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Turn Up Knoxville funded after a 7-1 council vote

By Mike Steely
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Turn Up Knoxville's two years of violence interruption through street outreach seems to be working as the city reported a more than 30% reduction in homicides following its first year alone.

Turn Up Knoxville was formed by Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development (SEED) as "a violence interruption street outreach program, which strives to help interrupt cycles of gun violence in Knoxville."

Last week, the Knoxville City Council considered direct funding of \$450,000 for another year

of Turn Up Knox's services. But the funding agreement resolution saw some criticism from Councilwoman Amelia Parker.

Speaking for the funding was Vincent Jones Jr., who credited Turn Up Knox with saving lives by being directly involved in situations. Kyle Pickell of Vine Middle Magnet School said the

school partners with Turn Up Knox, which he called "the fabric of our community," and added that when things could get violent, "They show up."

Rev. Sam Brown said the non-profit organization has had a "great impact" on the community and is always present when needed. LaKanya Middlebrook, director

of the Office of Community Empowerment, also praised Turn Up Knox and called it "a product of the community."

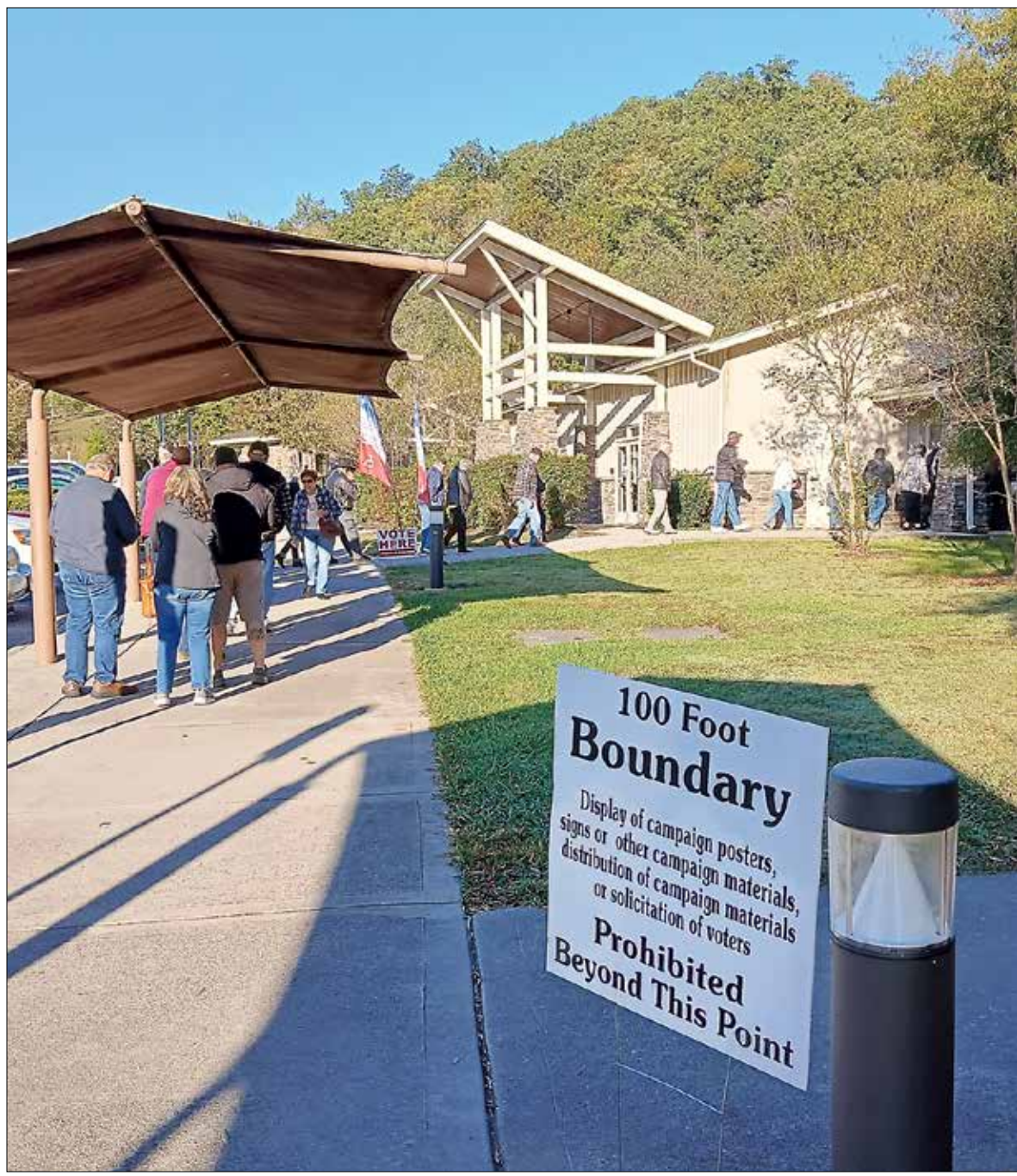
Councilwoman Amelia Parker was critical of the funding and asked why complete financial reports were not being sent to the council and said an explanation of activities and

expenditures was needed. She also questioned the direct funding of Turn Up and said the officers of that organization had their salaries doubled.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider wasn't at the meeting but several members made statements including Debbie Helsley who

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Early Voting Surge Surprises



Voter turnout totals surprised everyone as over 13,000 people voted on the first day of early voting, Wed., October 16. The second day, at New Harvest Park, continued to draw a crowd. Many stayed in their cars on that cold morning until the poll opened at 9 a.m. Early voting continues until October 31st with Knox County residents casting their choice for U.S. President, Senate and House, Tennessee Senate and House, and two city-only measures that decides how those voters will choose local officials. - Mike Steely

UT Press to publish book on McKellar by Ray Hill

By Focus Staff

An event many regular readers of The Knoxville Focus have waited for is finally happening. The University of Tennessee Press will publish Ray Hill's biography of Senator Kenneth D. McKellar sometime early next year. McKellar was both the first person to be popularly elected to the United States Senate from Tennessee and its longest-serving member of Congress. McKellar served in the House for six years and in the United States Senate for 36 years.

Hill's biography, "A Feudin' Son of Tennessee," examines the life of Senator Kenneth McKellar, detailing his feuds with other notable figures including J. Edgar Hoover, and most well remembered, with David Lillenthal, one of the TVA directors. The book also discusses the political alliance between Senator McKellar and E. H. Crump of Memphis and how the two politically dominated the state from 1932-1948.

"McKellar's service in the Senate coincides with some of the most remarkable times in our country's history, as well as Tennessee's history," Hill says. "We've had many prominent and powerful U.S. senators from Tennessee, but none more powerful than McKellar."

The foreword to Hill's book is written by former congressman and fellow Focus columnist John J. "Jimmy" Duncan. The biography of Senator McKellar is expected to be available for purchase next spring and The Focus will keep readers apprised.

"When McKellar was born," Hill said, "Andrew Johnson was president of the United States. Ulysses S. Grant had yet to take office. When Senator McKellar left office, Dwight D. Eisenhower was coming into the White House."

Hill points out that McKellar's congressional tenure occurred during some of the most momentous and tumultuous years in the

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Marbledale pitches in to aid Grace Baptist Church of Newport

By Ken Lay

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, two Strawberry Plains Churches chipped in to send relief supplies to Newport.

Marbledale Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Strawberry Plains each orchestrated separate relief drives to gather supplies to send to Grace Baptist Church of Newport.

Marbledale's Pastor Charlie Lynch and member Alan Branch made a trip to Newport and saw the damage at the church and in the community.

"The devastation is just unbelievable. I was just overwhelmed by the devastation up there," Lynch said after he and Branch went to Newport on Monday, Oct. 14. "You see house after house up there with

sheetrock in the front yard."

The damage in Newport, Northeast Tennessee and in Western North Carolina was caused by flooding after those areas were pelted by rain from the storm system.

Grace Baptist Church suffered damage as well as two residences on the properties. One house was home to the church's pastor. The other was home to a youth pastor at the church.

Marbledale held its relief drive on Sunday, Oct. 13, setting up its parking lot so that people could drop off donations.

Lynch and Branch drove the supplies as well as a check for \$3,400 the following day.

"The church was damaged and it has already been gutted," Lynch said.

Repairs at the church are underway and Lynch noted that his church will stay in contact with Grace Baptist, Newport and continue to help with the relief efforts as needed.

"The biggest thing they need now is building supplies," he said. "We're going to continue to stay in contact with them and help out with the construction and any way that we can."

The recent Newport floods were the worst since the Little Pigeon River flooded in 1919, Lynch said.

"I was talking to somebody in the church who has been there for a long time and he said that that was the worst (flooding) since the Little Pigeon River flooded in 1919, obviously, he hadn't been there that long."

Branch said that Marbledale and First Baptist Church of Strawberry Plains had separate relief efforts for the Newport church.

"We're not working together but we were working in conjunction with each other to help," he said.

He said he saw the damage firsthand.

"Charlie talked to a lot of people and he probably saw more than I did," Branch said. "I just looked around, but I saw the devastation. 'I think the water was about 28-feet deep.'"

Branch commended Lynch's efforts during the relief drive.

"Charlie is a great pastor. He has a heart for the community and he has a heart for the church, not just Marbledale, but other churches," he said.



Members of Marbledale Baptist Church loaded a box truck with relief supplies on Sunday, October 13. The next day, the truck headed to Newport's Grace Baptist Church to deliver the aid.

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American Healthcare Workers Plead For End To Gaza Bombing

From a distance



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

On October 3, 2024, 99 American healthcare workers in Gaza released an open letter to the White House pleading for an end to Israel's bombing of little children.

The letter was sent by American physicians, surgeons, nurse practitioners, and nurses who had volunteered a combined five years to treat the besieged people of Palestine.

The letter said: "Every day that we continue supplying weapons and munitions to Israel is another day that women are

shredded by our bombs and children are murdered with our bullets. President Biden and Vice President Harris, we urge you: End this madness now!"

The letter writers also said that "every one of us who worked in an emergency, intensive care, or surgical setting treated pre-teen children who were shot in the head or chest...It is impossible that such widespread shooting of young children throughout Gaza sustained over the course of an entire year is accidental or unknown to the highest Israeli civilians and military authorities."

Dr. Mark Perlmutter said, "Gaza was the first time I held a baby's brains in my hand, the first of many."

A U.S. Veterans Affairs trauma and critical care surgeon said: "I've never seen such horrific injuries, on such a massive scale, with so few resources. Our

bombs are cutting down women and children by the thousands. Their mutilated bodies are a monument to cruelty."

The American healthcare workers also wrote: "We quickly learned that our Palestinian healthcare colleagues were among the most traumatized people in Gaza, and perhaps in the entire world... they had lost family members and their homes. Most lived in and around their hospitals with their surviving family, in unimaginable conditions."

Because Israel claimed hospitals were sometimes used by Hamas, the letter signatories said: "We wish to be absolutely clear: not once did any of us see any type of Palestinian militant activity in any of Gaza's hospitals or other healthcare facilities."

The authors also estimate that more have now died from starvation and

disease and untold thousands buried under the rubble than by military deaths. They estimate what they described as a very conservative total of over 118,000 who have died in the past year in Gaza. In July, the well-respected British medical journal, The Lancet, had estimated 186,000 deaths there.

On October 8, Jeffrey Sachs, a Columbia professor who is one of the world's most respected foreign policy experts, spoke on Judge Andrew Napolitano's "Judging Freedom" podcast.

Professor Sachs is a Jew who has been a very outspoken critic of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Sachs said, "Israel is less safe today, by far, than a year ago despite 40,000, 100,000, 200,000 deaths."

He deplored what he called the "cruel bombing of

apartment buildings, hospitals, clinics, schools - it's been horrendous."

Sachs said, "Netanyahu is leading Israel into the greatest insecurity of its modern history - complete diplomatic isolation." He added that "Israel can never be safe with Netanyahu's delusional plan."

The professor said Netanyahu has been "selling" a regional war in the Middle East for over 20 years in his speeches, writings, and congressional testimony, and that he is "counting on the U.S. military and the U.S. taxpayer" to make Israel the dominant power so it can "rule in an apartheid manner over millions of people."

Sachs also said "the war in Iraq in 2003 was strongly promoted by Netanyahu. He wanted a war against Saddam Hussein by the United States for Israel's sake."

