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Christmas Community Day serves 128 families

First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733 Kingston Pike, hosted its 13th Christmas Community Day (CCD) event on Sunday, December 6. The event served 128 families, a total of 607 individuals from Loudon, Knox, Roane, Monroe and Sevier counties.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event took place outside the church building. Guests with

reservations drove through the entrance and received groceries, necessities, and toys. 228 bags of groceries were distributed (large families received two bags) at an average retail value of \$50 per bag. Mr. and Mrs. Santa greeted the guests and handed out candy canes.

Although the logistics of CCD were complex this year, it was a success for all involved. Lynn Kirchner, CCD coordinator, summed it up: “This is always the highlight of my Christmas season.”

Christmas Community Day is a hands-on Christmas ministry sponsored by the Rita Hommel Endowment Fund and contributions from the congregation, the Chuck Shilling Memorial FISH Grant, Publix, Ingles, and Family Brands.



First Farragut UMC volunteers wheel out provisions for needy families.

Board of Health asks for statewide mask mandate

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The Knox County Board of Health met Wednesday and voted to ask Tennessee Governor Bill Lee to institute a mask mandate across the state. While discussing other possible regulations locally the board backed off expanding additional measures in the fight to calm COVID-19 while continuing restaurant and bar curfews at 10 p.m.

Health Director Dr. Martha Buchanan reported five red lights for the third week in a row with increases in cases and deaths. Asked her opinion on the Knox County Commission’s proposal to dissolve the Board of Health and reconstitute that body as an “advisory” group only, Buchanan said she would rather not be the sole person to set regulations but would continue to consult the weakened board.

“It’s nice not to have the ultimate responsibility,” she said. Dr. Patrick O’Brien said it wasn’t fair to put the entire responsibility on Dr. Buchanan’s shoulders. “In the middle of this pandemic is not the time to make these changes,” he said.

The health director coordinated safety efforts for the pandemic early last year only to be told by the Knox County Law Department she must work under the Board of Health. She did that, becoming a voting member and giving

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Restoration Task Force approved by council

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More than 17 people took turns endorsing a resolution before Knoxville City Council Tuesday evening. The virtual meeting, which stretched from 6 p.m. until 11:30 p.m., dealt with many agenda items but the most attention went to Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie’s “African American Equity Restoration Task Force.” McKenzie suggested, successfully, that a task force be empowered and that \$100 million be sought from federal, state and local donations to solve disparities to the Black citizens displaced during the 1950s and 1960s urban renewal program.

Knoxville historian Bob Booker told The Focus that in the displacement of 2,500 people about 70% were African American and many of those were then placed into public housing.

While the measure passed unanimously there were some concerns among the council members. Councilwoman Janet Testerman said the city already invests money into programs for the Black neighborhoods and basically asked if any of the proposed funds go to individuals. The answer was “No.”

She then asked if the funds are “new dollars” and said she has concerns that the federal or state dollars may not be available.

“There are a lot of unknowns. It’s heavy and complex and I continue to have a lot of questions,” Testerman said.

“It’s a hard pivot and challenge. We’ve got to ask some of our government partners to partner with us,” said Councilman Lauren Rider.

“It’s not government that is going to fix it by

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Garden Path School student Beatrice Bennett decorates a gingerbread house with a resident of the Echo Ridge retirement community. Photo submitted.

By Ken Lay

Angela Mayfield wanted her preschool students to spread a little holiday joy. And that’s just what they did recently.

Mayfield, a preschool teacher and owner of Garden Path School in Knoxville, took her students to the Echo Ridge retirement community on Friday, Dec. 11 to do some Christmas caroling for the residents of the West Knoxville community.

“It was a lot of fun,” said Mayfield. “They’ve already

invited us back. All the children had on masks and they met in an atrium.”

Mayfield said it took the residents, who sat in three social distant tiers, a bit to warm up to their guests. But when they did, the experience was truly heartwarming and magical.

“We sang ‘Away in a Manger’ and then we did ‘Jingle Bells’ and you could just see the hearts melt,” Mayfield said. “We had three levels of people and it was just really cute.

Christmas carols were only part of the day’s festivities as the preschool students were afforded the opportunity to visit with residents and make gingerbread houses.

“The children got to mingle and we did two things. We sang Christmas carols and then the children made gingerbread houses with the residents,” Mayfield said. “They spent 45 minutes together and there was a lot of collaboration and there was a retired teacher

there.

Garden Path School is a new private preschool in Knoxville and Mayfield said it is Christian-based.

And the recent visit to Echo Ridge was the first for her students in Knoxville but she’s organized many such gatherings in other places.

She noted that she looks forward to making a return trip with her students, possibly in the spring for a potential Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics activity.

Andrew Johnson purchase deal limps along

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After a long discussion, the Knox County Commission appears to be headed to authorizing the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building to BNA Associates LLC. In their work session last week the commission heard Matt Myers, Knox County Purchasing Director, say a five-year PILOT program may be requested to help the buyer and in-lieu of taxes would be in the agreement.

The BNA deal would permit the company to design the upper part of the historic building for apartments instead of hotel rooms, use as such

for five years, and then convert to hotel rooms. Commissioner Carson Dailey questioned the loss of hotel-motel tax revenue during that period.

Myers answered that BNA probably can’t find a financier for a hotel but may get backing for apartments. The \$6 million purchase

price and the lower than anticipated taxes during the five-year period was questioned and Commissioner John Schoonmaker bemoaned the loss of the hotel-motel tax dollars during that time.

Attorney Mark Mamanov said “You have to decide. It’s better in the

long term.” He said it is easier to find financing for apartments. He called the deal disappointing and called the agreement “a trade-off.” Commissioner John Schoonmaker said even if the building was to be left empty the county would continue to receive about \$100,000 in taxes

from Verizon which is located on the top floor.

Myers said the deal will allow the buyer to develop the building “to make it worth their while.”

“We owe it to the developer to try to make this work,” Myers said.

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Christmas Memories

From a distance



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We are blessed beyond our comprehension to live in this country, and we should be especially thankful at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I read not long ago that almost half the people in this world have to get by on \$4.00 or less a day and that about three-fourths

have to live on less than \$10.00 a day.

In the U.S., on the other hand with only a little over four percent of the world's population, we buy almost one-fourth of the world's goods.

I will celebrate my 73rd Christmas this year, and all have been in East Tennessee with one partial exception.

I had an aunt and uncle and five cousins who lived in Manchester. Two of the boys were close in age to me and my brother, Joe, who was three years younger.

Several times Joe and I would ride the Greyhound bus to McMinnville where my aunt would pick us up.

One Christmas eve, it started snowing, and we were waiting inside the bus station for the return trip to Knoxville.

The bus driver, not seeing any waiting passengers outside, just slowed down but did not turn into the station and kept on going.

My brother and I spent the night with our cousins and watched them open all their presents. We rode the bus back on Christmas afternoon and finally got to open our presents that night.

When I was growing up in the 50s and 60s, we were not poor but certainly not wealthy either. Daddy was the city law director for a little over three years and

mayor for almost six years during the nine years from when I was 9 to 17.

He made I think \$7,200 as law director and \$15,000 as mayor, good salaries at that time, but with a family of six, no one considered us rich.

Kids in those years did not get nearly as many clothes and toys as now. We moved into a 1,400 square foot house in Holston Hills in 1952. As was typical then, there was very little closet space and just one bathroom.

On Christmas in 1956, when I was nine and my brother was six, we got replica Tennessee football jerseys which were cheap by today's standards but

memorable to me to this day. I was given number 33, the jersey of Tom "The Bomb" Tracey and Joe got number 45, which was worn by Johnny Majors.

I was in the last 7th and 8th grade classes at Holston before it became just a four-year high school. In 1959, my Christmas presents were a nice Holston jacket, a blue portable radio and, for some reason, a black fedora hat which I almost never wore.

One Christmas, Neal Ridley, who co-owned the Knoxville Smokies with my dad, gave me and my brother nice Rawlings baseball gloves with our names stamped on them. We were very proud of those

gloves.

I worked full eight-hour shifts as a reporter for the Knoxville Journal on both Thanksgiving and Christmas in 1968 since I was low on the totem pole at the paper.

This made me realize how many people have to work full-time on holidays, and I have appreciated their sacrifices ever since then.

I think one of the most beautiful sounds is to hear "O Holy Night" sung on Christmas Eve at a candle-light service.

I hope you have fond Christmas memories and a very merry Christmas this year.

What's in the McKenzie Restoration Resolution?

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Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie's resolution to create an African American Equity Restoration Task Force was passed unanimously after initial hesitation Tuesday evening. Basically it is a city council apology to the city's Black citizens for past inequality. It harks back to slavery, the 1919 Race Riots, displacement during urban renewal and the current 42% of the Black residents below the poverty level living in the city. The city of Knoxville population is about 17% African American.

About 2,500 Black people were displaced during the 1950s and 1960s during urban renewal and many were apparently underpaid for their property and some were forced into public housing because they could not afford housing or businesses they

previously owned. Black-owned businesses, buildings and churches were taken for the renewal project and few survived.

