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# Early Voting Underway



Volunteers for the Re-elect Tom Spangler as Knox County Sheriff campaign turned out for the first day of early voting Wednesday. The crew outside the Expo Center off Clinton Highway included, left to right, Christine Gass, Faith Yandell, Sheila Palmer and Chris Olson.

## New ball field for West High School on commission's April agenda

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Requests for the funding of projects presented by the Knox County Board of Education are routinely approved, as required, by the county commission. The commission's agendas this month include some notable school board items. One of those items is a \$4 million approval for a new softball field for West High School. Joseph Construction Company will build the new field to include a press box, bleachers, fencing, dugouts, benches and a backstop knee

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## Early voting for Knox County Primary to end April 28

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Voters are in the midst of Early Voting in Knox County and will continue to choose their primary candidates through Thursday, April 28. May 3 is Election Day. "The first two days were slow but steady," Election Coordinator Chris Davis told The Focus, adding, "I think it will pick up after Easter."

Thirty-four county offices are on the ballot and the first day saw 1,106 people voting in person and 489 absentee

ballots turned in. The standard early voting hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays at Eternal Life Harvest Center in Five Points, Downtown West, New Harvest Park, Expo Center, Farragut Town Hall, Carter Senior Center and Halls Recreation Center. The Karns Senior Center, City-County Building and Meridian Baptist locations have slightly different early voting hours which can be found online under "Early Voting Daily Schedule" at [www.knoxcounty.org/election/](http://www.knoxcounty.org/election/)

The Downtown West location saw the largest number of voters on the first day with 214 voters. Farragut Town Hall was second followed by Halls and New Harvest Park. Early voters may choose any voting location and choose the primary they wish; there is no partisan registration in Tennessee. Most of the Knox County interest focuses on the Republican Primary where voters can choose between incumbent Sheriff Tom Spangler or past

Sheriff J. J. Jones. There is no Democratic opponent in that race. The ballot has 34 offices and a large number of Republican incumbents have primary opposition. The deadline for the second round of voting, with voters choosing candidates for state and federal and Farragut Municipal offices, was April 7th. The primary for these offices will be held in August when voters will also choose from the Knox County primary winners.

## Right-of-way closures for stadium on council agenda

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The closings of three right-of-ways in and around the proposed multi-use baseball stadium next to the Old City are on the Knoxville City Council's agenda Tuesday. The intersection right-of-way at Patton Street and Willow Avenue would be closed to a distance of 282 feet to the west and quitclaim deeds issued to adjacent property owners. A portion of Patton Street on the south line of Willow, for 98.44 feet, would also be closed. The requests are coming from the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Department. A portion of the right-of-way next to First Creek and 214.36 feet to the west is also on the agenda to be closed. All three closings are on their second and final readings. Also on the final reading is the city's One Year Plan prepared by the planners.

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## Fulton students recognized by National Park Superintendent

Last week, students, teachers, and community members celebrated the accomplishments of a select group of Fulton High School sophomores, juniors and seniors. 16 students were recognized by Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash for their participation in the Environmental and Community Leaders Fellowship. The Environmental and Community Leaders Fellowship is a partnership between Fulton High School and Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In addition to exploring careers

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Fulton student Gabriela Sanchez Benitez shakes hands with Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash. Also pictured: John DiDiego, Tremont Education Director, and Kimberly Kennard, Fulton High School teacher. Photo by Erin Rosolina.

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# Main Street Instead of Wall Street

## From a distance



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In my focus column last week, I mentioned the last national news article written about my career in Congress.

Published in December of 2018 in news magazine The Week, it said: "He looked out for the interests of Main Street instead of Wall Street...."

I certainly tried to vote and speak out in that way because I believed for many years that this country has

been and still is governed by a big government, big business duopoly.

The best one-sentence description of this was written by my fellow Focus columnist, Dr. Jim Ferguson, in the March 28th issue: "We are seeing a dangerous merger of crony capitalists, Tech Lords, and government agencies to suppress freedom."

Then, on Tucker Carlson's April 4th program, he reported that Parag Agrawal, who was made the CEO of Twitter a little over four months ago, said in 2020 that the company is "not to be bound by the First Amendment."

Also, a little over 10 years ago, Agrawal once forwarded a comment made by a panelist on the Daily Show that "all white people are racists."

Twitter is now one of our most powerful companies, especially in regard to free speech, and those two quotes show exactly what Dr. Ferguson meant when he wrote about the danger from our "Tech Lords."

