

# Bud Armstrong takes his campaign home to Corryton

By Ken Lay

Richard “Bud” Armstrong is seeking to become Chancellor Part II on Knox County Chancery Court. He’s looking to serve all of the citizens of Knox County but on Thursday, Armstrong returned to his home to express gratitude to the people of the 8th District 8.

“All the people of Knox County are special to me,” Armstrong said at a meet-and-greet Thursday at the Corryton Community Building. “These people are really special to me. It was because of these people that I got to go to college. “They wrote checks. They saw something in this country boy. What, I’ll never know.”

Those checks helped Armstrong, who previously served as the Knox County Law Director, complete his education. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree, a Master’s Degree and a Ph. D.

He also went to law school.

As law director, Armstrong prided himself as the people’s law director. If he is elected to Chancery



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

**Former Knox County Law Director Bud Armstrong had a meet-and-greet Thursday night at the Corryton Community Building. Pictured with Armstrong (tan jacket) are: State Representative Dave Wright, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler and Knoxville Focus Publisher Steve Hunley. Armstrong is seeking the office of Knox County Chancellor Part II.**

Court, he will continue to be a faithful servant to the citizens of Knox County.

“All the citizens of Knox County are special to me,” he said. “When I was law director, I said that I would

be the people’s law director, and I was.

“Now, I want to be the people’s chancellor. I have District 8 values and I believe in the law. I believe in letting you raise your

kids. I don’t believe the government should do that.”

As part of his traditional values, Armstrong said “I believe in the law.”

“This is a government by the people, for the people

and of the people,” he added. “The government belongs to the people. That’s how our country was founded. I don’t believe you should legislate from the bench.”

Armstrong expressed gratitude to State Representative Dave Wright, Knoxville Focus publisher Steve Hunley, school board member Mike McMillan, current Knox County Commission Chairman Richie Beeler, United States Representative Tim Burchett and others, many of whom were in attendance.

But the person he thanked most was his wife Patti Jo.

“Like the Bible says, you stay with the bride of your youth and Patti is the wife of my youth,” Armstrong said. “She has stood beside me through thick and thin.

“We’ve been married for 45 years and she supported me while I got my education and she’s taken me places around the world.”

Armstrong’s work has also taken him around the globe but he said that District 8 will always be his home.

“I’ve worked all over the world,” he said. “But I always find my way back here.

“I love you all and I mean that from the bottom of my heart.”

# Volunteers turnout big for Sheriff Tom Spangler’s campaign

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“I’m going to do the right thing,” Sheriff Tom Spangler told his volunteers Thursday evening.

Hundreds of volunteers gathered at the EXPO Center on Clinton Highway to rally and volunteer to help Tom Spangler be elected to another term in the May 3rd Republican Primary. They signed in and were treated to hot dogs and barbecued pork sandwiches, visited with each other prior to and following the event. Mostly they were there to see and talk with Sheriff Spangler.

His campaign manager, Kimberly Glenn, told the volunteers about how to obey election place rules and be courteous. She said the sheriff is seeking re-election to a second term but that he has no plans to skip a third term



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

**Hundreds came out to volunteer for Sheriff Tom Spangler’s campaign for re-election for a second term in the upcoming May 3rd Republican Primary.**

and then run again, like his opponent.

Sheriff Spangler was obviously delighted and

pleasantly surprised by the turnout. He told the crowd that when he pulled into the parking lot and saw

the large number of cars he thought, “Is all this for me?” He said he was humbled by the large number

of supporters.

He also asked his supporters to remember former Captain Rick Trott,

who passed away recently, and also introduced and honored his current Chief Deputy Bernie Lyon who joined him on stage. Spangler recognized all the former deputies and military veterans in the gathering, his wife and family who attended, and his campaign staff. He said of his family: “They are why I do what I do.”

Spangler encouraged his volunteers to be positive and to not let the “trash being thrown” bother them during the campaign. The sheriff has been cleaning house in his department, shedding employees who violate rules or get involved with criminal activity.

“We have some more things to do,” Sheriff Spangler said and then joined his supporters for conversation, handshakes and hugs.

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# My Pitiful Basketball Career

From a distance



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Obviously, after Jesus Christ, I thought my dad was the greatest man who ever lived. From the time I was a small boy, I suppose I wanted to be as much like him as possible. I fell short in many ways, but one area in which I was way short was in my pitiful basketball career.

Daddy was a very good athlete. He was a champion boxer in high school and was captain of the Huntsville High School basketball team. He played for the freshman basketball

team at UT as a walk-on, non-scholarship player, but he had to work his way through and did not play after that.

Not one time did he ever brag about any athletic skill, and I found out about his sports exploits from others.

The only time he ever mentioned any of this to me was when he laughingly, in a deprecating sort of way, showed me a newspaper clipping from his UT days in which he was called "Two-Point Duncan."

Apparently, Daddy had gotten into many games for the freshman team just long enough to score two points.

I wasn't even good enough to make the team at Holston High School. I was cut both as a freshman and as a sophomore. I still remember walking home from Holston after I had been cut the second

time and the cold wind blew some tears into my eyes. Although maybe it wasn't the wind.

Later, along with others who had been cut from the team at Holston, we formed our own team and played in a league at Chilhowee Park. We called our team the Rejects, and we had a decent team.

A few years ago, one of the women who worked for me in the Knoxville office, came to me and laughingly asked, "Did you play for a basketball team called the Rejects?"

Apparently, even though this would have been more than 50 years later, another man remembered playing for that legendary team and had come into the Knoxville office while I was in Washington.

Never giving up, when I went into law practice with Zane Daniel, I formed another team. Zane had

played on the Rutledge High School team with A.W. Davis and had gone to High Point College in North Carolina on a basketball scholarship.

On our team, though, Zane had gotten so out of shape, he ran up and down the court a few times and got so out of breath that he quit after one game.

The next year, thinking I needed better athletes, I got Steve Cone, who had been captain of the UT football team, and Ricky Townsend, who had been a barefoot placekicker for UT, to play for us.

And, I got Gary England, who had played basketball at Auburn, to join our team. The only problem: Gary had played at Auburn at 6'3" and 160; for us, he weighed 240.

Seeing the names of all those well-known athletes, however, the City Recreation Bureau put us in the

toughest league at Chilhowee Park. We lost every game that season, too.

Once, though, my basketball playing got me out of a speeding ticket. I was driving back from Atlanta with our daughter, Whitney.

Around Sweetwater, I got stopped by the highway patrol. When the patrolman walked up, he said, "Well hello, Congressman Duncan. I'm Joe. I'm Benny's son."

When I was 14, I played on a DeMolay basketball team coached by his father, Benny Walker. Benny had once run for sheriff as a Democrat, but many years later, thanks to my friend, Don Sundquist, I was able to help his son get on the highway patrol.

The last time I played was one quarter in a faculty staff charity game in front of the students at Faragut Middle School. I told Calvin Gaskey, the referee,

that I would be alright on the court, but I did not want to shoot a free throw.

So, the first time someone got near me, Calvin called a foul. As he handed me the ball, I said "Calvin, I'm going to kill you."

I threw the ball toward the goal, and it swished, and both mine and Calvin's mouths fell open at the same time.

He handed me the ball for the second free throw, and I said, "Calvin, you shoot it. I can't do that twice in a row." Much to my amusement, the second one went in. Those were my only shots, and I ended with two points.

I called Calvin the next morning and told him I had been thinking. I said, "A person only gets so many miracles in his life, and now you have made me waste two of mine on those stupid free throws."

## 43 Candidates Registered for Knoxville and Knox County Candidate Expo

**Knoxville Expo Center to host event for all candidates running in 2022**

The Knoxville Expo Center is pleased to announce that 43 local candidates have already signed up for booths for the Knoxville and Knox County Candidate Expo on Thursday, March 31, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway. A few spaces are still available for all local candidates, and the Expo Center will open registration for state and U.S. candidates this week.

The Candidate Expo is a free event for both candidates and attendees. Candidates will be provided with a 10x10 booth,

eight-foot table and two chairs and are welcome to bring additional items, including signs and giveaways.

"This is such an exciting time for our community, and we wanted to provide an opportunity for folks to get to meet the candidates running for office," said Tim Graham, President of Graham Corporation, which owns the Knoxville Expo Center. "We are happy to provide the space, and welcome all candidates to sign up and join us on March 31st."

Free parking is plentiful and available to all.

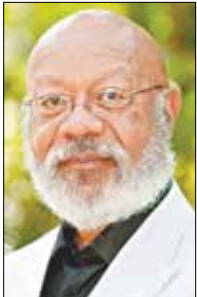
Candidates can reserve their spot by emailing crystal@knoxvilleexpocenter.com or calling (865) 686-3200.

Event sponsorships are available as well.

## Why Support Term Limits?

In my mailbox were flyers from a group "U.S. Term Limits" urging my local state representatives to support congressional term limits. Their website says that resolutions have been introduced in 17 states. I presume that they want a constitutional amendment. Unfortunately, their website does not succinctly explain why they favor term limits. They mention that the reelection rate in congress is 90 percent. However, that points to the number of "safe" seats created in part by gerrymandering from the state legislatures. The implication is that guaranteed reelection constitutes bad government.

They cite that 82 percent of voters favor term limits. But I seriously doubt that



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even a small percentage of voters have thought through the issue. Asking a voter if they support term limits is like asking if they like Mom's apple pie. It sounds good. I'm reminded of my dad saying "it sounds good if you are interested in sounds."

They state "with tenure reaching an all-time high, seats open up less frequently than ever before. A quarter of Congress has been in office for more than 16 years. Nearly half of Congress has been in office for more than eight. Nine members have been in office for more than 40 years. Term limits would reverse this trend by ensuring that open-seat races are held on a regular basis." It should be noted that the longest-serving senator was Robert (KKK) Byrd of West Virginia who was in office for 51 years. The longest in the House was Michigan's John Dingell (59 years) who was succeeded by his wife who currently serves.

I don't find this convincing. I am surprised to find that tenure is less than I

had assumed. If my representative is doing a "good" job, I will vote for reelection. If not, I will vote to change. If the electorate disagrees with me, then I will work to change that representative's position on items I consider important.

The website never documents whether term limits lead to better government. It points out that 36 governors and 15 state legislatures have term limits. It should be simple enough to create a template to show whether the term-limited governors and state legislatures have "better government" than those without the term limits.

Of course, the definition of "better government" is in the eye of the beholder. The poster child against term limits is the state of California where state representatives are limited to three terms (6 years) and state senators limited to two terms (8 years). Prima facie, one should oppose term limits simply because California has them.

I defer to the Founding Fathers on most issues of governance. It is important to note that they did not impose term limits on the nascent government. Connecticut's Roger Sherman, the only Founding Father

to help draft and sign the Declaration and Resolves (1774), the Articles of Association (1774), the Declaration of American Independence (1776), the Articles of Confederation (1777, 1778), and the U.S. Constitution (1787) wrote: "Nothing renders government more unstable than a frequent change of the persons that administer it."

My position is that we already have term limits: elections. Term limits would remove experienced lawmakers and make current ones even more susceptible to lobbyists and to staff. Bills are so enormous that few of our elected officials have time to read them. Remember "we will find out what's in the bill after we pass it"? All too often with the mass of paperwork, staffers read the proposed legislation and make recommendations. This gets more exacerbated if term limits are imposed. New legislators take time to learn the lay of the land and are generally not very effective during their first terms. If the House were limited to 4 terms, then 115 new members would appear every two years. If limited to five terms, then it would be 87 new members. In the Senate, if limited to two terms (12 years) then every four years 25 new senators would be elected. I doubt that this turnover would lead to better governance.

I lean toward Sherman's position. Again, I am not dogmatic. Show me the evidence that term-limited governors, govern best. Show me the evidence that term-limited state houses govern best. If that evidence exists, then I will support term limits. Otherwise, I think the effort is a waste of time and resources with little benefit to the public.



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# Publisher's Positions



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Becky Duncan Massey was delayed in traffic but two former state representatives, Harry Brooks and Focus columnist Ray Hill moved through the crowd. Folks enjoyed great music, food and fellowship. Armstrong made a heartfelt speech which was sentimental, as his devotion to the home folks was very evident. Armstrong, whos is running for Knox County Chancellor Part II, pledged to serve with the deep belief that judges should adhere to the law, not legislate from the bench. Armstrong is very qualified with impeccable character and possesses the demeanor to make a great Chancellor.

## Commissioners and Sheriff Tom Spangler Work Together to Help Uniformed Officers

County Commissioners Kyle Ward and Justin Biggs are co-sponsoring a ordinance that will provide an annual 2.5% cost-of-living raise for sheriff's deputies. The commissioners point out the City of Knoxville already offers this benefit to those joining the KPD and the county must do the same to remain competitive in recruiting officers. Both the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Knoxville Police

Department have been hit hard by the national defund the police movement, which has targeted and demeaned and dehumanized law enforcement officers across the country. The consequence of these constant attacks has been quite harmful to society. There has been a serious lack of younger people choosing law enforcement as a career, which is causing a dearth of recruits nationally. Ward and Biggs, two of the county commission's younger members, argue that with natural attrition, local government needs to act quickly to fill the gaps in the number of vacancies existing in the sheriff's department. Likewise, the KPD is fifty-some officers down from a full force. Depleted ranks mean longer response times and less protection for citizens and families. Folks should take note the last class going through the academy was merely six people; three from out of county and three from Knox County. Sheriff Tom Spangler has fought hard to support the deputies and had been seriously hampered in his recruitment efforts by the merit council. The problem became so acute that the county commission finally removed the merit council from the recruitment process, which has helped immensely. The annual

cost-of-living raise is a big step in the right direction and greatly needed.