He added that America is "not served by a blind obedience to the Israel Lobby" and that Americans "do not want another disastrous Middle East War."

Now Netanyahu has expanded his war into Lebanon, and he will go further - into Syria, Jordan, Iran and perhaps other places - if the U.S. does not stop him.

Sachs said the "American people do not want a nuclear war over Israel's claim over Gaza or the occupied territories."

I wish every member of Congress would read the letter from the American healthcare workers in Gaza and listen to the Judging Freedom podcast of Oct. 8. Sadly, I don't believe any of them will read or listen to either one. Hopefully, you will.

Halls/Crossroads Historical Museum Grand Opening Ceremony slated for Sunday

By Ken Lay

The Halls/Crossroads Historical Museum will have its Grand Opening Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 27.

The ceremony will take place from 1-5 p.m. and will be held at 7100 Afton Drive, Suite 101, at Birch Tree Plaza.

The ceremony will include a ribbon-cutting, live music and refreshments. The ribbon-cutting is slated for 2 p.m.

The museum is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Sundays from 2-5.

"Right now, we're open on Tuesdays and Sundays and we've talked about phasing out Sundays because we don't have a lot of traffic, but Sundays

would be a good time to visit and there's a lot of stuff to go through," Board Member Chris Vandergriff said. "The guy who started collecting all this stuff was a guy named Hubert LaRue.

"After he passed away, we got fired up about getting this started."

LaRue, who passed away in 2021, kept the historic materials in his house.

Following his death, most of the historical materials were kept at the Hunt Brothers Deli, located across the street from Halls High School. The museum was established in 2022 and the public is welcome to attend the festivities Sunday.

Pander Wars

No, I don't mean battles between those black and white bears from China. I mean the escalating battle between Trump and Harris on who can promise what to what group. You would never guess that both



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Trump and Harris have degrees in economics. Trump from Pennsylvania and Harris from Howard (one of my academic stops). If both learned anything, it is not evident. Or perhaps politics trumps economics.

My economics tutor at the University of Georgia was a graduate student, Phil Gramm. Yes, that Phil Gramm who told me when we were both in Washington, that as a politician sometimes economics has to yield to political reality.

Perhaps that is why Trump first advocated no taxes on tips, pandering to Nevada voters. Harris quickly followed advocating the same. Then Trump said no taxes on social security, pan-

dering to us old folk. Not to be outdone Harris followed by wanting to give new homebuyers \$25,000 in downpayment aid to lower housing costs pandering to young people. I hope her economics didn't teach that a demand subsidy leads to lower prices. Harris also attacked "price gouging" on food, pandering to all of us who eat. Trump then proposed his own price control scheme by announcing he would back a 10% interest rate cap on credit cards. Well, those consumers without the best credit could then kiss their credit cards goodbye. Both Trump and Harris oppose Nippon Steel's acquisition of US Steel, pandering to the steel workers' union. Trump even wants a corporate tax cut for only firms' domestic production and an increased tariff on firms that move production

out of the country - forgetting that one of the reasons the firms left is because of his tariffs on imported aluminum and steel.

Trump proposes replacing the income tax with a 20%-across-the-board tariff on imported goods, thus pandering to two groups. The first group is all of us who hate paying taxes. The second group is all those who think that somehow tariffs will make us better off when the truth is the opposite. Harris has also been pandering to different groups by affecting a fake accent. Her "Girl, I'm out here on these streets" was truly cringeworthy. I wonder if that lost her some black votes? Then in Georgia she faked a southern accent saying "Y'all helped us win in 2020 and we gonna do it again in 2024." Hillary Clinton did the same in a speech to a black audience and was mocked. The media has been mostly silent on Harris' affectation but can you imagine the uproar if Trump tried to sound like a rapper? What about "White dudes for Harris"? I am waiting for a "Black dudes for Trump" ad. Harris also claims to have flipped hamburgers at McDonald's

while in college. She continues to assert that she is the product of a middle-class home and that Trump was born with a silver spoon in his mouth - or was it a silver foot? This is despite having two PhDs as parents, both in highly paid positions at two of the nation's best universities (Berkeley and Stanford). She claims to have had to ride school buses. At least she had buses. When I was growing up in Atlanta in the 1950s, there were no school buses for black kids. We walked to school while the white kids rode.

We all know that Harris is lying when she claims to have moderated her views. Bernie Sanders himself admitted that Harris remains a far-left progressive while feigning a shift to the center. That is the ultimate pander. Not to be outdone on the pandering front, Trump voiced his support for a Florida bill to legalize marijuana, appealing to all those potheads and those who only smoke for medicinal purposes. He also pledged to not support a nationwide ban on abortion and to veto it if it ever came across his desk. Trump also wants to repeal part of his tax-cutting legislation by restoring the state and local tax deduction on state and local taxes, pandering to voters in high-tax, mainly Democrat-run states.

So who is winning the pander war? I don't know but I do know that the loser is the American voter because both campaigns have been silent on most of the policy issues that are important to voters.



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Publisher's Position

Is Kamala Harris Falling Behind?



By Steve Hunley,
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Kamala Harris, feeling she is falling behind, agreed to sit down for an interview with Brett Baier of Fox News, an interviewer who is not heavily biased in her favor. Unlike Whoopie Goldberg and that mummified sock puppet Joy Behar, who know as much about government and politics as a grasshopper, Baier walked a very fine line, remaining respectful, but holding Harris accountable as Joe Biden's vice president. Baier demonstrated what a real journalist does. Baier asked one question that Harris had not been confronted with that has been much on the mind of American voters, inquiring about Biden's cognitive decline. "You told many interviewers that Joe Biden was on his game, that he ran circles around his staff. When did you first notice that President Biden's mental faculties appeared diminished?"

Baier asked. Watching Harris, one could believe she was astonished someone had asked her the question. She paused and then tried to sidestep the question by talking about how able Biden was as president.

"Joe Biden, I have watched from the Oval Office to the Situation Room, and he has the judgment and the experience to do exactly what he has done in making very important decisions on behalf of the American people," Harris said. "There were no concerns raised?" Baier asked.

Harris retreated to Biden is not on the ballot, but Donald Trump is. Baier followed with the comments made by actor George Clooney in the now notorious New York Times op-ed that Biden was not the same Biden he once knew. "You met with him at least once a week for three-and-a-half years. You didn't have any concerns?" Baier insisted.

Yet again Harris pivoted to saying people are worried about Trump.

Just as she did on The View, Harris could not think of a single thing she would do differently from Biden. So, if people want more of the same - - - hyperinflation, sky-high rents, being barely able to afford

groceries and feed their families, an open border that is a very real threat to this nation, federal agencies bled bankrupt because we are keeping up illegal aliens who have never been vetted, then you know which candidate to vote for.

The truth is that Biden opened the border immediately after occupying the White House through an executive order. The Biden-Harris administration and their satellites in the mainstream media absolutely maintained there was NO crisis at our southern border for three and a half years. That only changed when the issue kept appearing in the top three of American voters. And Bill Clinton let the cat out of the bag when he slipped up and spoke the truth that if the murderer of Laken Riley had been properly vetted, she'd probably still be alive today.

Harris is now trying to blame Trump for the invasion across our southern border when it was the Biden-Harris administration that stopped the completion of the building of the border wall and sold it off for scrap.

Gaslighting is a type of psychological abuse that involves manipulating someone into questioning their own reality, memories or thoughts. The goal is to cause the victim to doubt their own

judgment in order to gain control or power over them and that is precisely what the left and mainstream media have done. As Bret Baier brought home to Kamala Harris, the news media and everybody in the Biden administration screamed from the mountain tops Joe Biden ran circles around his staff, was full of energy, mentally acute and on top of everything. It was all proven to be a lie by an old man who is lucky to remain standing, appearing before the American people befuddled, uncertain, confused, and incoherent. It was a sorry spectacle no American should have had to endure and the only explanation is the left started to believe their own hype. It was abundantly clear Joe Biden was slipping mentally to a casual observer for quite some time.

As Mollie Hemingway has written, the New York Times is trying to gaslight the people currently about political prosecutions, raising the specter Trump will prosecute his political enemies and Democrats. You mean like they have Trump and other Republicans? Why didn't he do it during his first term? No, Trump said prosecuting Hillary Clinton would be "divisive" and not good for the country. The left doesn't worry about what is good

for this country because they hate this country.

Never in the history of this country has a Department of Justice been so politicized. The DOJ is suing the State of Virginia for removing illegal aliens from its voter rolls, as per a state law signed by then-governor Tim Kaine, who was Hillary Clinton's running mate in 2016. Nobody sued Ralph Northam or Terry McAuliffe when they did the same thing, but the present governor of Virginia, Glen Youngkin, is a Republican.

The very same DOJ raided the home of parents they designated as terrorists because they did not agree with the agenda to allow minors to have radical trans surgery. The same DOJ raided the homes of pro-life activists and prosecuted and jailed some of them. The same DOJ is suing states that are trying to increase the security and integrity of their election systems. The same DOJ is suing the State of Virginia to leave non-citizens on the voting rolls, who have a history of voting in elections. Yet they smile at us and tell us illegals and non-citizens can't vote, it's not legal. So, we have a DOJ that is suing a state to uphold illegality. Kamala says she will uphold the federal law, but she hasn't called out

the Biden-Harris DOJ for not upholding federal law. Nor has Kamala denounced the DOJ for doing quite the opposite.

Only one party attempted to use the levers of government to remove a candidate from the ballot, and it was not the Republican Party.

The left and the news media gaslighted the American people about Hunter Biden's laptop, which they knew to be legitimate and real, as well as the Russia hoax, right on down the line.

They either can't or won't tell the truth and if you are sitting on the fence, you really ought to think about why Kamala won't tell the truth, why she has retreated from positions she's taken in the recent past to defund the police, provide sex change operations for those in prison, who sponsored a bill as a senator requiring the manufacture of only vehicles which run off electricity or hydrogen; she's run away from virtually every position she's ever taken because they are so far removed from mainstream America.

At best, Kamala is a woman of no real convictions. At best, she's just trying to gaslight the American people one more time. Unfortunately, she's no better at that than Tim Walz is at trying to load a shotgun.

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Howl-O-Ween at the UT Gardens Planned for Oct. 27

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The University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville, is going to the dogs for a Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade and Pet Expo. The event, now in its eleventh year, is co-sponsored by the UT Gardens and the UT College of Veterinary Medicine. It caters to dogs and dog lovers and will be held Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the UT Gardens, Knoxville.

Enjoy a costumed pet parade emceed by Erin Donovan. The puparazzi loves the judged categories that include bad to the bone (scariest), funny bone (funniest), do(g) it yourself (homemade), pup culture (pop culture/

character), and Judges' Choice awards, including Bone-a-Fido (best in show).

The event also features an expo of educational booths, pet businesses and rescue groups. Various food trucks will be on hand for people wanting to purchase food. Everyone is encouraged to participate in a food drive to benefit the Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee (CAIT), an outreach program at the veterinary college that works to improve the lives of companion animals and reduce the homeless pet population in Tennessee by promoting humane education and spay/neuter initiatives.

The event is free to attend. Parade pre-registration is \$10 per costume entry (can include multiple



The event features a costumed pet parade, food trucks, and an expo of educational booths, pet businesses and rescue groups. Photo courtesy UTIA.

dogs as one costume). Parade participants can also register for \$15 on the day of the event beginning at 1 p.m. The parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. and is judged by locally known

dog lovers. Event t-shirts will also be available for purchase.

For additional information or to register please visit tiny.utk.edu/howloween.

Turn Up Knoxville funded

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asked about the organization's reporting. She asked that the members of Turn Up Knox be listed on their website.

Gwen McKenzie also asked about the gaps in salaries and noted the city gives 90 percent of the Turn Up Knox funding. Community Empowerment reported receiving monthly reports and it was noted that Turn Up Knox had only recently received non-profit status. Mayor Indya Cannon replied that the group also gets outside grants. The mayor said she was impressed with their progress.

Councilman Tommy Smith said he was impressed with the "measurable change in our community" thanks to the

group's work and noted the city funds about 100 non-profit groups without a level of detailed reporting.

Middlebrook said the group spent its first year doing community involvement work and developing relationships. She said they then built a staff and volunteer base and getting professional training and growing professionally.

Councilwoman Seema Singh said the effort is becoming "pretty effective" and McKenzie added that she appreciates the work that Turn Up Knox and other partners do.