In my Focus column of Feb. 1, 2021, I wrote that President Biden "showed in his first days in office that he will be the president for wealthy liberal elites and extremely big business men and women. He showed that the persona he claims of being for the 'little guy' is nothing but false campaign rhetoric."

He did this by signing executive orders stopping President Trump's order making drug prices cheaper and shutting down the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The first made Big Pharma happy and the

second destroyed 11,000 good jobs and helped drive gas prices higher, make environmental radicals happy.

I predicted in that column written after Biden's first week in office that "ultimately, this and other re-regulation efforts by the Biden Administration will drive gas prices back up."

Another order that first week placed us back in the Paris Climate Agreement which would cost us big money, hurt small businesses, and give a competitive advantage to companies from China, India, and other developing nations.

With the far left, everything is about control. Big Business loves big government because it drives many small and medium sized companies out of business and most of the

tax breaks, government contracts, and favorable regulatory rulings go to the big giants in any industry.

Unelected bureaucrats favor big business because it is easier to work with a few giants than hundreds of small businesses. Plus, the bigger government becomes it always means more money for the bureaucrats.

And the lobbyists get their biggest money from the biggest companies. The biggest companies all hire former high-level bureaucrats.

This is most obvious in the many retired admirals and generals hired by defense contractors, the so-called "revolving door" of the Pentagon.

The high levels of the Biden Administration are filled with former high-tech

executives.

This cozy relationship between big government and big business has caused six or seven of the counties that surround Washington D.C. to be among the 10 wealthiest counties in the U.S.

The problem for the "little guy," the average American, is that big government socialism works only for the elitists who control the government and the businesses who become partners with that government.

It wipes out the middle class. Big government means few at the top, many at the bottom. A small national government, such as we had in the 1950s, meant very few at the top, very few at the bottom, and the biggest middle class in the world.

## LETTER TO THE PUBLISHER

I'm a fairly new resident of the Town of Farragut. In an effort to learn about our new community, I've been watching town meetings, some in person, and some live streamed. On Thursday, March 24, I was watching from home, and was really in shock at Mayor Ron Williams's opening Mayors Report. He criticized out of state residents for not understanding how things are done here in Farragut and had a harsh and condescending tone.

Wow, being from California myself, I found his comments quite offensive. I've met so many nice people here, as have my husband and children. Never has anyone been so unwelcoming. I found this to be particularly disturbing that the sentiments came from an official town representative like the mayor. I had been thinking about going to the Farragut 101 class, thinking that was an engaging way to learn about the Town, but after that harsh remark, I'm really thinking twice.

Still a bit unsettled from the Mayor's off-putting comments, I then watched as he continuously interrupted and berated a resident that was speaking during the public forum. The gentleman, Sean Murphy, was given time on the clock, and he could not finish his sentences without being harshly chastised by Mayor Williams and Vice Mayor Povlin. The speaker did not call names, was not loud or offensive, he was speaking to the development issues being discussed and yet he was continually disrupted and talked over by our Town leaders, even gaveled! Then, when the timer sounded, Mr. Murphy politely noted that the Mayor and Vice Mayor had used up portions of his time, they again responded rudely and cut him off.

As the Mayor did state, the Town of Farragut does things a little differently than California, but my understanding is that citizens have protected rights to speak at a public forum, even in Tennessee.

This is not a good look for such a beautiful town or its many warm citizens. I hope Mayor Williams and Vice Mayor Povlin can apologize to the many residents of Farragut that were offended by their behavior.

Kim Sprague  
Farragut

## Fear the Yield Curve?

At the end of March, the stock market panicked when the rate on the two-year Treasury briefly rose above the rate on the ten-year Treasury bond. This phenomenon is called an inversion of the Treasury yield curve and is thought to

predict a recession. One market watcher said that the inverted yield curve meant that a recession was two-thirds likely in the next year and 98 percent likely within two years.

What is the Treasury yield curve? It shows how interest rates on Treasury's vary with the time it takes the instruments to mature. The curve plots yield against time to maturity and typically slopes upward. That makes intuitive sense. One would expect that the longer it takes an instrument to mature, the greater the risk of holding it and the higher should be the



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yield. In Finance, it is generally assumed that the yield curve embodies expectations about the future. Consider that an investor has the choice of buying short term securities or longer term securities. Shorter term instruments are less risky so

why would the investor buy a longer term instrument? One explanation is that the yield on the longer term instrument must be greater than if the investor bought a series of shorter instruments over the same time to maturity as the longer instrument. Thus, there will be a positive spread between long rates and shorter rates.