### Nick Ciparro and Company Win Chamber Pinnacle Award

Nick Ciparro, candidate for the Republican nomination for the Knox County Commission in the Third District, was recognized by the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of the "Pinnacle Award," which is an award recognizing a particular business for innovative business service. The Chamber hailed Ciparro's company Carbon Rivers LLC for its approach to resolving several problems. The Chamber of Commerce hailed Carbon Rivers for its approach for innovation, as well as a business model that is environmentally conserving resources to greatly reduce the need to place some materials in landfills through new recycling technology.

### Democrats Need Civics Course

Matt Shears, chair of the local Democrat Party, is squalling about Tennessee Republicans voting to stifle free speech in the Tennessee General Assembly. Shears points particularly to state Representative Eddie Mannis, who remains a favorite

target of local Democrats. Matts scoffs that Eddie Mannis is a "moderate" but I wonder if a Leftwinger is really qualified to identify moderates in any political party? Aside from Joe Manchin, it is an extinct species inside the Democrat Party, as scarce as a living and breathing dinosaur. When did Matt Shears ever raise his voice to decry the continuing assault on free speech led by Democrats and their allies in the news media? Anything the Left dislikes is instantly labeled "misinformation" and promptly banned. When did Matt Shears ever protest the social media giants banning accounts for disagreeing with Tony Fauci's bouncing ball of COVID half-truths? The cancel-culture is a child of the Left, born out of a growing authoritarian streak. The fact is Democrats in America have done more to stifle free speech in this country than any other single entity. Free speech is a bedrock of liberty and rightly the principle from which all other American political rights are derived. Matt you have the same kind of credibility on that topic as the now disappeared Fauci. Perhaps you should focus on holding seminars to educate some of your party's candidates for public office. Dylan Early, your candidate for commissioner

at-large against incumbent Larsen Jay, seems to be alternately running for district attorney or the school board, depending upon the given day. Early squeals he will subpoena the sheriff and investigate the sheriff's department, citing the federal investigation into David Henderson, former Sheriff Jimmy "JJ" Jones's head of the Narcotics Division. Matt, you probably ought to let Dylan know one commissioner can't subpoena a graham cracker to a pie crust. Subpoenas require a vote by the majority of the county commission. Dylan has also been promising a "massive" infusion of cash (presumably which would require a tax hike) into the school system, which has been rendered moot now because GOP Governor Bill Lee beat you to it. Lee's new proposal to put billions more into education and pump it directly to the student is not only a brilliant plan but a highly promising plan and long overdue. Lee is directing the money to the students, not the bureaucracy or the teachers' unions. I reckon it's nothing new for Democrats to promise voters things they can't deliver, but Dylan would have benefitted from a basic course in civics. But then again, the public schools ceased teaching that some time ago.

# Future downtown hotel gets tax break

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A hotel project at 210 East Jackson Avenue received a tax break during Tuesday's Knoxville City Council meeting but not without several questions about the use of the PILOT program. PILOT is an abbreviation for "payment in lieu of taxes" which freezes the current taxes on a property for a number of years. The Jackson Avenue project seeks to transform an empty parking lot into a new 127-bed hotel. Councilwoman Seema Singh asked what the developer will pay employees and

why the tax break is necessary. Stephanie Welch, City of Knoxville Chief Economics and Community Development Officer, replied the freeze of taxes for 10 years makes the project more eligible for financing. The \$21 million Marriott Hotel will employ about 100 people during construction and, when open, will have 30 permanent employees. The resolution passed unanimously, including Singh's vote, but not until Singh said that tax break programs like PILOT should also be offered to smaller developments. She said helping large companies delay taxes is a "trickle-down theory."

Councilwoman Lynne Fugate noted that, once built, the property will be back on the local property tax roll and pay about \$250,000 annually. Councilwoman Janet Testerman said the project will expand the local tax base. South Knoxville Councilman Tommy Smith asked if smaller developers can apply for an in lieu of taxes benefit and Welch said, "Yes, send them our way." Councilwoman Lauren Rider asked about other income the city might receive from the hotel during the tax break period and was told the hotel would pay into the hotel-motel tax program,

employee taxes, and state-shared sales taxes. The council was told that the hotel developer will supply 100 parking spaces for workers and guests within the financing.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

The council also voted to approve an agreement with Knox County to use a parking lot on North Central; to grant \$23,000 to eight community organizations in an effort to prevent youth violence; and to provide annual funding to the

Downtown Knoxville Alliance. An agreement with the state was passed for the First Creek Greenway-Broadway Streetscape Program. Councilman Charles Thomas said the agreement, which involves intersections and crosswalks, "does a lot to transform the area" around the former St. Mary's Hospital and Broadway Shopping Center. Mark Walker, chief finance officer of the Knoxville Utility Board,

successfully asked the council to approve the issuance of bonds for several projects as well as an in lieu of taxes agreement. In first reading the city amended its capital budget and voted to ban vaping and the use of tobacco at city-owned properties, parks, playgrounds and greenways. Councilwoman Rider moved to combine several code amendments to pass in one vote and the idea passed.

# AJ Building final deal may be postponed, again

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The final deal to sell the historic Andrew Johnson Building may be delayed again. An amended agreement with developer BNA Associates LLC is on next Monday's Knox County Commission work session agenda. The Focus inquired about the newest extension of a final closing date. "It has to do with three departments (not school related) that have been delayed in moving out of the AJ Building due to supply chain issues affecting preparation of their new space," explained Commission Chairman Richie Beeler. "The 90-day window should provide them ample time to complete their move," he told The Focus.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell replied to The Focus and said he sent the following to commissioners concerning the AJ Building closing delay: *I wanted to update you on the AJ Building and discuss an item on your upcoming agenda. On the March agenda, we have added a resolution to extend the closing date to June 30th, a 90 (day) extension. The Sherriff's Merit, Probation, and PBA Finance are still in the building due to supply-chain issues related to furniture. We asked BNA for this extension to give us time to move these departments to their respective new spaces, and they are cooperative. Without this extension, we would have to pay rent to BNA until we got everyone evacuated, so this*

*is advantageous to us. We hope you agree and approve this extension. Mark Mamantov is working on this resolution, and I will send it to you once it's finished. BNA has altered its plan and would like to convert the space straight to a hotel now and not do the five years of micro-apartments. I have attached the summary for your review; I think you will find it to be spectacular. This change would lead to more jobs and increased revenues (Hotel/Motel & Mixed Drink). They are planning to hire a promoter and have small concerts in the School Board meeting room. On top of that, they are proposing a jazz club on the hotel's top floor. With this*

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# Board of Education dismisses ethics complaints against three members

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Board of Education voted to dismiss ethics complaints against three of its members at its regular session meeting Wednesday night.

The complaints stemmed from board members Kristi Kristy, Betsy Henderson and Susan Horn appearing at a recent Knox County Commission meeting to seek the opportunity to hire outside counsel in a federal lawsuit involving face coverings.

As she promised, board member Patti Bounds brought forth the motion to dismiss the complaints against her fellow board members. "As I said (at the March 7 work session meeting), I'm bringing a motion to dismiss all ethics complaints against our board members," Bounds said.

The board's ethics committee, comprised of Jennifer Owen, Evetty Satterfield and chairman Mike McMillan had already ruled, on Tuesday, March 1, that Kristy (the board's chairperson), Horn and Henderson did not commit ethics violations, per board policy, that states that they nor immediate family members didn't receive any personal or financial benefits.

Henderson and Horn said they planned on attending the meeting, but said neither planned to speak to the commission until asked to do so.

"I went to the meeting as a member of the board of education," Horn said.

Henderson said that she also attended the meeting not intending to speak to the commission.

"I did not go to the meeting prepared to speak," she said. "This was nothing more than an orchestrated political attack on a couple of board members.

"This was nothing more than a political distraction when we're trying to make a difference for 60,000 students."

Board member Virginia Babb said she would have attended the meeting in question, had she not been out of town.

"I would have been at the meeting had I not been in Nashville," she said. "And you would've had a complaint against me."

Kristy, Horn and Henderson all said they were exercising their rights to free speech on Wednesday.

But Owen, who agreed that the complaints were politically motivated, said that the three were in violation of board policy.

"This is not a question of free speech," Owen said. "It is a question of using our position to represent ourselves as coming from the board.

"It makes me wonder if tomorrow, I can look at something we voted on tonight and go to a separate body to undermine what we voted on tonight. We're talking about knowing and willfully stating that this is what the board wants when we know otherwise."

Owen's sentiments were expressed as the board had issued a vote issued a vote of confidence in Knox County Law Director David Buuck and his staff to handle the federal lawsuit.

The board, however, did vote to add outside representation in the case, which was ordered into mediation by Judge Ronnie Greer early last week.

Buuck said while he wasn't necessarily in favor of outside representation, that he would accept outside advice in the case.

The Knox County Law Department will still primarily oversee the case.

## School board votes to enter agreement as mask case is set for mediation

By Ken Lay

Following its work session early last week, the Knox County Board of Education had a specially called meeting at the City/County Building.

In that meeting on Monday, March 7, the board voted unanimously, 8-0, with board member Evetty Satterfield being absent, on how to handle the ongoing federal lawsuit, moving forward.

Judge Ronnie Greer ordered that the plaintiffs in the original case requiring students and staff to wear face coverings, into mediation.

The plaintiffs (a group of parents) and defendants, including the board and Tennessee governor Bill Lee, were ordered into mediation just hours before last Monday's meeting.

Both parties are now seeking to lift the mask mandate while the case is in mediation, which must be completed within 60 days.

"The board is (now) required to mediate the case," said board counsel Gary Dupler, who works for the Knox County Law Director's Office. "The mediation must be completed within 60 days."

Both parties are asking for the mandate to be lifted, however, the parties differ on their reasons.

"While the parties have entered into a joint proposal to lift the mask mandate during mediation, the parties disagree as to why to lift the mandate," Dupler said.

The board agreed to call the special meeting after much discussion over the case and it was board member Mike McMillan that voiced concern over the calling of what Dupler labeled an "emergency meeting."

McMillan noted that the board may have experienced backlash for not giving public notice.

Board chair Kristi Kristy was in favor of the special meeting. "Anything we can do to get kids out of masks quickly, we need to discuss," she said.

Board member Susan Horn said that the backlash would likely be greater had the board not voted to enter into an agreement with the plaintiffs.

"Knowing the opinion of our community, I think we would face more backlash if we don't take action," she said.

## PK HOPE IS ALIVE to meet Tuesday

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson's Support Group of Knoxville/Oak Ridge would like to invite you to our upcoming meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 11:30 a.m. at Central Baptist Church located at 130 Providence Road. in Oak Ridge (across from Oak Ridge High School). PK HOPE IS ALIVE meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch provided by the Parkinson's Foundation. Eliseo Chavez, Development Manager Parkinson's Foundation, TN/KY will be speaking and answering questions. The Parkinson's Foundation offers resources that provide life-changing support to people with PD and their caregivers.

Join PK HOPE IS ALIVE on March 15 to learn more about how to access the free Parkinson's Foundation educational books, webinars, podcasts and to learn how the helpline specialist helps people with PD and caregivers navigate every aspect of Parkinson's.

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# Catching up with Charlie Busler

**By Mike Steely**  
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Charles Busler represents District 7 on the Knox County Commission. He prefers to be called “Charlie” and is approachable, jovial and firmly grounded in his beliefs and compassion. He’s from the “old school” of Republicans who work with everyone to get things done.

Charlie is serving his last term as commissioner as he is term-limited from seeking re-election. He’s a many years member of his local Sharon Baptist Church, an eight year former member of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, a member of the Powell and Halls-Powell Republican Clubs and has worked with Habitat for Humanity on various projects.

The Knoxville Focus caught up with Commissioner Busler recently and he responded to several questions.

**You served two terms on the commission What are some of your fondest memories?**

It’s hard to believe I’ve served for almost eight years. I have so many memories but would have to say that all people that I’ve met along the way is important to me. I remember when a few community leaders met with me in 2013 and asked me to run for office. I appreciate and value the fact that they approached me and I filed the appropriate papers and started driving the district and knocking on doors. Oh, the stories I could tell about the people I met along the way. I have relied on the people I met during that time to keep me grounded.

**What have you accomplished?**

Accomplishment is not

by one person. When I first came into office the Gibbs Middle School was up for consideration. I’m very proud to work with other commissioners to give to the Gibbs community the middle school they had been waiting for.

I worked with Mayor Burchett and others to find a building for the Powell Seniors. I’m proud to say the seniors in Powell and Heiskel now have a community center.

I found that Adrian Burnette Elementary School was in dire need of a new building. Lots of hurdles were addressed and I’ve been told the school will be ready for students in the Fall of 2022. Many thanks to Patti Bounds for her hard work on this.

I discovered an incredible need for Powell Middle School: their cafeteria had never been finished. I found a huge room with a gravel floor that was to be the cafeteria and it has been completed due to a team coming together to make it happen. I’ve since worked on Powell High School’s new cafeteria and office space and we have funded a badly needed renovation of Halls High School.

Oftentimes I have not been able to “fix” what they needed or wanted to fix but hopefully I explained why something just couldn’t go their way.

*Busler also mentioned lights for the Maynardville Highway and Norris Freeway intersection, the Blue Water Way on Beaver Creek, the Three Ridges Golf Course, potholes, sinkholes, zonings, pig farms and litter control as accomplishments.*

**Tell us about your family.**

When I was approached about running for this office I was alone as my wife of

45 years passed away 18 months earlier. I have two daughters: Melissa (Missy) and her husband, Lloyd, Pepper and their children, Madison, Hailey and AJ; and Cathy and BJ Best and grandsons, Dakota and Dalton.

During the election a poll worker, Joan Dozier, introduced me to her friend, Sharon Satterfield Williams. We married in December of 2014. Now I have a stepson, Josh Williams, and his wife, Misty, and two step-grandsons, Hayden and Jackson Williams. It was a great year, elected to office, married and added to the family, I am blessed.

**What are your plans now?**

Actually, Sharon and I have plans for a trip to Europe. After that I’ve got a motor home that is willing to travel. Looking forward to retirement. Oh, and I might play a little golf.