"Ask everyone to consider the cost of gun violence versus the cost of Turn Up Knox," advised Councilman Smith.

The funding passed in a 7-1 vote with Parker voting "No."

UT Press to publish book on McKellar by Ray Hill

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country's history. McKellar was in the U.S. Senate during the First and Second World Wars, the Great Depression, and the Korean War. "When McKellar first went to Congress, he could not drive his car from Memphis to Washington, D. C. He tried and in frustration, he finally had to ship it by railroad. McKellar was instrumental in creating the federal system of highways and convinced President Woodrow Wilson to fund it," Hill stated. "He served from that time through the Atomic Age,

which is remarkable."

"Much has been said about McKellar and patronage, but the senator saw it as his responsibility to get Tennessee's fair share of public dollars and favors," Hill said. "McKellar not only didn't apologize for it, he gloried in it. A lot of people fed their kids and kept a roof over their heads because of Senator McKellar."

McKellar ran fifteen campaigns for the United States Senate and won all but one. Hill says to get to the Senate, McKellar had to beat the most prominent

politicians in the state in both political parties.

For the past thirteen years, Ray Hill has written one of the most popular columns in The Knoxville Focus. Publisher Steve Hunley once pointed out The Focus is widely read in both Nashville and Washington, D.C., and credited that readership to Hill's column. Ray Hill has written a myriad of columns ranging over any number of historical figures, political races and even a column about Lassie. Over the years, Hill has written something like 2 million

words for his column, which has occupied its own page throughout all that time. To those who tease him about the usual 2,000 words that occupy his page, Hill retorts, "If Mr. Hunley had the same kind of advertising space on every page as he does mine, we'd be out of business."

Hill has also completed book manuscripts on Cordell Hull, a congressman, U. S. senator and secretary of state under President Franklin Roosevelt,

as well as Congressman Carroll Reece of upper East Tennessee. Hill has almost completed another book manuscript on

Congressman J. Will Taylor, popularly known as "Hillbilly Bill," who represented our congressional district for twenty years.

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TDS

Difficulties produce perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not fail.

Romans 5:3-5

A friend asked me what I thought was the central issue of this presidential election. Perhaps he was expecting me to say it was the border crisis with unvetted, unvaccinated illegals flooding our country, worsening crime, housing, drugs and human trafficking as well as stressing the healthcare system. Or perhaps he thought the Democrats' damage to the economy and inflation was the principal issue. By the look on his face, he was shocked when I stated that the central issue of this presidential election is hatred.

Andrew Breitbart once said, "Politics is downstream from culture." What he meant was people drive our culture, and politicians and government are

reflections of the people. I believe Breitbart was right, but I think there is a more primary motive factor. Repeatedly down through history, the renunciation of God (apostasy) and the resulting moral decline led to the substitution of government for deity and cyclical waves of destruction. In the Bible, God referred to apostates as "stiff-necked people." We have learned little from the lessons of history because we're doing it again.

If you can vote against your own economic best interests and security, your children's and grandchildren's future and your own country as a result of Democrat and media-generated hatred of Donald Trump, you are one sick puppy. God help you and the rest of us who suffer as a result of your delusional TDS.

Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) is an example of delusional thinking. A delusion is

simply a misinterpretation of reality. If 100 people see a cell phone tower, but I interpret the tower as a device sending radio waves to control my mind, that would be delusional.

Delusions are characteristic of schizophrenia, manic depressive illness and other psychiatric problems. However, I believe delusions can be ideological. In other words, someone's worldview can be so manipulated that their perceptions of reality become corrupted. The vilification of President Trump has caused some to become deranged and display TDS by acting in an irrational, if not insane, manner.

The last two weeks have been disastrous for Comrade Kamala and her Elmer Fuddish sidekick. The latest disaster was revelations of plagiarism in a book she published with another ghost (?) writer. In 1988 Joe Biden's presidential campaign was destroyed by his plagiarism.

Not surprisingly, a recent Gallop poll revealed that more than two-thirds of Americans do not trust the media. In fact, the only loons who do trust Democrat debate moderators, the NY Times or who still watch "60 Minutes" after their lies about Hunter's laptop, Democrats' spying on the Trump campaign or, most recently, the CBS doctoring

of Comrade Kamala's answers, are overwhelmingly Democrats. The days of Walter Cronkite are over.

However, despite the media's attempt to run interference for the Harris/Walz ticket, it is impossible to cover up plagiarism or Harris' inability to answer questions or speak logically. Her latest word salad was in answer to a question about blue city crime where she rhapsodically spoke of "stars and constellations." It reminded me of her foolishness regarding craters on the moon and yellow school buses.

And Kamala's first decision as a presidential candidate was to choose the mincing Timmy Walz (who had trouble loading his own shotgun), instead of the popular Jewish governor of Pennsylvania. Obama shaming Black men for not wanting Kamala and the fatuous ad of actors portraying "real Democrat men" reassured no one of her competence.

A friend wrote to me that he is scared to death about this election. I share his concerns. In the last four years we have watched the destruction in America wrought by Obama's third term with the Harris/Biden administration. Now, Democrats push Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, the most radical liberal progressive politicians to run for president/vice

president in American history. The America we know will not survive a Harris presidency.

But I have hope. Something just happened in my neighborhood. Some liberals began putting Democrat signs in their yards. Then, campaign signs for President Trump, Marsha Blackburn and Tim Burchett began to appear as a counter protest, and I added my own. Suddenly, the day before early voting began and after undeniable revelations of the inadequacy of Kamala and Timmy, the signs disappeared. Maybe the signs were stolen. It wasn't me if that was the case.

Maybe the libs wised up. I doubt it, but it happens. I was once liberal, but so was Winston Churchill. And Ronald Reagan was once a Democrat in an era before Democrats became progressive and woke with the delusions of gender identity and TDS. A friend sent me a meme that read, "Tis better to remain silent and be thought a fool... than to put a Harris sign in your yard and remove all doubt." Maybe the neighbors just wanted to remain on rescue lists of other neighbors in case of an emergency.

I'm sorry if you find my words shrill. Metaphorically, Obama once said, "If they bring a knife, we'll bring a gun."

Obama understood he was the leader of a movement to "fundamentally transform America" (his words). I understand Obama's allusion to a Chicago street fight. President Trump gets it and is fighting to save the country and Make America Great Again. What kind of a person, movement or party would oppose reforming our country, reversing illegal immigration and halting profligate government spending, corruption and waste?

I understand the battle to save the country for my kids' sake. My time is about over so the election results are less critical for me. Friends have even warned me that I risk investigation by the corrupt DOJ, IRS or condemnation from progressives, liberals, neighbors or even former church members. So be it. Like Martin Luther and Deitrich Bonhoeffer whom I recently wrote about, I stand on conscience, scripture, reason, prayer and faith in the soul of the American people who will say "No!" to devilish hatred and, like me, do the right thing in the privacy of the voting booth.

We must stand up and be counted. We must reelect Donald J. Trump because then, and only then, can the real work begin to reverse the insanity.

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Go to Hell in Michigan

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Just northwest of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is a small town that might not appeal to many visitors except for during the Halloween season. It's a little unincorporated community that has made the best of its

name, Hell.

The devilishly named town is one of the many places around the world highlighted in a new book by Erika Engelhaupt, whose works include the book "Gory Details: Adventures from the Dark Side of Science" and many National Geographic feature stories and freelance articles. "Gory Details" is available on Amazon and other book sites on the internet and is published by National Geographic Partners.

I recently asked my wife if she knew where Hell, Michigan was and she replied that she knows where the little community

is, having been a childhood resident of Devil's Lake, Michigan.

Within Engelhaupt's new book, which was published in September, are places like the Well of Hell in Yemen, Pluto's Gate in Turkey, Skull Rock in Australia, the Dead Sea in Jordan and St. Patrick's Purgatory in Ireland.

I found the chapter on Hell, Michigan, interesting and scary. Engelhaupt writes that Hell grew up around a gristmill and a distillery that supplied locals with booze which may have contributed to the name. When Michigan became a state, a local landowner was asked to name the

place and he replied, "You can call it Hell for all I care."

Efforts to change the name have failed and several businesses boast the name including the Hell Saloon, a wedding chapel, and an October festival with Halloween-themed events all month. Friday the 13th is popular at the Hell Wedding Chapel. If you missed that September date there's another Friday 13th in December.

Engelhaupt is now a Knoxville resident and I asked her for a comment.

"I came to Knoxville in 2016 to join my husband here, who was working at ORNL at the time," she replied.



The entrance gate to Hell, Michigan, a little community that promotes its name and celebrates Halloween year round.

"I decided to leave my editing job at Nat Geo in order to freelance and write books, and have enjoyed living and working here in Knoxville," she said.

But let's return to Hell. The little community

has a Love Bridge across Hell Creek River, a Creamatory of Screams ice cream parlor, a Smoke Doctor BBQ, a Damnation University and Screams Souvenirs, an official post

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By Mike Steely
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Did you get an evacuation warning recently during the Western Avenue dynamite incident? While the warning was supposed to be sent out to people in the immediate area of the event, many cell phone users in Knox and surrounding counties also received the notice.

The discovery of the metal box, left by someone at a recycling facility, caused alarms to be sent out to phones, television and on the internet. The warnings originated at the Knox County Emergency Communications headquarters and the evacuation warning was discussed

at that agency's board meeting Wednesday morning.

Knox911 Director Brad Anders told the meeting that the alert system is "not perfect" and said even some Oak Ridge residents received an evacuation notice as well as Anderson and Jefferson County residents. He said that the present warning system has a limited number of spaces allowed for a message.

Both Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, who co-chair the board meetings, said they received the alert on their phones. Kincannon still had the warning recorded on her phone and both

Jacobs and Anders viewed it. Anders said that when the 911 system hit a rebroadcast command, the alert went out to the entire county and other jurisdictions when it was supposed to be limited to the immediate incident area.

"We've learned a lot," he said, adding FEMA and other agencies need to make improvements to the warning system.

"It did get people's attention," Kincannon said.

Colin Ickes, director of the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency, said there needs to be more response training with other agencies throughout the state and cited the differences in cell phones and locations.

Kincannon asked if the responders on the scene were in contact with 911 during the alert. Brad Anders said there should be testing of the system more often and added that a website should be created where people can "click on it and find out what's going on."

"There's a better way to do it," he said.

In other action, the Knox911 board saw Mayor Kincannon recognize outgoing Finance Director John Fugate for his years of service. Anders spoke about a rapid response system in the school system that would cut down on the arrival times of emergency services. He noted that while Western North Carolina lost 14 911 call centers Tennessee lost none. He



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Knox911 Finance Director John Fugate was honored Wednesday by Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon, acting chair of the Knox911 Board. Fugate said "I was appointed by Mayor Burchett. The appointment is for eight years and my term is up." He added that in his last meeting, he suggested transferring funds to "categories that cannot be touched by the state or frivolous spending. When I started we had \$8 million in the account. Now we have \$26 million."

said a Starlink system is being considered as a backup to responder cell phone system.

Anders also updated the board on the takeover of dispatch for Seymour and

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Sadly, threats of mass violence are not amusing at all given the prevalence of their occurrence across the globe.

The Tennessee legislators have sought to stop

this behavior by making it a crime. Tennessee Code Annotated section 39-16-517 states that a person who threatens to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity commits a Class A misdemeanor.

This same law states it is a less serious crime if you know about a threat of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity and knowingly fail to report the threat. This person has committed

a Class B misdemeanor. A person who is convicted of threatening to commit an act of mass violence at a school must additionally pay the costs and damages related to the disruption of the normal school activities in addition to the normal penalties for a Class A misdemeanor.

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Idaho's Conservative Herman Welker

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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It's been 66 years since Herman Welker died and very few outside of his native state of Idaho remember his name. Welker served a single term in the United States Senate, but during his time as a member of the world's greatest deliberative body, he was a thorough-going conservative. Some thought Welker was too far to the right. TIME magazine, the premier news magazine of its day and read by millions of Americans each week, was published by Henry Luce, a strong internationalist Republican. TIME once described Herman Welker as belonging to the Republican Party's "stalagmite branch."

A man of conviction with a forceful personality, Herman Welker was also involved in one of the most sordid events in the history of the United States Senate. That involvement would mar and taint his reputation to this day.