Suppose there is inflation and the inflation is not "transitory" and is expected to last longer. If the Fed moves to raise interest rates it does so by selling Treasury bills which are

short term. The investors holding longer term instruments are no longer being adequately compensated because their bonds pay a fixed return and the differential between the shorter term rates and the longer term rates narrow. Of course, newly issued long bonds will pay higher rates but if shorter rates increase more, then the yield spread narrows and, like last month, could go negative.

Since 1955, an unambiguously downward sloping yield curve has preceded every recession. However, not every yield curve is unambiguously downward sloping. The curve could briefly invert as it did last month rather than invert for a longer period. The curve could invert in one time segment and not throughout its length. Most research shows that when the curve does invert, recessions occur with a lag - an average of 18 months. The lag has been as short as three months and as

long as three years. What is interesting is that today both consumers and the market anticipate that inflation will linger which makes a recession more likely. Much depends on the actions of the Fed and whether it will counter the profligate spending of this Administration.

Also, the Fed's keeping long term rates low since 2008 means that the yield curve is flatter than it would be otherwise so a run up in short rates may not augur a recession. However now the Fed is pushing up short term rates while selling off its portfolio of accumulated longer term instruments. There is a higher likelihood of more uncertainty and turmoil in the financial markets over the next year or so.

Lastly, the market looks at the yield spread on the two year Treasury and the 10 year Treasury. But is that the relevant spread? Researchers at the Federal Reserve of San Francisco contend that the market is looking at the wrong rate spread. They find that the difference between the three month Treasury bill and the 18 month forward rate is more predictive than the difference between the two year and ten year Treasury. That measure is not inverted and has been found to be more predictive than the yields looked at by the market. Fed chairman Powell agrees and said in a speech that the shorter end of the yield curve is more predictive than the longer end. Currently the shorter spread is steep while the longer end is flat. Thus, the shorter end spread is not predicting a recession in the near term. Powell says that although he looks at the traditional spread, he pays more attention to the shorter end differential. So, is the market wrong? That is an empirical question and only time will tell.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Bud Armstrong Will Always Put "We The People" First

It is no surprise to anyone that a few lawyers aren't big boosters of former Knox County Law Director Richard "Bud" Armstrong. It was Armstrong who streamlined much of the processes from which lawyers profited handsomely by feeding at the trough of the taxpayers. Bud brought things in-house, saving the taxpayers literally millions of dollars. It was Bud Armstrong who eliminated the "need" for the attorney employed by the Knox County Trustee's office, which was one of the most lucrative political plums in history. One law firm alone reputedly made \$8 million during the administration of a former Trustee. Bud Armstrong stopped the practice, brought it in-house and those millions of dollars now go into the general fund to be used for things that benefit the people of Knox County.

One sure way to aggravate a special interest is by taking money out of its pockets. Bud Armstrong was absolutely fearless as Knox County's Law Director and he always did what he believed to be right irrespective of the political cost. Bud earned the designation while Law Director as "the People's Lawyer" and he certainly was that.

If elected as Chancellor in the coming election, he will become "the People's Judge."

My own thoughts about lawyers picking and choosing judges is pretty simple: lawyers like judges who put lawyers first. Bud Armstrong has and always will put "We the people" first.

## Oster's Merit Council Mess

Gina Oster, a candidate for the county commission, is in the throes of the mess she's helped to create on the sheriff's merit council. Little known to most of the public, the merit council actually serves an important role in a vital process. The board sits as a quasi-judicial body to hear employee grievances from the sheriff's office. The body was established to help eliminate the firing of employees for purely political reasons.

Unfortunately, the merit council has been swallowed up and dominated by folks with a different agenda and Gina Oster is the chair of the body. Oster and her colleague Jim Jennings have been long identified with lockstep supporters of former Sheriff Jimmy "JJ" Jones. Jones is presently stomping all over the spirit of the term limits law passed by the people of Knox County as he bids to come back and resume office as sheriff. Incumbent Tom Spangler has surged as of late and is believed by most informed political observers to be in the lead in the Republican primary.