McKenzie's resolution calls for federal, state and local funds to be sought to support a \$100 million effort to assist the Black community, with the city possibly being asked to contribute as well.


The task force will be comprised of business, community, financial, education, faith, healthcare, youth and city leaders and charged with identifying strategic solutions to improve areas of disparities and disenfranchisement, working with existing agencies in the community and developing policies and programs to establish opportunities.

The resolution is an overall apology by the city to the Black community for "the hurt in our history inflicted on African Americans."

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itself. I don't know what we can do but it starts



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here," Testerman said, adding, "We can't continue to blame and point fingers."

"In our hearts, it's the right thing to do," McKenzie said. She told the council that the restoration to the Black community, which includes an apology from the city for past injustices, has overwhelming support from community and church leaders.

She said the task force will report back to council and is the "right step" to look at disparities.

Who Claims the Kids on Taxes After Divorce?

When people go through a divorce, one question that comes up is, "who gets to claim the kids on their taxes?"

When someone is asking that question, they already understand that when they claim dependents on their tax returns, they will realize a greater savings or return in taxes. A dependent is someone who the person filing taxes financially supports.

If someone claimed a child on their taxes as a dependent, that reduced their taxable income by \$4,050.00, lowering their tax liability.

After a divorce, parties often alternated who would



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claim the children each year, or they would split up which children are claimed by which parent.

The last two years the tax law has changed so a greater discussion is required about who is claiming children on their taxes after a divorce.

Now, you cannot just put down which child is claimed by which parent. There are three separate tax credits/designations related to children that need to be addressed. They are: Head of Household, Child Tax Credit, and Dependent Care Credit. I have a very limited knowledge of tax law,

but let's go over the basics regarding these three items.

First is the Head of Household designation. You can file as Head of Household if you have the child more than half of the time during the year. If the parents have the child for an equal period than they will need to negotiate and determine who will use this designation or if they will take turns doing so.

Next is the Child Tax Credit. This is the credit most similar to the old way that dependents were listed on taxes. Either parents can claim this credit regardless of how much time they have with the child during the year. It is important that this credit is addressed in the divorce so there is not an argument about who will claim this credit in various

years.

The Dependent Care Credit is a credit that only the parent with more time with the children can claim and it is a credit you only receive for work-related child-care. So for a parent to claim this credit, they must have the child the majority of the time, and also must be paying child-care costs. If there is no child-care cost, then this credit cannot be claimed by either party. Or, if the parent with less time is the one paying the child-care cost, again, this credit cannot be claimed.

If you are in a position where you are trying to determine how to claim your children on your taxes after your divorce, familiarize yourself with these three designation/listings.

Board of Health asks for statewide mask mandate

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the board a report at each meeting along with reports from the schools and UT Medical Center. Now the commission is apparently moving to put her back as the lone authority.

Dr. Buchanan introduced a non-binding resolution for how individuals and businesses may deal with the pandemic.

The board called on local public officials and physicians to also write the governor. Several doctors on the board are warning that COVID-19 is going to get much worse as the testing results, now at about 20% positive, are beginning to see the results of Thanksgiving gatherings.

Dr. James Shamiyeh of UT Medical said, "It's not going to correct itself." He reported hospitalizations in the region and pointed to an increase in patients in the 50-plus age group. He also said that even with a vaccine coming it will not have a local impact for 30 to 60 days ahead.

Dr. Patrick O'Brien, who had initially offered two proposals prior to the meeting, said that one was just a "place keeper."

That suggestion, to ask for powers to regulate the pandemic efforts beyond Knox County to the surrounding counties, was pulled and not discussed.

The other proposal was altered to ask the governor for the mask mandate. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, as usual, was the sole "No" vote on that motion.

The local mask mandate continues with no expiration date and the board extended the restaurant and bar regulations of 50% occupancy and a 10 p.m. closing until January 6 with a board meeting prior to that date. Board member Maria Hurt noted that the White House Task Force is recommending a 25% capacity in restaurants.

Currently the governor's emergency order may expire at the end of December. The Board of Health derives its regulatory powers from the order and Governor Lee is expected to continue the order. The commission ordinance to dissolve the board and then reappoint the members as advisors may not change the interaction between Dr. Buchanan and

a re-appointed board.

Board members also discussed "blowback" from local opponents. Dr. O'Brien noted that a statewide survey shows only 65% of the public wearing masks but not socially distancing. He noted that Tennessee has the most cases per capita in the nation per 100,000 population. To critics of the request of a state-wide mask mandate he said, "I'm sorry this upsets you."

Dr. Shamiyeh said a state-wide mask mandate would be "more than symbolic" and O'Brien said that state, county, and city leaders should lead by example. O'Brien said the governor's position to allow each county to set its own regulations isn't true anymore and "not doing the job."

Dr. Buchanan said a state-wide regulation on masks would encourage out-of-state people to visit Tennessee. Several members of the board said they would ask their professional organizations to support their request to the governor.

Dr. Shamiyeh said that local government leaders need to "switch their


thoughts" noting that those people have the most influence on the public.

Many people wearing masks are not wearing them properly. The N95 masks are more effective than the KN95 masks and those more effective masks are becoming available to the public.

Within Dr. Buchanan's suggestions to individuals and organizations, Mayor Jacobs wanted to change the portion dealing with school sports, loosening up the suggestions from asking schools not to have active sports to limiting sports gatherings.

Lisa Wagoner, representing Superintendent Bob Thomas, said there are reports of a few clusters at football and basketball games but noted that the schools are breaking for the holidays. She said the schools don't require testing of athletes or students but do work with the health department on contact tracing.

Mayor Jacobs then voted "Yes" with the other members to approve of the health director's suggestions on how to combat the pandemic.



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Publisher's Position Reparations and Corporate Welfare?



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The Knoxville City Council may very well have taken the first step to raising taxes next year. There were two actions in particular that can be considered big ticket items approved by the city council.

Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie put her city council colleagues on the spot and they all dutifully voted for the apology for the African-American community for urban renewal development fifty or sixty years ago, which displaced a goodly number of Black families and businesses. The trickier part of the McKenzie resolution was the supposed commitment of \$100 million dollars to be spent by an entity as yet to be identified. We're told the \$100 million will largely come from "grants," almost surely state and local grants. Of course that begs a pretty interesting question: IF

these grants are indeed available, why hasn't the city pursued them in the past for projects inside the Black community? What happens if there is little or no grant money available for McKenzie's apology resolution? Keep in mind the budget approved by the city council last year was just over \$330 million, so that \$100 price tag of Gwen McKenzie's apology resolution is almost third of the City of Knoxville's entire budget.

The second big ticket item is a stadium for the Smokies baseball team owned by UT President Randy Boyd. Boyd's family owns property in the Old City and Boyd wants a financial commitment from the City and Knox County. I'm no expert on development and have never developed any piece of property with the taxpayers as partners, but it seems to me building a stadium while we are still in a pandemic is a bit risky and maybe a little shortsighted. We'll come back to that later.

The McKenzie resolution was the jump start to the councilwoman's reelection campaign and however much her colleagues may resent her grandstanding, they aren't going to admit it publicly. One of the more interesting takes on the McKenzie resolution came from political gadfly and self-appointed

political activist David Hayes, who ran a failed race for city council last year. Hayes and Amelia Parker were something of a ticket, both coming out of the City Council Movement. Parker edged past Amy Midis while Janet Testerman beat Hayes by a good majority.

Reading the diatribe published by Hayes was pretty entertaining. Basically, Hayes pointed out the less than perfect aspects of the McKenzie resolution. David Hayes of course denies the resolution is "reparations." Hayes says McKenzie deliberately avoided the word "reparations" and not merely to "avoid hurting more white feelings." The difference, according to David Hayes, is "the lack of redistribution of stolen wealth." Hayes seems to complain McKenzie's resolution does not "require the City of Knoxville to spend any money from its budget to repair the racist damage done by the city." Hayes used all caps, but you get the idea. Hayes says had the resolution required city tax dollars be spent to fund the \$100 million it would "require the city to limit or stop funding their current racist institutions."

David Hayes goes on to question whether the McKenzie resolution would actually do anything for Black people. Hayes

says it might feel good to some that the city would apologize for "the history and legacy of atrocities and policies enacted throughout its history." Hayes went on to say good feelings don't feed Black children "alleviate poverty, or bring back the homes and communities decimated through Knoxville's urban renewal policies." David Hayes says the McKenzie resolution really only accomplishes one thing: to establish a "task force (aka a committee) to study racism and provide policy recommendations." Hayes was dissatisfied the McKenzie resolution "urges" the administration to invest \$100 million in grant money over a period of seven years.

In his diatribe Hayes does little more than tip his hat to the land taken originally from indigenous people, yet refers to land stolen from Black families. At least he had the good grace to acknowledge all the land was stolen from Native Americans at some point, but apparently that was then and this is now. I don't quite follow what little logic there is. While Hayes didn't have much good to say about Gwen McKenzie's resolution, he did say any council member who voted against it was pretty much a racist.