Welker wasn't without intelligence. While still in law school, the future senator was appointed prosecuting attorney for Washington County and was twice reelected. Herman Welker moved his wife and daughter to Los Angeles where he practiced law from 1936-1943. Welker went into the Air Corps and returned home to Idaho in 1944 and continued practicing law. Welker was elected to the Idaho Senate in 1948 and sought the GOP nomination for the United States Senate. The incumbent was Glen H. Taylor, a sometime entertainer who had beaten Senator D. Worth Clark in the 1944 primary and defeated a sitting Republican governor in the general election. Taylor had continued to feud with members of his own party, but he seriously antagonized many Idaho Democrats when he bolted his own party to accept the vice-presidential nomination of the Progressive Party with Henry A. Wallace. The Progressive Party was heavily influenced and infiltrated by Communists, a fact noted by many traditional liberals, including Eleanor Roosevelt. The Progressive Party fling caused thousands of Gem State residents to view Glen Taylor as a far-left eccentric.

Herman Welker announced for the U.S. Senate, saying he was running to "relieve Idaho of the embarrassment of Glen H. Taylor." Welker spent most of his time in the primary ignoring his GOP competitors and instead concentrated his political fire on Glen Taylor.

While practicing law in Los Angeles, Welker became friends with crooner Bing Crosby, who

was a client and proved to be a huge asset when the lawyer was running for the United States Senate in 1950. Crosby vacationed in Idaho and Welker and the singer had hunted pheasant for fifteen years together. Crosby sponsored a big dinner for his friend and joked he intended to write it off on his income taxes and make the Democrats pay for it. "This is more than just a gesture of friendship," Bing Crosby explained. "I would not be dismayed if it were taken as an indication of my political philosophy. Some of you may think an actor has no business in politics, but our situation is so serious even a ham actor can concern himself with it."

Senator Taylor lost to the more conservative D. Worth Clark in the Democratic primary and Welker won the general election overwhelmingly. Forty-four years old when elected, Herman Welker was off to Washington, D.C. To say Herman Welker did not make the most of his time in the U.S. Senate would be putting it mildly. Welker's Senate service saw him repeatedly antagonize others needlessly in an institution where relationships matter very much.

Holmes Alexander, a conservative Republican-leaning national columnist summed up the faults of Welker's Senate tenure during the 1956 campaign. Alexander's criticism was summarized as "the senator's absenteeism was high, prestige low among colleagues and the press corps, his office a haven for political hacks from back home, his payroll loaded with 'do-nothing relatives' and had 'made a sorry spectacle of himself as a ranter ... and a bully of witnesses in committee.'"

In 1954 Welker managed to cause a row when he slipped in a new federal judgeship for Idaho into a judiciary bill. Once the new judgeship was created, Herbert Brownell, President Eisenhower's attorney general, refused to heed the pleas of Senator Welker to appoint his former campaign manager, Fred Taylor, to the office. Brownell consulted with Idaho's senior United States senator, Henry Dworshak, who floored the attorney general when he replied he didn't think Idaho needed yet another federal judge, nor did he want another judgeship in his state. Senator Dworshak told Brownell he would not recommend anyone. Welker in the meantime was sending not-so-subtle hints he would attempt to trifle with the Justice Department's legislative program in the Senate if Taylor were not named to the post. Exasperated,



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President Dwight D. Eisenhower (left) and Senator Herman Welker of Idaho (right) confer in the Oval Office on October 2, 1956.

Brownell contacted Leonard Hall, chairman of the Republican National Committee, hoping Hall could reason with Senator Dworshak. Apparently, that only succeeded in making Dworshak angry. The senator snapped his attitude would not change even if it meant the national administration would not back his reelection campaign that year. Hall, aghast, quickly tried to soothe the senator, assuring Dworshak the RNC would do all it could to reelect him. Assistant Attorney General William Rogers tried to smooth the senator's ruffled feathers, saying of course the Eisenhower Administration was going to help him. "Yes, by holding my head under water," Dworshak replied angrily.

Fred Taylor's name finally went to the Senate and although Senator Dworshak offered little in the way of support, Herman Welker got his way.

1954 was also the year that Herman Welker joined with New Hampshire's Style Bridges in attempting to leverage a personal misfortune into a political advantage. Senator Lester Hunt of Wyoming had twice been elected governor of his home state and beaten a GOP incumbent to win election to the U.S. Senate in 1948. Hunt announced he would be a candidate for reelection when his son Lester Jr., known as "Buddy," was arrested by an undercover policeman for indecency. It was a polite way of saying Buddy Hunt had propositioned an undercover officer. Eventually, the case came to the attention of Bridges and Welker, who tried to apply pressure to keep Hunt from running for reelection. Fearing what would happen if the incident were widely exposed in Wyoming and elsewhere, worried that it would ruin his young son and perhaps shatter his wife's emotional well-being, Lester Hunt toted a rifle poorly hidden under his overcoat into the Senate Office Building. Senator Lester Hunt shot himself at his desk and died in the hospital a few hours later. Those personally touched by the incident never really got over it. There is good reason to believe Styles Bridges was at least human enough to

have suffered both shame and guilt for what was a vile episode. Bridges, once one of the most prominent of GOP senators, retained his influence, but largely confined himself to the shadows on Capitol Hill. Unfortunately, Herman Welker did not seem as affected by the incident as his colleague, although those close to the Idaho senator noted his paranoia seemed to be increasing. Worried about Communists and communism, Welker carried a gun. It is no surprise Welker is best remembered today, if at all, as one of Joe McCarthy's chief defenders in the Senate. Welker voted against the censure resolution which broke McCarthy's spell.

Welker's close association with Joe McCarthy in the Senate won him the dubious nickname of "Little Joe from Idaho." Welker's part in the attempt to blackmail Lester Hunt into dropping his reelection bid was evidently thoroughly researched by Frank Church's campaign staff. Compiling the, at best, distasteful and sordid facts of the case, the Church campaign high command composed a pamphlet for distribution in the state unbeknownst to Church. Once Frank Church found out about the pamphlet, he not only refused to sanction its use but, to the dismay of his staff, ordered all 50,000 leaflets be burned in a gigantic bonfire behind the campaign office. Church insisted he wanted to beat Welker on the issues.

Senator Welker's 1956 reelection campaign was not going well. The senator, subject to period bouts of deep depression and temper tantrums, was very well financed but otherwise seemed to be lagging behind the fresh face of Frank Church, who was also an excellent speaker. Glen Taylor continued to insist he had been the victim of voter fraud by the Church campaign and in his memoirs wrote the Welker campaign gave him \$35,000 (almost \$400,000 today) to help wage a write-in campaign in the general election.

Rumors circulated during the 1956 campaign as Senator Welker had collapsed twice without explanation in the Capitol.

Coming home to Idaho to campaign, Welker had stumbled and fallen down the stairs of an airplane. There were whispers the senator was drinking heavily.

When the Committee for an Effective Congress endorsed Frank Church, Senator Welker dismissed it as a "radical bunch of pinks and punks." Welker's reelection campaign tried to portray the senator as independent, a man who pulled no punches, and was a fighter for Idaho. None of the hyperbole outweighed Welker's time in the Senate and the public image that had become fixed in the minds of thousands of Idahoans.

While President Dwight D. Eisenhower was carrying Idaho by 61,000 votes in the 1956 election, Senator Herman Welker was losing to Frank Church by 47,000 votes. A few months after his defeat, Senator Joe McCarthy charged the "Eisenhower for President gang in Idaho" had been against Welker's reelection to the Senate. McCarthy said the president had purged Senator Welker from office. McCarthy dismissed the letter written by Eisenhower urging the people of Idaho to return Welker to the U.S. Senate. McCarthy snarled it was merely "some milk and water letter."

Unlike many contestants for political office, Herman Welker publicly gave vent to the "hurt" he felt after having been "so thoroughly beaten in my bid for reelection."

"Of course it hurts to have your neighbors give you a 'no confidence' vote at the polls. In fact, I have been the loser in all kinds of contests, but nothing equals that shock, that chagrin and embarrassment that comes the morning after election when you are told you are through ... that your services to your state and nation are no longer needed. You can hardly face your family, let alone your friends ... " Welker mused, "Maybe I went overboard on patting myself on the back. It is easy for a public servant to imagine himself in being a great man."

Following his loss in the general election and his leaving office on January 3, 1957, Herman Welker left

Washington, D.C., to return to Boise where he opened a law office. Welker traveled to Chicago to speak to the Abraham Lincoln National Republican Club where he made his public remarks about his defeat.

Back home in Idaho, Welker was attempting to paint around the roof of his house when he fell off the ladder twice and gave up. There was good reason why his balance was bad, although it was unknown at the time.

It was not long before Herman Welker was seriously ailing. Welker was admitted as a patient to the National Institute of Health on October 17, 1957, where he underwent surgery to relieve pressure on his brain. Doctors discovered the former senator was suffering from a brain tumor. By October 23, the former senator was on the critical list. Welker underwent a second operation on October 28 in an attempt to remove the brain tumor. By October 31, 1957, Herman Welker was dead.

Most of the eulogies from Welker's political contemporaries were carefully worded. Senator Dworshak said, "The tragic passing of Herman Welker removes one of the most colorful figures in Idaho political history." His recent opponent, Frank Church, was gracious while acknowledging they had been "political adversaries," stressed Welker had been kind in their personal dealings.

Welker's earthly remains were borne to his gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery by a horse-drawn caisson. Reverend Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the United States Senate, preached at the late former senator's funeral.

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Legacy Parks celebrates conservation and advancements in projects among 1,000 supporters

Advancements for conservation and park projects were announced Friday to a sold-out crowd of more than 1,000 guests at Legacy Parks Foundation's annual Legacy Luncheon for the Parks.

Carol Evans, executive director of Legacy Parks Foundation kicked off the announcements with a big conservation milestone on the French Broad River. "I'm pleased to say that we've acquired three islands bordering Seven Islands State Birding Park in east Knox County - a purchase

that completes the protection of all of the islands related to the state park," said Evans. Legacy Parks was able to purchase the lands through a grant from the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund. "This is significant to the conservation of the area, being one of the most richly diverse areas and sections of the river in the region," Evans continued.

The Luncheon Parks is the foundation's annual fundraising event that celebrates the accomplishments of the organization

over the past year.

A special announcement for East Tennessee was also made during the luncheon: a \$10 million park project funded by a private donor in Bristol, TN. Catie's Playground will be located at the existing Steele Creek Park and will be a destination, fully-inclusive play-space featuring a custom play structure, tree canopy walk, a storybook trail and more. It will honor the memory of Catherine Dunn Stubben, a Bristol mother of three who passed away at the age of 30.

In continuation of Legacy Parks' efforts towards supporting the Knox County Water Trail, Evans announced a donation from Bill Weigel of 8.4 acres in Powell for a park and adaptive boat launch on Beaver Creek. This donation aligns with Legacy Parks goal to support the Knox County Water Trail by acquiring property for parks and funding for

docks at strategic locations along Beaver Creek.

Evans also announced significant advancements for the SoKno Art Trail - a \$1 million donation from a private donor to support the art installations along the art walk." The SoKno Art Trail will be a 3-mile rail trail from Kern's Food Hall to Ijams Nature Center featuring an art walk with installations drawing

from multiple disciplines - murals, student art, landscape art and more.

In celebration of Legacy Parks' work, keynote speaker, Erik Weihenmayer, shared his inspiring life story of overcoming a rare genetic disease that left him blind at age 14 and becoming the first blind climber to summit Mount Everest.

Did you get an evacuation warning?

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EMS services, describing the change as "very complex." He said he hopes the Knox County system fully taking over dispatch might be completed in February, noting that some rescue and volunteer fire departments currently operate on non-compatible radio

systems.

He also reported on the ongoing certification of more managers at Knox911 facility's dispatch office, an upcoming regional training session, and an updating of maps.

Finance Director Fugate urged the system to move some of the \$18 million in

its undesignated surplus funds to other accounts, like equipment funding, so the system looks more balanced. Anders said that is being considered and proposed a vote on it during the board's next meeting in January.

Go to Hell in Michigan

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office with a postal mark, bus tours, the Hell Country Store and a Gates of Hell entrance. The community thrives on the name and you could come away from your visit with Hell sunglasses, pens and unique Halloween items. There's an online store for non-visitors who can experience Hell without being there. You can even buy one

square inch of Hell and become a property owner. You can even buy tee shirts that proclaim "I've been to Hell and back."