County Commissioners Kyle Ward and Larsen Jay tried to fix much of what was ailing the merit council but some of their colleagues were reluctant, leaving the body an unqualified mess. The merit council has no semblance of professionalism about it despite sitting as a quasi-judicial body.

There are no regular meetings scheduled, but rather are called at the whim of the chair, Gina Oster.

Rarely do the three members (Oster, Jennings and Jim Wright) follow any kind of rules or procedures, failing to make proper motions and conduct business above board and thoroughly transparent.

Matters have been allowed to hang around indefinitely, like the complaint of Martha Dooley, a sheriff's spokesperson under Jones who is paid something like \$106,000 annually. Sheriff Tom Spangler took away Dooley's taxpayer-provided car and gas card. Gina Oster and her fellow members of the merit council have utterly ignored the counsel of the law director's office, which advised it the Dooley case was not the kind of grievance the body could properly hear. Oster and company paid no attention and have let the matter linger.

The one member of the merit council who speaks up and cautions following rules and procedures is alternate member John Marshall. It was Marshall who recently pointed out the board needed to vote to go into Executive Session, which means the meeting is closed to the press and public. It needs to be public noticed as well.

Someone needs to give Gina Oster a copy of the Robert's Rules of Order.

## Republicans Off The Ballot?

The Republican State Executive Committee has ruled four candidates off the Republican ballot in the race for Congress in Tennessee's new 5th District, including carpetbaggers Morgan Ortagus and Robby Starbuck. We'll have more on this in the coming weeks.

## Double Standard?

Speaking of carpetbaggers, a mysterious group has hit Commissioner Larsen Jay for having given \$1,000 to the campaign of then-presidential candidate Barack Obama. Of course, the group makes no mention that challenger Steve Weiner has lived in Knox County for about ten minutes and was part of the carpetbagger ticket of Daniel Herrera, Randy Pace and company. Nor does the group mention that Weiner has voted in a Democratic primary. Nor was there a word about the fact Weiner's manager is former Democrat and Green Party activist Erik Wiatr.

## He's Baaaaack!

Long-time former Sheriff Tim Hutchison has filed to run for the Tennessee Republican State Executive Committee in the August GOP primary. Hutchison will face incumbent Scott Smith. The former sheriff was once one of the most popular GOP officeholders but that day has long since passed. Hutchison left office following "Black Wednesday" and anointed Jimmy "JJ" Jones as his designated successor. Hutchison retired with an \$80,000 plus pension, but he was not done with politics. The former sheriff announced his candidacy for Knox County mayor against Tim Burchett and lost in a landslide. In fact, the defeat was so thorough it was humiliating. Then he and Stacey Campfield both sought to make political comebacks in the oddly numbered House District 89 and lost to unknown Justin Lafferty. Lafferty was no wizard of a candidate, but he had the good fortune not to be neither Tim Hutchison nor Stacey Campfield.

Hutchison was an early supporter of Donald Trump and wanted to be appointed

to federal office as U.S. Marshal. Those offices are occupied by individuals nominated by the president and confirmed by the United States Senate. Yet again, Tim Hutchison's ambitions foiled again.

Now the former sheriff has lowered his sights considerably to run for a seat on the Republican State Executive Committee. The members of the SEC are elected by those folks voting in the respective political parties' primaries in the August election. If "JJ" Jones loses the GOP primary for sheriff, it will indicate there is no nostalgia on the part of yesterday by local Republicans. That won't bode well for Tim Hutchison.

Likewise, Sam Maynard has filed to run for the SEC from the 6th senatorial district against incumbent Brian Hornback and former GOP chair Randy Pace. Pace had wanted the seat Hornback was appointed to, but was spurned by the committee. If selected, Hornback pledged at the time not to run again for the seat but is anyway, supposedly to give voters a choice. Now Republicans have a choice in what is currently a three-way race. Hornback previously served on the Republican State Executive Committee before being routed by Ted Hatfield in a Republican primary several years ago.

## No Excuse For Carrying Guns Into Schools

Angela Dennis and the wokesters at the News-Sentinel are continuing their race-baiting practices. Under the premise of covering the federal lawsuit filed by Anthony Thompson Jr.'s mother, Dennis asserts Thompson was murdered by police officers. After setting the table, Dennis pretty well excuses Thompson for having brought a loaded gun

to school, which was on his person when he was shot. Thompson's mother is promoting a series of changes in the law she refers to as "Anthony's Laws", one of which is prohibiting the arrest of youngsters at school "unless necessary to protect the immediate safety of others." It is remarkable to think any rational person doesn't equate a student entering a high school with a loaded gun as an event that would require law enforcement to protect the immediate safety of others. Of course, the Left in this country has long emphasized the gun rather than the individual holding the gun. The fact is, anyone bringing a loaded gun into a school represents a serious threat to the well-being and safety of others. Indeed, for a rational person, someone carrying a loaded gun into a school is the very definition of representing a threat to the safety and well-being of others.