Here's what Hayes said: "All land in the US was

stolen from Indigenous folks, and they deserve their land and autonomy back. All accumulated wealth should be redistributed from the wealthy and corporations to the workers (who create the wealth with our labor) and to all poor and working class people. Black communities aren't the only ones who deserve to be made whole."

Give credit where credit is due, David Hayes sounds less like Alexandria Ocasio Cortez or Bernie Sanders than V. L. Lenin. He doesn't try to hide it. Hayes has seemed to advocate letting out the prison population back into the general populace and communities amongst law-abiding people. Forget about defunding the police, David Hayes wants to abolish the police.

All of this is built around a nice confection of increasing "social services" according to the folks like David Hayes and the City Council

Movement. Let's call it what it is: it's less social services than another form of welfare. At what point does supposedly "affordable housing" become "free housing" and of course it's not free to everybody, as somebody has to pay for it.

Getting the city and county governments to subsidize a stadium for the Smokies baseball team is another kind of welfare, corporate welfare. Randy Boyd is immensely wealthy and if the Smokies fail to produce the kind of revenue to pay for a stadium, who exactly is on the hook to pay it off? The taxpayers is my guess. Sevier County already built a stadium for the Smokies and how did that work out for them?

The city council is skipping around dangerous territory and flirting with a tax increase in an election year is mighty risky business. Is a property tax increase what you asked Santa for Christmas? Me neither.

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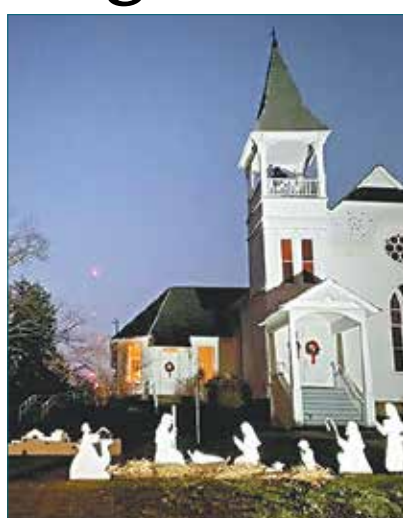
Years ago, on the Sunday before Christmas, our small, rural church would hand out white paper bags filled with apples, oranges, and old-fashioned chocolate drop candies. It was a fun and festive moment in the congregation before the upcoming Christmas Day.

In many ways, life has not changed that much during the 2020 Christmas season. A familiar scene outside our home this week revealed a line of wild turkeys walking down a hill near our house. December 21 is still the shortest day of the year, and some communities are still having Christmas parades. In other

ways, life has changed dramatically due to the pandemic. Knox County Schools decided to go all virtual learning. On my very few trips out, I see more people wearing masks. Many families are battling this deadly virus or have lost loved ones to its clutches.

Christmas brings hope. The Christmas message is beautifully displayed in a nativity at Shannondale Presbyterian Church on Tazewell Pike in North Knox County. "My mother, Virginia Babelay, designed and cut that nativity scene from plywood about 60 years ago (the last time I remember it being used)," Sarah Weber shared. What a gift to passers-by and a wonderful reminder of Christmas--the birth of Jesus. Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Words of Faith: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 (KJV)



Beautiful nighttime photo of Shannondale Presbyterian Church during Christmas, courtesy of Sarah B. Weber. Nestled in a wooded area along Tazewell Pike, the church has ministered to the community for 134 years.

Sports Authority questioned at commission

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The creation of a city-county sports authority to help bring a semi-pro baseball team to downtown Knoxville was questioned during the commission's work session last week and moves on to tonight's regular meeting.

The authority, which the city council passed on Tuesday, would have seven members and several commissioners had questions. Commissioner Carson Dailey said most of the revenue created by games or events at such a baseball complex would go to the city and not the county. He said the city should take most of the risk.

The authority would coordinate financing of the project to the tune of issuing

bonds from \$50 to \$60 million. Finance Director Chris Caldwell told the commission, "We're not locked into it," speaking of joining the authority.

Discretionary Funds. On a motion suggested by the Rules Committee, the commission agreed to limit the spending of commissioner discretionary funds after June of each year. Commissioner Busler explained that in the past a commissioner could spend all their funds when preparing to leave the body, leaving no funds available to their replacement. The new rule forbids any additional spending by departing commissioners after June of their final year. Each fiscal year a commissioner is granted \$5,000 annually to donate to non-profit organizations.

Commission Emergency meeting authority to remain unchanged

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"It's a rule looking for a problem," said Commissioner Randy Smith last week as the Knox County Commission voted down a rule change. Smith was discussing a rule change that would have made the commission chairman the only authority to call an emergency meeting.

Currently a special meeting may be convened by the Knox County Mayor or the Commission Chairman and Commissioner Charles Busler said there should be a division between the two. Commissioner Richie Beeler said the rule would limit the county executive's powers and moved to send the idea on to tonight's commission meeting with "No recommendation."

Law Director David Buuck said the commission "can make its own rules" and Commissioner Carson Dailey complained that "emergency" is not defined. When Commissioner Courtney Durrett asked about

any past incidents of such meetings Busler recalled when Mayor Glenn Jacobs called an emergency meeting regarding the lawsuit on the pension board's approval of additional retirement for sheriff employees.

Busler said many commissioners were out of town in Nashville meetings and had to rush back to the meeting. He called for a "separation of powers" between the commission and the mayor. He said that called meeting was not actually an "emergency" and was only aimed at taking the past law director out of the county suit against the pension board.

"We have the power," Busler said, referring to the commission.

"We were trying to end that lawsuit. The judge asked for a commission opinion and the commission had voted not to add it to the agenda," Mayor Jacobs said of his need for that emergency meeting.

The resolution failed with only two voting "Yes."

Andrew Johnson purchase deal limps along

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Schoonmaker read from the original agreement that included "a fair cash price with no contingencies."

Commissioner Randy Smith said that in current economic conditions financing is only available to residential projects.

"It's the best we're going to be able to do," he said.

Commissioner Charles Busler said that BNA could develop the building and then sell it.

"I'm not sure we are going to take care of the taxpayers' money conservatively," Busler said.

A request for proposals

was issued in 2017. A PILOT five-year agreement is being proposed for next March, subject to a third party review, with a closing planned for September 2021. The estimated revenue from the \$6 million deal was estimated at \$113,000 per year split between the city and county.

"This is 2020 and nothing has gone the way we wanted this year," Commissioner Smith said.

The decision on a development agreement was sent on to tonight's meeting with no recommendation.

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TINA WESSON

Tina Wesson is a Knoxville native who won "The Survivor" television reality show in 2001 but there's

much more to her than that. She lives in North Carolina now but she attended the University of Tennessee, was a flight attendant and a nurse.

Wesson was adopted at age two and is a strong advocate for the rights of adopted people and their biological history. Diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis she has become a spokesperson for the National Arthritis Foundation.

She says her greatest award in life came as a private duty nurse to people with severe paralysis.

Wesson was born on December 26, 1960. As part of her \$1 million won from "Survivor" she bought a home in the Smoky Mountains. She remains a big fan of UT sports.

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

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Edward Terry Sanford, an Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, had set out for a routine visit to his dentist's office on the morning of March 8, 1930. Within a few hours, Justice Sanford was dead. President Herbert Hoover nominated Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals judge John J. Parker of North Carolina to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court left by Justice Sanford's death. Opposition immediately ignited from organized labor who believed Judge Parker was adamantly opposed to their rights. That belief was based upon an opinion issued by Judge Parker involving the matter of "yellow dog contracts" and the United Mine Worker's Union. Another source of opposition to the nomination of Parker came from the NAACP who cited a racist comment made by the judge during his 1920 campaign as the GOP candidate for governor of North Carolina.

A curious coalition of progressive Republicans and Southern Democrats coalesced in opposition to the nomination of Judge John J. Parker. Tennessee was represented in the United States Senate at the time by Kenneth D. McKellar of Memphis and William E. Brock of Chattanooga. Both were Democrats and McKellar was, by profession, an attorney, while Brock was a highly successful businessman; in fact, it had been Will Brock who had invented the chocolate covered cherry. The Chattanooga candy king had been appointed to the U. S. Senate by Governor Henry Horton on September 2, 1929 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Lawrence D. Tyson. Brock was the grandfather of Bill Brock a Republican congressman and senator from 1963-77.

McKellar was the first person ever to be elected to the United States Senate from Tennessee by popular vote; previously senators had been elected by the state legislature. Senator McKellar was one of the more outspoken critics of President Herbert Hoover in the Senate of the United States. McKellar was a shrewd man, always on the ready to do whatever he could for Tennessee and Tennesseans. Plain spoken to the point of bluntness, courtly with the people he represented, and possessed of an oftentimes volcanic temper, Tennessee's senior senator would play an important role in defeating the nomination of Judge John J. Parker to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States.

