all the "bs" in black - where it designated race - and not the "w" for white. I was asked why I did that and my response was "I didn't" and "I don't". After George Floyd the oracle-who-names at the Associated Press decreed that henceforth and forever more, black was Black and white was white. Before George Floyd a couple of newspapers had started the practice but it became universal After George Floyd. The Associated Press gave the following justification for the rebranding: "AP's style is now to capitalize Black in a racial, ethnic or cultural sense, conveying an essential and shared sense of history, identity and community among people who identify as Black, including those in the African



By Dr. Harold A. Black

diaspora and within Africa. The lowercase black is a color, not a person. AP style will continue to lowercase the term white in racial, ethnic and cultural senses."

The AP further said that only white supremacists capitalize white and the New York Times opined that "White doesn't represent a shared culture and history in the way Black does."

Of course, the explanation from AP and the New York Times is pure garbage. If we go back into history, we find that there has always been fluidity in what people are called. We once said "American Indians" and it is now "Native Americans." I don't think the naming oracle consulted the Indians as to what they would like to be called. They probably referred to themselves by their individual tribe. However, the oracle-who-names (who is likely white) decreed "Native Americans" even though they were not

native to the Americas. "Indigenous Peoples" would have been more apt.

As to blacks, we were first referred to simply as "slaves". Then whites used the term "Africans" inferring that blacks were alien to this soil. During the Civil War, black Union soldiers were often called African Americans or troops of African descent. Then came Afro-Americans (which never got traction) and colored and "negro". The great WEB Dubois campaigned to have the "n" capitalized rightly arguing that the lower case "n" was intended to convey subhuman status and that "negro" was a proper noun. The oracle-who-names agreed and henceforth "negro" became "Negro". The Civil Rights movement brought forth the effort to change the usage of the term black which conveyed something dark, evil and sinister in contrast to "white" which conveyed purity. Hence "black is beautiful", "black power", and black people as a corollary to white people.

Now we have Black

versus white. See how the oracle-who-names (who is undoubtedly white) has tried to artificially elevate black people over whites in print as opposed to reality where here in America we should strive to make all beings equal. Again the AP justification is that blacks as a race share history, identity and community and whites don't. Excuse me? What is shared by American blacks is America. Africa is much more diverse than Europe, with more distinct tribal groups, cultures and languages. American blacks in the main come from a small slice of the African continent. My black African ancestors come from the countries surrounding Ghana and had nothing in common but their color. They were not from Ghana which was the home of the black slave traders. So when I went on Safari three times in South Africa, no one came up to me saying "welcome home my brother" in Ndebele. My people came from farther north.

Our shared history cannot be African but

American. Our shared history began with slavery in American and not from the wide range of cultures from the African continent. The oracle-who-names implies that we all look alike. We don't. Only in Tarzan's New York Adventure could the Ape Man and Jane identify blacks by tribal groups. My father's family initially disapproved of my mother for being too white while Mom's family thought my Dad was too black. Indeed, my father said he was rejected when he applied to an HBCU because he was too dark. When I was in South Africa, I could tell tribal groups but not here in America. I dare you to tell me my tribal origins. My DNA lists 10 distinct groups only three of which are African.

Black is not a proper noun - unless it is my last name- and should not be capitalized. When the oracle-who-names decreed that African American should replace "black" I was asked to referee a scholarly paper in my field. I found that several of my papers were cited but attributed to someone named "Harold African-American."

The oracle-who-names is offering a lame explanation that tries to justify his own political view. As pointed out by a very smart observer "George Orwell had a character in his class dystopian novel say, the destruction of certain words "narrow the range of thought" to the point that individuals in society are not as capable of a broader range of thought. Words can be weapons, and different individuals ascribe differing meanings to words, largely due to their own personal experiences." So adopt the AP's spelling or not. It depends on your personal views. But it is not grammar. It is purely political.

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Publisher's Positions



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We Need To Get This Right

Local media has been consumed by the story of the shooting of Austin-East student Anthony Thompson. Some readers will remember when Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon called a hasty press conference in a city park in twenty degree weather, following one of the shootings of an Austin-East student, Constance Every showed up with her bullhorn. Every screamed throughout Kincannon's remarks and the mayor could barely be heard above Every's babble. Every is less a community activist than a belligerent public nuisance who imposes herself obnoxiously on both the large and the small. The City administration and the mild and meek Knoxville City Council have stoically borne Every's harassment. Every slings around the accusation of "murderer" with abandon, flinging the ugly words at one and all who dare question her or get in her way. Kincannon and her council, who seem to have all the courage of an abused titmouse, have allowed Constance Every

to bully them shamelessly. When Every kept hurling accusations, obscenities, and chants at Mayor Kincannon's press conference, Chief of Police Eve Thomas stood there like a knot on a log. If Indya is indeed "Mayor Houseplant" she and her city council could be sold at Stanley's Greenhouse or, more likely, the produce section of any local grocery store.

It was a different story when Constance Every and her posse showed up at last week's work session of the Knox County Commission.

Accompanied by a reverend who was an also-ran candidate in the last mayoral election and several clueless Gen Z white kids, Every whipped out her bullhorn and began screaming at the commissioners. Sheriff Tom Spangler, independently elected, not appointed as is Chief Eve Thomas, showed the difference between the two. Sheriff Spangler was having none of it. Every was promptly hustled off and arrested, along with six others, including the Reverend Calvin Taylor Skinner. The city folks could learn a valuable lesson from this episode.

Another protester, David Hayes, while bedecked in his best garb, stayed well away from Constance and her crew. Hayes has been arrested multiple times and is planning to run again for the Knoxville City Council this year. Dave was careful not to get himself arrested, but was quick to issue a statement calling for social justice, which always includes a bigger welfare

state and higher taxes for those who pay them. Of course thus far, none of the council incumbents seem to be against a bigger, fatter, heftier welfare state locally. I reckon the socialists simply think they are better at it than those who label themselves as plain old Democrats.

These folks ignore the admonition of the late Reverend Martin Luther King who looked forward to the day when his children were not judged by the color of their skin, but rather the content of their characters. Not Constance and her crowd, as it is entirely about the color of one's skin and has nothing whatever to do with the content of one's character.

Spangler's no-nonsense approach to enforcing the law pretty well leaves the city folks, if not standing around nekkid, certainly in their skivvies. For all the city administration's prattle in trying to appease people who will never be appeased (the socialists), they've done little to provide some measure of comfort to the families of Janaira Muhammed, Stanley Freeman, Jr. and Justin Taylor. Does anyone aside from their families remember them with the uproar about Anthony Thompson? Of course none of the others were killed by a police officer, that is, sadly, the difference.

I don't know of a single soul anywhere who is opposed to releasing the body cam footage of the shooting. Not one. Yet there have been so many rumors and accusations floating around and this is

a situation our community has to get right. I agreed with District Attorney General Charme Allen, let the TBI complete the investigation and then release the full body cam footage for transparency. Allen has now released the cam footage, drawing a complaint from Thompson's aunt.

The preacher who was crying that Allen was trying to thwart the "will of the people" is a reminder of yet another ugly spectacle in our history. Mob violence was oftentimes the will of the people. They were rightly also highly illegal. Judicial officers are not in office to follow the will of the people, but rather to follow the law. There is no equity under the law when it does not apply equally to everyone. There is no fairness under the law when it is not colorblind.

And we've seen the justice system does indeed work in the case of Derek Chauvin.

The same holds true for "Auntie Maxine" Waters whose trip to Minneapolis and cry for a guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial called for violence if Chauvin was found not guilty. The death of Capitol Police Officer Sicknick has now been determined to be from natural causes. You will recall the New York Times reported Sicknick had been bludgeoned and died from his wounds. Without determining a single fact, most of the mainstream media followed suit. Then there was the claim Brian Sicknick died from have been doused with Bear Spray. Now the Washington, D. C.

coroner has determined he died from natural causes.

Maxine Waters was one of the litigants suing to have Trump impeached and Democrats have done a complete about face. They refuse to criticize the notorious anti-Semites in their midst. They stripped Marjorie Taylor Greene of her committee assignments for things she said before she was elected to Congress. Waters should be stripped of her committee chairmanship and committee assignments if all things are equal. The judge in the Chauvin case acknowledged Waters' remarks and told the defense counsel the California congresswoman likely gave the defendant cause for a possible successful appeal of the jury's verdict. Waters also insisted Chauvin be convicted of first degree murder, a crime he wasn't charged with by the prosecution. The system worked without Auntie Maxine's help.

There is the hypocrisy of the difference between "insurrections" and "mostly peaceful protests." Violence, looting and burning of property are not remotely peaceful. Accurate reporting of facts, instead of pushing a particular narrative, remain important.

Local Politics

Commissioner-at-Large Larsen Jay is being challenged inside the Republican primary by Christine Cruz. Evidently, Cruz will try and make the case Jay isn't sufficiently conservative enough, yet the chairman of the county commission

was the target, along with South Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey, of Constance Every and her posse. Larsen Jay is also taking a very strong stand on behalf of the 287(g) program and is a friend to the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Jay is also an unabashed supporter of small business and a thorough-going capitalist. Ms. Cruz will likely have her hands full in trying to oust flank Larsen Jay from the right. Commissioner Jay makes a point to return phone calls promptly and pays close attention to communications from Knox Countians.

Nor are Sheriff Tom Spangler's recent actions likely to harm the sheriff's reelection bid inside the Republican primary. Spangler's insistence upon allowing the county commission to conduct the people's business is not going to hurt him at all with GOP voters. And before the leftists start squalling about cutting off the free speech of the noise-makers, all of them, including Reverend Skinner, could have signed up to speak before the county commission. Nor does the commission have a blessed thing to do with when Charme Allen authorizes the release of the body cam footage. Nor does Constance Every give a fig about free speech, except for her own.

Unfortunately, it seems hypocrisy isn't merely vacationing, or boarding, but rather moving in with every intention to stay permanently and she's brought her relatives with her.

Remembering Senator Bill Brock

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In 1962, Bill Brock was the GOP nominee for Congress and was mostly regarded as a sacrificial lamb against the popular incumbent, James B. Frazier, Jr. Congressman Frazier was the possessor of a famous name in Tennessee politics as well. Frazier's father, James Beriah Frazier had been governor of Tennessee and United States senator. The younger Frazier had been U. S. attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee from 1933 - 1948 when he resigned to run for Congress. Frazier was elected to succeed Estes Kefauver when the latter ran for the U. S. Senate in 1948. Congressman Frazier had been defeated narrowly for the Democratic nomination by a young, liberal attorney, Wilkes Thrasher, Jr.

Brock was even more conservative than Jim Frazier had been and many of the congressman's supporters opted to support the Republican candidate rather than the Democratic nominee. Brock won the election and while Democrats sought to beat him in 1964, the young congressman won decisively. Bill Brock was reelected in 1966 and 1968. In 1970, Brock swept past country music entertainer and cowboy movie star "Tex" Ritter in the GOP primary to win the Republican nomination for the U. S. Senate. It was Ritter who had described Albert Gore, Sr. as Tennessee's "Old Gray Fox", a wily and able campaigner. Brock won the

Senate race with just over 51% of the vote. Following the 1970 election, Tennessee had two GOP senators and a Republican governor, Winfield Dunn.