Anthony Thompson Jr.'s death is a tragedy and I feel deeply sorry for his mother. Unfortunately, anytime someone, especially a student, brings a loaded weapon into a school, nothing good ever comes of it. There are all too many instances of school shootings. The best way to ensure one is not shot by law enforcement is not to break the law. The truth is, had Anthony Thompson Jr. not carried a loaded gun into his high school, he would very likely be alive today.

The best way to ensure the safety of ALL students isn't by excusing those who make bad or just plain wrong decisions and making them immune to arrest, but rather by emphasizing abiding by the law. Considering the number of innocent youngsters left dead in our schools by shooters, it's not too much to ask.

## New ball field for West High

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wall. The project will also include a new field house with separate lockers, toilets and shower facilities for softball and baseball, a shared concession stand and public toilets.

Another school board request is to accept a \$10,000 grant from the state for school bus seat restraints. The program requires school busses in service for less than five years to be fitted with seat belts and school board districts could receive \$10,000 per bus to do so.

All Occasions Party Rentals will get \$40,000 for stage decorations for high school graduation decorations and the contract of employment with new Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk will be approved.

The school system is also receiving \$1.2 million from the state's Achieving Literacy and Learning Corps grants and \$225,000 in state grants for Maynardville Elementary, Northwest Middle and Vine Middle Magnet schools.

Other school-related items on the commission agenda include \$445,000 for new sidewalks to link up Carter Elementary, Carter High and Carter Park.

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and opportunities in the environmental field, the program is designed to empower young adults to develop their self-awareness, civic leadership skills, and personal connections to nature. The fellowship is a two-year cohort model that takes place during after-school meetings throughout the school year, culminating in a trip to Tremont's campus inside Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The celebration kicked off with a welcome and reflections by student participants. Then, Tremont President and CEO Catey McClary introduced Superintendent Cash to address the group. Cash reflected on his own journey into environmental leadership, touching on the challenges he faced as a person of color in the field. He encouraged the students to "let the curiosity of you succeeding at something overcome your fear of failure."

"These students have shown remarkable resilience in their growth as leaders throughout the year and it's been a joy to get to know them as they deepened their relationships with each other and the natural world," said Tremont Education Director and program leader John DiDiego. "I think having Superintendent Cash share his experiences with the group really helped these young people imagine themselves in these types of leadership roles."

The students recognized were Zachary Barnett, Alyssa Bates, Victoria Fiorentino, Azlan Gaertner, Kameron Griffin, Sidney Lowery, Henry Lubke, Jose Lucas Francisco, Antonia Ntaconayigize, Fabian Nunez, Kenny Pate, Elijah Roach, Alexandria "Gracie" Russell, Gabriela Sanchez Benitez, Miranda Spurlock, and Damian Yeary. Barnett, Fiorentino, Lowery, Nunez, Pate, Russell, and Yeary were additionally recognized as graduating seniors.

Though the school year is winding down, several participants will continue to work with Tremont Institute and the national park throughout the summer. Four current program participants and one program alumni will be offered paid summer internships, splitting their time between assisting with Tremont's environmental education summer programs and learning about the different departments and career possibilities at the national park.

Many juniors will return to the program next year as seniors. Tremont and Fulton High School staff are currently recruiting sophomores to apply to participate next year.

Financial support for the Environmental and Community Leaders Fellowship is provided by Friends of the Smokies, National Park Service, Volkswagen and The Conservation Fund. To learn more about the program, visit [www.gsmi.org/leaders-fellowship](http://www.gsmi.org/leaders-fellowship).

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## Right-of-way closures for stadium on council agenda

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A tax break for a redevelopment plan for 203 South Gay is being requested by the city administration. The property is part of the Summit Hill Redevelopment Plan and includes six parcels.

Mayor Indya Kincannon may be authorized to apply for a \$20 million grant from the American Rescue Plan from the state. It requires a city match of about \$3 million and would provide the needed money for the city's water infrastructure.