As the nomination of Judge Parker was being considered by the Senate, Senator McKellar was active in avidly supporting

legislation sponsored by Nebraska's George W. Norris regarding Muscle Shoals, Alabama; it was the forerunner of the legislation creating the Tennessee Valley Authority. McKellar had found a serious flaw in the original legislation pushed by Norris, which the Nebraskan had amended to protect Tennessee interests and produce fertilizer, which benefitted farmers. Senator Norris, a progressive Republican, had bolted his own party to support the presidential candidacy of Democrat Al Smith in 1928. Norris was also the chairman of a subcommittee of the Senate's Judiciary Committee hearing the Parker nomination. Senator McKellar spoke over the CBS network on behalf of the Muscle Shoals bill to the country in early April of 1930.

McKellar was also involved at the time in an attempt to help Harry Anderson of Memphis, a federal judge who had been accused of financial misconduct in dropping charges against a wealthy lumberman. That particular businessman had faced lurid charges involving "white slavery" and purchasing the interest of the judge's father in the lumber business. A subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee was hearing evidence in the case of Anderson and McKellar and Congressman Hubert Fisher of Memphis were doing what they could to help the judge, as both men believed the charges against the judge to be false. Senator McKellar and Congressman Fisher successfully arranged for Judge Anderson to appear personally before the subcommittee, which the press acknowledged was "unusual" for the time.

Senator McKellar was also riled by a letter sent by President Hoover to the chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, warning legislation considered by those panels would potentially increase expenditures by some \$300 million. McKellar responded by introducing a resolution in the Senate calling on the President to specifically name the bills which would increase spending. McKellar's resolution called for Hoover to designate which, among 125 bills, he approved and list those of which he disapproved. The President had warned of a prospective deficit in the Treasury should the Congress approve the spending bills before the respective Appropriations Committees. Nor did McKellar ignore more parochial matters; the senator kept his eye firmly fixed upon Tennessee and was busy acquiring a new post office for Chattanooga, among



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

Tennessee's senior US Senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, circa 1930.

others.

Senator McKellar engaged in a brief exchange with E. D. "Cotton Ed" Smith of South Carolina when the Tennessean spoke on behalf of the nomination of Robert M. Jones to serve on the Interstate Commerce Commission. Following McKellar stating his opinion Jones was a mighty fine attorney, Cotton Ed Smith rose from his desk on the Senate floor and said it really amused him greatly to hear the implication any man who was a lawyer was therefore well-qualified for any job in America. "It depends on what kind of a lawyer he is," McKellar retorted. Senator Smith snorted if a lawyer was the sort of attorney he had been associated with, the gentleman should be questioned closely. "Perhaps the senator has not associated with very good lawyers," McKellar speculated. "I have not," Smith snapped, "not in this body."

On April 2, the North Carolina State Federation of Labor announced it was opposed to the confirmation of Judge John J. Parker. The announcement came through a telegram sent to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. The announcement was perceived as a setback for Judge Parker as, at least initially, the federation of labor in Parker's home state was thought to be favorable to his nomination. The telegram signed by T. A. Wilson, president of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, explained, "At the time of my first telegram neither I nor members of the North Carolina Federation of Labor had discussed Parker's nomination with the knowledge of his decision in the Red Jacket coal case involving yellow-dog contracts." Wilson stated since learning about Parker's decision, "North Carolina labor is opposed to" the Judge's nomination. Millard E. Tydings and Phillips Lee Goldsborough, the senators from Maryland, were notified the Baltimore Federation of Labor was against Judge Parker's confirmation. So it went throughout the nation.

Yet the nomination of Judge John J. Parker had

been endorsed by two U. S. Circuit judges, five former presidents of the American Bar Association, as well as the incumbent president of the Bar Association. Parker had also been endorsed by ten U. S. District judges, a host of state judges, and at least twenty-two heads of state and county Bar associations. No individual or entity questioned the character of John J. Parker, although the New York Times complained Parker seemed too eager, "too much like a candidate for the office of sheriff."

Senator Kenneth McKellar spoke before the Senate giving the reason why he could not support the nomination of Judge John J. Parker and would vote against Parker's confirmation. McKellar, as part of his speech, read a copy of a letter written by Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, a progressive Republican who had served as U. S. senator and governor of his state, to Walter Newton, President Hoover's secretary, or Chief of Staff. Joseph M. Dixon urged the appointment of Judge John J. Parker to the U. S. Supreme Court. At the time the letter was written, Dixon was serving as First Assistant Secretary of the Interior in the Hoover administration. Dixon's letter advised Newton, "North Carolina gave President Hoover 65,000 majority. In my judgment, it carries more hope of future permanent realignment with the Republican party than any other of the Southern states who broke away from their political mooring last year." Dixon told Walter Newton, "The naming of Judge Parker...would appeal mightily to State pride. It would be the first distinctive appointment made from the South..." The former governor concluded by assuring Newton he believed, "the naming of Judge Parker to the Supreme Court would be a major political stroke." Dixon thought due to Parker's relatively young age (the Judge was 45 at the time he was nominated for the Supreme Court) "and has not reached the senile stage" it would "give a distinctive flavor in the matter of a Supreme Court appointment."

It is likely extraordinarily difficult for modern readers to assess just what a bombshell revelation the Dixon letter was at the time. One must keep in mind, in 1930, the South was almost entirely and overwhelmingly a one-party region. In a few states, notably North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia, there were pockets of Republicanism, but the GOP was no threat in any Southern state to the primacy of the Democratic Party. In fact, the Republican Party barely existed in most Southern states and largely served one purpose: serving as the patronage arm for federal appointments under Republican presidential administrations. Democrats had been seriously shaken by the election returns from the 1928 election and few officeholders doubted that if voters would cast their ballots for a Republican candidate president, it would become all the easier to vote for GOP candidates for lesser offices. Certainly, Senator McKellar clearly remembered the Republican tidal wave in 1920, which saw Tennessee vote for Warren G. Harding for president. That election also swept out Governor A. H. Roberts and several entrenched Democratic congressmen. The threat of a genuine two-party South did not appeal to Southern Democrats at all.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel's Washington correspondent, Marshall McNeil, wrote a column detailing the defeat of Judge Parker's nomination to sit on the Supreme Court. McNeil wrote it was Senator Kenneth McKellar who "observers believed, dealt one of

the most telling blows against the confirmation of Judge John J. Parker..." McNeil quoted those same "observers" as agreeing "the Joseph M. Dixon letter that McKellar read in his speech against Parker" was "one of the two high spots of the third day of debate on the Parker nomination." The other was a speech made by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York. Contemporary opinion believed Senator Wagner's speech had caused Southern Democrats to support the nomination of Judge Parker, while McKellar's had helped to swing the political pendulum back. Hoover's Attorney General, William DeWitt Mitchell, denied the President had even seen Dixon's letter. Senator Furnifold M. Simmons, who had bolted the Democratic Party when it had nominated Alfred E. Smith for president, urged the appointment of Judge Parker. Senator Simmons sent a wire to his fellow party bolter, Tom Heflin of Alabama, to "pair" his vote in support of confirmation.

In speaking to the Senate, McKellar said, "That Judge Parker is a man of high character, no one will doubt. However, after the most careful consideration and painstaking investigation I have concluded to vote against his confirmation."

Senator McKellar wrote his speech out by long hand on Wednesday morning and then read it aloud to his secretary. According to Marshall McNeil, McKellar made "changes galore" before finishing a final draft of the speech detailing why he opposed Judge Parker's nomination. McKellar scoffed at the notion, uttered by Ohio Republican Simeon Fess, that a vote against Judge Parker was nothing less than a vote against the Supreme Court as an institution. In his typically blunt fashion, Senator McKellar dismissed Fess's argument, saying, "His statement is certainly untrue in my case." Rather, McKellar said his vote against Judge Parker's nomination was a vote "to uphold confidence and respect in that court."

McKellar, still to this day Tennessee's longest serving United States senator, spoke plainly and, as usual, left no doubt about where he stood on the issue of Judge John J. Parker's nomination to serve on the Supreme Court. Prior to McKellar's speech, Tennessee's junior senator, William E. Brock, had not announced how he intended to vote on Parker's nomination. There was a general assumption amongst the news media that Senator Brock would vote to confirm Judge Parker's nomination.



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Commission moving to limit Board of Health powers

By Mike Steely
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It appears the Knox County Commission is altering its stand on the powers of the Board of Health in moving toward actually dissolving the board, reappointing the members, and moving the board to an advisory capacity only.

In a five-hour virtual meeting that also involved the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building, emergency meetings procedure, and the creation of a sports authority, the commission spent much time talking about the powers of the Board of Health.

With the COVID-19 pandemic hitting all-time highs in cases, deaths and hospital capacity locally, the commissioners seem determined to cut back on the Board of Health's authority. The question remains: if the governor continues

the statewide emergency order that empowers the local board of health, would these commission actions have any ground to stand on?

Some members of the commission disagree with the new proposals, stating that Knox County Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan would absorb all the power the Board of Health now has, but Law Director David Buuck told the work session that the health director would answer to the state Board of Health and the Knox County Mayor.