**You have lived in the 7th District for over 40 years, where are you originally from?**

I was born in Green County. We moved to Newport when I was in the 3rd grade and I graduated from Cocke County High School in 1967. I graduated from UT in 1971 and I moved to Powell. Both my granddaughters went to school in the 7th District. I’m proud to say both daughters still live in the 7th district and my



*Commissioner Charlie Busler is known for his plain language, comments and questions. He’s term limited and will be leaving office in August. The Focus caught up to him and asked a few questions. Focus Photo by Mike Steely.*

grandchild attends school in the district.

**You served for many years on the MPC. How has that group changed and how did it influence you on the commission?**

At the time I was appointed each person had a specific area to be responsible for by reviewing all zoning for the entire county. I was known as “the old drive-by” and would go drive to the property and sometimes I walk the property. I wanted to physically see the property and know what I was talking about. I’m not sure how the planning commission

handles that now because the process has changed. But, as a county commissioner, I still go to the properties and do a drive-by in my district. You should always know the property before you start making recommendations.

**How has the Republican Party changed over the years?**

I’ve served in several capacities within the Republican organization. I served as chairman for the 73rd Precinct for 10 years and it was one of the largest in Knox County. After all those years I still believe

that Knox County has the most free and open elections in the state.

**What are your hobbies or interests?**

My hobbies are golf, fishing and traveling and I enjoy yard work.

**How would you like to be remembered?**

I’d like to be remembered as a person who did the right thing at the right time and for the right reason. I love living in the best district in Knox County, the 7th District.

## AJ Building final deal may be postponed, again

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*change, they would like us to re-evaluate their PILOT because of the changes proposed and the current economic conditions. The Mayor thought it was a reasonable request, with the changes mentioned, and said we would bring it to County Commission.*

Caldwell said he’d like to bring all the changes in one package but the county hasn’t received all the information to reassess the Payment In Lieu of Taxes. If needed the revamping of the PILOT proposal may be back before the commission in April or May.

Other items on the commission’s agenda, chosen by the chairman and commissioners for discussion, may include a Memorandum of Understanding with the volunteer fire and rescue organizations to receive state and local funding.

American Medical Response is asking the commission to add a temporary fifth response time exemption until the COVID-19 pandemic officially ends or by April 30, whichever comes first.


On the agenda for a first reading is a request from Commissioners Justin

Biggs and Kyle Ward to increase the annual salary of sworn officers by 2.5 percent for all deputies who reach the rank of Captain or below.

Commissioner Charles Busler wants to talk about an amendment to house bill 2246 and senate bill 2077. Busler told The Focus the changes might take away the county’s ability to regulate energy and infrastructure. He also wants a discussion on how school buildings and property are reutilized.

Commissioner Courtney Durrett wants to honor Asani Knox for being named the 2022 Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club and the commission may also recognize the Powell High School football team for winning the Class 5A state championship. Chairman Beeler plans to reappoint Lara Fleming to the Community Health Council and the lease of the Mascot Branch Library may be renewed for ten years in an agreement with Mack Walker.

The commission may also approve a \$20 million award from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.



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## Roy Kruse Remembered

By Mike Steely  
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The life of the late Roy Kruse touched thousands of people. The man was a supporter of so many good ideas and local organizations. Both the city council and county commission have honored him. Some spoke at local government meetings while other people who knew Roy wrote to The Knoxville Focus with their tributes.

**Former Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero:** Roy Kruse had a big heart and a generous spirit. He was a proud union man and veteran. His caring for others knew no limits and he was a great fundraiser for good causes. There was a joke that if Roy was heading toward you, you better grab your wallet. But you knew you would donate anyway because if

Roy was involved, you wanted to be there too. I was honored to call Roy and his loving wife Alice my friends. Knoxville and this world are better places because of them. I miss them both. Roy was a proud union man and veteran.

**Former Knoxville Focus Editor Charmin Foth:** Roy was a mentor and a friend. My life was forever changed when he walked into the newspaper office to see if we could promote mud volleyball. Who knew that he and Alice would become my role models for what giving back to the community looks like.

**George Bove:** Roy was priceless, a teamster, leader and never asked who was a Republican or Democrat. He was always asking for someone else. He was a mentor for everyone, especially the retired. Everybody who ever met Roy has a story. He was a

leader, kind and considerate. Roy Kruse has shown us that true success is measured by, he who serves the most, not he who is served by the most.

**Councilman Andrew Roberto:** He was a good friend the embodiment of being a servant leader. You couldn't go to a public meeting without running into Roy. He was involved in everything and he will be deeply missed.

**Councilwoman Janet Testerman:** We all probably have a story about Roy and I've known him for well over a decade. What a treasure he was for this community and so many great causes.

**Councilman Charles Thomas:** Roy was a very remarkable person and a good friend of mine. He will be

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Roy Kruse

## Key roles available with Emerald Youth Foundation

Emerald Youth Foundation, a 30-year-old faith-based nonprofit that serves young people in the heart of the city, is seeking applicants to fill multiple key, paid roles within the organization, including both part-time and full-time positions.

The organization's driving vision is that every child, in every neighborhood would have the opportunity for a full life – the kind of life Jesus spoke of in John 10:10. Each year, it serves nearly 3,000 young people in areas of faith, learning and health.

Available positions include seasonal roles for the upcoming summer, as well as full-time, long-term positions. Jobs include those who will serve directly with Knoxville's young people, such as paid youth workers, sports ministry roles and positions within the organization's Calling & Career ministry, which engages young people as they prepare to move to and through post-secondary training and college.

Interested applicants should apply online at [emeraldyouth.org/careers](http://emeraldyouth.org/careers), as the organization is looking to fill vacancies right away.

"Like organizations across the country and across our community, we are looking for qualified individuals to join our team," said John Crooks, director of marketing and communications for Emerald Youth Foundation. "What we believe sets these roles apart, however, is the opportunity to make a significant impact – both in the lives of young people and in our community. If our mission resonates with you, we are asking you to reach out and help."

Emerald Youth offers a competitive benefits package for full-time roles including health, vision and dental insurance, as well as retirement, among others.

View the full list of vacant positions and apply at [emeraldyouth.org/careers](http://emeraldyouth.org/careers) or call (865) 637-3227 for more information.



**The Wall That Heals is coming to Knoxville from April 21-24 and features the names of Vietnam War casualties that may be rubbed and copied on paper. Military veterans are being sought to help assemble and man the 3/4 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.**

## The Wall That Heals exhibit seeks help from veterans

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The Wall That Heals exhibit opens in Knoxville on Thursday, April 21, with a 10 a.m. opening ceremony. The replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D. C., needs your help, especially if you are a military veteran.

The 3/4 size replica is 375 feet in length and 7.5 feet high at its apex. The key feature of the new replica is that visitors can do rubbings of the names of

individual service members on the wall. The exhibit will be open through the 24th but the wall will need to be unloaded from the transport truck, assembled and installed by volunteers.

Military veterans from all services are invited to volunteer and are also being sought to stand for guide and guard duty at the wall.

Lynnhurst Cemetery at 2300 West Adair in Fountain City, just off North Broadway, will be hosting the installation which includes a mobile

Education Center featuring a timeline of "The War and the Wall." The display provides additional information on the Washington, D. C. memorial and shows items left at that notable wall.

A shuttle service from the nearby Adair Drive Food City will be provided from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Most people are unaware that the designer of the Washington Vietnam Memorial is Maya Lin, daughter of Chinese parents who escaped that

country for a life in America. She submitted the winning design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1981 at the age of 21.

The Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078 of Vietnam Veterans of America hosts the "Wall That Heals" and the visit is being promoted by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Support and sponsorship is also being given by the Tennessee Valley Authority Retirees Association and the Bicentennial Volunteers.

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### Finding the Good

If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold no fire can ever warm me, I know that is poetry.

Emily Dickinson

I find it easier to write when something comes to mind rather than waiting for perhaps a more noteworthy topic closer to deadline.

I could write about all that is wrong in this broken, fallen world, but there is enough that. So, after church and Sunday lunch with friends, and working in the garden with Becky on a beautiful spring afternoon, I started this essay with poetic joy in my heart and thoughts. There is goodness to be found in God's creation, even though, these days, you sometimes have to actively look for it. So, I begin this essay thanking God for life and awareness of the Way.

I feel somewhat guilty because, as I enjoyed a beautiful spring day, people were dying in Ukraine. In 1939 Hitler launched WWII marching west to east across Europe before turning westward. The new Hitler is on the move from the east to the west threatening Ukraine and the rest of the world.

Long before the discredited, revisionist 1619 Project and the patently racist, anti-American CRT movement invaded education, I was taught to read and introduced to books like Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Sixty years ago, I remembered the line "It's spring, son, and she's coming in like a lion," as March winds bent the still bare trees around me. Laura Ingalls' autobiographical reflections of her family, first in the Wisconsin

woods and then the Little House on the Prairie in Minnesota, were popularized by the TV series with Michael Landon. As a kid, I did not understand the concept of Americana, but Ingalls' vision of our country, family and faith still resonates in my soul.

I grew up in a neighborhood that was safe and solid middle class. I rode my bike to the corner drug store, to the baseball field and often to school. Every generation thinks of their own childhood through the lens of their own idyllic experiences. However, we had our own troubles with "wars and rumors of war" such as the Cuban missile crisis, when Russia attempted to put nuclear missiles in Cuba. I remember my father taking us out of school and filling the bathtub with water in case we were attacked with nuclear missiles! Fast forward to the present, as war rages in Europe, we are again threatened by Russia with nuclear weapons.

These days you sometimes have to work to find goodness in the world. My fruit trees were slaughtered last weekend by a bitter spring freeze. But this is a first world problem because my life and my family's well-being are not dependent

upon what I can grow in my orchard, garden or vineyard. Perhaps I should not even use the word slaughter because the murder of my fruit trees cannot compare to Putin's slaughter of Ukrainians.

As a writer and a Christian, I admire the work of CS Lewis. I have read over a dozen of his books. He is best known for his Christian apologetics, but he also wrote a science fiction trilogy which influenced me to write my own Stellar Trilogy. The second novel Mantis was just published, and I am at work on the third novel of the trilogy. Lewis averred that his hardest book to write was the Screwtape Letters. He said it was difficult because he had to write from the perspective of a devil whose every thought was negative and evil. I am no Pollyanna ignoring evil in the world, but I am trying to avoid being consumed by the bad and to look for the good. Actually, inflation, gas prices, European wars, and the mismanagement of our government pale in comparison to the difficulties of the Civil War, the Great Depression and World War II.

These days, fewer people memorize scripture, poetry or hymns. I once read Billy

Graham lamented that he hadn't memorized more Scripture which he could then recall when his eyes were too weak to read the Bible. I wish Mr. Graham had the app I have on my iPhone. I can have scripture read to me. However, I still memorize favorite verses to call my own. In antiquity, professional raconteurs memorized, for example, the entire Iliad, to recite to people who could not read.

So, in these troubled times where do you seek or find solace? I find peace in nature, in Sunday worship service, small group fellowship and hanging out with the lovely Becky. I also find sustenance for the soul in daily devotionals and writing, hymns and poetry.

Hymns are poetic theology set to music. Singing cherished hymns resonates with my soul and lifts my spirit. Poetry does the same. I like short pithy poems rather than long convoluted odes. Emily Dickinson is my favorite poet, but I also like Robert Frost who was a poet laureate of our country. So, in this rather unusual essay I'll share with you the words of a poetic hymn and a few of my favorite poems. I hope they bring you peace and joy.

♪ "O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above" (Robert Robinson).

Robert Frost poetically described the lovely, yet transitory, green of spring: "Nature's first green is gold. Her hardest hue to hold. Her early leaf's a flower, but only so an hour. Then leaf subsides to leaf. So, Eden sank to grief, so dawn goes down to day. Nothing gold can stay."

And on encountering a field of spring daffodils, William Wordsworth penned, "I gazed and gazed but little thought what wealth the show to me had brought. For oft, when on my couch I lie in vacant or in pensive mood, they flash upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude; and then my heart with pleasure fills, and dances with the daffodils."

May your wandering heart be bound and your thoughts filled with a spring of hope.

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# Roy Kruse Remembered

**Continued from page 1** — remembered in the best possible way.

**Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie:** Roy was an outstanding person and always had a smile on his face and a friend of the McKenzie family. I remember seeing him at the Motley Crew luncheon and we always talked about jumping into a car and driving to a ball game but we never got that opportunity. He touched so many different lives in the city.

**Mayor Indya Kincannon:** I've known Roy for a long time he was a great role model for us to follow. The opportunity to serve does not end when you retire. We remember him with gratitude.

**City Council Resolution in part:** The Council of the City of Knoxville hereby gratefully acknowledges and honors the life and achievements of Royden "Roy" Kruse and wishes to convey to his relatives its most sincere sympathy and condolences upon the occasion of his passing.

**Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler:** Roy was a dedicated to helping others, bringing awareness to many causes. Roy Kruse didn't sit on the sidelines, he got

involved to make a difference. My continued prayers for his family, life without him will be an adjustment.

**Knox County Commission Chair Richie Beeler:** We observed a moment of silence for Roy at the February meeting, but after his family has had time to grieve and process things, I definitely intend to co-sponsor something to honor his many contributions.

**Mae Moody:** He was the kindest — serving in so many ways, and an honorable man to be friends with. Wish we had known him longer. He will be missed!

**Rick Emmett:** Roy was a friend to all. It did not matter if you saw him in the Courthouse or Wal-Mart. He would always make a point to say hello and ask how you were doing. The passing of his wife was heartbreaking for him but he still kept himself involved in all the many causes dear to him.

**State Representative Gloria Johnson:** Roy was a dedicated, life-long community servant who always showed up and fought hard for working families and his community. He will be greatly missed.

# You Have to Take a Parenting Class When You Get Divorced With Children

When I am representing someone in a divorce case in which the parties have minor children, one of the things I must discuss with them is the requirement

that they must attend a parenting class prior to getting divorced.