She may also be approved to apply for a grant of \$175,000 from the U. S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services to support mental health and wellness and activities at the Knoxville Police Department.

The council may also approve the purchase or condemnation of property at 2005 Maplewood Drive. The estimated cost is \$130,000 and is recommended by the Abandoned, Blighted and Vacant Properties Committee.

Knox Housing Partnership Inc., doing business as HomeSource East Tennessee, may be allowed to purchase property at 3314 McPherson Street under the Homemaker Program.

The contract is for \$1,700 and is recommended by the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department.

The Cal Johnson Recreation Center may be approved for the installation of a solar array in an agreement with Solar Alliance Southeast LLC.

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# Common misconceptions when being arrested or questioned

You have probably never been questioned or arrested by the police, but, in the unlikely case this happens in the future, here are some tips to keep in mind and some misconceptions presented by movies and TV that you may want to avoid.

When you are approached by a police officer, whether by being stopped in your vehicle or they come to your home and knock on your door, when they ask for consent to search your property, you are not obligated to allow them to do that.

In fact, I would suggest that you do not allow them to search without a warrant. There is rarely any good that can come of from you agreeing to a search.

Now if there is exigent circumstances, which is when the a law enforcement officer has a probable cause and no sufficient time to secure a warrant, then you need to comply with the officer's request. Exigent circumstances include when someone is in danger of dying or the officer is in need of protecting himself and must conduct a patdown for weapons, for example.

Otherwise, you want to make the officers go through the proper channels and obtain a search warrant.

Similarly, if you are being asked questions by a police officer, I highly recommend you do not answer any questions and inform them that you want to have an attorney present before you will continue.

One thing you should do, even though it often angers officers (but it is your right to do so) is to ask if you are being detained. If you are not being detained, then you are allowed to leave whenever you wish. You are not required to answer any questions or stay.

If you are actually arrested, and not read your rights, then some people consider this a "get out of jail free" card because the officer messed up. In actuality, unless you have confessed to something before being read your rights, this argument does not hold up.

Since a lot of crimes include a victim, such as someone whose items have been stolen or who has been physically abused, there is a misconception that if the victim does not show up in court, the case will be dismissed. This is not always the outcome.

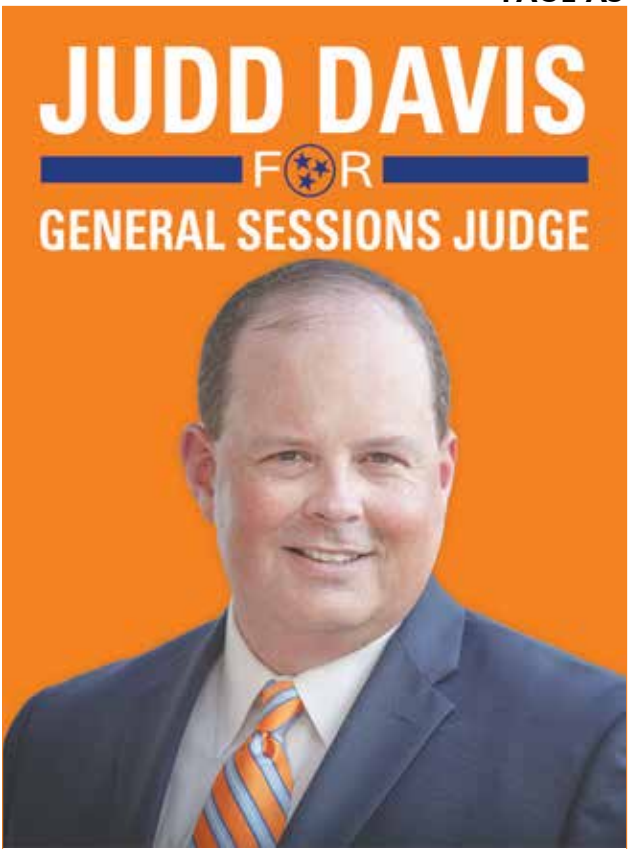
In some instances, the officer might have seen something or there is other evidence against the person being charged. Or maybe the charges are dismissed but they could reserve the right to bring the charges up at a later time. These are issues you should keep in mind when being charged with a crime that involves a victim.

These are just a few misconceptions that arise when encountering the criminal system for the first time.