"I'm so disappointed," Commissioner Carson Dailey told the meeting as he explained he has changed his mind and favors dissolving the Board of Health. Dailey said the Board of Health regulations have made "475,000 Knox County citizens criminals."

"I'll wear my mask, do my six feet," he said and went

on to praise Health Director Dr. Martha Buchanan, who was watching the meeting while isolated with a positive test for COVID-19. Dailey lambasted the Board of Health's agenda item that included asking the governor for power to regulate the surrounding counties.

"Here we go again," said Commissioner Dasha Lundy, who added she feels the Board of Health is doing a great job. She asked if Mayor Glenn Jacobs would have any decision over health policy. Jacobs evaded the question by saying the mayor appoints the health director and she serves as director.

Commissioner Courtney Durrett referred to the 1996 creation of the Board of Health and asked if the commission has the power to make it an advisory-only group.

Commissioner Richie Beeler called the board an

"unelected" body and said the health director is "part of the mayor's team." He added that people should go back to "living their daily lives."

Chairman Larsen Jay said the Knox County Board of Health is not the only board in the state to exercise powers, referring to five other counties where Governor Lee left safety decisions up to the local boards of health. He said that state law "supersedes local law" and quoted the law authorizing the board.

"You are trying to give me legal advice," Law Director Buuck replied. He said that the health director has health experts within her department with or without the Board of Health.

Dailey asked if the county mayor has plans to fire Dr. Buchanan and Buuck said the director is appointed by the state health department with the approval of the county mayor. Dailey added, "This board has gone too far."

Commissioner Terry Hill said she isn't sure one person should be making decisions. She noted that Dr. Buchanan has voted with the board on every issue and, as is the Board of Health, is an "unelected" official. She said the resolution "isn't going to fix it" and may cause an even large divide among citizens.

Commissioner Richie Beeler said, under the new ordinance, the health director could talk to the

advisory group daily without a public session.

Durrett questioned dissolving the Board of Health and then reappointing the same members to a new advisory board of health. Commissioner Dasha Lundy said the Knoxville Mayor should be part of any board of health group.

Commissioner Randy Smith said the ordinance change does not solve problems some citizens have with the board but he asked the question come to a vote. Only Lundy, Durrett, and Jay voted "No."

A first vote on restricting the Board of Health may see a vote during tonight's regular meeting and a second and final vote in their January session.



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Bearden's AJ Pruitt (left) and Walker Kyle (35) apply defensive pressure in the paint on an Alcoa player in the Bulldogs' 72-50 win on Dec. 12. Bearden is scheduled to play its next game on Jan. 5 at Alcoa. Photo by Luther S.

Defense leads 'Dawgs' to great start

Others who have had “key nights” for Bearden thus far, said Parrott, are junior post Walker Kyle, junior wing Hayden Moseley and senior wing Jon Attanasio.

Riding the rails with the Vols

When Tennessee played at Georgia on Nov. 4, 1972, many Vol fans rode to the game on a special Southern Railways train from Atlanta, disembarking near the stadium's east end zone.

By Tom Mattingly

Tennessee won, 14-0, and the trip back in the late afternoon and early evening was truly enjoyable. Those Georgians who lived adjacent to the tracks seemed to enjoy seeing a train pass by. What would it be like, many on the train wondered, to ride a train to other road games?

The trip engendered memories of the days the Tennessee team and fans alike traveled by train to nearly every venue. There must have been a certain mystique, something special, about a train trip anywhere, but especially to a football game.

History tells us that trains have also been involved in several significant moments in Tennessee football.

The start of the 1925 Tennessee-Georgia game was delayed nearly an hour because the train carrying the officials was late. The game actually started with volunteer officials being recruited from the stands. The officials arrived later on, leaving the train near

the south end of Shields-Watkins Field. The Vols won 12-7, and the game ended in virtual darkness.

In 1957, No. 7 Tennessee took the train to Memphis to play No. 8 Ole Miss at Crump Stadium. The route of choice was Knoxville to Chattanooga, then across northern Alabama and Mississippi, back to Middleton, Tenn., and on to Memphis.

"Coach Wyatt had a phobia about flying," Bill Johnson, a co-captain and All-American selection, said. "The train went to Chattanooga, and then started west. At about 2 or 3 a.m., we were somewhere in West Tennessee, and there was an accident. It stopped the train for 7 or 8 hours. We did not get to Memphis until noon for a 1 p.m. kickoff."

The Vols lost 14-7. Then there was the hush-hush way Bob Woodruff brought Doug Dickey to Knoxville from Fayetteville, Ark., for his first media conference as head football coach on Dec. 2, 1963.

Woodruff wanted to keep a proper veil of secrecy over his arrival, telling Dickey to fly from Fayetteville to Memphis the night before. He then had Dickey board a train to Knoxville that would be in town by 6 a.m., early enough, he reasoned, to keep him away from all those pesky sport-writers.

However, the News Sentinel's

Marvin West was at the train station when Dickey arrived and garnered the first picture of the young coach arriving in Knoxville. The picture made it into that afternoon's newspaper.

In one of the saddest chapters in Tennessee gridiron history, three assistant coaches died in an early morning car-train accident at Cessna at Westland Drives in West Knoxville. It occurred two days after the 1965 Alabama game, a 7-7 tie Vol fans perceived as a victory.

John Majors' brother, Bill, and Bob Jones were killed instantly, while Charley Rash died the next Thursday.

In 1977, the Tennessee team buses came perilously close to being sideswiped by a train as the team journeyed from Silver Springs to Gainesville for the Florida game. The team buses were on State Route 315, when they approached an ungarded Seaboard Coast Line crossing.

John Majors, seated at the front of the first bus, remembered it well.

"I was reading at the time and glanced up and saw this train coming lickety-split," he told the Knoxville Journal's Russ Bebb. "We probably didn't miss getting hit by more than two seconds. I remember thinking the No. 2 bus had been destroyed. There was no doubt in my mind."



For the team and fans alike, taking a train to a game away from Knoxville was an integral part of the Tennessee football experience. Photo courtesy of the University of Tennessee Spores Information Office.

Bebb reported that buses 2 and 3 were able to skid to a stop just a few feet away from the crossing.

John Majors let the trooper leading the convoy have it when the team arrived at the stadium. "I was absolutely astounded that he would do such a thing, and I let him know it."

If you don't remember the days passenger trains came into and out of Knoxville on a regular basis, either from the L&N Station

in the Lower Second Creek Valley or the Southern Railway Station on Depot Ave., you're not alone. Knoxville passenger train service ended on Aug. 12, 1970.

Given the history of the Vols and trains over the years, the question remains. Would Vol fans ride a train to a game today?

No one knows for sure, but one thing seems certain.

The trip home, regardless of the mode of transportation, would be more fun after a win.

The Price of College Football 'Progress'

By Mark Nagi

This season has not been an ideal one for the Tennessee Volunteers.

They started strong, then didn't win a game for over two months. They lost six straight games for the first time since 1988. 2020 was worse as each of those defeats were by double digits.

The progress that the Vols appeared to have made in 2019 was gone.

This put head coach Jeremy Pruitt on the hot seat, bringing back memories from 2008 and 2012 and 2017, when Phillip Fulmer, Derek Dooley and Butch Jones were dismissed as the head coach of the Tennessee Volunteers.

I've been saying for months that unless the Vols went 2-8, Pruitt's job was safe if for no other reason that Tennessee

simply couldn't justify paying a \$12.8 million buyout during a pandemic.

Well, I am probably naive.

South Carolina will pay Will Muschamp \$13.2 million not to work. Vanderbilt is paying millions to Derek Mason to go away (as they are a private school, we don't have confirmation on an exact amount but we are certainly talking seven figures).

And then came Auburn. Gus Malzahn was fired last weekend. Malzahn won an SEC title, nearly won a national championship, and he beat Nick Saban twice. He was 68-35 overall and 39-27 in the SEC in eight years at Auburn.

And they will pay him \$21.4 million to turn in his key card. Half of that amount is due within thirty days so yes, I bet it was a Merry Christmas in the Malzahn household.

I know that Malzahn didn't want to be fired. No one does...

That said... \$21.4 million! To not work! That's the American dream.

By the time you read this, Pruitt's fate could be publicly known. He might get the dreaded "vote of confidence" from athletics director Phillip Fulmer. He might get his walking papers after a loss to Texas A&M. He might resign and start managing an Applebee's. Who knows! It's 2020. I'm not discounting a darn thing.

The reality is that we don't really have a gage on the mood of the fanbase. If you listen to the call-in shows, it is all doom and gloom. If you look at the Rock on the UT campus, the messages are bold that Pruitt should be canned.

The best way to know if there

is indeed fan apathy is whether or not they show up on game-day. Empty seats at the end of the Dooley and Jones regimes proved that the fans had moved on from both guys. But in 2020, with stadiums opening at limited capacity, we can't get access to that gage. The idea behind this being that if the fans aren't showing up (and the donations to the athletics department are slowing down), Tennessee couldn't afford to keep Pruitt, even though the buyouts for him and his staff would near \$16 million.