Hell also has campgrounds, biking and hiking trails, a chain of lakes and the nearby Pinkney Recreation Area. While in Hell you can even be the mayor for an hour and get an official certificate and a mug. If you're headed

toward Hell or anywhere north of Knoxville you might want to look out your passenger window as you begin to climb the Cumberland Mountain north of Caryville for a long line of upturned cliffs known as the "Devil's Staircase." There's a "Hell for Certain" in Kentucky, a Hell in California, Hell Creek in Montana and in our region a "Hell's Point Ridge" in Campbell County.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DEVONTE J. BLAIR
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE CHILD WHOSE NAME FOR PURPOSES OF THESE PROCEEDINGS IS:
HADDEN BLAIR, DOB 2/7/2011

By:
GABRIEL AND EUGENA MATIAS,
Petitioners,
vs.
MICAELA R. RANGEL,
Respondent / Mother,
and
DEVONTE J. BLAIR,
Respondent/ Father.

NO. 206250-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DEVONTE J. BLAIR, 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 DEVONTE J. BLAIR, it is ordered that said defendant, DEVONTE J. BLAIR, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with MEGHAN A. BODIE, an Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1650 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 RICHARD B ARMSTRONG JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 20th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: GUSTAVO JUSTICE
IN RE: PAUL E. JUSTICE
-vs-
GUSTAVO JUSTICE

Docket # 160583

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GUSTAVO JUSTICE 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 GUSTAVO JUSTICE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by PAUL JUSTICE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with T. J. NORTON, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 236 E. MAIN ST. #103, SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2024

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND
and **MICHAEL D. REDMOND**
IN RE: HAMILTON HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff

vs.

ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND
and **MICHAEL D. REDMOND**
Defendants

NO. 209303-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, 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 ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, it is ordered that said defendants, ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with KEVIN C. STEVENS, an Attorney whose address is 550 MAIN STREET, SUITE 400, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHENG YE
IN RE: CHEN CHEN
vs.
SHENG YE

NO. 209126-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHENG YE, 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 SHENG YE, it is ordered that said defendant, SHENG YE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RACHEL E. DONSBACH, an Attorney whose address is 550 W. MAIN ST., STE. 600, KNOXVILLE . TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 8th day of October, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TROY ERSKINE

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE CHILD, TRENAN LAMICHAEL JAMES ERSKIN, BY MEGAN ELIZABETH-LOY BATMAN AND DAVON BATMAN
vs.
TROY ERSKINE

NO. 209003-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TROY ERSKINE 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 TROY ERSKINE, it is ordered that said defendant, TROY ERSKINE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JENNIFER SCHILLING, an Attorney whose address is 1522 HIGHLAND AVE., KNOXVILLE, TN 37016, 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 WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part 1, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 3rd day of October, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES A. AND RHONDA MAY, and
5713 LUTIE ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37912

IN RE: TIMOFEY CHEKHOVSKYY
v.
ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES A. AND RHONDA MAY, and
5713 LUTIE ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37912

NO. 209458-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES A. AND RHONDA MAY, and 5713 LUTIE ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37912, 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 ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES A. AND RHONDA MAY, and 5713 LUTIE ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37912, it is ordered that said defendant, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES A. AND RHONDA MAY, and 5713 LUTIE ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37912, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with LUKE D. DURHAM, an Attorney whose address is 265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604, Knoxville, Tennessee 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 Christopher D. Hoagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 8th day of October, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHERYL R. MCFARLAND

IN RE: TIMOFEY AND VITALINA CHEKHOVSKYY
v.
MARGARET BELLE BARKER, GRANT BARKER, PIA HATFIELD, TAMARA SUMP, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHERYL R. MCFARLAND, and 1804 CHARLES DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37918

NO. 209456-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHERYL R. MCFARLAND, 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 ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHERYL R. MCFARLAND, it is ordered that said defendant, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHERYL R. MCFARLAND, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with SAMUEL D. STOUT, an Attorney whose address is 265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604, Knoxville, Tennessee 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 JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 8th day of October, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONNIE ROGERS BOLTON
DOCKET NUMBER 90069-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CONNIE ROGERS BOLTON, who died June 2, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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:

with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CONNIE ROGERS BOLTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA R. CAMPBELL
161 SAINT ANDREWS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

DANIEL SANDERS, ATTORNEY
G. ALAN RAWLS, ATTORNEY
920 VOLUNTEER LANDING, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL LEE BRADLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90017-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CARL LEE BRADLEY, who died August 22, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CARL LEE BRADLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHY R. WILLIAMS
1735 MURRAY DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY
1810 MERCHANT DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLAYTON BREWER
DOCKET NUMBER 90047-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLAYTON BREWER, who died July 27, 2024, were issued to 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 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CLAYTON BREWER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JUDY PHIPPS, EXECUTRIX
13728 HIGHWAY 131
POWDER SPRINGS, TN 37848

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNEST E. CARVER, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 89786-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERNEST E. CARVER, JR., who died May 12th, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 4 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ERNEST E. CARVER, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA LINN
DANIEL F. WILKINS, ATTORNEY
7632 GLEASON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 90054-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN CLARK, who died July 29, 2024, were issued to 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 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN CLARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN MCALLISTER, EXECUTOR
118 HARBOR OAKS DRIVE
MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29588

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARA FAYE DALTON
DOCKET NUMBER 90011-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of CLARA FAYE DALTON, who died on August 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned 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 paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below; otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CLARA FAYE DALTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANITA D. GARRETT
7631 SADDLEBROOKE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

STEPHEN K. GARRETT, ATTORNEY
7838 BARKER ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICIA YVONNE DAVENPORT
DOCKET NUMBER 90075-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALICIA YVONNE DAVENPORT, who died on the 31st day of August 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALICIA YVONNE DAVENPORT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROY DANIEL DAVENPORT
1999 CHESTNUT RIDGE DR.
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

PATRICK G. NOEL, ATTORNEY
1001 E. BROADWAY
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAMMELA R. GRIMM
DOCKET NUMBER 90077-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAMMELA R. GRIMM, who died August 24, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF PAMMELA R. GRIMM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GAIL R. MILLER
1908 VERMONT AVE. NW, APT. A
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

GLEN A. KYLE, ATTORNEY
4931 HOMBERG DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY GAIL HEPLER
DOCKET NUMBER 90083-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JUDY GAIL HEPLER, who died on April 10, 2024, were issued to the

undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 8 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JUDY GAIL HEPLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LEROY KARL BURKMAN, JR.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET MOORE HILL
DOCKET NUMBER 90032-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARGARET MOORE HILL, who died February 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARGARET MOORE HILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA MAE JONES
DOCKET NUMBER 90066-2

Notice is hereby given as required by T.C.A. § 30-2-306, that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of LINDA MAE JONES (deceased), who died on August 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Clerk of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against said Estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 (or posting as the case may be) of this Notice of the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication or posting; 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 the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LINDA MAE JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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Old Gray Cemetery to host its annual 'Spirits Of Old Gray' Event

Cemetery tours, Knoxville history, food and fun!

Established in 1850, Old Gray Cemetery, one of the oldest garden cemeteries in Tennessee, is pleased to announce the return of its popular annual "Spirits" event!

Take a peaceful leisurely stroll among the aged shady trees on the historic property of Old

Gray Cemetery at 543 North Broadway Street in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Enjoy live reenactors telling the tales of those buried there, as well as guided tours, food trucks, bagpipe music, and other vendors. Learn about the area's precious history in a unique way. A wonderful experience for any age or physical ability.

Admission is \$5 ages 10 and above, cash or credit cards welcome. No reservations. Come rain or shine!

Parking will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, Volunteer Ministries Center and other nearby parking lots.

Old Gray Cemetery is a non-profit organization and arboretum that maintains and promotes the historical area.

Monsters at the Museum returns to Museum of East Tennessee History

Saturday, October 26, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

East Tennessee History Center
601 S. Gay St., Knoxville, TN 37901

Enjoy Halloween-fun at Monsters at the Museum! This family friendly event features Halloween-themed children's crafts and activities, trick-or-treating throughout the Museum of East Tennessee History, Appalachian legends and lore, and more. While this year the East Tennessee Historical Society will not host a costume contest, you are encouraged to come dressed in your Halloween



costume and enjoy the fun!
For more information about this event, visit www.easttnhistory.org/event/monsters-at-the-museum/ or call the East Tennessee Historical Society at 865-215-8830.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANKLIN SAMPLES DOCKET NUMBER 90065-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT FRANKLIN SAMPLES, who died July 21, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANKLIN SAMPLES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DIANA CARTER SAMPLES
5220 LYONS VIEW PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANTHONY NEAL SAWYER DOCKET NUMBER 89268-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANTHONY NEAL SAWYER, who died Nov. 3, 2023, were issued to 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 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ANTHONY NEAL SAWYER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JASON K. SAWYER, ADMINISTRATOR
1023 PCDEN BRIDGE ROAD
CHESTER, SC 29706

SHARON CLARK, ATTORNEY
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KINGSTON, TN 37763

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINLIN SHEN SHIH DOCKET NUMBER 90085-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINLIN SHEN SHIH, who died on June 13, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LINLIN SHEN SHIH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHIA C. SHIH
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM NOBLE SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 89906-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters of Administration, in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM NOBLE SMITH, were issued to Nancy Louise Parkey by the Probate Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court at 400 Main Street, Suite 352, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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.
- All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make property settlement with the undersigned at once.
- This the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM NOBLE SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NANCY LOUISE PARKEY
110 MABLE PARKEY DR.
EWING, VA 24248

DAVID H. STANIFER, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 217
TAZEWELL, TN 37879

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARVA FLOYD SOFTLY DOCKET NUMBER 90026-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the estate of MARVA FLOYD SOFTLY, who died August 5, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of court 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 the first publication (or posting); 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 4 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARVA FLOYD SOFTLY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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8340 IVORY TOWER DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

JAMES C. WRIGHT, ATTORNEY
2701 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE B. TARVER DOCKET NUMBER 89643-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACQUELINE B. TARVER, who died May 24, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE B. TARVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JUDY BRYAN
3626 ROCHDALE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

JOHN P. FRY
3626 ROCHDALE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROSE LOUISE VANDERGRIF DOCKET NUMBER 90073-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROSE LOUISE VANDERGRIF, who died August 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROSE LOUISE VANDERGRIF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PHYLLIS R. VANDERGRIF
2908 W. OLD ANDREW JOHNSON HWY.
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SOLANGE M. WHELAHAN DOCKET NUMBER 89722-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SOLANGE M. WHELAHAN, who died January 5, 2024, were issued to all the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF SOLANGE M. WHELAHAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTINA SMITH
103 MIDLAKE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA MADDOX WRIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 90056-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTHA MADDOX WRIGHT, who died Aug. 14, 2024, were issued to 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 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARTHA MADDOX WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID CARLTON WRIGHT, EXECUTOR
6 IRIS LANE
RICHMOND, VA 23226

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE D. YOUNG DOCKET NUMBER 89981-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANICE D. YOUNG, who died July 8, 2024, were issued to 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 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JANICE D. YOUNG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ZEESTHER M. BUSH-COLLIER
100 SHIMMERING WATERS LANE
FAYETTEVILLE, GA 30214

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF IDA JANE KENNEDY BOHANAN DOCKET NUMBER 90088-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of IDA JANE KENNEDY BOHANAN, who died July 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice To Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 11 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF IDA JANE KENNEDY BOHANAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THE TRUST COMPANY OF
TENNESSEE, EXECUTOR
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

VICTORIA B. TILLMAN, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LISA E. CRAFT DOCKET NUMBER 90081-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of LISA E. CRAFT, who died September 10, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LISA E. CRAFT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACOB PARHAM
289 CREEKWOOD COVE LANE, APT. 5B
LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES B. FITZGERALD DOCKET NUMBER 90043-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day

of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES B. FITZGERALD, who died August 18, 2024, were issued to 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 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES B. FITZGERALD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARIAN D. FITZGERALD, EXECUTRIX
1123 HAVENWOOD DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN MEHLHORN DOCKET NUMBER 90090-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of KIMBERLY ANN MEHLHORN, who died May 2, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 11 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN MEHLHORN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BETTY CHARLENE HAWKINS
3310 LEXANN LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

MADELINE F. LEONARD, ATTORNEY
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANELLE NEAS DOCKET NUMBER 90100-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JANELLE NEAS, who died August 31, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date 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 10 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JANELLE NEAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM C. NEAS
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY A. RICHESIN DOCKET NUMBER 90058-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY A. RICHESIN, who died June 19, 2024, were issued to all the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or

- (2), otherwise their claim 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 the first publication; or
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1. **ROLL CALL:**
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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Keegan Smith puts up four fingers as he approaches the finish line to win his fourth straight KIL championship Saturday morning on the Cherokee Boulevard course. Photo by Barry Houchin.