Senator Brock's goal in being reelected in 1976 was to win 100,000 more votes than he had received in the 1970 election. Brock achieved his goal, but lost to Jim Sasser as Tennessee was Jimmy Carter's second best state in the country after his own Georgia. Brock rebounded by being elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1976, a post filled exactly thirty years before by another Tennessean, Congressman B. Carroll Reece. For the next four years, Bill Brock laid the groundwork for Republican victory by increasing diversity inside the party and organizing. Brock had always strongly believed in recruiting young people to participate in GOP campaigns and affairs. From my own personal experience, I know how much Bill Brock valued young people and was willing to give them opportunities others would not.

Republicans increased their numbers in Congress in the 1978 elections and it was Bill Brock who laid the groundwork for Ronald Reagan's election in 1980. That same election also saw Republicans win control of the United States Senate for the first time since 1953 by picking up an astonishing twelve seats. Interestingly, Carroll Reece had presided over a similar event as Republicans won

both houses of Congress in 1946. Bill Brock's painstaking efforts to rebuild the national GOP had helped immeasurably.

President Reagan nominated former senator Brock to serve as U. S. Trade Representative. When he first came into office, Brock was confronted with a situation where trade relations with Japan were quite tense. The former senator proved to be a staunch foe of those trade deals he believed to be against America's interest, while working to set the first voluntary quota of Japanese automobiles in this country. President Reagan nominated Bill Brock to serve as Secretary of Labor in 1985. Brock served as head of the U. S. Department of Labor for two years before resigning from the Cabinet in 1987 to run the presidential campaign of Senator Bob Dole for the Republican nomination in 1988. Dole lost to incumbent Vice President George Bush who went on to win the general election.

Following his government service, Bill Brock formed his own consulting business and was prosperous. Brock made one last effort to win a seat in the United States Senate, although not from Tennessee. After the death of his wife, Laura "Muffett" Brock, the former senator established his residency in Maryland. Brock launched a bid for the U. S. Senate in 1994 against incumbent Democrat Paul Sarbanes. Brock encountered an unexpectedly tough primary challenge from Ruthann Aron

who ran well to Brock's right. Sarbanes won the Senate race easily.

My own last interaction with Senator Brock came through the series I wrote on his career for this newspaper. Brock, as always, was very generous with his time and quite gracious as to the finished columns. Although intrinsically a shy man, Bill Brock was a steadfast friend, a loving husband, father and grandfather. Republicans in Tennessee owe Bill Brock heaps of gratitude for not only his service in Congress, but his tireless efforts to make the Volunteer State a truly two-party state. It was Bill Brock who did as much or more than any other single person to set the stage for the revival of Republican fortunes and the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980. Bill Brock was a rare man of great intellect, absolute devotion to his country, and a man who exalted giving back to one's own community. Brock could have easily enjoyed the success of the family candy company, but instead he chose another path, that of public service, which is oftentimes a difficult path indeed.

When Bill Brock passed away peacefully on March 25 from pneumonia in a Fort Lauderdale, Florida hospital, he left behind not only his wife Sandy and his family and friends, but a state, country and Republican Party better off than he found them.

Budget, Texting 911 program discussed at communications meeting

By Ken Lay

Director Brad Anders took center stage at Wednesday morning's Knox County Emergency Communications meeting.

Anders discussed the backup communications system and the new 911 text communications. He also noted that current phone system would have to undergo an upgrade.

"The phone system is still on Windows 7 and that is at end of life," Anders said. "The phones are breaking and we have to have a technician come up from Atlanta for repairs quite a lot."

Anders also said that he and his team are gathering costs and considering options for upgrades to the phone system.

On the Texting 911 program, Anders said that he's not had complaints from phone dispatchers.

"It's working well," Anders said of the system that was recently

implemented. "We didn't want it used heavily but it's going fine and we are happy with the service."

"The text system is working but we don't want it to be the primary way of communication."

Anders and board member John Fugate, who handles the district board finances, said that the board is "in good shape but they must work to replenish the reserve funds,"

Anders noted that the board has "done a lot of buying," as communications technology continues to change.

The board will have a tentative budget at its next meeting and will receive federal money.

Anders also said that he has applied to serve on the state emergency communications board so that Knox County can have representation at the state level.

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Dogwood winter

Just as green grass starts coming up from the ground and temperatures start climbing, a cold snap strikes! This past week, I heard someone remind us why. It's April and dogwoods are blooming--it's Dogwood Winter! Delicate pink and white petals are adorning the dogwood limbs that were just a



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few months ago encased in snow. After an all-virtual event due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year, an in-person Dogwood Arts Festival returned for 2021 with altered guidelines.

The first festival took place in 1961 under then Mayor John J. Duncan, Sr., who later served East Tennessee more than 20 years in Congress. In the early years, festival concerts boasted big name entertainers often at Stokely Athletic Center on The University of Tennessee campus or downtown at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum. Bands from across the

country came to Knoxville to march in the Dogwood Arts Parade on opening day. Gay Street would be lined with lots of people along the parade route. It was a great event in spring after the cold winter.

Enjoy the festival activities this year, travel the dogwood trails, and admire the simple beauty in one of Mother Nature's prettiest gifts--the dogwood! Be safe!

Words of Faith: "But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." Numbers 14:21 (KJV)

I'd like to own a drive-in restaurant

Amy and I spent the last weekend in Hendersonville as we celebrated our daughter Lacey's and son-in-law Nick's April birthdays. For the first time in more than a year, we had the chance to hug them, as well as grandson



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The mind trip I took brought a smile to my face. I told Amy that if I had it to do over again, I'd open a drive-in restaurant. No, I'm not talking about Sonic. The layout might be the same, but a back curb would also

search of girls, and sometimes one male would muster up enough courage to speak to females in the other car. Drugs might have been popular with a few, but most teens were forever in pursuit of alcohol. They'd pay exorbitant prices to of-age guys for beer or hard liquor. Parked in that back curb, many held their breaths while sipping on a beer. Sometimes a rookie would bolt from the car and run for the edge of the property. There he'd heave his guts out in a drunken stupor.

On occasion, tempers flared. Guys piled out of cars and stood as if ready for battle. Most of the time, only two would engage in fistfights. They lasted only a few minutes before the victor strutted in front of his friends while the loser slinked to his vehicle and demanded his group to leave.

I think of teens today and feel sorry for them. Too many of them don't have a place to gather with friends or other couples. They spend more time on phones texting or at home playing games. My generation always had a place to go. Those drive-ins were much like the bar in "Cheers," not because of the drinking but because they were places

where "everybody knew your name."

Yes, I'd like to own a drive-in restaurant for young people. After having spent months in isolation. I think the place would be crowded all weekend long. On other nights, the place could cater to families and old folks. Maybe I might even start a new "old" fad. I'd run the place for a couple of years before selling it and living off the profits. Think about those days if you're old enough. Remember the good and bad times you had with buddies and girlfriends, and I'll bet many of them occurred at the Copper Kettle or one of the other hangouts.

The 60s were glorious years, and thanks to drive-ins, many of us lived some of our best memories at those greasy spoon places. I'm a wiser person about friends, girls, and drinking from the time I spent there. I learned on which friends I could count; I discovered that my forte was not charming females; most of all, I faced that fact that I am a lousy drinker who spent too much time at the edge of the property on hands and knees and telling the good lord I'd never do it again if He'd make the world stop spinning and the dry heaves end.

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Two openings on Merit

Council before commission

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There are two openings for members of the Knox County Sheriff Office's Merit System Council and the six applicants spoke to the Knox County Commission last week. A decision may be made tonight at the regular commission meeting. The positions include one regular member and one alternate member.

One of the applicants, Merit Chair Regina Oster, was quizzed by the commission and asked about her intentions to run for a commission seat in two years. Oster said she could not answer that question "right now." The other applicants all noted they had no intentions to seek future office.

Other applicants included school board member Patti Bounds, Laschinski Emerson, Christopher J.

Manning, John Marshall, and former UT Women's Athletic Director Joan Cronan.

Oster was also quizzed about her part in the Merit System Council's decision to hear a complaint from sheriff's employee Martha Dooley although the law director had informed the council it has no authority in the matter.

"We voted to hear that. Attorneys can have two different opinions," she said.

Commission Chairman Larsen Jay said the decision to hear the complaint caused the law director to hire an outside counsel and it cost the county \$30,000 in legal fees.

Bounds was asked how she could serve on the board of education and the Merit System Council at the same time and she replied her school board term expires next year.

Grievance hearing dates set at Merit Council meeting

By Ken Lay

an extension.

The date was also set for the council's next meeting. It will be held on May 26.

John Ivan Harmon, who had a grievance request hearing Wednesday, will have his date set at the May meeting.

The council also approved changes in KCSO job descriptions.

It was the last meeting for alternate commissioner Laschinski Emerson. Her term expires before the next meeting and she is ineligible to serve another term as she is moving to Loudon County.

"It was an honor to serve and it seems like two years have just flown by," said Emerson, who noted that she will continue her tutoring program at Austin-East Magnet High School.

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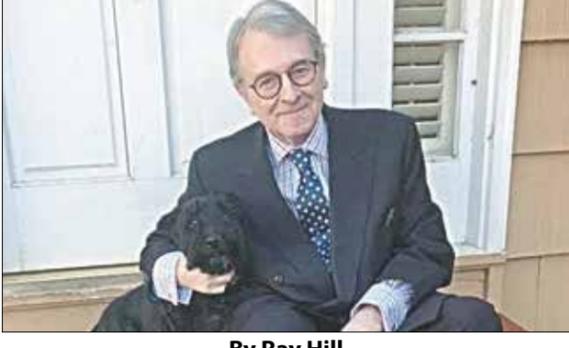
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Pages from the Past



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By 1930, Carroll Reece, congressman from Tennessee's First Congressional District, had served for a decade in the House of Representatives. Reece had defeated an incumbent who had also served for ten years in Congress to win the Republican nomination in 1920 as a thirty-one-year-old veteran of the First World War. Reece had been unopposed inside the Republican primary in 1928 and won a smashing victory in the general election that year.

Brazilla Carroll Reece was one of thirteen children born to John Isaac and Sarah Maples Reece in the old town of Butler, Tennessee. Reece served in the First World War with distinction and emerged as a genuine war hero. Carroll Reece was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart and the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the French government.

Reece challenged incumbent Congressman Sam Sells in the 1920 GOP primary and made a statement that he later regretted, telling voters ten years in Congress should be enough for any man. Ten years later, Reece faced a challenge from Oscar Byrd Lovette, who was the district attorney for the district comprised of Sullivan, Hawkins, Greene and Hamblen counties. There are indications Congressman Reece initially did not take Lovette's challenge seriously, as Lovette had run for Congress previously and drawn few votes throughout the district.

The fact that O. B. Lovette was running in the general election as an Independent in an overwhelmingly Republican district would certainly have caused Carroll Reece to believe he had little chance of losing in November. An additional reason why Congressman Reece may have been overconfident in approaching the general election was Lovette's late entry into the campaign, which followed the withdrawal of Sam W. Price as a candidate. For an unbiased onlooker, there was little reason to believe an Independent candidate could dislodge a well-entrenched incumbent who had represented the district in Congress for a decade.