College football is a business... a business that is run by a lot of people that know nothing about business. If they did, they'd never hand out these absurd buyouts.

Tennessee AD Phillip Fulmer gave Pruitt a raise and a contract extension earlier this year. That decision could wind of costing UT

millions in extra buyout money. It was an unnecessary move. Yes, I know the Vols finished 2019 with six straight wins, but what school was knocking on their door to acquire Pruitt?

UT failed when they had a miniscule \$800,000 buyout in place for Lane Kiffin in 2010 (which Southern Cal paid with loose change they found in the aisles at the L.A. Coliseum), and they've failed in allowing agents like Jimmy Sexton to call the shots. Dooley's \$5 million buyout was the worst of the bunch. Think he would have turned down the Tennessee job without that in his contract? Nah. Me either.

I'm waiting for the day when schools like Tennessee refuse to be held hostage.

Guess I'll be waiting a bit longer.

What the World Needs Now ...

Dear Santa, As I began writing you, I was asking myself, what does the world need now?

What instantly came to mind was that great song from 1965.

"What the World Needs Now is Love"... So I immediately googled it and listened to it. I noticed too the playing time of the song is exactly 3:16. That's also my favorite Bible verse.

So that's it, Santa. That will be my Christmas gift to anyone reading this.

You can google it like I did and listen to Jackie DeShannon sing it.

It may tug at your heart, as it did mine. You also may find yourself humming the tune on into the day.

The song's lyrics were by Hal David and the music was composed by Burt Bacharach. It peaked at No. 7 on the U.S. "Hot 100" in July of that year and reached No. 1 in Canada.

Please listen to it and enjoy it as I did. And see if you agree with me.

Now, Santa, here are a few more gifts I would



By Steve Williams

like to give out to those in the World of Sports.

Give Governor Bill Lee and TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress the appreciation of thousands of high

school football players for allowing their season to happen in a pandemic year.

And Knox County School leaders a lump of coal in their stocking for cancelling three weeks of the high school basketball season, including the next two weeks during Winter Break. Throw in some Blistex too for all the coaches who bit their lip instead of questioning the decision.

UT football coach Jeremy Pruitt could have used some new ear plugs this season, but don't bring any now. Let's be positive and hope he won't need any next year.

Do give the Vanderbilt Commodores a belated 'thank you' card for showing up and playing the Vols two Saturdays ago despite being short-handed. I'm serious. They played despite slim chances of winning

Speaking of Vandy, give

my kudos to Sarah Fuller, who kicked two PATs in the 42-17 loss, to become the first woman to score in a Power 5 game.

Give UT Athletic Director Phillip Fulmer the patience to put up with impatient fans.

And Coach Pruitt a free pass to tell them what he really thinks. No, no ... I'm just kidding.

Give Coach Carol Mitchell a sign at Gibbs High that says "Carol Mitchell Field." We know it will happen one day. She already ranks among the winningest prep softball coaches in the nation. Why not go ahead and do it while she can enjoy it.

Give Tennessee Titans Coach Mike Vrabel a contract extension and Derrick Henry many more carries.

Make a note for Christmas in 2024 to give Randy Boyd a baseball to throw out for the first pitch at a new downtown ballpark in the spring of 2025. Hopefully, the new ball club will also be named the Knoxville Smokies again.

If only you could give a do-over to Antonio Mays, whose Roadrunners went 0-10 in his first season as

head coach at Austin-East.

The encouraging news is that help is on the way from the Baby Roadrunners' program, which had four team champions in the Knox Metro Youth Football League this year.

Give UT offensive lineman Trey Smith our

admiration and best wishes for a long career in the NFL.

Give Coach Rick Barnes a handmade orange and white quilt for his team's smothering defense ... and an orange and white tie as a stocking stuffer.

And last but not least, for the late Russ Bebb, who

inspired me with his Dear Santa letters back in the 1970s and '80s at the old Knoxville Journal, please give every boy and girl a ball and the fun and enjoyment it can bring.

Merry Christmas, Steve

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had 44 goals and five assists to help the Lady Eagles win the district and region tournament titles. Gibbs went 14-1-1 and reached the sectional round of the state playoffs before losing to Seymour.

Olivia Self
Gibbs High School

A senior netminder for the Lady Eagles, Self surrendered just six tallies in 2020, helping Gibbs win 14 games, a District 3-AA Championship and Region 2-AA Title.

Zneyah McLaughlin
Bearden High School

McLaughlin, a senior midfielder for the Lady Bulldogs, scored 16 goals and had 12 assists to help Bearden win 21 matches and post a perfect district mark and win the region championship.

Alayna Corbitt
Bearden High School

Corbitt was the District 2-AAA Defender of the Year and anchored a Bearden back line that had had 13 shutouts and gave up just 12 goals all season.

Emmie Harville
Farragut High School

Harville, a junior midfielder for the Lady Admirals,

tallied eight goals and dished out two assists. Three of her markers were game-winners for Farragut, which won 13 games and reached the district and region tournament championship matches.

Annabelle Ekern
Farragut High School

Ekern, a sophomore

midfielder, was an all-District 4-AAA performer and all-Region 2-AAA stand-out for the Lady Admirals. She scored six goals and dished out two assists in 2020.

Jordan Blair
Powell High School

Blair led the Lady Panthers to the District 3-AAA

regular-season title and tournament championship. The senior midfielder was the district's Most Valuable Player, scoring eight goals and dishing out four assists.

Norah Jacomen
Hardin Valley Academy

A sophomore forward for the Lady Hawks, Jacomen

was recognized as the District 4-AAA Co-Offensive Player of the Year in 2020. She scored 10 goals and had 18 assists as she helped her side to a second-place finish in the District 4-AAA regular-season standings.



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Martyrs

“When people fear their government, it is called tyranny. When governments fear the people, it is called liberty.”

Unknown

It is obvious that the Washington ruling class has little regard for We the People. The same held true in “The Hunger Games” series, where the ruling class in the capitol Panem had no regard for the people in the 13 districts (states) and revolution ensued.

The Founders of our country were students of history, apparently a topic now considered irrelevant in America and at the Supreme Court. In 1942 Vidkun Quisling was installed as the puppet Prime Minister of Nazi occupied Norway during WWII. Quisling’s last name is eponymous for a “person who betrays his or her own country by aiding an invading enemy, often

serving later in a puppet government.” French quislings of the WWII Vichy government are another example from history.

Becky and I just finished Netflix’s latest installment of The Crown. I’m not a fan of The Royals, and I fail to understand the British loyalty to monarchy. Undoubtedly this is because I am an American. Our American Revolution was to affirm that “all men are created equal.” Hereditary aristocracy doesn’t sit well with me and did not fare well in the latest installment of The Crown. But I also reject our preening, self-righteous, Washington ruling class rife with quislings. With some notable exceptions, a good portion of the Washington ruling class is pathetic and some are subversive.

I admire Margaret Thatcher’s depiction in the Netflix’s series, and I really admire Winston Churchill portrayed in previous

Netflix installments and in the movie Darkest Hour. Churchill’s tenacious leadership of England during WWII saved his country when many favored surrendering to the Nazis. I find his dismissal by the British after the Nazi’s defeat strikingly similar to our 2020 election. After the war the people of England opted for socialism, trusting the government to take care of them. How has that worked out? And after a pre-coronavirus record economy, remarkable foreign policy achievements, rebuilding the military and Making America Great (and first) Again, Trump was dismissed in favor of Ole Joe and Kommie.

Trump and Churchill’s accomplishments were indisputable yet both were rejected in favor of a socialist “nanny state.” Perhaps it will work out better for us, but I doubt it because history teaches that no socialist state has ever been successful. One wonders why adults want to be taken care of rather than determining their own destiny. Supposedly, we grow up, but apparently some do not. I feel I am living in a conquered land. I wonder what it must have been like in Jerusalem when the city of David fell to the Babylonians in 586 BC. Untold thousands were slaughtered and most of the remainder became

slaves. And I’ve been thinking what it must’ve been like for Jesus’ followers to watch him betrayed by their ruling class and see him die on the cross. The horrific depiction of Jesus’ torture in Gibson’s Passion of Christ brought tears to my eyes and is burned into my memory. The 2020 election fraud and the death of the rule of law and our nation has similarly brought tears to my eyes.

My November 16, 2020 essay described the 1991 book “Generations.” Historians Strauss and Howe predicted America would be challenged by an external force, beginning in 2014 and culminating in 2020. Well, the Chinese virus pandemic and panic provided the vehicle for destruction of our economy, enabled mail-in ballot fraud and destroyed President Trump. Quislings in Washington and across the country aided the Chinese in destroying the Constitutional rule of law and our country without firing a shot.

I am not trying to be heretical or to imply any comparison of the persons, but the analogy of injustices to Jesus and President Trump are compelling. Furthermore, the voluminous crowds who attended Trump’s rallies brought to mind the crowds who followed Jesus and

came to hear him preach. Jesus was convicted of sedition and put to death. For four years Trump was accused of treason and then destroyed by election fraud.