Smith's sweep 'means a lot'

By Steve Williams

The cheers for Keegan Smith down the straightaway to the finish line seemed to be louder than ever at Saturday morning's annual KIL Boys' Cross Country Meet.

The Knoxville Catholic High senior couldn't have been more deserving.

Keegan stuck out four fingers on his hand about 10 yards

from his final stride in reference to his unprecedented four KIL championships.

Smith also bettered his KIL meet and course record time with a 14:52.11 performance on the 5,000-meter Cherokee Boulevard course.

"As a freshman I didn't really imagine I could ever do this because there is always such great competition," said Keegan. "It seems like all the really fast

guys in Knoxville always show out for this meet.

"But as the years went on, especially this year, it was a goal that was at the very forefront of my mind - almost like to the same level of the state championship is on my mind. But yeah, I definitely wanted to take care of business this year and to be the only guy to do so - it means a lot. I know that when I represent

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

West beats Anderson County, 30-27

By Mark Nagi

The West Rebels and Anderson County Mavericks each have their eyes set on deep runs in the playoffs. On Thursday, October 17, they tested each other and showed signs that this November might be a busy one. In the end, the host Rebels got three clutch field goals by Pete Rogers, and outlasted the Mavs 30-27.

"I have got a lot of respect for the Anderson County program," said

West Head Coach Lamar Brown. "It was a back-and-forth game. I was happy for our kids. We have been in a lot of big games this year and they finally found a way to pull one out against a really good football team. I feel like we started to grow up a little bit."

This was a game marked by runs. The Rebels got off to a great start. A Rogers FG was followed by a Messiah Wrenn 7-yard TD

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PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Powell quarterback Deuce Rodgers makes a long run beginning with a Heisman leap over Central defenders and setting up the Panthers' their first touchdown in a 34-8 win Friday night.

Panthers dial in 34-8 win over Bobcats

By Ken Leinart

This is what can happen when you "dial in."

Friday night the Powell Panthers improved to 7-1 (3-0 in region) with a 34-8 win at Knoxville Central High School, putting a damper on Bobcat homecoming night.

It was a slow start for the Panthers, though the visitors marched the opening kickoff for the game's first score. But it wasn't until the third quarter that Powell looked like it was in full control.

"There was a lot of emotion," Powell quarterback Deuce Rodgers said after the win.

"I thought we came out strong, but they had us in the first half," he said.

"Then we dialed in." Panther Connor Wheeler put up the first points on the night, capping a 50-yard drive that ate up a little more than two minutes on the clock. Dylan Stooksbury made it 7-0.

It looked like that score might stand the test of time as both teams put

on a defensive slugfest for much of the first half. Central quarterback Kaden Long played beyond his sophomore status avoiding Powell's pass rush, but the Powell defense held when it needed.

Central's defense held the Powell ground game in check and the game settled into a sort of stalemate.

Early in the second quarter Rodgers found a seam in the Bobcat defense, broke a couple of tackles and went 27

yards for the score with 10:31 left in the first half. Stooksbury made it 14-0.

There were big moments of offense for both teams for the remainder of the first half. Wheeler and Fabby Neiwoh provided some exciting runs that were on the brink of being break-aways if not for a stubborn Bobcat defender making a play.

Central's Jaedyn Harris took a short dump pass and carried multiple Panthers with him for a

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Workhorse Thomas leads GCA past Webb, 24-19

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian Academy's football team under new head coach Justin Price has proven to be a two-headed monster for opposing coaches.

One night senior quarterback Weston Edmondson is throwing the ball all over the place like a college prospect. On another night sophomore Terrion Thomas is running with the ball like another great player in the Karns area did not too long ago.

"It's a special night for

Grace Christian Academy," said Justin, who along with defensive coordinator and twin brother Matt have become well known throughout the East Tennessee area over the years.

GCA boosted its record to 8-0 overall with a 24-19 win Friday night over visiting Webb School, a Division II-AA East Region rival and state power for many years.

"Everybody knows who Webb is," said Justin. "They know that when you

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Seymour players listen to Coach Patrick Clark's post-game talk after the Eagles snapped their 24-game losing streak with a 37-0 win at Sullivan East Oct. 22.

Eagles go 'extra mile' to halt 24-game skid

By Steve Williams

Seymour High School was on Fall Break last week, but its football team was in Bluff City 100 miles away in the northeast corner of the state to play on a rare Tuesday night.

But that's where the Eagles wanted to be. They were on a mission to end a 24-game losing streak.

It was 47 degrees at kickoff time and got colder throughout the game. Light rain turned into a drizzle and then a hard rain. It had stopped by game's end and so had Seymour's frustrating skid with its 37-0 win over Sullivan East.

It's most faithful fans had made the trip and were huddled under umbrellas and anything that would help them stay dry or less wet. They were glad they came to see their boys prevail.

Coincidentally,

Seymour's last victory before the losing streak began was on Sullivan East's field in 2022.

In the post-game celebration out on the field, coaches commended the Eagles and told them there was still time to start their own winning streak this season. Seymour, now 0-3 in Region 2-4A and 1-7 overall, will play at border rival South-Doyle this Friday. The Eagles will host Carter in their regular season finale Nov. 1.

"There's a weight lifted off of us," said Seymour Head Coach Patrick Clark after the win over the Patriots. "Not for me so much, but those seniors who have grinded and grinded and grinded."

"I was nervous about Sullivan East coming in here, because their quarterback (sophomore Peyton Lingerfelt) was slinging it

all over the place and they were getting first downs on (state power) Greeneville in an earlier game this season. We knew we were going to have to play solid and it was a short week. So I'm really proud of our kids.

"When we told them to just keep on believing, they just kept on believing and that's huge and they deserve it.

"My coaching staff worked their tails off. I'm proud of them, too. So, as the caretaker of the program, it's big, but it's a heck of a lot bigger for those young ones. I'm so happy for those young men."

Seymour team captain Jackson Gratton was on the sideline but couldn't play due to a knee injury he had suffered the week before against Fulton. But there was no way he was going to miss the game and not support his team.

"I'm always going to be here for my team," said Gratton. "And with or without me, I'm still going to support them through thick and thin. And in losses always. Today we come out with a win, which I'm very proud of them for."

Madden Guffey, Seymour's No. 1 quarterback who had been injured, returned for this game, which gave the Eagles a boost.

Ryan Gibson again was a one-man wrecking crew for SHS. The junior bruiser carried the ball 27 times for 302 yards. He had three touchdown runs of 14, 3 and 25 yards plus scored on a 22-yard screen pass



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

It was finally time for Seymour High's football team to get to celebrate last week. After close losses in three games this season and a 24-game losing streak that dated back to 2022, the Eagles tasted the thrill of victory in Bluff City.

from Guffey.

Gibson's only error was losing the ball at the Patriots' 2-yard line after a 59-yard gallop late in the third quarter. But it was his extra effort that contributed to the fumble.

Coach J.C. Simmons' Patriots picked up two first downs on the first possession of the game. But Seymour quickly halted that as Corey Helton put a heavy rush on Lingerfelt and broke up two straight pass attempts. A hard tackle by Mason Brown then put Sullivan East in punt formation.

Lingerfelt, who also is SE's punter, attempted a pass on fourth-and-seven from the Patriots' 45 instead of punting and it fell incomplete.

Seymour took advantage of the field position and Gibson scored his first touchdown on a 14-yard

run and the Eagles led 6-0.

Sullivan East's best scoring threat came on its second possession when Lingerfelt completed four passes, including two to Devin Bowman for 36 and 25 yards, which took the Patriots from their 6-yard line to first and goal at the Seymour 10. But they would get no closer.

Seymour increased its advantage to 14-0 at halftime on Guffey's screen pass to Gibson. Sophomore Duke Delozier intercepted a SE pass at the Eagles' 20-yard line and returned the pick to midfield to end the first half.

Seymour pulled away after intermission. Gibson, in fact, broke loose for a 60-yard gallop to the Sullivan East 3 on the first play of the third quarter to set up his 3-yard TD run.

The Eagles' Hunter Williams had a big hit on

the Patriots' next possession followed by an interception and return to the SE 47. Gibson scored his third TD on a 25-yard run with 1:09 to go in the third quarter.

Early in the final quarter, Alec Brown raced 30 yards around left end to score and Jackson Kendall capped the scoring with a 39-yard field goal that set off the mercy rule's running clock.

Seymour sophomore Grayson Davis intercepted a pass and was headed for paydirt but was tackled inside the 5-yard line on the last play of the game.

This rare Tuesday night game was set up as a fill-in game for both teams, after they each lost a scheduled game due to Hurricane Helene. While Seymour is off this Friday, Sullivan East

(1-7 overall) has a Region 1-4A game at Cherokee.

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'This field belongs to everybody who identifies with Tennessee tradition'

Morgan Wallen's recent performances on Shields-Watkins Field elicited justifiable concern from portions of the Vol fan base.

By Tom Mattingly

What would be the impact of that event on the hallowed turf, so carefully tended by the likes of John "Deanie" Hoskins and Bob Campbell over the years? Would the field be ready for the always-pivotal game against Florida? What might happen if it wasn't? When Florida did show up for the always-contentious game on Oct. 12, it appeared the impact might have been minimal, but history does tell us interesting stories about the sod on the floor of the big stadium by the river.

Grass returned to the floor of Shields-Watkins Field in 1994 after 25 years of the fake stuff. That was a welcome sight and couldn't have come a moment too soon for those of us who are football purists.

A longstanding cliché tells us that there are activities that are "as boring as watching grass grow."

That hackneyed old line is not necessarily true.

I gleaned that observation from a longtime association with Campbell, the man once charged with overseeing the grass on Shields-Watkins Field and a number of other venues on campus. His University of Tennessee career dated from 1990 to 2009.



It's a magic moment when the Vols run onto Shields-Watkins Field.

Watching him tend to the turf after a game was a cerebral experience, like watching a master craftsman at work.

Call him the "Guru of Grass" or the "Sultan of Sod" if you wish. He was that good.

"Real grass is much more interesting," former Knoxville Journal sports editor Ben Byrd once wrote. "It sparkles with dew in the morning. It oozes mud when it rains. It has bugs and worms crawling around in it. It has character."

The 1968 artificial turf, the version termed "Doug's Rug" by Tennessee partisans, had a checkered career. By its second season, the Tartan Turf had numerous black streaks in

it. Auburn head coach Shug Jordan, among others, was never an admirer, more than once calling it a "Brillo pad."

3M had sold the ersatz turf to Tennessee for \$230,000 in 1968, equivalent to more than \$2 million today. Competitors were said to be flying prospects over the stadium to let them see the damage first-hand.

There were a number of artificial turfs put down in the years to come, but Vol fans consistently believed there was nothing better than the real stuff.

When the city of Birmingham put down artificial turf on Legion Field, Auburn tried to move the 1970 Tennessee game

that season to Cliff Hare Stadium down on the Plains. It didn't happen that year, but the Vols did play at Auburn in 1974 (losing 21-0) and came for good in 1980 (winning 42-0).

In the summer of 1994, watching the new grass grow became a preoccupation with Tennessee fans.

Campbell noticed immediately the zeal Vol fans had for the stadium and greensward where so many great moments had taken place.

"There's no telling how many people, how many families, have come in just to see the field and take pictures," he said. "It's truly amazing what it means to people. Tennessee people care a great deal about this field. People want it to be

the best field anywhere. That's our charge."

Campbell always said that it's a matter of understanding history and having pride in what you do.

"You think about all the great players who have played on this field and the great games played there. This field belongs to everybody who identifies with Tennessee tradition. It's a special place."

Campbell remembered a passage in a book called "Shoeless Joe," the basis for the movie "Field of Dreams."