While most people see this as more of a hassle than anything else, some people get very worked up about this and say things like, "I know how to raise my own children, I do not need to attend any class to teach me how to parent!"

I respond to these people by telling them to first, take a



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deep breath, and that second, they really have no choice because there is a statute that requires this.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-6-408

states that each parent has to attend a parent educational seminar (commonly called a parenting class) when they are getting divorced and they have children under the age of 18.

The statute specifically says, "the seminar shall educate parents concerning how to protect and enhance the child's emotional development and informing

the parents regarding the legal process. The seminar shall also include a discussion of alternative dispute resolution, marriage counseling, the judicial process, and common perpetrator attitudes and conduct involving domestic violence. The program may be divided into sessions, which the aggregate shall not be less than four (4) hours in duration. The seminar shall be education in nature and not designed for physical therapy."

The short version is, you have to attend a four hour, in person (not online), parenting class. Once you complete the class you will receive a certificate of completion and the certificate has to be filed with the court so the judge knows that

you have completed this requirement.

Occasionally I will discuss with my clients whether the parenting class was helpful or not. Some people say they learned some helpful things, some people say the class was a total waste of time. For better or worse, the law requires that the class be attended.

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# Mitchell v. United States, et al.

# Arthur W. Mitchell of Illinois

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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The folks who read this column regularly are some of God’s gentlepeople and highly discerning. That is my opinion, yet I will be positively shocked if a single reader remembers Arthur Wergs Mitchell. One of the most interesting aspects of history to me is the stories hidden inside other stories. History is composed of the humble and the lowly as well as the high and mighty. Arthur Mitchell was notable in several ways. Mitchell was the first Black to be elected to Congress as a Democrat. Recently I asked several folks what year that might have hap-

pened; only my friend Travis Brasfield came close to being right, but then Travis (not to be confused with his Dad, Travis the elder who is also a friend of mine) is a mighty bright young man and an able lawyer. Travis the younger guessed 1932 and the correct answer was 1934. Every Black lawmaker who had served in Congress prior to that time had been a Republican. In fact, Arthur W. Mitchell beat an incumbent Black Republican to go to Washington, D. C. Mitchell beat Congressman Oscar DePriest in the 1934 election and stayed in the House for the next eight years. Oscar DePriest was a power inside the City of Chicago and is worthy of a column in his own right; he was highly popular inside his district and was something of a character. And for young and old attorneys alike, Arthur Mitchell is more than a footnote in one of the most significant desegregation decisions issued by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Arthur Mitchell came to Congress as the coalition that had elected Franklin D. Roosevelt to the White House had changed some traditional voting patterns. Increasingly over the next decade, Blacks would move away from the party of Abraham Lincoln to the party of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Unlike Oscar DePriest, who was a businessman and landlord, Arthur W. Mitchell was a staid and somewhat dour attorney. Mitchell too had been a Republican until the advent of the New Deal. DePriest had faced white Democrats in general elections until facing Mitchell. Fate had intervened to send Mitchell to Congress. Arthur Mitchell had lost the Democratic primary to Harry Baker. Unfortunately for Mr. Baker, he died before the general election and Mitchell was named as the replacement candidate.

All of that occurred well after a hardscrabble childhood and a determined effort to educate himself. Arthur Mitchell put himself through school as

a farm laborer and was later an assistant to the famed educator Booker T. Washington. As did so many of his generation, Mitchell taught school to save money to put himself through college. Arthur Mitchell attended Columbia and Harvard universities before being admitted to the Bar in Washington, D. C. in 1927. Mitchell moved to Chicago in 1929 and practiced law and (like Oscar DePriest) dabbled in the real estate business. Mitchell’s first wife, Eula Mae King, died in 1910; they had one son who was named after his father. Arthur Mitchell later married Annie Harris and they were together until her death in 1947.

Mitchell’s political ascent was swift; following the passing of the late Harry Baker, the burgeoning political machine of Mayor Edward J. Kelly slated Mitchell to run for Congress against Oscar DePriest. Kelly had come to office after the murder of Anton Cermak, who had been shot by an assassin who was trying to kill president-elect Roosevelt while FDR was in Miami. Cermak had driven out of office the last Republican to serve as mayor of Chicago: William Hale Thompson. Thompson was little more than a buffoon and he presided over a pillar of corruption difficult to imagine. Mayor Thompson had made fun of Cermak’s ethnic heritage, to which Cermak replied, “He doesn’t like my name. . .it’s true I didn’t come over on the Mayflower, but I came over as soon as I could.”

Cermak died from the gunshot wound he suffered while speaking to Roosevelt and Edward Joseph Kelly was personally picked by Patrick Nash, the Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party. Together, the two men would run the Kelly–Nash machine which prospered and lived on long after its progenitors had gone on to their reward. True, others took hold of it and made it their own, most notably, Richard J. Daley.

It is entirely possible neither Mayor Kelly nor Pat Nash thought Arthur Mitchell would beat Congressman Oscar DePriest but win he did with 53% of the vote. DePriest came back to challenge Mitchell again in 1936 and easily beat his opponents inside the GOP primary. Yet Mitchell, a strong supporter of President Roosevelt and the New Deal, increased his margin in a year that was an excellent one for FDR in particular and Democrats in general. After first being elected to Congress, Mitchell had said, “What I am interested in is to help this grand President of ours



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*Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell and his wife, Annie in 1934 shortly after his election.*

feed the hungry and clothe the naked and provide work for the idle of every race and creed.”

Mitchell’s job of beating Oscar DePriest in 1934 had been immeasurably aided by Mayor Edward J. Kelly who, contrary to past Democratic mayors, had ardently courted the Black community and its votes. Arthur Mitchell also made Oscar DePriest defend the record of former GOP president Herbert Hoover. When Mitchell first went to Congress in 1935, he was assigned to the House Post Office Committee, a lesser assignment like most freshmen receive, yet it gave him a voice in naming all the postal employees inside Illinois’ First Congressional District.

As might be expected, Arthur W. Mitchell was a loyal supporter of President Roosevelt and the New Deal. Mitchell was not a member of the delegation from Illinois to the Democratic National Convention in 1936, but a request came from Senator Joseph F. Guffey of Pennsylvania that Congressman Mitchell make one of the speeches seconding President Roosevelt’s nomination. The Chicago Tribune duly noted the surprise of Democratic governor Henry Horner along with other members of the delegation, but if FDR wanted Arthur Mitchell to second his nomination the President would get his wish. Officially, Arthur Mitchell merely spoke before the Democratic National Convention on the state of the union, yet the congressman made what was to be his speech seconding the nomination of President Roosevelt. In his speech, Mitchell pledged the votes of “3,000,000 Negro” voters in the coming election to FDR and the Democratic Party.

The Pittsburgh Courier credited former congressman Oscar DePriest and incumbent Arthur W.

Mitchell with Lieutenant Benjamin Oliver Davis having graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Lieutenant Davis was ranked thirty-fifth in a class of 276, which indicated “unusual scholarship and high character.”

Mitchell was re-elected to Congress in 1938 by turning back a bid by Republican William L. Dawson who ran a strong campaign. Dawson was also Black and would later succeed Mitchell as a Democrat. William L. Dawson built a formidable political machine of his own inside the district which was also a part of the Kelly – Nash and Daley machines. Congressman Mitchell continuously used his office to fight discrimination and was a vocal critic of the treatment of black soldiers during the Second World War.

In 1937, Arthur W. Mitchell bought a first-class ticket from the Illinois Central Railroad Company in Chicago. Congressman Mitchell intended to travel from Chicago to Hot Springs, Arkansas for a two week vacation. A first class ticket was three cents per mile and the congressman traveled from Chicago to Memphis where he transferred to the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. Mitchell had requested a Pullman sleeper coach, which was an additional ninetycents. When the train crossed the Mississippi River into Arkansas, the conductor began collecting fares. Albert W. Jones was somewhat dismayed to find a Black gentleman sitting in the “white” section and promptly ordered the congressman to the car reserved for Blacks. Arkansas had a Separate Coach Law, which had been passed in 1891, covering the 2,063 miles of railroad tracks in the state. The law was meant to establish “equal but separate and sufficient” railroad car accommodations for white

and black passengers; the law also required railroad employees to enforce the law or otherwise be fined \$25 to \$50, a significant sum for the time. The proposed fines for those passengers who refused to obey the instructions given them by railroad employees trying to enforce the law were even higher, ranging from a low of \$10 to a high of \$200.

Congressman Arthur Mitchell refused to obey conductor Albert W. Jones. Finally, facing the possibility of the train being stopped and the nearest sheriff being summoned to arrest him, the congressman moved back to the car reserved for black passengers, which also had sections for both black and white smokers. Once arriving in Hot Springs, Mitchell was greeted by the governor and the mayor of Little Rock and the congressman said nothing about his appalling treatment while traveling in Arkansas. Nor did Arthur W. Mitchell utter a single word about the incident while vacationing in Hot Springs. Upon his return to Chicago, the congressman promptly filed suit and described the condition of the railroad car he had been forced to travel in as “poorly ventilated, filled with stench and odors emitting from the toilet and other filth, which is indescribable.” As for the conductor, the congressman’s legal brief stated the behavior of Jones was “too opprobrious and profane, vulgar and filthy to be spread upon the records of this court.” The Interstate Commerce Commission dismissed Congressman Mitchell’s complaint, but he persisted, appealing the ruling to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. That court dismissed Mitchell’s complaint as well, but the congressman was determined and appealed the ruling directly to the Supreme Court of the United States.

It took just over four years from Arthur Mitchell’s humiliation to the ruling of the high court. The unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court was delivered by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes. The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the U. S. District Court and remanded the case; the Supreme Court also directed the ICC order be set aside.

Arthur W. Mitchell displayed a steely determination to pursue his goal irrespective of the consequences and there was certainly political fallout. Mayor Ed Kelly had become uneasy about the suit against an Illinois railroad and it is unknown if the congressman was pressured by the machine. Mitchell won and settled for an undisclosed sum out of court. Mitchell also received \$3,750 and court costs. Yet he announced he would not seek another term in the House of Representatives in 1942. It seems almost certain the Kelly–Nash machine made it quite clear he would be denied the Democratic nomination if he insisted upon running for a fifth term. Arthur Mitchell never lost his quiet dignity and retired to a beautiful estate in Petersburg, Virginia. Mitchell evidently had some business interests and real estate in Washington, D. C. and remained somewhat active in politics. The former congressman was a supporter of Adlai Stevenson in the 1952 election. Arthur W. Mitchell comfortably assumed the role of elder statesman and gentleman farmer.

Mitchell’s second wife, Annie Harris Mitchell died in 1947 and a year later the former congressman married Clara Smith Mann and they remained together until Mitchell’s death. Evidently, the ex-congressman outlived his son but by the time he died at age eighty-five in 1968, he had a granddaughter and several stepchildren still living. Arthur W. Mitchell died peacefully at his beloved Rose-Anna Gardens estate.

Mitchell’s estate in Petersburg, Virginia Rose-Anna Gardens, was also known as “The Land of a Thousand Roses.” Mitchell’s estate was opened to the public each year with hundreds of people visiting the spacious and magnificent gardens for free. As was often the case at the time, Mitchell’s body lay in repose at his home before being moved for burial. Yet the former congressman had stood for something and once determined to accomplish a task, let nothing deter him.

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# The Madness that Comes with March

It is the month of St. Patrick's Irish holiday, the month of spring breaks for schools, the month of strong and fierce winds, and the month of long-awaited basketball tournaments!



By **Ralphine Major**  
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With tournament games canceled during much of the COVID pandemic, games are being played again this year. Players strive to bring their best talent to the court in the high-level competitions, hoping to win in their respective brackets. Some of them often show unforeseen discipline and endurance in the hard-fought games. Coaching skills as well as players' offensive and defensive moves are usually at their peak. In a recent game, I saw glimpses of the late Pat Summitt in the Lady Vols team and their coach. I was reminded again of Summitt as another team, coached by a former Lady Vol, won the Southeastern Conference

tournament. Of course, it is almost impossible to watch any women's game without sometimes being reminded of the beloved Tennessee coaching legend. Basketball

games are not unlike the game of life where we often rely on hard work and discipline to take us to victory. Life is also a game of competition that requires us to do our best. Good luck to all the high school and college teams in their tournaments as they march toward the game that will eventually determine the state and national champions.

Words of Faith: "O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people." Psalm 117:1 (KJV).



**Our tournament game-day décor, by Ralphine Major.**

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Chris Albrecht, public information officer of Chapter 1078, provided much of the information on the Knoxville display.

If you are a veteran of any of the military services you may volunteer at [www.thewallthathealsknoxville.org](http://www.thewallthathealsknoxville.org) or email Reny McClain Lee at [renymclee@gmail.com](mailto:renymclee@gmail.com). You may also contact Reny Lee at (865)385-7184.



# The Wall That Heals

## A note on the Wall That Heals

By Mike Steely

A few weeks ago I got a call from Reny Lee who was the force behind establishing the Solway Veterans Memorial. Lee, one of the Tennessee Valley Authority Retirees, had asked me back then to represent the U.S. Coast Guard in the dedication ceremonies at Solway.

I was honored back then, as I was honored to represent my past military service during the Wreaths Across America ceremonies at Knoxville's National Cemetery last year.

She told me military veterans were being sought to volunteer to help with the "Wall That Heals"—to either help put up the wall, be there during the dedication or help man the wall during its display at Lynnhurst Cemetery in Fountain City. I volunteered to be one of the "Coasties" at the ceremonies and stand as a volunteer guide if needed.

Most people don't know of the Coast Guard's involvement in the Vietnam War, with cutters offshore and patrolling the Mekong River. The service lost members killed in the war. Those

included sailors killed on the river patrol by friendly fire when their small boat was mistaken for a Viet Cong vessel.

My brother was also a Coast Guard veteran during that war along with two first cousins and a good friend. I was proud to have a full military service for my brother when I interred his ashes last year.

