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## **Mayor Jacobs Talks About an Important Blood Drive, Wreaths Across America, Key Speaking Events and More**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*— During his Weekly Update that will post around 1 p.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about a number of events he attended; the annual MEDIC Regional Blood Center’s annual Orange and Blue competition; Wreaths Across America; and this Saturday’s University of Tennessee football game.

Earlier in the week, Mayor Jacobs welcomed participants to the 40th annual "Aging: A Family Affair" conference presented by the Knoxville / Knox County Community Action Committee's Office on Aging.

“Every weekday, many of these residents can be found at one of six amazing Knox County Senior Centers, where a talented team of professionals provides programming aimed at enriching the quality of the lives of those citizens,” he says.

Mayor Jacobs also spoke at the Tennessee Renewal Energy Economic Council’s conference about the importance of nuclear energy to Tennessee. One of Governor Lee’s priorities is to make our state a leader in nuclear power.

The mayor notes that next week is MEDIC Regional Blood Center’s annual Orange and Blue competition as the organization takes on the Kentucky Blood Center. The organization collecting the most blood products takes home the trophy. This competition, which runs from Nov. 18 to Nov. 22, is critical not only for bragging rights but also to boost inventory heading into the holiday season. This year’s event is by appointment only, which can be made online at [www.medicblood.org](http://www.medicblood.org), via the MEDIC app, or by calling 865-524-3074.

Mayor Jacobs also points out that it’s Wreaths Across America time.

“Every year, this wonderful organization places wreaths on the grave markers of our veterans,” he says. “Thanks to your generous support, the past couple of years have been spectacularly successful, as they have been able to place a wreath on every marker in Knox County’s veterans’ cemeteries. Let’s do it again this year. Please click the Wreaths Across America banner on our website, [KnoxCounty.org](http://KnoxCounty.org), to see how you can help.”

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