In that book, the role of the groundskeeper is eloquently defined: "I would watch the groundskeepers groom the field like a prized animal, then after

the game in the cool of the night, the groundskeepers appeared with hoses, hoes, and rakes and shovels and patched the grass like medics attending to wounded animals."

Bob Campbell and staff always treated the field as their own, before, during, and after football season. You could find him in an office under the south end of Neyland Stadium, an area he affectionately referred to as the "Bat Cave." It was a short walk through the south tunnel to his personal "Field of Dreams."

Campbell laughed when he recalled conversations between Bob Neyland and Hoskins before any number of football seasons.

Hoskins was proud of the field he cared for and was said to have told Neyland not to worry about the field. "My field is always ready," he told Neyland and lived to tell the tale. "Can you say the same thing about your football team?"

That's why Bob Campbell had a picture of Deanie on his desk in his office.

At Bob's suggestion, I remember going to the stadium on July 5, 1994, to see the new sod. There was a strong stand of green grass covering the field. It smelled like a stadium should smell, none of that asphalt smell that seemed to accompany the fake stuff. Birds were pecking at the grass, looking for whatever it is birds look for.

It was a marvelous sight. Still is.

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Long's Falcons are riding a four-game win streak

By Steve Williams

Fulton Coach Justin Long came out of his team's last game with mixed results going into the Falcons' open date.

"We didn't play well against the run (versus Seymour), but I think we got an opportunity going into the bye week to get a lot of things fixed," said Long. "I was proud of the way we started the game."

Fulton (5-3) has made improvement through the season and its 35-7 win at Seymour was its fourth straight win.

"We've done some good things," added Long, who is in his first season as head coach at his alma mater after getting his feet wet at Grace Christian Academy (2021-23). "Give credit to our coaching staff. Those guys have really been bought in to the fundamentals and credit to our kids for listening and buying into what we are asking them."

Having a lot of playmakers has been a big part of Fulton's success thus far.

"Yes, we're happy and blessed

to have those guys," said Long. "The biggest thing for us is just to continue to run in the same direction, to want the same things out of this thing, you know. The most important thing is that we trust each other and that we keep getting better; because I still think there's room to get better even eight games in."

The Falcons have home games against Carter (Friday) and Gibbs (Nov. 1) remaining, with a lot on the line. Both are region games with playoff implications.

NEVER TOO LATE

Word is out that Austin-East under Stanton Stevens, who is in his second coaching stint at A-E, has been showing a lot of progress and defeated Pigeon Forge 14-13 last week to notch its first win this season and snap a seven-game losing streak. The Tigers slipped to 5-3 with the loss ... Farragut, which lost its first five games under first year head coach Geoff Courtney, picked up its third straight victory Friday, nipping Jefferson County 24-23 on

the road.

TWO TO GO

Gibbs turned back the Morristown East Hurricanes 38-7 Friday night to run its record to 8-0.

Junior safety Chase Norman had a big night with three interceptions, three tackles and 12 return yards and was named the Defensive Player of the Week.

Offensive Player of the Game

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West beats Anderson County, 30-27

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run. Then, an Abel Ancelet 14-yard scamper late in the first half gave West a 17-0 lead.

But Anderson County, a serious contender for the Class 4A crown, proved why they were still undefeated. QB Landon Hensley hit Trent Strickland for a 40-yard score. Less than 30 seconds later, Strickland got it done on defense with a 43-yard Pick 6.

Instead of a 17-point lead at the half for West, it was a 17-14 game.

Two more Hensley TD passes in the third quarter made it a 27-17 game. Hensley threw for nearly 280 yards against the Rebels.

But West (5-3) would not quit. A Rogers FG was followed by an Antwain

Burdine INT. Two plays later, Wrenn broke free for a 54-yard TD run, and with 7:31 to go, the game was tied at 27. Wrenn was credited with over 140 rushing yards on the night to go with the two scores.

"Messiah has grown up and is turning into one of our best leaders on the football team," said Brown. "He is a guy that holds people accountable, and his work ethic is really good. We expect this out of him. He only weighs about 145 pounds, but he runs it really hard. He is physical and does a great job."

West's defense got the football back to the offense, and they were able to kill over 6 minutes off the clock with a 10-play, 31-yard drive. The big play was a pitch to Wrenn on 4th

and 3, with Wrenn weaving his way for a 10-yard gain. A few plays later, Rogers trotted on the field and drilled the game-winning 37-yard FG.

"He probably is our most improved football player from last year," Brown said of Rogers. "He's done a good job all Fall, and he is just consistent. He's honest and will tell you where he thinks he is good from, and he is another kid that just goes out and executes. I've got all the faith in the world in Pete."

On Friday the Rebels will go back into region play with a road contest at Halls.

"I've been talking to them all week," said Brown. "Most football games are won in four or five plays. And most of those plays, you don't know when



PHOTO BY ROB TAYLOR

West's Messiah Wrenn high steps an Anderson County player in the Rebels' see-saw 30-27 win over the Mavericks Thursday night on Sutherland Avenue. Wrenn rushed for 140 yards and two scores. "He only weighs 140 pounds, but he runs it really hard," said Coach Lamar Brown.

they are gonna happen. We haven't been winning

those plays and I feel like we did in critical situations

(against AC), and we are starting to execute better."

Workhorse Thomas leads GCA past Webb, 24-19

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play them, they're going to be a good team."

Webb Coach Don Mahoney said after the game, "It's kind of picking your poison with what you're going to do against them."

Thomas drew the most attention on this night. He carried the ball 53 times for 269 yards and two touchdowns and caught two passes for 15 yards.

Terrion said he doesn't get that tired. "I just need one or two plays (to go out)."

My little brother (eighth grader Javy Stinson) comes in and fills it out for me."

Thomas said this win was a big one. "Last year I got hurt in this game. I just want to thank God for letting me finish this game tonight. All glory to God."

Terrion also said he felt the offensive line was the difference in the game. "I felt like our line stepped up big this game. I know they were tired after (all those rushing plays); that's crazy. They're big and physical. They did a lot in the off season weight room."

Edmondson completed 13 of 18 passes for 123 yards and one touchdown.

Thomas ran through the left side of the line from seven yards out to cap GCA's opening touchdown drive that covered 74 yards in 12 plays. Edmondson passed 15 yards to Blake Perkey and 14 yards to Kaden Webber in the drive.

Kicker Luis Damus tacked on the extra point.

Webb answered on its first down as Baxter



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Grace Christian's Terrion Thomas runs through an opening in the Webb defense Friday night. The unbeaten Rams' sophomore workhorse carried the football 53 times for 269 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-19 win over the Spartans.

Johnson made a strong 55-yard run around end to score and Clay Fulz added the PAT.

The Rams came right back with another scoring drive. This one was a 70-yarder in nine plays. Edmondson and Perkey connected for 18 and 12-yard gains and Thomas had his longest run of the night – a 21-yarder. Thomas punched it in from the 1.

Webb's Greg Tate III returned the second half kickoff 43 yards to the Grace Christian 27. But the Rams ratcheted up their defense with Jayce Fowler and Blayne Morris making big stops.

With a rested Thomas back on the field, GCA again went on a long TD march, which climaxed

with Edmondson's 4-yard slant pass to Webber for a 21-7 advantage.

The Spartans pulled within 21-13 with quarterback Cruise Cunningham's 34-yard touchdown pass to Greyson Webb.

Tate kept Webb close by blocking a 21-yard FG try early in the fourth quarter.

The Rams marched to midfield and got a break when the ball was knocked out of Stinson's hands. Players from both teams scrambled for the ball, which was finally recovered by GCA at the Spartans' 7-yard line. GCA had to settle for Damus' 27-yard FG and a 24-13 advantage with 3:36 remaining.

Webb's Shavar Young returned the kickoff to the GCA 44 and Cunningham's

13-yard pass to Tate advanced the ball to the 31. Following the next play, Tate caught a 31-yard pass in the corner of the end zone to pull Webb within five (24-19). The 2-point try failed.

An unsportsmanlike penalty after its touchdown resulted in Webb having to kick off from its 25-yard line. But the Spartans made things quite interesting when they recovered their onside kick at the Webb 44 with 2:48 to go.

The game came down to fourth-and-18 at the GCA 30. Cunningham's pass to Young fell incomplete.

Grace Christian (5-0 in region) will host Silverdale Academy (4-1, 6-2) Friday, while Webb (3-2, 4-3) entertains Boyd Buchanan (5-0, 8-0).

Long's Falcons are riding a four-game win streak

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honors went to senior running back Brady Hughes, who had 18 carries for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Coach Brad Turner's Eagles are preparing this week for their toughest test of the season yet against once-beaten Anderson County, which lost a see-saw 30-27 decision at West Thursday night.

TOASTING TODD

Former Bobcat, VFL and MLB Hall of Famer Todd Helton was recognized at Central's homecoming game Friday.

KFOA PROUD

Lee Hedrick, a longtime high school official in the Knoxville Football Officials Association, worked that Vandy versus Alabama game this season as the lead referee.

Hedrick has been a "white hat" for five or six years and in the SEC for about 10 years. Prior to that Lee officiated in the South Atlantic Conference for several seasons.

Lee had the Florida-UK game Saturday night.

High School Football Scores + Schedule

WEEK 9 RESULTS

A-E 14, Pigeon Forge 13
Bearden 35, Oak Ridge 6
Farragut 24, Jeff. Co. 23
Gibbs 38, Mo. East 7
GCA 24, Webb 19
Halls 68, S-D 34
West 30, AC 27
Powell 34, Central 8
Seymour 37, Sull. East 0
Lipscomb 47, KCHS 23
MTCS 37, TKA 30

WEEK 10 GAMES

Kickoff at 7 unless noted

Friday

Union Co. at A-E
CCS at Chatt. Grace
HVA at Farragut
Anderson Co. at Gibbs
Clinton at Karns
Oneida at TKA
Heritage at Central
Carter at Fulton
Silverdale at GCA
West at Halls

B. Buchanan at Webb
Catholic at McCallie
Powell at McMinn Co.
Bearden at Mo. West
CAK at Notre Dame
Seymour at S-D

Saturday

Minnesota at TSD, 5 p.m.

Panthers dial in 34-8 win over Bobcats

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33-yard gain that put the hosts in an excellent position with a first down and Powell's 18-yard line ... Until the next play when Panther Cardell Thomas created a fumble.

The Panthers did go knocking at the door late in the first half with a first and goal at the six, and got squeakingly close at the three but a holding call put them back at the 13. Stooksbury settled for a 30-yard field goal for a 17-0 Powell lead at the half.

The Panther defense stepped up and Rodgers and Company started clicking.

"It was our defense. Our defense came up strong, had some big stops," Rodgers said of the difference in play for the Panthers. "The defense helped us feel more comfortable."

Neiwoh carried much of the load – including the final three yards – on a 57-yard scoring drive to break the ice in the second half. Stooksbury's point after made it a 24-0 game with 7:05 left in the third stanza.

"Then our cornerback, Ja'Taalīs (Henderson) takes it back and that made us breathe a lot easier," Rodgers said.

Henderson pulled down a Central punt at the 23-yard line, broke right, followed his blocking, and 73 yards later gave the Panthers a 31-0 lead at the 4:22 mark in the third quarter.

Stooksbury added a 25-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter (2:24) and the Panthers looked like they had their second shutout in a row.

Central's Demario Chapman kept that from happening with an 80-yard kickoff return for the Bobcat's lone touchdown. Devon Cole lined up to kick the extra point, but ran the ball instead and notched the two-point conversion.

Powell recovered the ensuing onside kick and ran out the clock.

Central stands at 0-2 in the Region 2-5A standings, but the Bobcat's two remaining games are region games which leaves a chance for a playoff berth. The Bobcats host Heritage next week, then travel to Halls in the regular season finale.

At 3-0 in Region 2-5A, Powell's final region contest will be at home against West in the final regular season game of the season. Powell travels to McMinn County next week.

Smith's sweep 'means a lot'

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Knoxville at all of these big races, I think back to times like this where there's just a lot of really good runners all giving it their best."

Smith, a University of Colorado commit, was surprised at the awards' presentation as Christy Baird, the only girls' four time winner of the KIL meet, was on hand to give him his 2024 medal.

Christy won her four KIL medals while running at West High in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. She then ran for the Lady Vols at UT.