So I'll be there, proud to represent the Coast Guard at the Wall That Heals next month. There aren't many "Coasties" in our section of Tennessee and I'm hoping others join me and the other military volunteers at the replica of the wall.

Any military veteran is urged to volunteer by going online to [www.thewallthathealsknoxville.org](http://www.thewallthathealsknoxville.org). Hope to see you there.

*Proud to have served, I saluted the Coast Guard wreath during ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Knoxville last year. I'm inviting all military veterans to volunteer for the upcoming Wall That Heals display starting on April 21st.*

# How important is the Ukrainian battle?

"If the film were black and white, we couldn't tell the difference between it and those from World War II." That's a comment from a person who is familiar with both wars. We old folks never thought another conventional



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war would occur after the slaughter and destruction of the battles from the 20th century.

What makes this war so alarming is the constant streaming of it on many stations. From the time we rise to the time we hit the hay, cable stations bombard us with stories, videos, and commentary of every moment of it. However, none of us should turn from the screen because the sights are too graphic. The young, especially, should see what happens when a madman leading a country decides to set his army against citizens, as well as armed forces.

Other countries around the world should also involve themselves with this invasion of Ukraine. NATO was in tatters prior to

Russia's aggression. Somehow, the leaders of countries let go of past grievances against others and decided to present a united front. While no one is about to send troops to the war-torn area, countries are sending aid, both military and humanitarian, to Ukrainians.

This horrible war has also stirred patriotic feelings in our own country. For the first time in too many years, both parties are working together to open the way to sending Ukraine stockpiles of weapons that will help them make the Russians suffer. The takeover that was supposed to be quick and easy has turned into a brutal, sluggish assault on people who are determined to fight for their country. Still, America and other countries can do only so much. No country wants its aid to Ukraine to be construed as joining the war against Russia. Putin, in his warped mind, has declared some aid might lead to nuclear retaliation. Sanctions imposed against Russia, Putin, and

oligarchs already have hit that country hard. Their money is worthless; their credit cards no longer work; properties of the rich are seized. The new sanction against Russian oil will further strangle the country's economy. The sharp rise in gas prices has some folks here criticizing President Biden. I don't like having to pay exorbitant prices at the pump, and it seems that perhaps oil-producing countries and oil companies could cut the prices of a barrel for the short term. Such actions would gain great favor for them from the citizenry. I would also hope that our leaders would remember which countries and companies refused to join the plan to end the illegal actions of Russia and then take actions against them at a later time. As for me, I am willing to pay higher prices for fuel if doing so aids Ukraine and harms

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Russia.

The Ukrainian people remind me much of our ancestors. They refused to follow the demands of an evil leader of another country and decide to fight a stronger, better-armed foe. What was at stake was freedom, democracy, identity. Even the attacks on hospitals

and schools won't change their resistance. Instead, the Ukrainian people have chosen to fight to the death for their homeland. God, watch over them and give them comfort. We here in the U.S. should take a long look at ourselves and see if we still love democracy and freedom that much or if we'd rather have someone

tell us what we can and can't do.

I hope this war is over soon and that Russia fails. Then the task of rebuilding Ukraine can begin. The people of that country can be proud of their courage and commitment to the principles that we in America have espoused for years.

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# Bearden's fifth win over Farragut has a golden touch

By Steve Williams

Bearden High had a 1-2 punch that was too much to handle for Knox County foe Farragut Saturday night in the BlueCross Basketball Championships.

Junior post Avery Treadwell's dominance on the inside with 15 points and 16 rebounds and point guard Bailey Burgess' 4 of 9 shooting from 3-point range powered the Lady Bulldogs to their first ever state title in a 52-34 Class 4A win over arch-rival Lady Admirals at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro.

It was Bearden's fifth win over Farragut in five meetings this season, and it earned Coach Justin Underwood's Lady Bulldogs the Gold basketball trophy.

"This was a special group of players," said Underwood. "They



PHOTOS BY LUTHER SIMMONS

*Moments after the final horn sounds, Farragut players look to walk away as Bearden's Avery Treadwell (arms raised) and teammates begin to celebrate their state championship Saturday night at MTSU's Murphy Center.*

played so hard on the defensive end and shared the ball as well on the offensive end.

"I'm so proud of this group and what they accomplished. To bring a state title back to Knoxville and to a great school and community like Bearden is an amazing feeling."

The Lady Bulldogs' banner season produced a 36-3 overall record.

Runner-up honors and the Silver basketball weren't too bad at all in Farragut's first time in the state tourney.

An overwhelming 12-0 advantage in second chance points played a big part in the title win. Bearden also connected on 7 of 18 shots from 3-point land as a team.



*Bearden players react from the sideline with smiling faces during a 74-55 win over Beech in the Class 4A semifinal game at Murphy Center in Murfreesboro Friday.*

Maddie Brillhart added eight points and Jenn Sullivan seven to the BHS total.

Farragut (28-9) got 14 points from Ace Strickland and 11 from Ashlyn Sheridan. Annalise Bishop chipped in nine.

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# Bearden overcomes early deficit to return to state tournament

By Ken Lay

For the fifth time in six seasons, the Bearden High School boys basketball team is headed to the state tournament in Murfreesboro.

The Bulldogs, who won the 2019 Class 3A State Title, overcame an early deficit and punched their ticket to the Class 4A State Tournament with a 72-45 victory over Science Hill in a state sectional game at Bearden on Monday, March 7.

Bearden (29-6) trailed the Hilltoppers, 15-13, at the end of the first quarter. But the Bulldogs, who

opened a 10-4 lead out of the gate before Science Hill (31-6) closed the inaugural frame with an 11-3 run didn't trail for long.

Bearden used a 21-9 second-quarter surge to open a 35-22 advantage by halftime.

From there, the game's outcome was never really in doubt as the Bulldogs used a tenacious defense and balanced offensive attack to cruise to victory to do what coach Jeremy Parrott expects them to do every year.

"Now, this is expected," Parrott said. "Any time you get the chance to play in a

high-stakes game like this, it's a really nice opportunity and it's great to see our guys rise to the occasion and work back to that is gratifying."

After the opening quarter, the Bearden defense was particularly stingy as the Bulldogs surrendered just a combined 16 points in the second and third quarters.

"I thought our guys did a good job changing defenses," Parrott said.

The balanced scoring certainly didn't hamper the coach's mood either.

"We've really shared the ball well all year," said

Parrott. "I was really proud of our guys tonight for the way they shared it."

Class 4A Mr. Basketball finalist Elijah Bredwood led all scorers with 27 points and Parrott had high praise for his guard.

"He just does everything for us. He's playing really well for us right now," Parrott said of Bredwood. "He's really doing a good job on the boards for us right now."

Hayden Moseley added 18 points for the Bulldogs and Darian Bailey finished with 11 points for Bearden, which had eight players score in the game against

the Hilltoppers.

The Bulldogs return to action Wednesday as they take on Cane Ridge in the quarterfinals at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center.

The Ravens, who lost in the Class 3A State Championship game last season, eliminated Bearden in the first round of the state tournament last season.

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# Young teacher and coach leaves 'meaningful legacy'

By Steve Williams

Eric Robertson is gone but will not be forgotten.

That's what those who knew the young man before he passed away unexpectedly playing basketball the night of March 7 have said about him since then.

Robertson, 28, was a husband and father, a Spanish teacher at Powell High School and an assistant basketball coach at Grace Christian Academy, and so much more.

"Eric was one of the best guys I knew," GCA boys' head coach James Payne told The Focus via email Friday. "From the day I met him, I knew he was special.



*Eric Robertson, an amazing young man who touched many lives in such a short time.*

This was not an easy thing to write because of emotions, but I believe Eric needs to be celebrated because of how great of a

person he truly was."

Robertson is survived by his wife Jerica and 1-year-old son Luca James. He had lived in Knoxville for four years with his family and was hired last July by the Knox County School system.

Powell Principal Chad Smith said: "Eric Robertson was a fantastic man who served as a mentor for many of our students. Though Eric was new to the teaching profession, he had a bright and promising future."

Eric was originally from Huntsville, Ala., and played on a state championship basketball team at Lee High.

He would go on to play collegiately and as a professional.

Robertson was a guard on the Chattanooga Mocs' team that played in the NCAA tournament in 2016. He also scored 12 points in Chattanooga's Southern Conference championship win that season and was one of the SoCon's top marksmen over his final three seasons.

His coach at UT-Chattanooga, John Shulman, once told a story about Robertson that revealed the type of person he was and his character.

"He would take all his money on his Moc bucs and go to Chick-fil-A then on

campus, get all these Chick-fil-A sandwiches and go to the homeless area in Chattanooga and deliver sandwiches," said Shulman, who is now the head coach at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. "What college kid does that? Eric Robertson did that."

After his college days, the 6-foot-4 Robertson was a point guard for Leicester in the British Basketball Play-offs.

"Eric was more to me than an assistant coach," said Grace Christian's Payne. "He was a friend and a brother. He was a special person to know. He had a type of energy that was contagious. All those that he

came in contact with could easily see how great of a person he was.

"Our program, athletes and coaches were blessed to have spent this last year with him. He has made a lasting impact on all of us. He always said he wanted to leave a meaningful legacy, and he truly has done that."

Added Smith at Powell: "His impact on our school, particularly his smile, will never be forgotten. We will continue to lift the memory of Eric Robertson."

A GoFundMe was created to help provide for his son and wife, who works as a family medicine resident at the UT Medical Center.

## Fulton's Wright has a shot at TSSAA's all-time record

Jody Wright came back up to the court, finishing off a doughnut and wet from head to toe.

By Steve Williams

The Fulton basketball coach had been down in the locker room talking to his team after notching his 800th career win in the Falcons' 69-61 victory over Page High in a Class 4A Sectional game on March 7.

The water splashes on his clothes revealed there had been more than just talking going on.

"Yeah, they got me pretty good," he confirmed.

While Jody is a youthful 60-year-old who enjoys celebrations, the truth of the matter is he was more concerned about winning the sectional game than winning No. 800.

During the day of the game, "Number 800 never entered my mind," said Wright in the gym that bears his name. "The impact of the game is what had my attention."

It's that kind of focus that has helped make him a highly successful coach over the years. That and a lot of talented players and an emphasis on the defensive part of the game.

After the referee tosses the ball into the air on the opening tip, one rarely sees a smile on Coach Wright's face. Instead, it's usually a stern look. And sometimes it can be an angry look.

Away from the game though, Jody can be a lot of fun to be around. He laughs and jokes and can make you laugh, too.

When I began interviewing him after the victory



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*With a No. 800 career win sign in the background, Fulton Coach Jody Wright observes the action from the sideline as his Falcons defeat Page 69-61 to earn the program's 25th trip to the TSSAA state basketball tournament.*

over Page, I mentioned I had heard UT Coach Rick Barnes got career win No. 750 two days before against Arkansas and how I thought that was kind of neat that the two had reached milestones only 50 wins apart.

I also light-heartedly asked Jody if he thought Barnes might catch him in wins someday.

"That's very rare company," began Wright. "There are not too many coaches that I respect more than Coach Barnes; and not just as a good basketball guy, but the kind of man he is. He's a good friend, a good man and a good coach."

Again I asked Jody: But do you think Barnes can catch you in wins?

Jody thought for a second or two and then replied: "Well, he might. They play more games than we get in."

I laughed. That's Jody. He can be serious as heck at game time, yet so quick-witted away from the court.

With Wright at age 60, I thought it was an appropriate enough time to ask him how long he planned to coach.

"I still enjoy what I do," he said. "My passion is still there. I don't have an end game. But I don't want to be one of those guys that stay too long."

"I ask myself every year, do you still enjoy it, are you still effective and I think the answers to those is yes. So, I'm not planning to go anywhere soon."

That certainly will be good news for Fulton fans to hear.

The TSSAA currently lists eight coaches on its site for most all-time wins in boys' games. Walter "Buck" Van Huss, who coached at Hampton and Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett (1953-1989), is No. 1 with 1,023 wins.

Wright ranks No. 9 on the current list and has a legitimate chance to top Van Huss' total if he coaches another 10 years.

And that's with having had a slow start in his career. He won only two games in his first season (1984-85) at Horace

Mayard High School in Maynardville and just 13 games in his first three years combined at Fulton after that.

Jody said his dad, the late Gene Wright, and Fulton's Bob Black had influenced his coaching career the most.

I remember Jody's dad and how I enjoyed his company each time we met. He was the principal and head basketball coach at Lake City when Jody played in high school and an assistant principal when Anderson County High opened in 1982.

"I'm the competitor I am today because of my dad," said Jody.

"Bob Black hired me at Fulton when I was 23 and mentored me and taught me so much. He stuck with me when times were lean and we were struggling to win those first three years."

Jody hasn't set any goals for the rest of the way.

"Those are things to look back on when you're done," he said. "I don't spend a lot of time looking in a rearview mirror. That's a dangerous thing to do as a coach. You spend time looking in a rearview mirror, you get a little complacent, you lose your edge. There will be a time for that someday when I'm done."

Wouldn't it be something if that view is from the top of the list someday?

By Steve Williams

Fulton put together impressive runs in the first, second and third periods and coasted down the stretch for a 69-61 sectional win over the Page Patriots at Jody Wright Arena March 7.

Perhaps the Falcons' easygoing finish had something to do with a celebration that was about to take place.

Fulton students and fans throughout the crowd started chanting "Jody Wright!" and raising maroon "800" signs during a timeout with 1:39 left in the game.

Wright's milestone victory was about to be celebrated.

But the visitors from Franklin deserve some credit for outscoring Fulton 27-21 in the fourth period and making three 3-pointers in the final minute. They didn't quit.

The victory sealed Fulton's 25th state appearance and halted a two-year skid that saw Greeneville end the Falcons' season in sectional play.

Greeneville (28-6) wallowed Region 2-3A runner-up Halls 86-42 in the sectional this year and will be in the top half of the boys' 8-team Class 3A state tournament bracket - opposite Fulton - this week at MTSU in Murfreesboro.