One issue would materially affect the race and imperil Congressman Carroll Reece's tenure in the U. S. House of Representatives: Muscle Shoals and what later became the Tennessee Valley Authority. In 1928, Congressman Carroll Reece had campaigned for renomination in the Republican primary by stating his belief that Tennessee's future development was

dependent upon increased farm production, which required cheaper fertilizer, which could, in turn, be accomplished by fertilizer production through Muscle Shoals, as well as building more highways and improving school systems. By 1930, Reece's views had come to be better aligned with those of President Herbert Hoover.

Carroll Reece was a formidable candidate and worked hard at his job. Reece and his staff were diligent in their efforts to help residents of Tennessee's First Congressional District, a standard set for constituent service by Senator McKellar and followed in later years by Jimmy Quillen and the Duncans. Reece was also married to Louise Despard Goff, the only child of Guy Goff, a U.S. senator from West Virginia. Senator Goff was quite wealthy and Carroll Reece had used money available to him to invest in banks and property and other enterprises. Reece was well-funded and had a thorough understanding of politics. So did Oscar B. Lovette.

Lovette had attended Tusculum College and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a law degree. Oscar Byrd Lovette had won his first election at twenty-two when he had been elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives. Lovette had been a member of the Greene County Board of Education, as well as Clerk and Master of the Courts in Greene County for eight years and had been elected to serve as district attorney and served in that capacity for fourteen years before running for Congress in 1930.

Sam Price had been a candidate inside the Republican primary and had won 22,188 votes to 25,594 for Congressman Reece. Price had largely campaigned on the single issue of government operation of Muscle Shoals. Sam W. Price had said, "I am in favor of giving every man a fair chance, but surely ten years is time enough for experimenting."

Price had won only three counties out of the twelve which comprised the First Congressional District, but he had run the congressman a close race.

On October 19, 1930, the Kingsport Times carried a story stating O. B. Lovette would shortly announce whether or not he would enter the congressional race. According to the Times, Lovette "has been urged by many Republicans from all counties of the district to enter the race and has also been promised support by several Democratic leaders." The following day, the Knoxville News-Sentinel



Congressman Carroll Reece of Tennessee (left) with former President Herbert Hoover (middle and Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts (right) at the 1948 GOP National Convention in Philadelphia.

carried a story announcing Oscar Byrd Lovette was running for Congress. "I will be a candidate," Lovette said. "Later, probably tomorrow, I will issue a statement as to my views." When asked if Lovette's platform would resemble that of Reece's primary challenger Sam Price, Lovette replied, "Yes, with emphasis on Muscle Shoals and corrupt primaries. I wouldn't be a candidate if I didn't think the primary was corrupt." The call for Lovette to run had occurred the previous Saturday when 200 Republicans visited General Lovette at his home to urge him to run for Congress. Monday, just two days after the delegation had visited him, found the candidate feeling good about his chances.

"I am confident of election," Lovette told a reporter. "In almost a day I have an organization all over the district, using chiefly the organization behind Sam W. Price, whom I supported in the primary election of August 7."

Oscar B. Lovette stressed his support of the government operation of Muscle Shoals and "the immediate building of the Cove Creek dam."

"When the Republican vote in the district is 11,000 more than Hoover's (President Herbert Hoover) vote, there is something wrong," Lovette insisted.

Congressman Reece had infuriated many of his own constituents by taking the side of the Muscle Shoals development, which favored private enterprise, rather than government operation to produce nitrates for farmers. During the hotly contested primary with Sam Price, President Hoover had dispatched a letter clearly intended to help Reece with Republican voters. Hoover wrote, "I hear your opponents are charging you with failure to serve the interests of your constituents because you refused to accept the Senate plan for dealing with Muscle Shoals." The president wrote Reece he believed the House plan would "secure development of this great resource more effectively and more greatly in the interests of Tennessee than would the

Senate plan."

Hoover wrote, "I am assured the Senate plan cannot be passed in the House" and went on to intimate he would veto the bill if it did indeed pass both Houses of Congress. "Nor would I approve" the Senate version because "it is not in the interest of Tennessee or the rest of the nation," Hoover told the congressman. Finally, the president concluded by telling Carroll Reece, "Your course has been the only one that will secure an advancement of this development in the interest of the people of Tennessee." Hoover's letter may have more widely circulated the charge against Reece; the congressman was opposing the Senate plan. Certainly Reece's primary opponent Sam W. Price made the most of it, accusing the president of interfering in a GOP election.

While his candidacy was literally pulled together at the last minute, O. B. Lovette drew a big crowd when he hurried to Rogersville to speak. According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, a crowd "filled the court room, an ante-room, and overflowed out into the hall" at the Hawkins County courthouse. Evidently, the audience liked what it heard, as they cheered the former attorney general who claimed the "power trust" had deliberately delayed the construction of the Cove Creek Dam. O. B. Lovette declared his strong support for the Norris Bill (the forerunner of TVA), "liberal aid for soldiers," as well as relief for farmers and, of course, honest elections.

"The Norris bill is right," Lovette thundered. "The Senate will not recede from it. The House of Representatives passed it once and by some hook or crook or superinfluence, reversed itself." O. B. Lovette then dropped the blame squarely in the lap of Congressman Carroll Reece. "Our Representative, they say, was the key man, and the one who held up and blocked this great development. The people are for Government operation, and the building of Cove Creek Dam, or any other disposition of Muscle Shoals."

"What's the matter?" O. B. Lovette cried. "Why can't we build Cove Creek Dam? The answer is two words: 'Power Trust'."

Congressman Carroll Reece was assailed by Republicans and Democrats alike. The congressman caught hell from former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, publisher of the Raleigh Observer in North Carolina. Speaking in Bayboro, North Carolina, the former secretary pointed the finger of blame directly at the White House for the failure to place Muscle Shoals under governmental operation.

"Next to tariff for revenue," Daniels said, "the biggest issue today is whether the power combination of America shall regulate the government for their enrichment or the government shall be supreme and control for the good of all the people."

Daniels went on to excoriate Hoover for having backed Carroll Reece for renomination to Congress as well as "blocking of the Norris bill in the House," which the former secretary said was defeated by Reece in a House committee.

Reece, an able campaigner, had tried to weaken support for the Norris bill by disparaging the Nebraska senator and "his small group of radicals." Congressman Reece claimed the "entire proposition originated in Red Russia."

Reece pointed out the Communists in Russia spent millions to promote the notion of the government competing with private enterprise. Reece calmly noted the Communist government of V. I. Lenin owned all power plants and farms in the Soviet Union. Reece was quick to remind voters he had introduced the bill to build the Cove Creek Dam in the first place. The congressman also claimed only his bill would guarantee the production of fertilizer. Reece was also insistent Tennessee be held harmless by the federal government, meaning taxable property lost to the state should be re-compensated in some way. Senator Kenneth McKellar, a fiery advocate for producing nitrates

and fertilizer for farm production and a staunch defender of public power, had some of the same concerns. Reece certainly aggravated the powerful senior senator, who had a wide personal following inside the First Congressional District, by accusing McKellar of attempting to socialize the government of the United States "as a means to dispose of Muscle Shoals."

McKellar viewed President Hoover's letter to Reece as proof-positive the congressman favored the private power interests over public power. Nor did McKellar and Reece agree with regard to the Cove Creek Dam. Senator McKellar had tried filibustering in an attempt to remove construction of the Cove Creek Dam from the original legislation.

McKellar said neither of Tennessee's U. S. senators had sought the dam because both realized the federal government could use eminent domain to take the property needed, the size of which amounted to an entire county in Tennessee. When one senator attempted to point out the benefits of the dam would provide, McKellar snapped Tennesseeans did not consent to the seizure of their lands. Senator George W. Norris added the only person who wanted to build the Cove Creek Dam was B. Carroll Reece.

Certainly the dam and, more importantly, the question of public versus private power had become a big issue in the contest between Carroll Reece and Oscar B. Lovette.

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Council tackles Merchant Drive zoning, Sports Authority and Penny Pawn site

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The zoning request for higher density along Merchant Drive was changed by the Knoxville City Council Tuesday at the request of Norwood community homeowners.

Hilton Capital Group, represented by Benjamin C. Mullins, had requested a zoning change from Neighborhood Commercial and Agricultural with Hillside Protection to RN-5, General Residential. The change was not recommended by the planning staff but passed the planning commission in a 13-1 vote. If approved commercial businesses would develop along the front seven acres along Merchant Drive and multi-family dwellings

would take up 21 acres. The back portion of the property is hilly and would not be used.

Councilman Charles Thomas led the move to change the requested zoning to RN-3, which he said is acceptable to the neighborhood. Local homeowners were concerned about an increase in local traffic along the busy connector road, flooding, and the addition of students to nearby schools.

Councilwoman Lynne Fugate recused herself from the vote because she is CEO of the Girl Scout's Council, which sold the property to the developer. The vote was 8-0-1.

Various nominees for the proposed Sports Authority spoke to the council.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Welch said that funding of the Authority will come back to the city and county this fall.

Mayor Indya Kincannon urged approval of the members to "make sure the city's interest is protected."

The Sports Authority nominees were selected by both the city and county mayors and include Richard H. Bass, Joan Cronan, Jeff Hagood, Tim Hill, Alvin Nance, Nikitia Thompson and Rosalyn Tillman.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker asked that a benefit agreement be signed with Boyd Sports before the project moves forward. She was critical of the project "going full steam ahead" and called for more public involvement.

Welch pointed to a \$13.5 million grant promised by the governor which would reduce the amount the Sports Authority would need to borrow.

Councilwoman Lynne Fugate said some answers about the project can't be answered until the Sports Authority is up and running. Welch said the city will have a website soon to answer questions about the project.

Councilwoman Janet Testerman called the nominees a "rock star slate" and the vote was 8-1 to approve the candidates.

A request for a zoning change at the former site of Penny Pawn on Broadway in Fountain City was postponed after Councilman Thomas questioned if



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Tuesday's confusion over whether the Penny Pawn building has or has not been demolished postponed any rezoning decision. Here's a photo of the lot taken on Thursday where the once iconic Fountain City business stood until recently.

the former pawn shop has been demolished.

Thomas is opposing the change that would permit an oil change business to locate there. The change would designate the narrow property as CG-1

and change the set-back requirement.

He said there are several auto service centers along the route and another would add to the clutter and harm workability. The postponement passed 9-0.

Seven arrested at commission meeting

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Well into last week's work session of the Knox County Commission, a couple dozen protesters marched into the meeting and stood in the back of the main auditorium bearing signs with fists raised. One of the signs read "Release the Tape" and, for a few minutes, there was no disturbance.

Then, in the midst of a commission discussion on an agenda item, a siren was heard through a bullhorn and all attention turned to the back of the room as shouts began. Activist Constance Every used the bull horn to shout demands. Rev. Calvin Skinner shouted they were holding a

"peaceful protest" and several of the protesters chimed in.