In the girls' individual race, Jazzlyn Garmer, a Webb junior, came down the stretch with a big smile on her face and a big lead. She posted a winning time of 17:30.38.

"It was a really good race and I was just happy because our team came into it wanting to all be there close together finishing and we did that today. I also was very close to a personal best time, which is always pretty exciting. So, when I ran across the line I was so happy."

"Today I was feeling pretty good, so I went ahead and pushed the pace the last mile because I knew it was coming up on a fast time and I wanted to get as close to it as I could."

In the team competition (lowest score wins), Webb's girls came out on top with 29 points, followed by Hardin Valley (55), Catholic (57), Farragut (99) and West (156).

In the boys' team



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUCHEIN

Her smiling face tells it all as Jazzlyn Garmer wins by a big margin in this season's KIL Cross Country Championships.

standings, Catholic prevailed with 32 points, followed by Hardin Valley (58), Farragut (63), CAK (151) and West (153).

KIL BOYS' TOP TEN

The Top 10 individual finishers this year: 1-Keegan Smith (Catholic) 14:52.11, 2-Gabe Allen (Hardin Valley) 15:08.05, 3-Evan Beeler (Farragut) 15:22.85, 4-Radek Molchan (Catholic) 15:24.90, 5-Josh Hunt (Hardin Valley) 15:32.96, 6-Tanner Coggin (Farragut)

15:36.62, 7-Nicholas Burke (West) 15:38.82, 8-Cade Duncanson (Catholic) 15:41.81, 9-Tony Ortega (Catholic) 15:48.77, 10-Reid Bannister (Catholic) 15:56.75.

KIL GIRLS' TOP TEN

The Top 10 individual finishers: 1-Jazzlyn Garmer (Webb) 17:30.38, 2-Carolina Areheart (Webb) 17:53.98, 3-Alexandra Vesser (Hardin Valley) 18:29.08, 4-Calysta Garmer (Webb) 18:47.63, 5-Livi Ray (Catholic)

19:10.84, 6-Catlin Daniels (Catholic) 19:19.68, 7-Ariana Vargas (Webb) 19:32.17, 8-Campbell Asti (West) 19:42.40, 9-Ana Berkheimer (Hardin Valley) 19:45.36, 10-Drew Gerken (Catholic) 19:52.81.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Farragut, Gibbs make returns to state tournament after long absences

By Ken Lay

When Andre Alves took the reins for the Farragut High School volleyball program in 2023, he made it no secret that his goal was to see the Lady Admirals make it back to Murfreesboro and the Class 3A state tournament. He wasn't, however, sure that Farragut would make a late-October trip to the Midstate in 2024.

But the Lady Admirals clinched the chance to do just that as they made short work of Bristol's Tennessee High School in a state sectional Thursday night at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

It took Farragut approximately an hour to dispatch the Lady Vikings in a 25-7, 25-15, 25-10 win. With the victory, Farragut clinched its first trip to Murfreesboro since 2016.

"I didn't think we would make it to state in Year Two. I thought it would be like Year Three or Year Four," Alves said. "The credit for this goes to my six seniors. They formed a bond and they wanted it bad.

"They want a state championship and they want it bad, and I want it for them. I'm so proud of these girls."

Farragut (29-5), which will open state tournament play on Tuesday against Germantown Houston at Rockvale High School at 1 p.m. ET, got off to a fast start against the Lady Vikings. After falling behind, 1-0,



PHOTO BY JACK TATE.

The Farragut Lady Admirals celebrate their Region 2-3A volleyball championship. Farragut won the title Tuesday with victories over Oak Ridge and Maryville at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. They Lady Admirals also won the state sectional match Thursday, defeating Tennessee High, to advance to their first state tournament since 2016.

the Lady Admirals scored 11 consecutive points, as Bella Ekeler served up 10 consecutive points after Farragut earned a side-out. "Our serving was tremendous," Alves said. "It was just ridiculous."

After the Lady Vikings (30-12) pulled to within 11-2 before Farragut took the ball again, senior Elsa Morrison, who will play college softball at Tennessee, served up four points, including an ace to make the score, 16-2. Morrison, an outside hitter, finished the match with 21 kills, including 11 in the first set.

In the second set,

Tennessee led, 4-3. Before Farragut libero Loryn Neeley had a service run that included seven points, including an ace that made the score 11-4.

Later in the set, Hailey Aiken had another big service run that all but put the set away.

In the third set, Tennessee led, 5-4, before Farragut scored 21 of the next 27 points to clinch its trip to Murfreesboro,

"If we play like this, we're going to win state," said Alves, who was previously an assistant at Catholic under Brent Carter for seven years and the Lady

Irish made the state tournament seven times and claimed two titles. "I was at Catholic for seven years and we never dominated a sub-state came like this."

Gibbs advances at home:

After winning the Region 2-2A Tournament with a pair of five-set wins over Greeneville and Elizabethton on Tuesday, the Lady Eagles earned the right to host a state sectional in Corryton Thursday night. They notched a 25-23, 21-25, 25-10, 27-25 victory over Northview Academy.

With the win, the Lady

Eagles (24-10) advanced to the state tournament for the first time since 1999. They open play in Murfreesboro at 6 p.m. ET at Siegel High School against Dyer County (34-7).

Lady Irish fall in state quarterfinals: Catholic's season ended Thursday night in the Division II-AA state quarterfinals. The Lady Irish had a 2-1 lead over host Briarcrest Christian School but fell 23-25, 23-25, 25-22, 25-22, 15-12.

Lady Spartans still alive: Webb School of Knoxville was set to play in another

Postseason Volleyball Scoreboard

SECTION 1-2A THURSDAY AT GIBBS HIGH
Gibbs defeated Northview Academy 25-23, 21-25, 25-10, 27-25

SECTION 1-3A AT FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL
Farragut defeated Tennessee High, 25-7, 25-15, 25-10

DIVISION II-AA STATE QUARTERFINALS AT BRIARCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Briarcrest defeated Catholic, 23-25, 23-25, 25-22, 25-22, 15-12.

DIVISION II-AA STATE QUARTERFINALS AT LIPSCOMB ACADEMY
Webb School of Knoxville (Late Saturday)

DIVISION I STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (DOUBLE-ELIMINATION) TUESDAY
Class 2A at Siegel High School, 6 p.m. ET
Gibbs vs. Dyer County
Class 3A at Rockvale High School, 1 p.m. ET
Farragut vs. Houston

Division II-AA state quarterfinal Saturday at Lipscomb Academy with a berth in the semifinals hanging in the balance. Results were not available at press time.

The Lady Spartans (17-14) advanced to the quarterfinals with a win over Brentwood Academy.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Webb, Bearden clinch trips to Chattanooga

By Ken Lay

When Webb School of Knoxville's girls soccer team opened its 2024 season in August, the Lady Spartans had one objective: to reach the Division II-AA state

semifinals.

They'll be heading south on Interstate 75 this week as they punched their ticket to Chattanooga with a 3-0 victory Saturday over Hutchison at Morris Field Saturday afternoon.

It didn't take long for Webb to manufacture all the offense it would need. The Lady Spartans (15-1-1) found the back of the Lady Sting's net on a set play.

In the third minute of the match, Landree Horner took a corner kick that landed in the goal box and would be banged past Hutchison goalkeeper Wright Prather by Webb's Abby Weigel and into the goal.

The inaugural marker would set the tone for the entire match and Webb's defense and Lady Spartans' goalkeeper Lauren Newell would keep the Lady Sting at bay in the match.

"It was big for us to get that goal," said Elaine Roth, Webb's first-year head coach. "You always want to score early and set the tone.

"We're right where we wanted to be at the start of the season."

The Lady Spartans would extend their advantage to 2-0 in the 26th minute when senior Pearce Groer tallied of an assist from McKalie Ball.

All didn't go well for the Lady Spartans, however, as Groer would leave the match via ambulance after suffering an injury. She was taken from the field with 14 minutes, 22 seconds remaining in the match with her side holding a 3-0 lead.

"She was making a challenge against the keeper

and she tried to go around her and they bumped knees," Roth said.

Piper Luhn closed out the scoring in the match as she tallied in the 59th minute.

In Class 3A: Bearden will get the opportunity to play for a fourth consecutive state championship as it won its state sectional, 9-0, against Jefferson County at Turner-Allender Field.

Junior Jayla Blue tallied four markers for the Lady Bulldogs and broke the school's single-season goal scoring record. She scored her milestone goal with 15:15 left in the second half. She has 42 markers this season and has now scored 99 career goals.

She's second on the Lady Bulldogs' all-time career goal scoring list and trails Brinley Murphy (now playing collegiately at South Carolina) who scored 110 lifetime goals for Bearden.

Maci Ritzman and Kennedy Lucas also scored for the Lady Bulldogs, who led 7-0 at halftime.

Bearden has won 17 consecutive games, heading in to the state tournament. The Lady Bulldogs won the Region 2-3A Tournament title with a 4-0 victory over Powell at home Thursday night.

The Lady Panthers were set to play Science Hill in a state sectional in Johnson City Saturday night but

results were not available at press time.

In Class 2A: Seymour concluded its season with a 2-1 loss to Greeneville Saturday in Northeast Tennessee. With the win, the Lady Devils, last year's state runners-up, clinched their 13th consecutive trip to the state's grand soccer stage. The Lady Eagles also lost to Anderson County in Thursday's Region 2 championship match, falling to the Lady Mavericks 2-0 in Clinton.

In Tuesday's Region 2-3A elimination semifinals matches: Powell edged West High, 2-1, and Bearden blanked Central, 6-0, to end the Lady Bobcats' 2024 campaign

In Tuesday's Region 2-2A semifinal elimination matches: Seymour eliminated Clinton with a 6-2 victory and Anderson County notched a 6-0 victory over Carter.

In Division II-A: Three area teams advanced to the state tournament and all three were eliminated in first-round matches on Tuesday.

Lausanne shut out Concord Christian School, 1-0. University School of Nashville toppled Grace Christian Academy, 3-1, and Christian Academy of Knoxville came up on the short end of a 4-2 decision against Evangelical Christian School.

Postseason Soccer Scoreboard

REGION 2-2A SEMIFINALS TUESDAY

Seymour 6, Clinton 2
Anderson County 6, Carter 0

CHAMPIONSHIP THURSDAY

Anderson County 2, Seymour 0

REGION 2-3A SEMIFINALS TUESDAY

Bearden 6, Central 0
Powell 2, West 1

CHAMPIONSHIP THURSDAY

Bearden 4, Powell 0

DIVISION II-A STATE TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND

Evangelical Christian School 4, Christian Academy of Knoxville 2
University School of Nashville 3, Grace Christian Academy 1
Lausanne 1, Concord Christian School 0

CLASS 2A STATE SECTIONAL SATURDAY

Greeneville 2, Seymour 1

CLASS 3A STATE SECTIONALS SATURDAY

Bearden 9, Jefferson County 0
Powell at Science Hill (Late Saturday)

DIVISION II-AA STATE SEMIFINAL SATURDAY

Webb 3, Hutchison 0



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City of Knoxville

City Charter Amendment No. 1

CHARTER AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE PERTAINING TO THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL:

SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTION 404 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, ENTITLED "SAME - TERMS OF OFFICE [OF COUNCILMEMBERS]" BE AMENDED TO ALIGN THE FIFTH COUNCIL DISTRICT WITH THE OTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS BY SERVING A TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 18, 2027 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 15, 2029 AND THEREAFTER SERVE FOR FOUR YEAR TERMS, ALL AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. O-97-2024 OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AS DULY PUBLISHED?

The chief financial officer's cost estimate of the proposed charter Amendment is \$0.

FOR THE AMENDMENT
 AGAINST THE

City Charter Amendment No. 2

CHARTER AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE PERTAINING TO THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL:

SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 401 AND 402, AND ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 704 AND 707 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE BE AMENDED TO ELECT SIX (6) REGIONAL AT LARGE COUNCILMEMBERS USING REGIONAL RESIDENCY AS A QUALIFICATION FOR REGIONAL CANDIDATES AND THREE (3) CITYWIDE AT LARGE COUNCILMEMBERS AND SETTING A PROCESS FOR PRIMARY AND REGULAR ELECTIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC CHAPTER 391, ACTS OF 2023, ALL AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE No. O-98-2024 OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AS DULY PUBLISHED?

The Chief Financial Officer's cost estimate of the proposed charter amendment is \$0.

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