The Falcons (29-5) will play Fayette-Ware (26-6) in the quarterfinal round Wednesday at 11:15 (CDT).

Fulton's first run produced a 12-2 lead.

"We got rattled a little bit early," said Page captain Pierce Bruehl. "We wanted to slow things down, but we let them speed us up, which led to a lot of turnovers early."

The Patriots committed six turnovers in the opening period and 10 in the first half before settling down.

Fulton started the second period with a 12-3 run and went into the dressing room with a 31-18 half-time cushion.

An 11-2 run in the third period gave the Falcons their biggest lead of the night (46-24).

The Page captain was asked what impressed him the most about Fulton.

"How physical they are,"



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*Denaj Kimber puts up a shot in Fulton's 69-61 Class 3A sectional win over Page. The sophomore guard led the Falcons' balanced attack with 17 points.*

Bruehl replied. "They're in there every play, working and getting offensive rebounds, always fighting. I mean their athleticism is so good."

Bruehl said Fulton was "definitely one of the better teams we've played this season."

Offensively, Fulton had a balanced attack with sophomore guard Denaj Kimber leading the way with 17 points. Senior wing Desmir Hatchett added 14, sophomore forward Tyler Lee 13, junior wing Marcellus Jackson 10 and sophomore wing Taj Kimber nine.

Page (16-15) also was balanced, getting 15 points apiece from Ethan Overstreet and Grant Snider, 13 from Ryan Lange and 12 from Bruehl.

Coach Wright said his team's "defensive effort" was the key to the win. "We made them uncomfortable. We got a little lax there in the fourth quarter. But I thought the start of the third quarter was huge. We got some easy baskets in transition and got the game sped up."

"Page is a good basketball team. When they're comfortable, they can be dangerous."

The 6-4 Lee also collected a team-high seven rebounds and Hatchett also had five steals and four assists.

Fulton shot 50.1 percent from the field, including 6 of 16 from 3-point land.

Now it's back to the 'Boro for the Falcons, perennial state powers who have three Gold basketballs and six silver ones in their storied history.

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# ‘A heck of a story’

Sometimes the greatest moments in sports commentary come when you least expect them. You can often experience some amazing nuggets of eternal truths that will stick with you forever.

“You can hear a lot by listening,” Yogi Berra once said. Lindsey Nelson once opined that Yogi never said everything attributed to him. He had to have had a publicist who worked overtime to share his insights on life’s eternal verities.

There’s no sense, however, in letting the facts get in the way of a good story, particularly the inspiring ones.

Despite an occasional bump in the road every now and then, there is always another game, another weekend, for football fans. And the weekday talk shows add to the excitement.

Gen. Bob Neyland also knew this fact of life well, even without the free advice given to coaches

on a daily basis over the years. Fans were as direct in Neyland’s day as they are today.

When things were going bad in November 1947, a year after Neyland’s return from World War II, a Vol fan on the elevator at the Chisca Hotel in Memphis said some disparaging things about the General after a lopsided loss (43-13) to Ole Miss at Crump Stadium. Two weeks later, after a win at Kentucky (13-6), the same fan is alleged to have said, “There’s the greatest coach in the country.”

Neyland, who had overheard both conversations, said, “That’s not what you were saying two weeks ago.” He always had a way to punctuate the moment and bring context to the conversation.

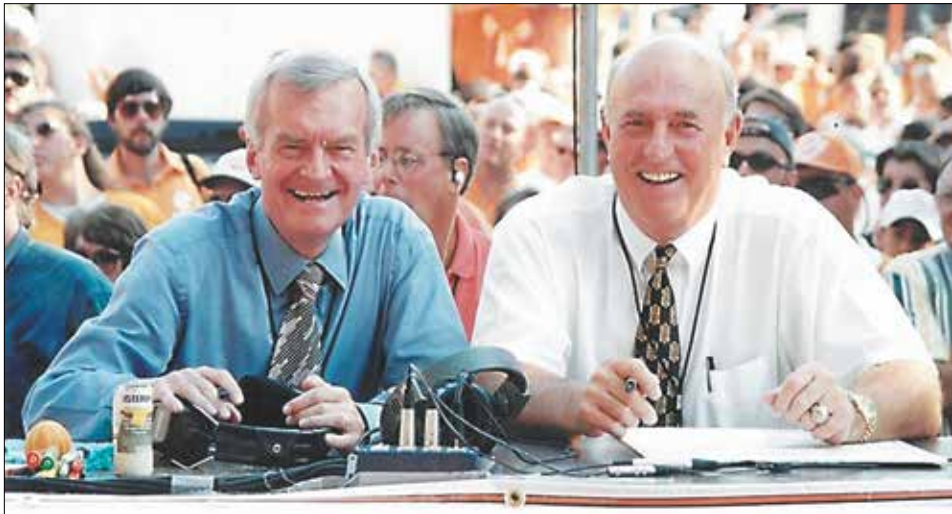
At former University of Tennessee athletics director Bob Woodruff’s memorial service on Nov. 6, 2001, the Rev. John E. Pennington, Jr., then pastor of West Knoxville Baptist Church, said that Bob had an amazing sense of perspective, a sense of balance in his life.

Pennington noted that there were times Bob’s son, Joe, might be agonizing, as youngsters often do, over a game that had gotten away. Woodruff’s response was to the point. “There’s always another game.”

When Joe was excited after a big win, Woodruff’s response was, again, “There’s always another game.”

The late Bob Bell, the famed Nashville sports announcer, was known to smoke a great deal in the press box and nearly everywhere else in the days that type of behavior was tolerated. (When smoking was prohibited in the press box at sporting events, he snuck into a nearby bathroom for a quick puff or two during media timeouts.)

Bell had the delayed broadcast call of the 2001 Florida game for Comcast, with his broadcast location next to CBS and separated by a curtain. The smoke was so bad that CBS’s Verne Lundquist had a staff minion thrust a note through the curtain. “Get rid of the damn cigarette”



Bill Anderson, shown with broadcast partner John Ward, earned an NFL championship ring and a Super Bowl ring in his second tenure with the Packers in the mid-1960s after being a co-captain at Tennessee in 1957.

was the message.

One other memorable moment came in the 1999 Alabama game when the Vol punt coverage team downed a David Leaverton punt inside the 1. That’s not considered a good field position for the offense.

Bell received a note from his spotter, saying that just a week before, Alabama had had a 99-yard drive for a touchdown against Ole Miss. Bell, acting as if Moses had just handed him the Ten Commandments, told his audience, “Our spotter just informed me Alabama had a 99-yard drive against Ole Miss last week.” What happened next? Alabama did likewise against the Vols.

Fortunately, the Vols won 21-7.

The Vol Network’s Steve Early has always talked about a mid-1960s Colts-Packers game decided in the Packers’ favor by a Don Chandler field goal. Whatever replay was in vogue in those days seemed to show the kick was wide of the mark.

Former Vol Network analyst Bill Anderson was on that Packer team, maybe even on the field goal team. Bill had been called back to Green Bay in 1965 after being on Doug Dickey’s staff a year earlier.

In the ensuing years, Steve would ask Bill if that field goal had really gone

through the uprights. Without fail, Anderson would hold up his right hand and say, “I’m wearing a dang ring aren’t I?” That settled that. At least until the next time Steve asked.

Finally, the story is told of a rookie sportswriter, in search of an angle for a story. He pointed in the direction of the setting sun from the press box at the Polo Grounds and posed the following question to sportswriter Grantland Rice, a native of Murfreesboro.

“Is that west?” Rice thought for a moment and said: “If it isn’t, son, you have a heck of a story.”

Ryan Bolton (second from right) is joined by brother and CHS sophomore Drew, dad Andy and mom Kathy at his signing with Carson-Newman University Thursday. Photo by John Valentine.



# Bolton continues family’s baseball tradition

By Steve Williams

Central High two-sport standout Ryan Bolton signed baseball scholarship papers with Carson-Newman University and it wasn’t a surprise. In fact, it seems it was meant to be.

“We’re a baseball family,” said Scott Bolton, Ryan’s grandfather, who was among Thursday’s large turnout for the signing at the Tommy Schumpert and Bud Bales Indoor Hitting Facility on the CHS campus. After playing baseball at Central, Scott was an outfielder and pitcher for UT Coach Bill Wright in the mid-1960s.

Ryan’s dad Andy and uncle Mike Bolton also are former Bobcats and signed to play baseball at Carson-Newman. Even Ryan’s mom Kathy (Wilbourn) stood out on the diamond as a softball catcher at Carter High and could have played at UT-Martin, but chose to play trumpet in the band.

Central has a new head coach in baseball this season in Brandon Roberts, so football coach Nick Craney spoke at the beginning of the signing ceremony and complimented Ryan on his prep career.

“You epitomized everything that we stand for as

a program,” Craney told Ryan. “The essence of FAMILY – Forget About Me, I Love You – is to be selfless. And if there is a word to describe you, it would be selfless. You always chose to lift everyone around you up. And I think that’s why we have this turnout. You are a special young man.”

“As a coach, it’s been my pleasure to see you grow, face challenges and rise up and conquer them. I’m so excited for your future at Carson-Newman and beyond.”

Bolton was emotional as he started to address the crowd, which included many of his football and baseball teammates, but the young man finished strong.

After a lot of picture-taking, he took part in an exclusive interview with The Focus.

“I’m a third generation Bobcat and I just wanted to live up to my family name,” said Ryan, recalling his main objective when he enrolled at Central in 2018. “With my grandfather, uncle and dad going here and being successful in sports, I wanted to come in and leave my own version of the Bolton name and add a little bit of football to that. “I wanted to make an

impact on the school in the classroom and on the field as well and make relationships that will last for a lifetime.”

In football, he was a two-time All-State punter and a two-time All-Region quarterback. As for baseball, he had an ACL injury his freshman season, played only seven games as a sophomore due to COVID and last year made All-District as Central finished second in the district and advanced to the first round of the region for the first time in 15 years.

Bolton said his goal this spring is a District championship. He will be playing centerfield and batting in the top of the order.

Bud Bales, a TSSAA Hall of Famer who coached Central to its second state baseball championship in 1990, was in attendance at the signing. Andy Bolton was an outfielder and the No. 3 pitcher on his 1990 team.

East Tennessee State also had interest in Bolton in baseball and as a punter. Ryan said he currently doesn’t plan to punt at C-N.

He said his father having played at Carson-Newman was a “comfort feeling” for him in signing with the

Eagles. And because of his dad’s ties to the university, “I’ve known (C-N) Coach (Tom) Griffin since I was 8 or 9 years old.

“My dad is a very respected man in the community and someone I look up to, so to follow his footsteps in playing sports at Central and be able to do that at Carson-Newman really means a lot.”

Ryan, who has a 4.25 GPA, plans to major in Business Administration.

# March Madness is Back!

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appearance. That came back in 2010.

The Vols’ postseason futility matches that of their coach. Rick Barnes is a future Hall of Famer. He’s won 750 games in 35 years as a head coach. But in the NCAA tournament, Barnes has had mediocre results.

Barnes has been the head coach at George Mason, Providence, Clemson, Texas, and Tennessee. He’s been to the NCAA tournament 25 times and been to the Final Four once. His overall record in the NCAA tournament is 24-25.

Those numbers aren’t meant to insinuate that Barnes is overmatched when it comes to basketball in March. But it feels like his teams should have performed better than the final results.

It’s all about matchups at this time of year, and Tennessee will be a matchup nightmare for a lot of teams. The Vols have tremendous guard play with all-SEC first teamer Santiago Vescovi and all-SEC second teamer Kennedy Chandler. The SEC’s

all-freshman team features Chandler and Zakai Zeigler. The SEC’s all-defensive team sees Zeigler’s name again.

Josiah Jordan-James wasn’t recognized on those lists, but he might be Tennessee’s best overall player, averaging 9.5 points and 5.8 rebounds a game. Uros Plavsic, Jonas Aidoo and John Fulkerson are tough to deal with close to the backboard.

The roster had to get an upgrade since the Grant Williams/Admiral Schofield led teams left campus. Barnes and his coaching staff did a terrific job getting this team together. Now is the time for that hard work to pay off, and for all of them to exorcise their postseason demons.

No matter what happens, this is a time to grab some quality hours on the couch with snacks and a beverage of choice. Make sure you have your excuses ready to play hooky from work.

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# Lady Admirals earn another shot at Bearden



By Steve Williams

Farragut High, making its first appearance at the girls' state basketball tourney in school history, scored the last 10 points of its quarterfinal game against Rossview to survive and advance Wednesday in the BlueCross Basketball Championships.

The strong finish propelled the Lady Admirals to a 50-38 win and into what appeared to be a tough semifinal contest against once-beaten Cookeville Friday at Murphy Center on the MTSU campus.

Ace Strickland fired in 17 points and Keeliegh Rogers 10 as the Lady Admirals improved to 27-8. Annalise Bishop chipped in nine and Ashlyn Sheridan eight.

Rogers also had eight boards, while Strickland collected three assists and two steals and Sheridan had three steals.

Sydney-James Desroches powered the Hawks (27-9) with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

After Farragut took a 28-18 halftime lead, Rossview closed to within four points (37-33) going into the fourth period.

The Lady Admirals, however, held the Clarksville team to just five points in the final eight minutes and pulled away for the

12-point win.

"Our defensive effort the last two to four weeks has been keying every win for us," said Coach Jason Mayfield.

The Farragut coach complimented Sheridan's defensive play against Desroches, Rossview's top offensive player.

Once-beaten Cookeville would be next for Farragut and a huge assignment in Friday's semifinals. But Strickland turned in a super offensive game, scoring a game-high 31 points in a 65-53 win that vaulted the Lady Admirals into the title game against arch-rival Bearden Saturday night,

Ace swished in 12 of 18 from the field (66.7 percent) and made 3 of 7 from behind the arc. She also had nine rebounds.