I’m a fan of science fiction, and, despite some hokey aspects, I love the Star Wars movies. A pivotal scene occurred in the first movie when the Jedi knight Obi-Wan Kenobi battled Darth Vader allowing the future Jedi Luke Skywalker to escape. As Obi-Wan dropped his guard he told Vader that when his nemesis struck him down, he would become even more powerful as a martyr.

Apparently, Obi-Wan had read Plato’s “Apology” which described the 399 BC trial of Socrates, unjustly accused of treason. Socrates told the court they could convict and execute him, but his death would dishonor his accusers and he would be remembered and become a martyr. Socrates was right. Few remember other ancient Greeks and Socrates’ martyrdom contributed to the further decline of the once noble Athens.

Senator Josh Hawley of Nebraska gets it. At the Homeland Security Committee, he recently stated that 74 million-plus Trump voters were not going to shut up and go away. We are not leftists like BLM

and Antifa or progressive-socialists like AOC or uber-liberal Democrats like Kommie Harris. We don’t riot, burn, lie or rig elections.

Four years of baseless Democrat accusations, media propaganda, rant of Holly-weird fools and the work of Deep State subversives took a toll. The unjust assaults on President Trump culminated in widespread election fraud. The Texas lawsuit was ignored by John Roberts and the Supremes who were reportedly more fearful of leftist mobs than Trump’s supporters. However, we will “not go gentle into that good night.” We will “rage, rage against the dying of the light” (Dylan Thomas).

Trump may be struck down like Obi-Wan and Socrates, but he will arise more powerful as a testament to injustice and a martyr.

And now my prediction: “Trumpism” will not go away. I am not as prescient as Strauss and Howe, but injustice will not stand. And “the rulers, the authorities, the powers of darkness and the spiritual forces of evil” (Ephesians 6:12) will be vanquished.

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

Pandemic Property Improvements

COVID-19 swooped across the world and halted most activities. Americans grumbled because many lost their yearly trips to beaches, theme parks, and state parks. July 4th celebrations were canceled, as were most Labor Day activities. Thanksgiving get togethers didn’t occur, and Christmas Day might also come with folks staying at home to help stop the spread of the disease.

Many Americans have taken the money they



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saved for vacations and applied it to projects around their homes. Amy and I planned to complete some projects, but things have gotten out of control.

At home, we wanted to remodel the master bathroom. This space is Amy’s; my bathroom is at the far end of the house. However, we first needed to address some pressing needs at our condo in Gallatin. The heat pump gave up the spirit in mid-fall, and right behind that, the garbage

disposal died. Luckily, our neighbor there put us in touch with men who completed the replacements quickly and economically. We still must replace the two ceiling fans that have never worked and install a storm door.

At home, we made a tough decision to replace the roofing. The existing shingles were worn so much that more of their small rocks lay in the gutters than on the roof. Much of the guttering was painted white over the original brown color. Those sections of metal had been in place since we built our house in 1978. The new 6-inch

wide gutters stopped the cascading rain that flowed during downpours. We have two skylights, and as fate would have it, they leaked like a boat with a hole. That unexpected hit required even more investment. Daniel Hood Roofing did the work, and while the company did the work at a fair price, the monetary hit was still a shock.

My wife has waited for too many years to upgrade her bathroom. I declared that we would complete the renovation and find a way to pay for it. She’s picked colors, vanities, shower units, toilets and lights. Most of the time I’ve nodded and stated, “I love

it.” That’s what a woman wants to hear when she makes a choice, and since this bathroom is hers, I had no real say in what went into it. I believe in the adage that say, “If Momma’s happy, everybody is happy!”

For what we’ve spent on these home improvements, Amy and I could have spent a month at some all-inclusive resort. I’m ready for a vacation, but I’m also pleased that our home and condo are in good repair, at least for a while. I do know that this is the last roof for which I will pay. In thirty years, I probably won’t be around, and if I am, my children will have

stuck me in some assisted living place. Then they can take care of repairs and remodel areas to suit their tastes. Maybe they will even let me come visit the house.

I hope every homeowner’s experience with changes at home have gone as well as mine. This damn disease that has paralyzed our country has been a positive in one way: it has brought about more homeownership pride and improvements that will increase property values. That might be the only civil thing I can ever say about 2020 or this pandemic.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 11, 2011, executed by Scott A. Bradley and Morena S. Bradley, to Crossland Title Inc. as Trustee for the benefit of Peoples Home Equity Inc., Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee, of record at Instrument No. 201107180002729, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, conveying certain real property therein described, and Edward D. Russell of The SR Law Group, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee of record at Instrument No. 202007300008321, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; WHEREAS, the said Deed of Trust was last assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF CABANA SERIES IV TRUST ("Holder"), by SN Servicing Corporation, its attorney in fact, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable and Holder having requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, Edward D. Russell of The SR Law Group will by virtue of the power and authority vested as Substitute Trustee, on **Thursday, January 14, 2021 at or about 10:00 a.m.**, at the City County Building, Knoxville, Tennessee, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property as follows, to wit:

SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 33, Final Plat of LEGACY PARK SUBDIVISION, as shown on the plat of the same bearing Instrument No. 199906030201491, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Scott A. Bradley and wife, Morena S. Bradley by Warranty Deed from John Wagner and wife, Stephanie J. Wagner dated May 30, 2007 and of record by Instrument No. 200705310098335 Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

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THE SALE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF ANY TENANT(S) OR OTHER PARTIES OR ENTITIES IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY. ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BY A THIRD PARTY IS NOT THE REPRESENTATION/RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEE(S)/ SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE(S) OR THEIR OFFICE.

THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO DEED OF TRUST RECORDED IN BOOK 1444, PAGE 55, ANDERSON COUNTY ROD, ANY UNPAID TAXES, IF ANY, ANY PRIOR LIENS OR ENCUMBRANCES, LEASES, EASEMENTS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS WHICH TAKE PRIORITY OVER THE DEED OF TRUST UNDER WHICH THIS FORECLOSURE SALE IS CONDUCTED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PRIORITY OF ANY FIXTURE FILING. IF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY/INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, OR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ARE LISTED AS INTERESTED PARTIES IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT, THEN THE NOTICE OF THIS FORECLOSURE IS BEING GIVEN TO THEM, AND THE SALE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ANY APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY, ALL AS REQUIRED BY 26 U.S.C. 7425 AND T.C.A. 67-1-1433. THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF T.C.A. 35-5-101 ET SEQ. HAVE BEEN MET.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE.

IF YOU PURCHASE A PROPERTY AT THE FORECLOSURE SALE, THE ENTIRE PURCHASE PRICE IS DUE AND PAYABLE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUCTION IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFIED/BANK CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO OR ENDORSED TO THE SR LAW GROUP. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. TO THIS END, YOU MUST BRING SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OUTBID THE LENDER AND ANY OTHER BIDDERS. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF THE WINNING BID WILL BE REFUNDED TO THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER AT THE TIME THE FORECLOSURE DEED IS DELIVERED.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Scott A. Bradley, Morena S. Bradley, American Express Centurian Bank, Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, Atwood Rentals.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This day, December 8, 2020.

Edward D. Russell
Substitute Trustee
The SR Law Group
PO Box 128
Mt. Juliet, TN 37121
(615) 559-3190
erussell@thesrlawgroup.com

Insertion dates: December 14, 2020, December 21, 2020, December 28, 2020

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

SITUATED in District No. Five (5) (old District No. 8), of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 45th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of Francis Road, Northwest corner of tract conveyed to Hinkle by Deed of record in Deed Book 1105, Page 95, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee; thence North 2 deg. West and with the center line of Francis Road, and distance of 312 feet, more or less, to a stake, corner to

other property of second parties; thence North 81 deg. East and with the Southerly line of Second Parties' lot a distance of 450 feet, more or less, to Miller's West line; thence South 2 deg. East and with the Miller line 256 feet, more or less, to a stake, corner to Hinkle tract referred to at the commencement of this description; thence South (approximately) 72 deg. West and with the Hinkle (second parties) line a distance of 430 feet, more or less, to the point of BEGINNING.

BEING part of the same property conveyed to Clayton Schmied and wife, Kelly Schmied and Sammy Peroulas by Quitclaim Deed from Lena Peroulas, Trustee of the Achellus Seraphim Peroulas Family Trust, said Quitclaim Deed being dated September 8, 2016, and recorded as Instrument No. 201609090016427, as corrected by Instrument.

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

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

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

The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the above-named Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust executed on October 11, 2016, due to the failure of the makers to comply with all provisions of the Deed of Trust.

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

In compliance with TCA section 35-5-104(4) the following liens of the United States are listed:

Notice of Federal Tax Lien filed against Saint Augustine Group and Sam Peroulas, General Partner, filed November 12, 2015, as Instrument No. 201511120029829, in the Knox County Register's Office.