Every, Skinner, Gavin Gwinn, Kevin Andrews, Mary Winter, Carrie Hooper and Aaron Valentine were forced by officers through the back of the room and outside where they were arrested. The remaining protesters followed and rallied outside next to the assembly room windows and continued to shout their protest.

The disruption came after everyone attending the commission meeting passed through doors with notices posted prohibiting disruption of meetings.

Tuesday morning photos of those arrested were posted on the internet with charges not yet filed.

It's a Crime to Use Profanity in Court?!?!?

Even as a lawyer, I find amusing the lists you come across on the internet occasionally that list funny and random laws. Who knew that it was illegal to shoot deer while riding a tractor in Nebraska (I just made this one up)?



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I recently came across a Tennessee law that falls within that vein. Under Tennessee Code Annotated section 29-9-107, "Any person who profanely

swears or curses in the presence of any court of record commits a Class C misdemeanor." Yikes!

So what does this mean exactly? A Class C misdemeanor is the lowest level of offense in Tennessee that still carries jail time with a maximum sentence possible of 30 days in jail.

The general sessions (some people call these courts small claims) courts and the municipal (traffic) courts are not considered courts of record. But the Circuit, Chancery, and Criminal Courts and every Court above those Courts are considered courts of record.

I have never seen or heard of anyone being charged with this crime, however, it did make me

think if I could get an opposing party to curse on the witness stand, I could whip out this statute and ask that the Judge have the witness arrested. While its fun for me to think about trying to fluster a difficult witness in this way, the likelihood of anyone ever being charged with this crime are well below 1%. It is simply not on anyone's radar as a crime worth prosecuting.

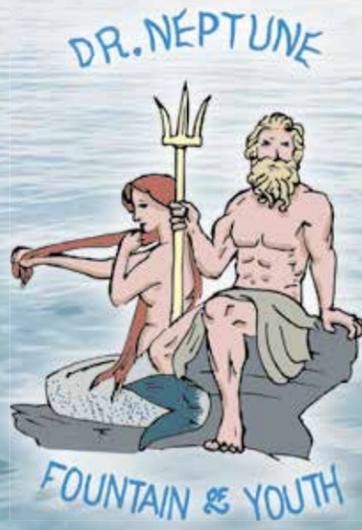
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Farragut stands out among the best in softball

By Steve Williams

Who are the top teams on the local high school softball scene this season?

Right now that answer would have to be Farragut.

Including games through April 22, the Lady Admirals were 21-1 overall. Their lone loss was a 9-8 decision to Wilson Central of Lebanon on March 26 in a tournament at a neutral site.

"So far we are on track to meet our regular season goals in district play (currently 12-0 in District 4-AAA) and working towards post-season play," said Coach Nick Green.

"We have everything as a team: chemistry, depth, hitting (high average, power, slapping), pitching, speed and defense.

"Our expectations are to make the state tournament and compete for the state title after falling one game short of making the state tournament in 2019."

Senior Cameron Young was leading Farragut with a .568 batting average when The Focus took a look at the statistics last week. Ace Strickland, a junior, was close behind in that department at .541 and led the team with 16 stolen bases.

Lauren Brakovec had a team-high five home runs and Avery Flatford was leading the Lady Admirals in the circle with a 10-0 record and 2.80 earned run average.

Farragut's worksheet includes a 17-7 win over



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

Gibbs junior centerfielder Gracie Palmer tracks down a fly ball this season.

Powell, an 8-6 win over Hardin Valley Academy, a 9-5 win over Grace Christian Academy and a 5-0 win over Karns - other local teams which have good chances of making it to this year's Spring Fling and state tourney in Murfreesboro:

GIBBS LADY EAGLES

Traditional power Gibbs (19-7) is a regular in Ruthersford County in May.

Coach Carol Mitchell, who has over 900 career wins, will take her team to Farragut today (April 26) for

a 5:30 non-district showdown. The Class AA Eagles also will host Class AAA Powell Wednesday in another top attraction.

"After playing only three games in March, this team has put together a nice run of games thus far in April," said Mitchell. "We will finish the regular season with a tournament in Cookeville and six non-district games (Farragut, Powell, Alcoa, Jefferson County, Halls and Maryville).

Senior catcher and third baseman Bre Bumgardner

has a .550 BA and five HRs. Shelby Blake, a senior pitcher and shortstop, is hitting .514 with four triples.

"As post-season play begins on May 10, the team looks to rise up to the challenge of the district, region, and substate foes to advance to the state tournament once again."

POWELL LADY PANTHERS

Powell, coached by Jeff Inman, is 24-6 overall and 9-1 atop the District 3-AAA standings. The Panthers are led by Texas A&M signee Cayden Baker, a shortstop and swift offensive player. Cayden's numbers were impressive: .523 BA, nine doubles, three triples, seven home runs and 23 stolen bases.

Her middle infield sidekick, second baseman Hayden Dye, was hitting .494 with 10 doubles and five HRs.

Powell also has a strong 1-2 duo in the circle with seniors Delayna Bryant and Alaina Watson.

In 66.2 innings pitched, Bryant had 116 strikeouts and a 1.47 ERA. Watson had 87 Ks in 62.1 IP and a 2.13 earned run average.

HARDIN VALLEY LADY HAWKS

HVA is 20-7 overall and 10-2 in District 4-AAA.

"We hope to earn one of the top seeds for the district tourney," said Coach Whitney Cruze, whose team has a rematch with Farragut this week. "Our district

is extremely tough with four or five teams with the potential to advance out of the tournament; however, I think our team has a good chance at making a post-season run!

"This team has been a joy to coach. These girls have a lot of heart and have worked hard all season trying to be the strongest possible by tournament time."

Top players for HVA include senior pitcher Denver Hogrefe, who has a 9-4 record and 2.20 ERA.

Gracie Gray, sophomore centerfielder / pitcher, is batting .541, with nine home runs and 42 RBI.

Savanna Beard, senior third baseman, has a .463 batting average and has scored 31 runs.

Junior left fielder Brooke Taylor is batting .570 and has scored 35 runs.

GRACE CHRISTIAN LADY RAMS

Grace Christian Academy, a Division II Class A school, has compiled a 21-5-1 record this season against some of the best teams in Knoxville to prepare for a championship run. The Lady Rams also finished the district with a perfect 12-0 record.

"These young ladies have worked hard to put themselves in a place where they control their own destiny moving forward," said Coach Dewayne Hunt. "We have advanced to the Top 4 teams in our region, which

will allow us to play a state game regardless of the region outcome.

"Our goal is still to secure that Number 1 region spot so we can host all the way to the state championship in Murfreesboro. We are very proud of our five seniors that have led on and off the field. Their leadership with the younger group is what has kept us successful."

GCA has a team batting average of .414. Hailey Brooks leads the way with a .580 average, followed by Ella Brooks at .534 and Caitlin Dixon at .442. Other offensive leaders include Heather LaForce, Jade Barfield and Hunter Troutt.

Hannah Cooper is 20-5-1 in the circle and has shown senior leadership.

"We look forward to continue to find ways to compete with the area's top teams," said Coach Hunt. "It will be great to see just how far this team can go after being off a year. The coaches are proud of each young lady in the way they prepare and play each game, not taking a single moment for granted."

KARNS LADY BEAVERS

Abby McPherson, Taylor Spencer and Alyssa Maples have all done a nice job in the circle for Karns this season, pitching to their defense and keeping the Lady Beavers in ball games, said Coach Craig Webb.

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Halls softball player Bri McMillan honored on Senior Night

By Ken Lay

The Halls High School softball program honored one of its most decorated players early last week. The Lady Devils celebrated the career of Bri McMillan.

McMillan, who was named District 3-AAA Rookie of the year during her freshman campaign with the Lady Devils in 2017 and received all-league honors the following year as a sophomore when Halls reached the Class AAA State Tournament, had her career accomplishments acknowledged before the game.

Halls coach Bryan Gordon lifted the senior shortstop with two outs in the top of the third inning of the Lady Devils 17-0 victory over Oak Ridge Tuesday night, so she could get an ovation

from the fans.

Despite the game being called after three innings due to the TSSAA's 15-run mercy rule, McMillan had a big day before leaving amidst a chorus of cheers from the crowd.

McMillan, a four-year starter for the Lady Devils (10-8-1 overall, 5-5 in District 4-AAA), went 2-for-2 with a double, two runs, a walk and two RBI's in the win.

McMillan, who played third base for the Lady Devils as a freshman and a sophomore before moving to third base for her abbreviated junior season, which was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said that she'll long remember her sophomore season when Halls made it to the Spring Fling in

Murfreesboro.

"I would say that the most fun I had in softball was my sophomore year," said McMillan, who drove in the game's second run when she grounded out to Lady Wildcats' starting pitcher Brooke Rayfield. "That team really came together and just played well."

"That was the year that we went to state."

After she graduates from Halls, McMillan is planning to study to become a mechanic, so her softball career will end, but her place in Lady Devils' softball history is secure and Tuesday night was a bitter-sweet occasion for Halls coach Bryan Gordon.

"She's done it the way that we've wanted her to for four years," Gordon said of McMillan.

"She's been a good one and we hate to see her go."

"I love this one like she's my own."

McMillan's Senior Day ceremonies were only part of a big night for Halls, which had its share of struggles in 2021.

Pitcher Aspen Calloway pitched a no-hitter and struck out seven of the 10 Oak Ridge hitters she faced.

Only Delanie Shipley and Kaylie Gallaher were able to put the ball in play for the Lady Wildcats. Rayfield was Oak Ridge's only baserunner as she drew a leadoff walk in the third.

Calloway also had two hits and drove in three runs for the Lady Devils, who scored 15 runs in the bottom of the second inning.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Halls High softball player Bri McMillan was honored at Senior Night Tuesday. McMillan was District 3-AAA Rookie of the Year as a freshman and was an all-league standout as a sophomore.

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Moles credits field event coach for her success rate

By Steve Williams

Kendall Moles, a newcomer to the field event scene this season, gives a lot of credit for her success in the discus and shot put events to her coach Sarah Gangloff.

The Halls High assistant has had a lot to do with the junior's rapid improvement.

"Me and my coach have been working hard at both events, and so I think with me being able to get the technique down, that's helped a lot," said Moles, who currently owns the top marks in both the discus and shot put on the local scene.

"And then the gym has just become my best friend," added Moles. "That helps quite a bit, working the muscles. I do a lot of shoulder and back workouts. That's what the shot put requires. And I work my legs a lot, because the legs are key in both events."

Through the regular season, Moles has increased her marks just about every time she has competed. As of April 22, her top throw in the discus was 111 feet, 10 inches. And she had tossed the shot 38 feet, one-half inch.

Kendall told her head coach, Tony Tampas, at the recent



Field event standout Kendall Moles and Halls Head Coach Tony Tampas chat at the Battle of Emory Road Track Meet April 13.

Battle of Emory Road Track Meet she wanted to get to 40 feet.

Maybe that will come for Moles in the annual Knoxville Interscholastic League meet on May 3 at Hardin Valley Academy, if not before.

However, it wasn't at all easy when she started.

"When I first came out here it was a struggle just pushing past 80 feet," she recalled. "But I came out here all during my spring break and I put in a lot of effort. And it looks like it is paying off quite well."