Bishop added 13 points and Rogers 11 as Farragut shot 56.4 percent from the field as a team.

Farragut led 18-9 after the first stop, 32-28 at intermission and 40-34 at the end of three. The Lady Admirals scored 25 points in the final period.

Mayfield felt his team's "toughness" was the key to the win. "When you play a team that's offensively that good and they can shoot the ball like that, we had to have toughness through the runs. And we just had to keep playing and taking care of the basketball.

"Obviously, Ace was big-time. I can't say enough about that, but we had a lot of other players that made



PHOTOS BY LUTHER SIMMONS

*Above, Farragut's girls basketball team didn't go home empty handed after its first-ever trip to the TSSAA state tournament. The Lady Admirals earned the Silver basketball runner-up trophy after winning two of their three games in Murfreesboro. Below, Farragut players huddle around Coach Jason Mayfield during a timeout in their Class 4A semifinal game against Cookeville. The Lady Admirals won, 65-53.*

huge plays, too."

Clutch free throw shooting also paid off down the stretch as Farragut hit 13 of 16 foul shots in the final three minutes.

Strickland was asked to speak about the upcoming championship game against Bearden, a team it has faced and lost to in four previous meetings this season.

"We're the underdogs coming in obviously, so we have nothing to lose," said Ace. "We're just going to come in and we're going to battle. We know what we have to do and we just have to step up and do it."



## Bearden gets off to impressive start against Blackman

By Steve Williams

Can a team get off to a better start at the BlueCross Basketball Championships any better than the Bearden girls did?

It would be hard to do, considering Bearden beat a Blackman team that won its state championship game in 2021, was ranked No. 1 in Class 4A in The Associated Press' final 2022 regular season poll and was playing in its hometown.

Coach Justin Underwood's Lady Bulldogs (33-3) made it look easy too as they rolled to a 56-34 win

Wednesday in Murfreesboro.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 13-8 lead and steadily pulled away for not just a victory, but a rather easy one.

Standout combo guard Jenn Sullivan led the way with 17 points. Avery Treadwell, a 6-3 junior post, was effective inside with 15 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots. Senior point guard Bailey Burgess chipped in 10 points.

Next!

Friday's semifinal game against Beech saw the Lady Buccaneers build a 15-10 lead in the first

period, but Bearden had things under control before the opening eight minutes ran out and led 16-15.

The Lady Bulldogs then outscored the team from Hendersonville by a whopping 24-7 margin in the second period.

"I thought we played a great second quarter defensively," said Coach Underwood. "24-7 in that quarter helped separate us."

Bearden extended its command to 58-34 after three stops.

It was time to put it in cruise control.

Sullivan again led with 17 points, but Emily Gonzalez had the best overall stat line with 16 points, six assists and three steals. She also sank 7 of 8 free throws.

Treadwell ruled inside with 15 points and 10 boards. Maddie Brillhart contributed 13 points.

"Emily and Maddie did a great job in the second half of making shots and helping us keep and extend our lead."

Beech Coach Lauran Elkins said: "I think the tide turned in the second quarter. They really started controlling the boards.

"I think we took some rush shots that allowed them some quick and easy buckets and they are a great team. They are a team that you can't have any mistakes against. We just had some lapses in the second quarter and it just kind of snowballed."

When Underwood later heard that Farragut had won its semifinal game, he said: "I think Farragut is a very good team. They are playing their best basketball at the most important time of the year. It should be a great game tomorrow."

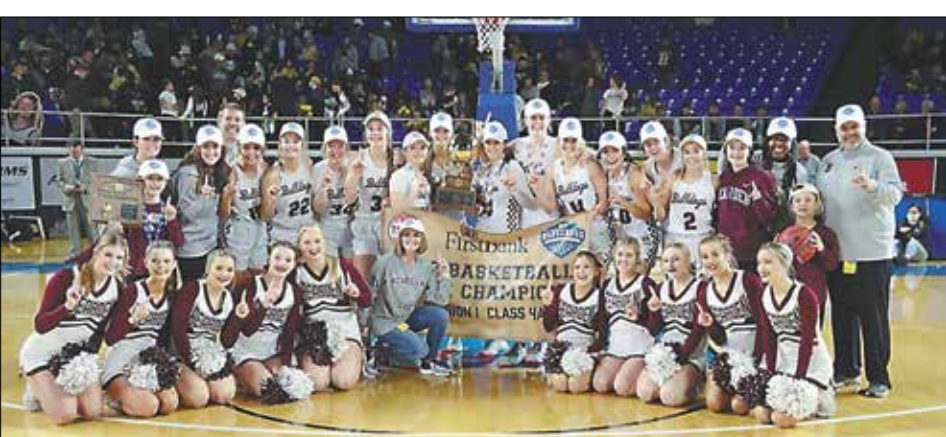


PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

*Bearden's girls basketball team and cheerleaders are a happy bunch after defeating Farragut 52-34 in the Class 4A championship game Saturday night at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro.*

## Bearden's fifth win over Farragut has a golden touch

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Coach Jason Mayfield's squad came on strong at the state tourney but managed to shoot only 31 percent from the field in the finals and was 5 of 23 from 3-point range. The Lady Admirals also only attempted three free throws in the contest and made one.

The game started slowly from an offensive standpoint and Bearden led 8-2 after one period of play. Scoring picked up in the second period, and the

Lady Bulldogs went into the dressing room at halftime with a 22-14 advantage.

After three quarters, it was 36-27 Bearden and the Lady Bulldogs pulled away in the final period, outscoring Farragut 16-7.

"After last year losing at state, we were more motivated this year and we had one goal as a team. Win state," said Hannah Claire Stephens, a senior guard.

Maddie Brillhart, a senior forward, added: "It's awesome to be a part of history

and bring back a gold ball to Bearden!"

**STATE HONORS:** Treadwell, a 6-3 junior post, was named the tournament MVP. Other Bearden players selected to the All-Tournament team were Bailey Burgess, Jenn Sullivan and Emily Gonzalez.

Representing Farragut on the All-Tourney team were Ace Strickland, Annalise Bishop and Ashlyn Sheridan.

## Prep spring sports start today (maybe)



By Steve Williams

After five or so inches of snow Saturday, high school "spring sports" officially start today for baseball, softball, boys' soccer, tennis and track and field student-athletes.

Of course, how fast that snow melts and temps rise will play a big part in the action getting started.

Today also is the deadline to file eligibility and schedules online, according to the TSSAA.

**Mr. and Miss Basketball winners to be announced today**

The Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards will be presented to the top girls and boys in six classifications of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association on the

floor of Murphy Center on the campus of MTSU on today (March 14) at 5 p.m. (CDT).

The event will be open to the public and free of charge.

This is the 37th year that the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards have been presented to Tennessee's best high school basketball.

Five from the Knoxville area are finalists this year: Sydney Mains, Knoxville Catholic (Division II-AA), Sarah Burton, Clinton (Class 3A), Jennifer Sullivan, Bearden (Class 4A), B.J. Edwards, Knoxville Catholic (Division II-AA) and Elijah Bredwood, Bearden (Class 4A).

**Applications for Halls' Road to Fame**

Applications to nominate former Halls High athletes for the 2022 Road to Fame are now available at Halls Deli Cuban Café, Phil Nichols State Farm Insurance, Home Federal Bank

in Halls and Hallsdale Powell Utilities.

The applications will be available through April 30.

**Keegan Smith sets mile record**

Keegan Smith of Knoxville Catholic High continues to make noise on the national high school track scene. He set a freshman class mile record in the New Balance Nationals in New York Friday with a time of 4:14.64.

**Rogers to be inducted into National High School Hall of Fame**

Lamar Rogers, girls basketball coach and Tennessee's all-time coaching wins leader from Clarkrange High, will be inducted this summer into the National High School Hall of Fame.

Rogers' record is 1,289 wins and 290 losses from 1977-2022, a winning percentage of .816.



# FORECLOSURE NOTICES

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated November, 2020, filed for record as Instrument No. 202011200042147, in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office (the "Deed of Trust"), Todd Branch, unmarried, Hannah Branch, unmarried and Hunter Branch, unmarried, did convey in trust to Lee Ownby, Trustee for Gregory Phillips, certain real estate hereinafter described, to secure the payment of the principal sum of \$8,000.00, evidenced by a certain Promissory Note, said instruments being incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the Deed of Trust and Gregory Phillips, the owner and holder of the Note, has declared the entire balance due and payable and has instructed the undersigned Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with its terms and provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee under the Deed of Trust, I will on the **24th day of March, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. EST** at the front door of the City-County Building, located at the Northmost entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City-County Building located in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, and in bar of the statutory right of redemption, the equity of redemption and in bar of all homestead and dower rights, all of which are waived in said Deed of Trust, the property therein conveyed, which is more particularly described as follows:

SITUATED in the Eighth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, the same being Lot No. 2, of the property of James C. Watson, according to the map of same of record in Map Book 35-S, page 52, in the Register of Deed's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; said lot fronting 100 feet on the southwest side of Bud McMillan Road and extending back southwesterly between parallel lines 256.8 feet on the southeast line and 257.6 feet on the northwest line, and being located 844 feet, more or less, northwesterly from centerline of Bababay Road.

BEING the same property conveyed to Todd Branch for life with remainder to Hannah Branch and Hunter Branch, as tenants in common, by Warranty Deed from Gregory Phillips, dated November, 2020, recorded as Instrument No. 202011200042146, in the Knox County Register's Office.

The address of the above-described property is **3919 Bud McMillan Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37924**; this property is further identified as CLT No. 040-207.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, and building setback lines, and to any prior or superior liens, judgments or Deeds of Trust.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the above Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Gregory Phillips, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, 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 Substitute Trustee has given notice of the sale include the following: None

The giving of the Notice of Right to Foreclose pursuant to TCA 35-5-117 was not applicable to this sale.

Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the Substitute Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set forth above.

Lee Ownby,  
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# COURT NOTICES

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
Case No. 3954  
**CHRISTA MARIE ALFORD, Plaintiff,**  
and  
**WALTER HENRY WRIGHT, Defendant.**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, Walter Henry Wright, is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant, Walter Henry Wright, file an answer with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson, an Attorney whose address is, P. O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or the same will be taken for confessed as to Defendant and judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before the Circuit Court, 901 Main Street, Suite 206, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 9 day of February, 2022.

ENTERED 9 day of February, 2022.  
Barbara J. Williams  
CLERK

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## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**MARISSA ADAMS MANIS -Vs- COREY SPENCER MANIS**  
Docket # 153561

**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 COREY SPENCER MANIS 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 COREY SPENCER MANIS.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by MARISSA ADAMS MANIS, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with KELSEY R. REILEY, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE D SEYMOUR, TN 37865, 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 14TH day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Michelle Henry  
Deputy Clerk

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: JEDEDIAH RALPH LUNDY  
IN RE: VICKIE AND TRICIA HABERBOSCH  
VS JEDEDIAH RALPH LUNDY  
NO. 202392-2**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Jedediah Ralph Lundy 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 Jedediah Ralph Lundy, it is ordered that said defendant Jedediah1 Ralph Lundy file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mary L. Ward an , Attorneys whose address is 5109 Oakview Road, Knoxville, TN 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of February, 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: CHARLES RAY PRYOR  
IN RE: KELLEY DAWN ROBACK  
VS CHARLES RAY PRYOR  
NO. 203737-3**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Charles Ray Pryor 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 Charles Ray Pryor, it is ordered that said defendant Charles Ray Pryor file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mario L. Azevedo II an, Attorneys whose address is 859 Ebenezer Road , Knoxville, TN 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 2th day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: EDWARD E. SCOTT  
IN RE: SARAH E. WHITTEN  
VS EDWARD E. SCOTT  
NO. 202971-2**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Edward E. Scott 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 Edward E. Scott, it is ordered that said defendant Edward E. Scott file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jerry R. Givens an , Attorneys whose address is 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 504, Knoxville, TN 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 2nd day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

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## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: IKE OGBONNA NWANGWA  
IN RE: MARTHA EZEYOIBO NWANGWA  
VS IKE OGBONNA NWANGWA  
NO. 203625-2**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Ike Ogbonna Nwangwa 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 Ike Ogbonna Nwangwa, it is ordered that said defendant Ike Ogbonna Nwangwa file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kasey Ankrum Wasson an, Attorneys whose address is 8 Emory Place, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 8th day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DONALD LEE ANDREWS  
DOCKET NUMBER 85800-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONALD LEE ANDREWS who died Sep 17, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF DONALD LEE ANDREWS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RENITA P ANDREWS; EXECUTRIX  
4902 MOUNTAIN CREST DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DELORIS JEAN BISHOP  
DOCKET NUMBER 85804-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DELORIS JEAN BISHOP who died Dec 22, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

**ESTATE OF DELORIS JEAN BISHOP**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANIEL BISHOP; EXECUTOR  
3535 MAPLE VALLEY LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PHILLIP BROWN  
DOCKET NUMBER 84440-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PHILLIP BROWN who died Feb 20, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF PHILLIP BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VINCENT BROWN; ADMINISTRATOR  
3665 KING SPRINGS ROAD SE  
SMYRNA, GA 30080

MICHAEL CROWDER ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 442  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BILLY RAY CARPENTER  
DOCKET NUMBER 85814-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BILLY RAY CARPENTER who died Dec 24, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF BILLY RAY CARPENTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARGARET G CARPENTER; EXECUTRIX  
1031 WILD ACRES WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

CHARLES CHILD ATTORNEY AT LAW  
705 GATE LANE, SUITE 202  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF FRANCES ANN CARTER  
DOCKET NUMBER 85832-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES ANN CARTER who died Nov 28, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 1 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF FRANCES ANN CARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TAMARA E CARTER; EXECUTRIX  
325 ORAN ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOMINICK JOHN COCCA, II  
DOCKET NUMBER 85785 2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOMINICK JOHN COCCA, II who died Dec 22, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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 2 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF DOMINICK JOHN COCCA, II