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

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

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

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

In compliance with TCA section 35-5-104(5) the following liens of the state of Tennessee are listed:

Notice of State Tax Lien filed against Sammy A. Peroulas filed January 9, 2013, as Instrument No. 201301090045041, in the Knox County Register's Office.

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

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

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

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

Jedidiah C. McKeenhan
McKeenhan Law Group, LLC
Agent for Trustee
1111 Northshore Dr, Ste P-295
Knoxville, TN 37919

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: LEONOR BRIONES LEOS AND DOMINGA BRIONSE TOVAR
IN RE: FRANK E. FIELD VS. JOHN S. FEILD
NO. 200252-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants LEONOR BRIONES LEOS AND DOMINGA BRIONSE TOVAR are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon LEONOR BRIONES LEOS AND DOMINGA BRIONSE TOVAR it is ordered that said defendants, LEONOR BRIONES LEOS AND DOMINGA BRIONSE TOVAR file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Sharon H. Kim, an Attorney whose address is, 550 W. Main Street, Suite 500 Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 30th day of November 2020.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause appearing from the sworn complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, SHARON ELAINE WARD, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SHARON ELAINE WARD. IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is, 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125 Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 3RD day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN
IN RE: ANGELINA JESSICA GOLDSTEIN
v. SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN
NO. 200801-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN 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 SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN it is ordered that said defendant SHAWN MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jedidiah McKeenhan, an Attorneys whose address is, 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite P-295, Knoxville, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

This 15th day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant AMANDA CHERI LETNER is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon AMANDA CHERI LETNER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JAMES ADAM LETNER, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with HEIDI WEGRYN, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 412 EBENEZER RD, KNOX, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 16TH day of DECEMBER, 2020.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

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

This 14th day of December 2020.

Clerk and Master

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
No. 29299K
KNOXVILLE TVA EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.
JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson, Defendants.

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

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

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

ENTERED the 9th day of December, 2020.

JUDGE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

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

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

To Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox a/k/a Asia Thompson, Defendants: A Civil Warrant (lawsuit) has been filed against you by Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union in each of these two (2) cases. The nature of the claim against you is for breach of your agreement to pay on an account/debt. The prior summons against you was returned by the process server "Not to be found in Knox County, Tennessee" and in Brockton, Plymouth County, MA." The said Court, by Order Of Publication entered December 9, 2020, has ordered service of process be made upon defendants, Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox a/k/a Asia Thompson, by publication as set forth in T.C.A. §21-1-204, in The Knoxville Focus. Joey Dewayne Thompson and Asia Denise Cox a/k/a Asia Thompson, shall appear before the General Sessions Court of Knox County, Tennessee, held at the Old Knox County Courthouse, 5th General Sessions Courtroom, 3d Floor, 300 North Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee on February 17, 2021, and make defense to the Civil Warrant filed against him in this cause; otherwise, said Civil Warrant will be taken for confessed, and the cause proceed with ex parte. Counsel to the plaintiff credit union is William L. Cooper, III, 2008 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917. Dated this 9th day of December, 2021, Mr. Charles D. Susano, III, Clerk Order of publication to be run for one (1) day a week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Verification of compliance to be mailed to the Mr. Charles D. Susano, III, Clerk, Knox County General Sessions Court, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTIE J GRAY
DOCKET NUMBER 83813-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTIE J GRAY who died Oct 12, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 9 day of DECEMBER, 2020

ESTATE OF BETTIE J GRAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRANDI R REAGAN; EXECUTRIX
1604 WISTERIA VIEW WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA H HURLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 83812-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA H HURLEY who died Oct 31, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox

County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 9 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA H HURLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES M HURLEY; EXECUTOR 12768 HEATHLAND DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAULA SUE ISAAC
DOCKET NUMBER 83809-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters of administration c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of PAULA SUE ISAAC who died Oct 24, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(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 DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF PAULA SUE ISAAC

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD STEFAN ISAAC;
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
60 LONGWOOD AVENUE, APT
309 BROOKLINE, MA 02446

ANNE MCKINNEY ATTORNEY
AT LAW 1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY J WEBB
DOCKET NUMBER 83807-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY J WEBB who died Oct 1, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 8 day of DECEMBER, 2020

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY J WEBB

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SONYA FRENCH; CO-EXECUTRIX
4734 SO

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALTER K LOWERY, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 83713-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALTER K LOWERY, SR. who died Jul 19, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 14 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF WALTER K LOWERY, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WALTER K LOWERY, JR.; EXECUTOR
5024 BENTGRASS RUN DRIVE
CHARLOTTE, NC 28269

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH RICHARD MAIDEN DOCKET NUMBER 83843-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KENNETH RICHARD MAIDEN who died Jul 5, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

ESTATE OF KENNETH RICHARD MAIDEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HAYLEY WAGNER; ADMINISTRATRIX
7080 LEOPARD WAY, APT. 102
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

TRAVIS PATTERSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 70586 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37838

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD NORMAN DOCKET NUMBER 83826-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN EDWARD NORMAN who died Aug 12, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 11 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD NORMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA N. NORMAN; ADMINISTRATRIX

229 MAYVIEW DR.
POWELL, TN 37849

STEPHEN GARRETT
ATTORNEY
7838 BARKER RD.
CORYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARA BERNICE OWENBY DOCKET NUMBER 83836-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLARA BERNICE OWENBY who died Sep 26, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 14 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF CLARA BERNICE OWENBY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DONNA
POLING; EXECUTRIX 8201 EWING ROAD
POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LULA MAE PLUMMER DOCKET NUMBER 83844-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LULA MAE PLUMMER who died Jun 15, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 16 day of DECEMBER, 2020

ESTATE OF LULA MAE PLUMMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHERYL
STILES; EXECUTRIX 1416 GRAVES ROAD
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871

ANDREA C ANDERSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 2425 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH POTTER DOCKET NUMBER 83822-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH POTTER who died Oct 18, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

date of death This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH POTTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PHYLLIS J LUSH; CO-EXECUTOR
2320 LARAMIE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

STEPHEN F THACKER; CO-EXECUTOR
112 COLGATE RD.
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID F SPENCER DOCKET NUMBER 83817-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID F SPENCER who died Dec 2, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(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 DECEMBER, 2020

ESTATE OF DAVID F SPENCER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM R RAY; EXECUTOR
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

WILLIAM R RAY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH M STEFFANIAK DOCKET NUMBER 83847-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH M STEFFANIAK who died Nov 6, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH M STEFFANIAK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GEORGE JAMES STEFFANIAK JR.;
EXECUTOR 2206 FAIRMONT BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING
ATTORNEY AT LAW
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN E SULLIVAN, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 83831-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN E SULLIVAN, JR. who died Nov 24, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 14 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF JOHN E SULLIVAN, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESJ NATIVE(S)
DAVID M SULLIVAN; EXECUTOR
4735 SPOTTSWOOD AVENUE, SUITE 102
MEMPHIS, TN. 38117

STEPHEN L CARPENTER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIELDS WILSON TEMPLETON DOCKET NUMBER 83772-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIELDS WILSON TEMPLETON who died Jun 26, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 14 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF SHIELDS WILSON TEMPLETON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN E TEMPLETON; EXECUTOR
156 HILLHEAD COURT AIKEN, SC 29801

RICHARD T SCRUGHAM ATTORNEY AT LAW
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE
500 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH KATHERINE WARD DOCKET NUMBER 83821-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SARAH KATHERINE WARD who died Sep 29, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 10 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF SARAH KATHERINE WARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL WARD; CO-EXECUTOR
7626 THOMPSON SCHOOL ROAD
CORYTON, TN. 37721

MAJOR WARD; CO-EXECUTOR
P.O. BOX 795
POWELL, TN. 37849

JANE KAUFMAN JONES
ATTORNEY AT LAW
8517 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY ALICE WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 83825-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY ALICE WILLIAMS who died Oct 18, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF BETTY ALICE WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES DAVID WILLIAMS;
ADMINISTRATOR
505 HOLLYWOOD DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

WILLIAM R. RAY
ATTORNEY
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

MISC. NOTICES LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

Bid 3009, Kams Middle Roofing Project, due 2/9/21;
Bid 3014, Inmate Footwear, due 1/28/21;
Bid 3016, Construction of Adrian Burnett Elementary School, due 2/4/21;
RFP 3017, Distributed Antenna System, due 2/3/21

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, TN 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

1/16 KIA RIO KNADM4A3XG6665854
2/00 TOYOTA CAMRY JTBG22K1Y0460741
3/CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZC5EB3A4132260
4/03 HONDA PILOT 2HKYF18423H589672
5/01 TOYOTA COROLLA 1NXBR126B12549608
6/97 CADILLAC 1G6KD52Y3VU218823
7/07 NISSAN MURANO JN8AZ08T07W529629
8/11 DODGE RAM 1D7R81GT6B8S26130
9/01 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU04151KE81417
10/08 FORD CROWNVIC 2FAHP71V28X140507

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