As for Gangloff, who once held the Halls school records in the two events that Moles now owns, "She's played a huge role in my success rate because she's always pushing me to try new things and work myself past what I want to work," said Kendall.

Although Moles has mentioned wanting to get to 40 feet in the shot put, she says, "Right now I'm just trying to get better throughout. Next year I want to start setting bigger goals, but for right now I'm still in that learning curve. And



In her first season competing in track and field, Powell's Cassidy Hill quickly posted the top mark (5-2) among local competitors in the high jump event.

so I'm just getting better with every meet."

And loving her new sport too, she said.

CASSIDY HILL, a Powell junior and another newcomer this year in track and field, quickly set the top local mark in the high jump at 5-2 in Powell Meet No. 2 on April 8.

BROOKE TAYLOR, a junior at Hardin Valley, is the only local girls' athlete who currently owns a top ranking in the state. Brooke went 37 feet, 1½ inches in the triple jump at The Maryville Invitational April 10.

2021 TOP LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD TIMES, MARKS (Through April 22) GIRLS

Track Events			
100:	Dominique Romain (HVA sr.)	1 2 . 2 4	
200:	Dominique Romain (HVA sr.)	2 5 . 4 2	
400:	Olivia Rodgers (CAK sr.)	1 : 0 0 . 2 5	

Distance Events			
800:	Lexi Foley (Farragut jr.)	2 : 2 2 . 6 5	
1600:	Camryn Johnson (Farragut jr.)	5 : 1 2 . 8 8	
3200:	Anna Graves (Webb fr.)	1 1 : 1 8 . 6 9	

Hurdles Events			
100:	Brianna Baker (GCA soph.)	1 5 . 7 2	
300:	Madison Romain (HVA jr.)	4 7 . 1 5	

Relay Events			
4x100:	Hardin Valley	4 9 . 1 0	
4x200:	Hardin Valley	1 : 4 6 . 0 6	
4x400:	Farragut	4 : 1 1 . 1 7	
4x800:	Farragut	9 : 4 6 . 7 0	

Field Events			
High Jump:	Cassidy Hill (Powell jr.)	5 2	
Long Jump:	Sidnee Stanton (HVA jr.)	18-5¼	
Triple Jump:	Brooke Taylor (HVA jr.)	37-1½	
Pole Vault:	Samantha Harvey (Farragut soph.)	10-6	
Discus:	Kendall Moles (Halls jr.)	111-10	
Shot Put:	Kendall Moles (Halls)	38-0½	

Admirals in the hunt for another baseball title

By Ken Lay

As the 2021 high school baseball season enters its home stretch Farragut High School is looking to go on a deep postseason run and possibly defend its 2019 Class AAA State Championship.

The Admirals (25-2 overall, 11-1 in District 4-AAA) picked up three district wins last week at John Heatherly Field, outlasting Bearden 4-1 on Monday, April 19, routing Lenoir City 8-2 on Tuesday and edging William Blount Wednesday night.

Farragut, which hosted Greeneville Friday in a non-district game (results were unavailable at press time), will host league rival Hardin Valley Academy today. The Admirals will look to avenge their lone league loss of the season.

First pitch is slated for 6:30 p.m. at John Heatherly Field with first place and a possible regular-season title hanging in the balance.

The Admirals dropped that contest 13-12 after blowing a 9-0 lead against the Hawks. Farragut committed eight errors in the game and had a big advantage heading into the bottom of the seventh.

The Admirals opened the week with a 4-1 victory over the Bulldogs, their Kingston Pike rivals. Farragut fell behind 1-0 as Bearden freshman Brooks Wright, a University of Tennessee commitment, hit a solo home run in the top of the second.

After surrendering the homer, Farragut junior pitcher Jaxson Pease retired 17 of the last 19 batters he faced. He had just



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Hunter Merrick and the Farragut Admirals will look to avenge their lone District 4-AAA loss when they host Hardin Valley today at John Heatherly Field.

one walk, gave up four hits and posted nine strikeouts.

Bryce Burkey had a two-run single in the fifth to give the Admirals a 2-1 lead. He drove in another run with a single in the sixth and Parker Evans drove in another run with a hit in the frame.

Farragut missed some early chances but came up with some clutch hits late.

"We had some opportunities early but we didn't get it done," Admirals' coach Matt Buckner said. "But lately, we had some senior leaders like Burkey, Parker Evans and Tanner Kim step up for us."

"Burkey is having a great year."

Farragut got one of its top players back Tuesday night as senior and Tennessee signee Angus Pence pitched two innings in a win over Lenoir City.

He gave up two runs, four hits and a walk while striking out four Panthers.

Against the Governors on Wednesday, Pence, who was injured in Farragut's loss to HVA on April 6, went 2-for-3 with two RBI's and a run scored.

Berean Christian nets first victory in tennis



By Steve Williams

Berean Christian has won its first tennis match in school history.

The Lady Eagles defeated Samuel Everett School of Innovation 4-3 at John Sevier Park in Maryville on April 22.

Breanna Edington, Raygan Robertson and Maddie Dyer won their singles matches and Edington and Robertson won their doubles match to provide the winning margin.

The Berean boys "fought hard" but lost 9-0, said Coach Olivia Blaylock.

Rutherford County to host Spring Fling again

After last year's cancellation due to COVID-19, Rutherford County will once again host Spring Fling in 2021.

Spring Fling is the TSSAA's unique spring sports championship event, where state championships are decided in seven different sports over a four-day period.

Spring Fling will be held from Tuesday, May 25 through Friday, May 28. Track and field and baseball events which have normally

been held on the campus of MTSU will be moved to new sites this year due to the

university's capacity limits.

The Track & Field State Championships will be held at Rockvale High School and baseball championship games will be played at high school sites that are currently scheduled to host quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

Catholic hopes to name football coach this week

Knoxville Catholic is hoping to announce a new head football coach this week.

"We do not have a coach yet," said Catholic Athletic Director Jason Surlas last week. "We are interviewing candidates and hope to have an announcement no later than (this) week."

Surlas added the school had not named an interim coach and doesn't intend to.

As far as spring football practice for the Fighting Irish, Surlas said: "Our hope is we have a coach (this) week and he will decide when to hold spring practice. If for some reason we do not have our guy (this) week, it is possible we hold spring practice with our assistant coaches splitting up duties."

Knoxville Catholic suspended its football coach, Steve Matthews, after Knoxville police arrested him on drunken driving and drug charges late at night on April 1. Matthews resigned as Catholic's coach, the school announced in a news release April 5.



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

Knoxville Catholic freshman William Ainsworth and a McMinn County player both appear to come in contact with the soccer ball on this play in Tuesday's home match for the Irishmen. Call it a double-header. Catholic won, 4-0.

Matthews, 50, coached at Catholic for eight seasons, winning two state championships.

"We are grateful for the years of service that Steve has given Knoxville Catholic High School," school president Dickie Sompayrac said in a statement announcing the resignation. "He's a championship caliber coach and we regret that his tenure at KCHS has ended this way. We respect Steve's decision and we will pray for him and his family as he moves ahead."

Preps of the past

Fifteen years ago, on April 26, 2006: Bearden's boys clinched the District 4-AAA regular-season tennis title with a 5-1 victory over Farragut, while Farragut's girls moved a win closer to the district crown with a 4-0 victory over Bearden at Tyson Park.

Bearden got singles wins from freshman Taylor Patrick, Chris Aker and Ben Rahnama, and also from Hunter Maltsberger, who plays No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles with Patrick.

The Lady Admirals won all three doubles matches and Sarah Godfrey prevailed at No. 3 in the only singles match completed before a thunderstorm cancelled remaining play.

Bearden, which was behind on two courts, conceded the loss.

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A continuous hub of activity

A great many interesting things go on in the visiting team's locker room area after the game is over.

By Tom Mattingly

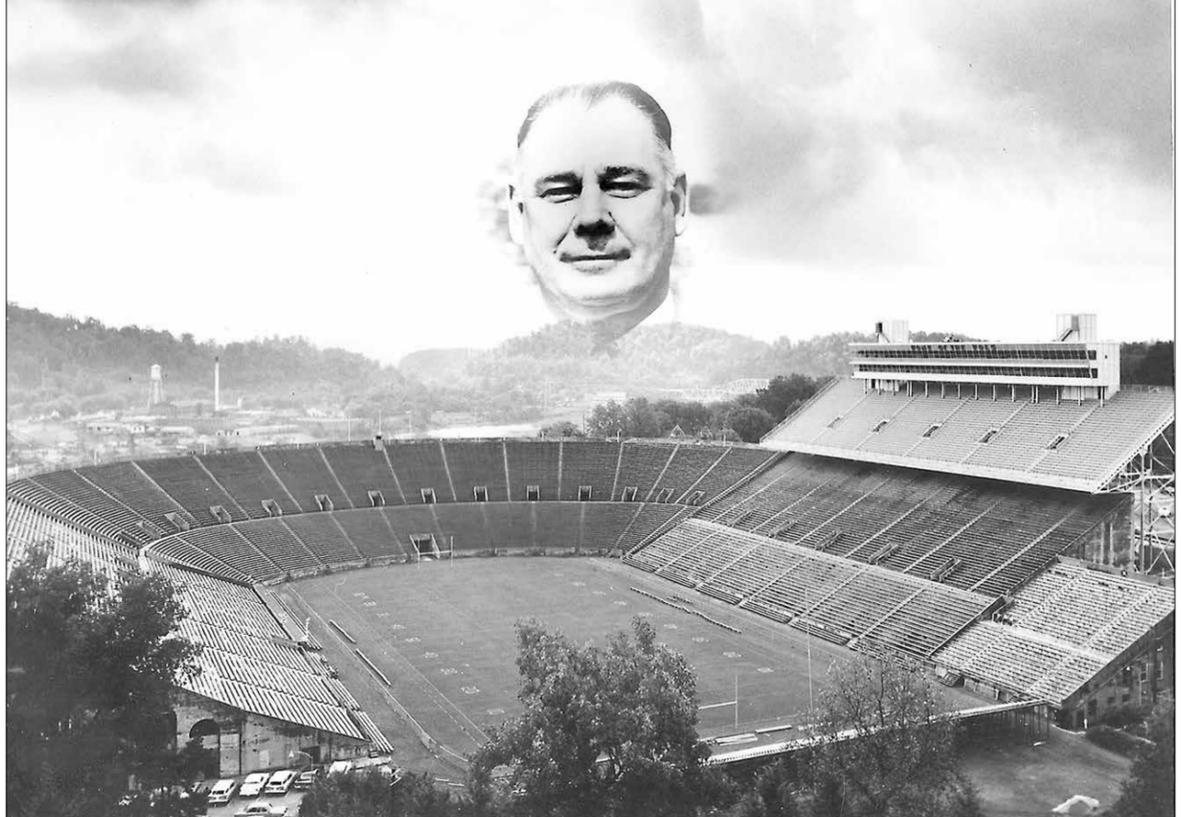
Tennessee fans see visiting teams trot onto the field to a scattered chorus of boos, but that's just part of the story. There's drama underneath the south end zone few people get to witness.