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
THOMAS JOHN COCCA; ADMINISTRATOR  
7805 ANDERSONVILLE PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

ANDREW CRAWFORD ATTORNEY AT LAW  
5344 N BROADWAY, SUITE 105  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT FREDRICK COWARD  
DOCKET NUMBER 85730-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT FREDRICK COWARD who died Sep 24, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF ROBERT FREDRICK COWARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SARAH VAUGHN; ADMINISTRATRIX  
7903 WOODCROFT DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

MEGHAN A BODIE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 1650  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALFRED WOLFGANG DUVAL  
DOCKET NUMBER 85432-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALFRED WOLFGANG DUVAL who died Mar 4, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 1 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF ALFRED WOLFGANG DUVAL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANITA J DUVAL; ADMINISTRATRIX  
6015 MCGINNIS ROAD  
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HARRY EDWARD FORSYTHE, SR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 85811-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRY EDWARD FORSYTHE, SR. who died Jan 11, 2022, 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 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF HARRY EDWARD FORSYTHE, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HARRY E FORSYTHE, JR.; EXECUTOR  
6749 W EMORY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
7417 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 203  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TIMOTHY PAUL FOX  
DOCKET NUMBER 85762-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY PAUL FOX who died Dec 7, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County,

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

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

This the 1 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY PAUL FOX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LISA K BROWN; EXECUTRIX  
P.O. BOX 487  
OLIVER SPRINGS, TN. 37840

W LUCAS ARNOLD ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 299  
CLINTON, TN. 37717

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF NELDA FAYE GALLOWAY  
DOCKET NUMBER 85742-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NELDA FAYE GALLOWAY who died Dec 6, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 1 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF NELDA FAYE GALLOWAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRENT L GALLOWAY; EXECUTOR  
4523 HIGH VISTA LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

SHANNON C EGGLE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 629  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETHONA SWAGGERTY GERTH  
DOCKET NUMBER 85809-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETHONA SWAGGERTY GERTH who died Oct 28, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF BETHONA SWAGGERTY GERTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANIELLE ROACH; EXECUTRIX  
4611 FLORENCE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

KELLEY GUYTON FRERE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1001 E BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILMA K GOUGE  
DOCKET NUMBER 85824-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILMA K GOUGE who died Dec 27, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2022.

ESTATE OF WILMA K GOUGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVEN A NORMAN; EXECUTOR  
2144 HIGHWAY 33 S  
NEW TAZEWELL, TN. 37825

WILLIAM R RAY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY  
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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ORBY RAY SANDERS  
DOCKET NUMBER 85868-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ORBY RAY SANDERS who died Feb 3, 2022, 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 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 that is four (4) months from the date of first publication;

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF ORBY RAY SANDERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TINA JO PUGH SANDERS; EXECUTRIX  
313 HEATHERMOOR DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

EDWARD COX, JR.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1111 N NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN RONALD SCHOOLCRAFT, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 85869-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN RONALD SCHOOLCRAFT, JR. who died Nov 10, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF JOHN RONALD SCHOOLCRAFT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JULIANNE SCHOOLCRAFT; EXECUTRIX  
1117 AMBER GLADES LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

CHARLES H CHILD ATTORNEY AT LAW  
705 GATE LANE, SUITE 202  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN PATRICK SHANAHAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 85846-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of

MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN PATRICK SHANAHAN who died Oct 15, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(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 3 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF JOHN PATRICK SHANAHAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LISA SHANAHAN; ADMINISTRATRIX  
956 VOLUNTEER LANDING LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37915

G ALAN RAWLS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2102  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK E SMITH  
DOCKET NUMBER 85822-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACK E SMITH who died Dec 12, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF JACK E SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANGELA S BEELER; EXECUTRIX  
227 RESERVOIR ROAD  
ANDERSONVILLE, TN. 37705

JAMES T NORMAND ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 6197  
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICIA STATON  
DOCKET NUMBER 85854-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALICIA STATON who died Jan 23, 2022, 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 4 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF ALICIA STATON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LARISSA WHEELER; ADMINISTRATRIX  
1533 CITATION CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

H STEPHEN GILLMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 870  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION'S RULES COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022, AT 3:00 PM IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 640, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Amendments and additions to the Agenda
3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting: January 18, 2022
4. Discussion and consideration regarding protocols of filling elected official vacancies -
5. Commissioner Schoonmaker
6. Discussion and consideration regarding protocols for handling late Resolutions brought before Commission - Commissioner Busler
7. Discussion and consideration addressing attendance at Legislative Conferences - Commissioner Busler
8. Discussion and consideration to vote on Consent Agendas in one motion and to remove the requirement of asterisks on the Consent Calendar - Commissioner Dailey
9. Other Business
10. Schedule next meeting
11. Adjournment

LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

Bid 3201, Security Cameras, due 4/13/22;  
RFP 3223, School Nutrition Management System, due 4/19/22;  
RFP 3225, Influenza Vaccine Administration Services, due 4/12/22;  
Bid 3227, Electrical Supplies, due 4/14/22

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](http://www.knoxcounty.org) or procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knox County Health Department  
140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917  
Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 10 of Appendix E to 40 CFR Part 58, the Knox County Department of Air Quality Management (Air Quality) is requesting a siting criteria waiver for a lead ambient air monitor

located at 1904 Tennessee Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37921 and providing the public the opportunity to submit written comments on the request. Specifically, Air Quality is requesting a waiver for the siting requirements in Appendix E to 40 CFR Part 58 that states that a monitor "[s]hould be greater than 20 meters from the dripline of trees) and must be 10 meters from the dripline when the trees) act as an obstruction". Air Quality has determined the site is as representative of the monitoring area as it would be if the siting criteria were being met and the monitor cannot reasonably be located so as to meet the siting criteria. Questions concerning the siting criteria waiver request may be addressed to Rebecca Larocque at (865) 215-5900 or by e-mail at [rebecca.larocque@knoxcounty.org](mailto:rebecca.larocque@knoxcounty.org).

The siting criteria waiver request is available for review during regular business hours at the Air Quality offices located at 140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. Also, an electronic copy is available on Air Quality's website at: [https://knoxcounty.org/airquality/public\\_notices.php](https://knoxcounty.org/airquality/public_notices.php). To be considered, written comments must be received no later than April 13, 2022 and be submitted using one of the following methods:

Mail, private carrier, or hand delivery: Address written comments to Knox County Department of Air Quality Management, 140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917  
E-mail: Submit electronic comments to [airquality@knoxcounty.org](mailto:airquality@knoxcounty.org).  
For further information please call (865) 215-5900.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knox County Air Pollution Control Board  
Notice

The Knox County Air Pollution Control Board will meet for an Air Quality Workshop at 4:00 p.m. in the Classroom of the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 on Thursday April 7th, 2022 10:00 am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave, Knoxville, TN 37920.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend this public meeting, please contact the Knox County ADA Coordinator, Carly Pearson, at 865-215-3603 or [carly.pearson@knoxcounty.org](mailto:carly.pearson@knoxcounty.org) no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Presentation on Air Quality Management's Odor Regulation
- IV. Presentation on Odor Regulations of Other Air Quality Agencies
- V. Discussion of Presentations
- VI. Other business
- VII. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System Council for Employees of KCSO Meeting  
Monday, March 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Andrew Johnson Building  
912 S. Gay Street, Ste 601, Knoxville, TN

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or line holders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of A1 Express Tires & Wrecker Service. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction held on April 4TH 2022 AT 10:00 AM at 11941 Chapman Hwy, Seymour TN 37865.

2003 HONDA CIVIC 1HGEM21953L042865

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday April 7th, 2022 10:00 am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave, Knoxville, TN 37920.  
2011 HYUNDAI 5NPEB4AC4B8187316  
2003 FORD 1FTRX17273NA79755

2001 NISSAN 3N1CB51A81L391063  
2001 HONDA 2HKRL18581H581840  
1998 CHEVY 1G1NE52M3P6W251789  
2003 FORD 1FMYU6E23UB96313  
2003 NISSAN 3N1CB51D03L778492  
1999 MITSUBISHI JA3AY26AXU025462  
2004 TRAILER 4PAP16214G083829  
2001 HONDA 1HGEM22961L067348  
NA TOYOTA BURNT  
2007 NISSAN 1N4AL21E97C139754  
2001 MERCEDES WDBL70631F710169  
2004 HONDA 1HGEM22524L044120  
2004 HONDA 5FNRL18014B058300  
2002 CHEVY 1GN6C13262J152561  
2010 FORD 1FAHP2D8W8AG114884  
1994 FORD 1FTDF15Y5RLA00740  
2006 BUICK 1G4H05726U133710  
2006 CADILLAC 1G6DC67A06020843  
2013 DODGE 1C3CDZCB5DN520100  
2004 PONTIAC 2G2WS522341271701  
2007 ACURA 19UUA66267A034072  
2009 MAZDA JM1BK32G791223402  
2002 CHEVY 1GN6C13262J152561  
2006 HONDA 2HGFG1287G6H55452  
2003 TOYOTA 4T1BE30K8AU833746  
2002 TOYOTA 1NXBU12E72624304  
2012 TOYOTA 5TFU4ENOCX383846  
2017 SUBARU 4S3GKA68H3625354  
2008 SATURN 1G8ZS75A86H212451  
2010 PONTIAC 1G2ZA5EB2A4156292  
1998 OLDSMOBILE 1GHD113W4T7206311  
2006 NISSAN 1N4BL21E96C812224  
2015 NISSAN 1NMA42MTXFP529449  
1996 NISSAN 3N1AB41D2TL012801  
2003 NISSAN 3N1CB51D64L868814  
2006 MAZDA JM1BK12G061478294  
2010 LEXUS JTBH8F5C26A2096809  
2017 LEXUS JTBH8F7X6H5169915  
2010 KIA KNAFU4425A5860404  
2012 KAWASAKI JKAEXM15C0DAC4364  
2001 KIA KNDJ8723825111304  
2008 KIA KNDJ0735985826918  
2007 JEEP 1J8HR48P07C517527  
2017 HYUNDAI 5NPE334F5H495947  
2009 HONDA 1HGCP26339A137920  
2000 HONDA 2HKRL1870YH576904  
2005 HONDA 2HGES16595H524597  
1999 HONDA JHMC6565XC054028  
2013 HONDA 5J6RM4H38DL081958  
2003 FORD 1FAFP55X3A139703  
1999 FORD 3FAHP0JGXR247561  
2001 FORD 1FAHP3FN9AW261375  
2001 FORD 1FTYR14U31TA34333  
1991 DODGE 2P4GH4533MR307235  
2016 CHEVY 2G11X5SA469161575  
2001 CHEVY 1GN0T13W21K193487  
2004 CHEVY 1G1NDS52F14M564773  
2007 CHEVY 2G1WU58R579238501  
1998 CHEVY 3GNFK16R7XG103364  
2008 CHEVY 3GCEK13J78G244794  
2005 CADILLAC 1G6KD54Y2U258274  
2010 CHEVY 1G1AF1F51A7143665  
2003 BUICK 2G4WB52K931194273

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 described vehicle(s).  
1) 06 GMC ACADIA 1GKEV137X8J272748  
2) 05 FORD TAURUS 1FAPP5J0V5A116948  
3) 99 TOYOTA RAV4 J73HP10V17135235  
4) 98 TOYOTA CELICA J75G602T5X0054509  
5) 07 HONDA ACCORD 1HGM56347A068825  
6) 00 FORD TAURUS 1FAPP5J0Y9G270237  
7) 04 CHEVY 1500 1G6CE19X14Z313739  
8) 03 HONDA PILOT 2HKYF18693H547002  
9) 13 FORD FOCUS 1FADP3F28D126809  
10) 97 ACURA RL JH4KA9646VC004756  
11) 03 HONDA ACCORD 1HGMF25S23A844534  
12) 03 HYUNDAI SONATA KMHWF25S23A844534  
13) 12 V.W. PASSAT 1VWAP7A3XC0015803  
14) 07 PONTIAC 2G2WP552871104879  
15) 06 MAZDA 5 JM1CR293060117372  
16) 13 HYUNDAI ELANTRA KMH0H44E0U523088  
17) 08 INFINITI JNKAY01F98M506074  
18) 14 HYUNDAI KMHCU4A4E5EU766837

9) 04 BUICK 3G5DA03E34S529342  
10) 20 FRIEGLTLINER CASS.  
3AK2HHDR6LSLP7461  
11) 09 FORD ESCAPE 2FMDK38C59BA56518  
12) 04 KIA OPTIMA KNA60128545319511  
13) 05 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL11D55A11137  
14) 08 CHEVY COBALT 1G1AL58F987210352  
15) 05 CADILLAC 1G6KD5445U230430  
16) 03 HONDA PILOT 2HKYF18433H560777  
17) 10 HYUNDAI SANTE FE  
5NMSG3AB9AH354347  
18) 04 CHRYSLER CROSSFIRE  
1C3AN9L64X022745  
19) 09 KIA RONDO KNAF6528897223703  
20) 07 DODGE CALIBER 1B3HA48B27D218911  
21) 07 TOYOTA FJ JTEBU11F370090059

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

THE OWNERS AND/OR LIEN HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE HERBY NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PAY ALL CHARGES AND RECLAIM SAID VEHICLES BEING HELD AT THE STORAGE LOT OF RICKS AUTOMOTIVE. FAILURE TO RECLAIM THESE VEHICLES WILL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF SAID VEHICLE AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON March 16th at 9AM at 5601 NORTH BROADWAY ST  
92 Chevrolet 1G6CE142N2E25415.  
94 Chevrolet 1GCDT1923R8021440.  
91 GMC 1GDKM15Z9MB510008.  
02 Suzuki JS1GW17A522105793

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PURSUANT TO DEFAULT  
Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of the following leased units will be auctioned, sold or otherwise disposed of at [www.StorageAuctions.com](http://www.StorageAuctions.com). Bidding will begin on 3/22/22