The visiting team area dates to the 1948 expansion at Neyland Stadium's south end, the river end, with a couple of additions, including an expanded media room, in the more than 70 years since. The area is sparse, but functional, a continuous hub of activity after the game.

The narrow corridor is crowded, as more than 100 players, coaches, and athletic training staff move in and out of the dressing and media interview rooms.

There is the sound of cleats on carpet laid over concrete. There is the uniquely football sight and smell of blood, sweat, and grass stain. Icepacks are provided for sore joints, and there are slings, crutches, and bandages for wounded appendages. Trainers dole out pills of one kind or another, making notes as to who received what.

Players grumble to themselves over missed tackles, dropped passes, and bad calls. If the opponent was



Visiting teams enter Neyland Stadium and Shields-Watkins Field through Gate 7 and a tunnel in the south end zone. This picture was taken shortly after the 1962 west side expansion and completion of a new press box. Photo courtesy of the University of Tennessee Sports Information Office.

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, or Vanderbilt, there were often verbal tirades directed their way by "fans" exiting the stadium through a maze of ramps overlooking the area.

It was always a shock when the door from the dressing room opened, and coaches such as Steve Spurrier or Mark Richt strode into the media room. Spurrier always had a one-liner at the ready, something about "God looking after the Gators," particularly after the finish of the 2000 game. (One media cynic

said afterwards it wasn't really the Almighty who had aided Florida. It was the SEC official who ruled Jabar Gaffney had actually caught the game winning TD pass at the north end.)

On the other hand, Richt was generally more restrained, considering every word, speaking in measured, "coach speak" type tones. Media reps generally got better "copy" from Spurrier, whether he was at Duke, Florida, or South Carolina.

After the 1990 Notre Dame game, Lou Holtz

talked to Dick Vitale and Regis Philbin in the tunnel before doing his post-game interview. A gaggle of priests greeted Fighting Irish players as they entered the dressing room.

After the 2001 South Carolina game, when there was a malfunction with the clock, Holtz told the media how easy it was to keep the time: "One thousand one, one thousand two," he said.

Two years before, when a paratrooper delivered the game ball to midfield, Holtz reminded everyone listening that he had also jumped out

of a plane, one of the 100 or so things on his adult life to-do list. That list included eating dinner at the White House, being head coach at Notre Dame, and winning a national championship.

UNLV head coach John Robinson was holding court after his team lost in the 2004 season opener. In the midst of his remarks, Anthony Munoz, one of his former players at USC, tried to "ease into" the room, as if someone his size (6-6, 280 pounds) could do so. After seeing him, Robinson told the media, "There's the

greatest offensive lineman ever to play this game." Occasionally, coaches' comments were more for local media consumption. In 1999, when Memphis lost a 17-16 decision, Rip Scherer, the only Memphis coach to defeat Tennessee (21-17 in 1996), tore into Tiger beat writers for doubting the courage and character of his team in their game analyses earlier in the week.

Then there was 2002, when Alabama dispatched the Vols 34-14. Tide coach Dennis Franchione did his interview perfunctorily, looking very much like the loneliest man in Neyland Stadium. I later found out he had been making plans to get out of Tuscaloosa, headed to College Station, Texas.

Kentucky coach Guy Morriss' post-game comments after the 2002 game were impressive. The game with the Vols, a 24-0 Tennessee victory, had come weeks after a real downer for the Wildcat program. That was the so-called "Blue Grass Miracle," when Morriss was doused with Gatorade befitting a Wildcat victory seconds before LSU completed a 74-yard "Hail Mary" pass to steal the decision. A few days after the game, however, he left Lexington to become head coach at Baylor.

There was never a dull moment under the south end after the game. The Vol Network is not likely to make a video of great moments in the visitors' area, but that should not diminish in the least what goes on there.

John Fulkerson Returning to Tennessee

By Mark Nagi

Over the past few seasons of Tennessee men's basketball, John Fulkerson has been one of the Vols' most popular and effective players.

The 6'9" forward from Kingsport has averaged 16.6 points and 3.9 assists per game in his five years in the program. In 2019-2020, Fulkerson was at his best, with 13.7 points and 5.9 rebounds a contest. And while he took a bit of a step back in 2020-2021, Tennessee got a big boost when Fulkerson announced that he would return to UT for a sixth and final season.

"There was a lot that was going through my head and really I was just weighing out my options to see what the best decision was for me and just making sure that I

was going to make the right decision for myself," Fulkerson recently told reporters.

"After a lot of prayer and consideration and talking with my parents, talking with some mentors and people I really look up to, I decided to come back. It wasn't really all about me personally, but really for me to help this team that we're going to have next year, and to mentor some of the guys coming in. I really think that this team is going to be special and we can really accomplish something."

It's no secret that there has been a lot of turnover on that roster. Fulkerson sees himself playing a role in that transition. "I've played for coach (Rick) Barnes for a while now, and I think that I know what he's wanting and I know his system and I think that it's great to have a voice

out there that can help the guys," said Fulkerson.

One reason why Fulkerson is coming back is that he didn't want to leave under some rough circumstances. He was knocked out of the SEC tournament after taking two separate hits to the head in the victory over Florida.

Fulkerson's 2020-2021 season was slumping in part because he was diagnosed with COVID-19 during the campaign. "I think that COVID affected a lot more than my play," he said. "COVID affected a lot of people and a lot of different programs, and I think it can go as far as having the fans in the arenas affected a lot of different programs, people, and players... Not only for me, but for every team out there, COVID affected them, whether they

had it or not personally as far as their stamina, their conditioning, the energy, and things like that. I think all around it affected this whole program and that's what makes me so excited for next year is it to be more of a normal year."

The fact that Fulkerson is returning for a sixth season is quite rare. The NCAA allowed those student-athletes affected by the pandemic to get that extra year of eligibility if they wanted it.

"Whenever this rule for eligibility came out about staying one more year and this year not counting, I was actually quarantined, and coach Barnes called me with one of our assistants and asked me if I was coming back. I said, 'no I've been here long enough, and this is going to be a great year.' I did not think for a single second

that I would come back or that I was going to return, but then at the end of the season with all the factors that played in, I guess that was the complete change of events."

For now, Fulkerson can center his attention on showing that last season wasn't the norm, as he attempts to return to the Fuly fans have come to love.

"I think that it starts in practice and my everyday

work," said Fulkerson. "I think a lot of it is on the mental side and just getting mentally prepared. That you've got to play your best and work your hardest every single day because teams are going to continually get better. Individuals are continually going to get better. I think that you have to approach it to where you tell yourself, you have to continue to get better."

Farragut stands out among the best in softball

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Karns also picked up at least one win against every district opponent it faced in the regular season, noted Webb.

Karns is 10-10 overall and 8-3 in District 3-AAA.

"We have a team full of talented players that have contributed to our success," he added.

Those who have stood out consistently on offense and defense are Hanna Bogoski (junior outfield / catcher), Anna Kate Reichter (junior outfield / shortstop), Elizabeth Breeden (junior outfielder) and Shelby Armstrong (sophomore shortstop).

Consistent play every night will be needed if Karns makes noise in post-season play.

"The talent and ability is there," said Coach Webb.

"These kids have worked hard and battled. If we can stay healthy and have them

all available, I believe it's going to be an exciting turning point for our program

and this team once tournament time begins."

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Advantageous Irish edge Hardin Valley 8-6

By Ken Lay

An opportunistic Catholic High School baseball team made Hardin Valley pay for its mistakes late last week.

The Irish had a big fifth inning as they took advantage of two errors, a wild pitch and a hit batter to score five runs in the frame of their 8-6 victory Thursday night at Gaylor Field.

"Hardin Valley is a good team and they're well-coached," Catholic coach Caleb Moore said. "Any time you can win a game against that program, you've done something because they're such a good team."

"Up until this week, we've been hitting the ball pretty well and today, we hit the ball well and we hit the ball hard. We had a couple of things go our way. And that's baseball."

The Irish's fifth-inning rally started when designated hitter Emery Wright was hit by a pitch to lead off the frame. Landon Lutterman singled and Wright advanced to second. He would eventually take third on a wild pitch. He would score when Hudson Lutterman reached on an error. Catholic, which entered the inning facing a 4-2 deficit, picked up another run as Loudon Lutterman came home when Ben Sompayrac rapped into a double play.

Adam Osborn then delivered an RBI single. He scored on a triple by Miller Spence. Spence scored on the play with the help of an HVA error to give the Irish a 7-4 lead.

Catholic (14-12) may have prevailed in the game, but the Irish had to claw their way back into things after falling behind.

Catholic scored in the bottom of the first as Spencer Margolis led off with a single. He stole second and advanced to third on a single by Wright. Margolis came home when Landon Lutterman lifted a sacrifice fly to right field to make it 1-0.

The Hawks (21-4) came

up with three runs in the top of the second as Jaylen Jones came up with a two-run double and was later plated by a single by designated hitter Brycen Denton to give the visitors a 3-1 lead.

The Irish pulled to win 3-2 when Margolis, who went 2-for-4 and scored two runs, came in when Wright reached on an error.

HVA added a run to make it 4-2 when Logan Ozias doubled and later scored on a wild pitch by Catholic starter Ian Hubbard.

Sompayrac entered to pitch later in the frame and retired Archer Wong-Shasteen to end the inning.

Then, things came undone for the Hawks, who committed five errors in the contest.

An RBI single by Nate Breeden made the score 8-4 in the sixth and HVA coach Tyler Roach was ejected from the game, adding insult to injury for the Hawks.

The Hawks came up with two runs in the seventh, with the help of two Irish miscues. Wong-Shasteen doubled and scored. Carson Hoffmeister reached on an error and later scored before Landon Lutterman slammed the door to record the save.

Moore said that he was pleased with his squad's relief pitchers against the Hawks.

"Ben and Landon did a good job today and our relief pitching has kind of been an Achilles Heel for us," he said.

HVA assistant coach David Dillon said that the Hawks had some uncharacteristic mistakes against Catholic.

"We just didn't come to play today," said Dillon, who ran the team after Roach was thrown out. "We made some mental mistakes today that we don't usually make."

"We hit the ball hard today, but when we did, we hit it right at them."

Sutton continues home run streak

By Steve Williams

Powell High baseball may not have the reputation that 10-time state champion Farragut has, but second-year Coach Josh Warner likes his team and its chances if the Panthers reach the Region 2-AAA tournament this season.

"I thought we were going to have a chance to be pretty good, but they've exceeded my expectations a little bit," said Warner last week after a practice session instead of a game against Campbell County, which had to forfeit for COVID reasons.

That left Powell with a 12-0 record in District 3-AAA and a firm grip on first place. The Panthers complete regular season district play today (April 26) at home against Halls and Tuesday at the Red Devils' diamond.

Powell edged Sevier County 9-8 Thursday to boost its overall record to 21-3. Its only losses have come against Heritage, Lincoln County and Tennessee High.

"Pitching has been really good all season long," said Coach Warner. "We've been pretty steady in the three phases of the game and obviously that's hitting, pitching and defense."

"We've been really good offensively for the past two weeks and we're hoping to be able to continue to swing it like that going into the post-season. Shoot, we're



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Powell's Logan Sutton hit a home run in a sixth consecutive game in the Panthers' 9-8 comeback win over Sevier County last week. Regarding his streak, Sutton said: "It's pretty cool, but you just have to forget about the last at-bat and move on to the next one and that's how you keep the streak going."

just two weeks away from that."

One player in particular has been on fire for Powell. That's veteran senior Logan Sutton, who extended his streak to a home run in six straight games with a blast against the Smoky Bears.

The 6-1, 205-pound Sutton, an East Tennessee State signee, plays third base and hits third in the batting order. He's been a starter for the Panthers since he was a freshman.

"Logan gets a lot of publicity and he's a great player and one of the better players I've had a chance to coach," said Warner.

"We've got some guys that have gone unnoticed and Coltin Reynolds is one of them. He's our big senior lefthander and No. 1 pitcher. He comes from a military family, so he is a no nonsense guy."

Reynolds is a Walters State signee and his pitching sidekick Ben Scott, a senior righthander, has

signed with Roane State.

"Ben is another player that a lot of people don't know about," said Warner. "He's 6-0 with a 0.44 ERA."

Behind the plate for Powell is Logan Poteet, a junior catcher and Vanderbilt commit.

"He's a big-time player and a guy that pitchers love throwing to," said the Powell skipper. "He does such a great job back there and he's hitting almost .400 this year and has gotten pretty hot here lately."

Elsewhere, Brayden Evans is a junior shortstop and hits leadoff.

"He probably doesn't weigh 130 pounds soaking wet," said Warner. "He's a table setter and a tough kid."

Senior second baseman Xander Willard bats in the No. 5 spot and is hitting .431 this year.

Centerfielder Tyler Emert is another junior and a "speedy guy" who hits down in the bottom of the

batting order, said Warner.

"Tyler is hitting about .290 with an on-base percentage of almost .500. As a defender with his speed, he's probably as good as there is in our conference."

Senior right fielder Parker Haley made an immediate impact on the team this season and was hitting .320 before getting hurt about two weeks ago, noted Coach Warner.

"He had surgery and a plate put in his hand. We know he's not going to be able to hit, but we hope we get him back for defense."

In left field for the Panthers is sophomore Bryce Burkhart, who also is 3-1 on the mound. "He's going to be a high level player here at Powell," said Warner.

The Panthers' second-year coach feels good about this team.

"They've really bought into what we are trying to do here," he said. "They've worked hard every single day and we've been fortunate to have a good season so far. Now we're hoping if we match up with one of those (District 4-AAA) teams over there that we can do what we need to do to win."

But first things first, and that will start with a double-elimination District 3-AAA tourney that will include two pods. The two pod winners will play one game for the district title.

Central is in second place in the District 3-AAA standings.

NOTABLES FROM KNOXVILLE



CYLK COZART

With 30 films and more than 20 television shows to his credit, over 75 million viewers in the United States alone have seen Cylk Cozart's work. But, for Cozart, it is his love of children and helping others less fortunate that led him to Hollywood and what continues

to underscore his reason for being in show business. Cylk Cozart's wide range of talents as an actor, producer, writer, singer, model and songwriter have made him one of Hollywood's most sought after artists. Cozart has an impressive list of film credits to his name that have garnered well over a half a billion dollars at the box office.

Born in Knoxville, Tennessee, to a Native American mother and an African-American father, Cylk was given the fuel he needed to fulfill his life-long dream. A natural athlete, Cozart excelled at sports in high school playing on both the basketball and football teams. Graduating with high marks and outstanding athletic skill, he was offered numerous basketball and football scholarships to colleges across the country. He chose King College in Bristol, Tennessee, where he majored in child psychology. After college, Cozart pursued his goal of playing professional basketball, but a foot injury while playing in the NBA Summer Pro League ended his dream.

Cylk, who cares for his mother in Knoxville, has been busy recently producing "Ball of Confusion" a history of basketball. The documentary has been showing at film festivals and follows the global impact of the sport.

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

Lost in Modernity

There will come soft rains and the smell of ground, and swallows circling with their shimmering sound... Sara Teasdale

These days I often find myself button challenged. Last week's column header was a quote from the opening lines of "A Tale of Two Cities," where Charles Dickens notes "It was the best of times and it was the worst of times." I feel the same about the devices we use to stay informed, up to date and connected.

Historians often look back and label an epoch or period by its zeitgeist. An example is the Enlightenment or the Middle Ages. I am sure our epoch will be labeled the information age.

We live in unique times where access to information - and disinformation - is unprecedented in

mankind's history. In times past we gathered information through hearing the spoken word. Later, the written word became pre-eminent. Now we have the visual mediums of movies and television. And soon we will have virtual experiences and learning.

Bill Murray once starred in a less than stellar movie called "Lost in Translation." Sometimes I feel lost in modernity trying to get my devices or gizmos to work. A device is defined as a "piece of equipment designed to serve a special purpose or perform a special function." In other words, a device is a tool. I write on my laptop device or navigate visual media on my smart TV device. But I also write on my iPhone device which additionally serves as a phone, and a connection to the World Wide Web of information.

The GPS function on my iPhone has even helped this physician with a poor sense of direction find a patient's home for a house call. So, our devices often have multiple purposes and functions. Perhaps Mr. Webster should update his definition of a device.

All this tech is well and fine as long as you can find the right button to make the darn thing work. Becky and I were recently challenged by our devices.

We are taking a driving trip to the Land Between the Lakes as part of my fourth and final essay on our beautiful Tennessee River. The first essay was on the confluence of the Holston and French Broad Rivers to form the Tennessee just above Knoxville (Forks of the River). Then, I wrote another essay about The Tennessee River Gorge in Chattanooga. The third installment of the series included the Mussel Shoals area and the Tom Bigbee waterway.

On our trip we wanted to play an educational CD, but like most new cars, ours does not have a CD player. I guess people just stream "their" music and podcasts. We purchased a device which runs on the Bluetooth Wi-Fi system of the car. However, despite

heroic efforts we were unable to get the device to work. Fortunately, Becky's "new best friend" and tech savvy Riley at Toyota of Knoxville helped her locate the right buttons. No man can resist a beautiful woman's request for help!

A similar issue arose for me when I tried to access the Knox Focus webpage on my iPhone. It is well known that Microsoft systems and Apple platforms don't always work together. (We were also told that electronic medical records would allow our health records to follow us as needed. That was and remains a lie.) I am not beautiful like Ms. Becky, but I can be pleasant and the lovely Ms. Lisa at The Focus helped me find the right button on my iPhone and solved the problem.

But the top device story goes to a friend of my sister-in-law with a home vacuuming device. Interestingly, the tech savvy friend can monitor his vacuum device on his smartphone. Recently, while at work he got a message from his vacuum cleaner that said, "I'm lost." No, the vacuum cleaner had not escaped the house and gotten lost in the neighborhood. It was more mundane than that. The tech guy turned

on his home camera and discovered the poor thing had run out of "gas" a few feet from its charging station and could not articulate the correct message.

I was interested in the story beyond the obvious because my science fiction novel focuses on issues of communication. And like the android Data of Star Trek fame, the non-humans in my novel do not use contractions in speech, but the vacuum cleaner did! Becky refers to me as the "king of contractions" in my essays. I find contractions more like our speech and less stilted.

Actually, I love my iPhone which is the remedy for my curiosity. I realize there is a price to pay for access to the world wide web of information. I have chosen to surrender some of my freedom/privacy for the benefits my smartphone affords me. Apple and the other Tech Lords know where I am, what I watch on TV, what I buy and who we connect with because of our devices. The books "The Age of Surveillance Capitalism" and "Zucked," as well as the documentary "The Social Dilemma," speak to the risks of tech. Some just ignore the risks and blindly trust the "untrustworthy." Some "go dark" by exiting all electronic connections

and footprints. Others accept some risk, but are very cautious.

The title of the short story by Ray Bradbury called "There Will Come Soft Rains" came from the poem by Sara Teasdale. The story describes the "Aware Home" and is available online and is a must read. I know people who have many aspects of their home connected to the internet. Examples are Alexa, Ring Security Camera and Nest. I'm more cautious. I turn off my laptop computer and close the folding top when not in use because one day I walked past my study and the camera light was on when the top was open, despite a blank screen.

While I take precautions against Peeping Toms, I accept the harvesting of data about me by my smart TV. And while I don't have an Alexa device, Siri on my iPhone is always listening for my summons, "Hey Siri."

In fact, this AI facsimile may be more real than we think. In responding to one of my recent queries, Siri actually choked while answering me! Poor thing. But being a Southerner perhaps I should say, "Bless her heart."

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

Purposing to Do What is Right

When you look at the prophet Daniel's life, you realize that



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

God has been preparing Daniel behind the scenes for many years. It began as a child growing up in a home that must have loved him. It was not an accident that Daniel and his three friends

were selected to serve in the king's court. God is always more concerned about the person He is training than He is about the work His student will do. God gets excited about who a person is. God was preparing Daniel for a time when he would not be in a comfortable and safe situation.

God knew Daniel would be tested as he was taken into captivity as a teenager to the foreign pagan nation of Babylon. "But Daniel resolved not

to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way" (Daniel 1:8). Immediately, Daniel's faith is put to the test. Daniel said, "No, I can't do this. I will not do what God forbids me to do." He knew the Book of the Law and he would not violate the Word of God.

This example shows the power of one choice. He could have chosen to eat the defiled food, and likely we would never have heard of Daniel's name. But instead, he chose not to eat the defiled food and everything that follows in this book hinges upon the fact that Daniel purposed in his heart to do what was right.

Life brings some pretty tough choices. It will take courage to say yes to some things and no to others. We say yes to the things of God, and no to the things that would not represent God. God wants conviction, not compromise. Our world needs some committed men and women,

committed teens and children to stand up and say, "I am going to be like Daniel. I will stand for God. I will not compromise." This may bring trouble to your life, but God will be with you.

"Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel" (Daniel 1:9). Notice how God is at work. God gave Daniel favor with important people. Daniel needed to have his special diet approved, and he had a new friend in high places to help him. A life with no compromise results in courage. When you take the initial stand and draw the line, it gives you strength and fortitude. The next step is not as hard as the first.

From what we can tell, Daniel lived a godly life in the Babylonian palace for more than seventy years. "And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus" (Daniel 1:21). Nebuchadnezzar came and went. Belshazzar came and went. Darius came and went. And now Cyrus is King. Through all of these changes in

the palace there was one consistent thing - Daniel's presence. He was never replaced, kicked out of office, or fired. He was retained for the next administration. That tells you something about his character and influence.

Daniel was in a culture that stood against God, yet he stood consistently for God. In fact, Daniel is one of the few people we read about in the Old Testament whom we have no report of any wrongdoing. His enemies tried, unsuccessfully, to find something wrong about him so they could expose him. The only way they thought they could get Daniel to mess up was to find something in his religion to get him in trouble (Daniel 6:4-5). What if we were to be like Daniel and say, "No matter the cost or what people may say, I am going to purpose to do what is right." Someone like that is full of courage and the Holy Spirit.



Celebration of Life of Earl Stowers

Come and be a part of the celebration of life for Earl Stowers on May 15 at 2 p.m. at Cedar Ford Baptist Church in Luttrell, Tennessee.

Everyone is Welcome!!

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SARAH ELIZABETH MARSHALL IN RE: MARK LELAND MARSHALL v. SARAH ELIZABETH MARSHALL NO. 201156-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause appearing from the verified complaint filed the Defendant, SARAH ELIZABETH MARSHALL, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be located upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SARAH ELIZABETH MARSHALL.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with J. Christian Stadler, III an Attorney whose address is, 9111 Cross Park Dr. Building E, Suite 290 Knoxville, TN 37923 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. in 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 14th day of April 2021.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

No. 2020-CV-26253-1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE JESSIE CATLYN HARRIS, PLAINTIFF, v. WILLIAM CHANDLER RAMSEY, DEFENDANT. ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION.
This matter came to be reviewed April 5, 2021. Wherein the Court finds good cause to order Service by Publication, the following shall be published four consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper of general circulation in Defendant's locale.

SO ORDERED:
TO: WILLIAM CHANDLER RAMSEY
In this cause, it appearing from the Petition that you a non-resident of the State of Tennessee or that your whereabouts are unknown to Petitioner so that ordinary process of law cannot be served, you are hereby notified that you are required to file with the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Tennessee, your defense to the Petition filed against you in said cause, serving a true and correct copy of same on Aaron J. Chapman, Attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 1175,

Morristown, Tennessee 37816. In case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. This notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks and your answer must be filed within thirty (30) days after the last date of publication or a default judgment will be taken against you for the relief prayed for in the Petition. This 5th day of April, 2021.

JUDGE CARTER MOORE

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CHRISTOPHER WARREN COPNEY. IN RE: AMINA NADINE COPNEY D.O.B. 3/26/2016 NO. 201612-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In This Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant

CHRISTOPHER WARREN COPNEY 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 CHRISTOPHER WARREN COPNEY it is ordered that said defendant CHRISTOPHER WARREN COPNEY file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Abigail E. Ruiz, an Attorneys whose address is, 5301 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37919, 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 Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. 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 16th day of April 2021.

NOTICE AND SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF RICHLAND, IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; 21-DR-40-0460

Kelsi Lauren Guinn vs. Dakota Jack Hugh Guinn

TO: THE DEFENDANT, DAKOTA JACK HUGH GUINN, ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber at his office, 1331 Laurel Street, Post Office Box 7335, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Plaintiff within the time period aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

KENNETH M. MATHEWS ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

NOTICE

TO: THE DEFENDANT, DAKOTA JACK HUGH GUINN, ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That the Summons in the above-entitled action in which the foregoing is a copy, together with the Complaint, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County on the 23rd day of February, 2021.

KENNETH M. MATHEWS ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOEMITCHELL CLARK LUMPKINS IN RE: TRISTAN BELLE LUMPKINS NO. 202124-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOEMITCHELL CLARK LUMPKINS 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 JOEMITCHELL CLARK LUMPKINS it is ordered that said defendant JOEMITCHELL CLARK LUMPKINS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with THEODORE KERN, an Attorneys whose address is, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 1600 Knoxville, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I 400 W. Main Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 16th day of April 2021.

Kenneth M. Mathews Attorney for Plaintiff

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEE ALLEN SAFFELL, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 84433-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LEE ALLEN SAFFELL, SR. who died Feb 10, 2021, 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 21 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF LEE ALLEN SAFFELL, SR.
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 TERESA DANIEL; ADMINISTRATRIX
 1146 TENNESSEE AVENUE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902
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 AT LAW 707 MARKET STREET
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETHANY LEIGH STRADER DOCKET NUMBER 84430-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETHANY LEIGH STRADER who died Feb 7, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.
 (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 21 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF BETHANY LEIGH STRADER
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 KIMBERLY FARMER; ADMINISTRATRIX
 524 DRAKEWOOD ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 16 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF WILLIAM MICHAEL UNGER
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JOSHUA M UNGER; ADMINISTRATOR
 1704 WINBROOK CIRCLE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT MILTON WOLF DOCKET NUMBER 84402-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of APRIL 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT MILTON WOLF who died Mar 9, 2021, 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 15 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF ROBERT MILTON WOLF
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 ROBERT ANDREW WOLF; EXECUTOR
 385 ALBRIGHT LAKE GALLATIN, TN. 37066

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL RAY SEAL, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 84342-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of APRIL 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL RAY SEAL, JR. who died Jan 15, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.
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 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 14 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF PAUL RAY SEAL, JR.
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 1ST HORIZON BANK; EXECUTOR
 C/O M ALAN MOORE, JR.
 800 S GAY STREET, 5TH FLOOR.
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELMER LEE THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 84427-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELMER LEE THOMAS who died Mar 29, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.
 (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 21 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF ELMER LEE THOMAS
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 ELDON KEITH DAVIS; EXECUTOR
 530 MOUNTAIN SHADOW
 LANE MARYVILLE, TN. 37803

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902
 KEVIN A DEAN ATTORNEY AT LAW
 550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE
 500 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL KRISTOPHER YOUNG DOCKET NUMBER 84394-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of APRIL 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL KRISTOPHER YOUNG who died Mar 21, 2021, 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 15 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF PAUL KRISTOPHER YOUNG
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 PAULA Y FRAKER; EXECUTRIX
 2702 NORRIS FREEWAY
 ANDERSONVILLE, TN. 37705

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOR STORM DOCKET NUMBER 84403-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of APRIL 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOR STORM who died Feb 21, 2021, 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 15 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF THOR STORM
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STUART CASSELL; EXECUTOR 707 MARKET STREET

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM MICHAEL UNGER DOCKET NUMBER 84407-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of APRIL 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM MICHAEL UNGER who died Mar 2, 2021, 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 15 day of APRIL, 2021.
 ESTATE OF WILLIAM MICHAEL UNGER
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 STEVEN K BOWLING
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 P.O. BOX 11125
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37939

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902
 WILLIAM E DUFFY, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW
 112 DARWOOD ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

MISC. NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that PODS Enterprises, LLC will sell the contents of certain containers at auction to the highest bidder to satisfy owner's lien. Auction will be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com starting on April 27, 2021 and ending May 4, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. EST. Contents to be sold may include general household goods, electronics, office & business equipment, furniture, clothing and other

miscellaneous property. Contents to be sold are stored by the following persons: Gleneth Holcomb - 2708110; Jim Stringham - 100B110; Latrese Wooten - 18A135; James Tucker - 8171B34; Darren McCormick - 4207B5K; Brandon Cuzzolino - 8164B47; Chris Glagous - 8047B110, 8060B110; Fred Ascher - 1898VX.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on May 14, 2021 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.
 1991 Nissan Pickup 1N6SD11S5MC383728
 1993 TRAILMOBILE 53FT TRAILER 1PT011AJ99011031
 1995 GMC Sonoma 1GTC519ZXS8501755
 1995 Toyota Tercel JT2EL56D3S0009923
 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee 1J4GZ78Y0TC020282
 1997 Honda Accord 1HGC05633VA260623
 1998 GMC Sierra 1GTEK14R4WZ53444
 1999 Pontiac Firebird 2G2FSZ22K0X221769
 2000 Mercury Sable 1MEFM50U347634633
 2000 Nissan Maxima JN1CA31D8Y7549083
 2001 Ford Focus 3FAFP31331R179979
 2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee 1J4G48S12C130887
 2003 BMW 7 series WBAGM63413DR11949
 2003 Cadillac Deville 1G6K054Y13U279324
 2003 Hyundai Elantra KMHND45D43U702918
 2003 Saturn Ion 1G8AL52F532183027
 2004 Buick Rendezvous 3G5DA03E745583890
 2004 Honda Civic 1HGM22194L082392
 2004 Suzuki LTZ400 JSAAK47A242122965
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 2006 Chrysler Town & Country 2A4GP54L26R911564
 2006 Honda Civic 1HGFA165X6L144826
 2007 Honda Accord 1HGCM56477A191303
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 2008 Ford Focus 1FAHP33N88W172475
 2010 Nissan Xterra 5N1AN0NU1AC522388
 2010 Pontiac G6 1G2ZAE044147494
 2015 Honda Accord 1HGCR2F33FA204392
 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan 2C4RD6B6JR314062
 2020 Nissan Rogue KNMAT2M9VL502935

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on May 14, 2021 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 2430 Thornogrove Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale
 1982 Chevrolet Monte Carlo
 1G1A237K3C8141309
 1994 Mazda B-Series 4F4CR16A1RTM26954
 1999 Cadillac Deville 1G6KE54Y3XU757844

1999 Toyota Corolla 2T1BR12EXXC165681
 2000 Ford F-150 3FTRF17W1YMA55717
 2000 Honda Accord 1HGCG1658YA022322
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 2001 Nissan Maxima JN1DA31D83T500589
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 2008 Pontiac G6 1G2ZHS7N084117455
 2010 Chevrolet HHR 3GNBAADB5A502401
 2011 Kia Rio KNADH4A39B8689865
 2012 Volkswagen Passat 1VWBH7A32C092943
 2013 Ford F-350 1FT7W38T6DEA47178

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, TN 37919.
 These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.
 The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.
 1) 02 DODGE VAN 1B4GP44392B50646
 12) 06 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP37N9W209067
 3) 14 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3AP7EN359273 4)
 06 HYUNDAI SONATA 5NPET46C86H152710 5)
 09 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL21E29A15179 6) 03
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 11) 00 NISSAN MAX JN1CA31D6Y525624
 12) 06 TOYOTA COROLLA JTD8R32EX60099038
 13) 05 NISSAN CENTRA 3N1CB51D251L459243
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 16) 12 CHEVY IMPALA 2G1WG5E31C1256302
 17) 06 SATURN 5G2CZ33D98S856556
 18) 97 FORD F-150 1FTDX1864VNA15431
 19) 05 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU0316SDA07422 20)
 98 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BG22K4WU258050 21)
 97 GMC JIMMY 1GKDT13W5V256887
 22) 05 MERCURY G. MARO.
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LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
 RFP 3048, Insurance Brokerage and Consulting Services, due 5/26/21
 For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

THE OWNERS AND/OR LIEN HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE HERBY NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PAY ALL CHARGES AND RECLAIM SAID VEHICLES BEING HELD AT THE STORAGE LOT OF RICK'S AUTOMOTIVE CENTER. FAILURE TO RECLAIM THESE VEHICLES WILL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS. TITLE AND CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF SAID VEHICLE AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON April 28th AT 9AM AT 5601 NORTH BROADWAY,
 91 CHEVROLET 1GDCD14Z4M2196145.
 02 DODGE 1D7HA18Z3S611792.
 03 HONDA 1HGCM72693A025071.
 01 FORD 1FAPF33PA1W316201.
 03 DODGE 1D7HU18N23J507872.
 04 HONDA 2HGES16394H547908.
 91 CHEVROLET 1GDKC14H1M2128492

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON, May 12, 2021 11:00 AM AT YOUR EXTRA STORAGE (starts at Cedar Bluff location): CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for title: Steve Strickland hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 1999 Honda Accord, Vehicle Identification Number 1HGCG164XXA045154. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Steve Strickland by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to 1457 Patricia Cir, Knoxville, TN 37914.
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