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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
Dr. Jim Ferguson

### The New Kid on the Block

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

Arthur C. Clarke

If I'd asked my customers what they wanted, they would have said a faster horse.

Henry Ford

There is a new kid on the block in Knoxville, perhaps unknown to some. I'm not talking about me because I am a native Knoxvillean and the Doctor Is In column is 14 years old.

Although I write about medical issues less often now than in the past, last week I promised an essay "focused" on medicine, so as Triple H says, "Buckle up."

Although there is more to the "doctor" than just medicine, my roots are in science. However, in researching this week's column I need to disclose that I also functioned as an "investigative reporter."

Admittedly, I have no training in journalism and do not claim nor desire such credentials. My opinion of "journalists" has been tainted by the Mainstream Media. Additionally, I am not paid to write. This essay arises from my interest, research and interviews with patients, Knoxville oncologists and radiation specialists, as well as the staff of the Provision Proton center.

Like many of you, I have seen the commercials on TV promoting the Provision center for the treatment of prostate cancer. Admittedly, I am skeptical of advertisements on TV and radio. You may be surprised that I have never been asked by a patient to prescribe a drug advertised on television. Perhaps patients understood my bias.

The ads I saw on TV regarding proton therapy piqued my curiosity.

Furthermore, I have had patients and friends with prostate cancer treated with high energy particle radiation instead of conventional X-ray radiation therapy, so I decided to learn more about this newer treatment modality. Actually, proton therapy has been around for decades.

So, I hit the "books," although these days much medical information is published online rather than in textbooks. Because medical science is advancing so rapidly, the information in textbooks is often outdated by the time a book is published. The Internet is an invaluable tool for doctors and is a treasure trove for the curious, despite the dangers of incorrect information. My chief medical reference for this report is from the highly respected Up to Date medical website.

So, let's start with the basics, the science of physics - and don't hold your nose. There are four fundamental forces of nature in the universe. There is gravity, which everyone is well aware of; the strong nuclear force, which bonds protons and neutrons in the atomic nucleus; the weak nuclear force, which governs radioactive particle decay and the release of radiation; and there is electromagnetism, which encompasses the visual

spectrum, electricity and magnetism.

Photons are the energy packets/particles/waves of electromagnetism. This spectrum extends from the far infrared (microwaves) to the far ultraviolet (cosmic radiation). We see only within the small visual part of the electromagnetic spectrum. There are other invisible forces around us such as magnetic fields (magnets) or radiation from unstable isotopes of uranium detectable by a Geiger counter. The latter radiation (Chernobyl) can cause cancer or can be used to treat cancer.

If you are still awake and reading, I hope you will learn two things from this essay. First, the Provision Proton center is a jewel in the crown of Knoxville. And second, there is a difference between photons, (energy packets/waves) and protons (subatomic particles within the nucleus of an atom).

Electricity is used to generate photons for medical x-rays. Due to the variable absorption of x-rays in body parts images can be constructed. Bone is dense and absorbs more X-rays than organs like the heart, which is comprised largely of water. The lung filled with air absorbs the least X-radiation allowing more X-rays to expose a photographic plate and produce an image or data points in

a computer.

High energy x-rays (photons) can also be generated and directed to destroy cancerous tissue. To limit damage to healthy tissue, the x-radiation beam is rotated while maintaining a focal therapeutic point centered on the tumor. This is the basic mechanism of conventional external beam radiation therapy.

High energy protons are produced from ionized hydrogen gas within a cyclotron. Compared to a photon the positively charged proton is massive and is accelerated within the cyclotron and directed towards the patient's tumor by a series of magnets. There is less "scatter" radiation with proton therapy because these high energy particles give up their energy in a narrow area called the Bragg peak which can be focused on the tumor with less radiation to healthy tissue. Although this report focuses on prostate cancer therapy, proton radiation can be used to treat many solid tumors.

All radiation damages DNA, but the repair processes of healthy tissue exceed cancerous tissue. This is one reason radiation therapy is usually given five days a week rather than daily. However, radiation oncologists and their staff don't especially like

to work on weekends, but neither did this internist!

In my medical career I have been involved with three academic medical centers and practiced medicine in more than a half dozen hospitals. To supplement my research for this essay I toured the Provision Proton facility. The guy in the mask is me. I have never been in such a high tech, Star Trek-like facility where patients are metaphorically "beamed up" every day. Behind the treatment table are three stories of equipment to support and rotate the treatment gantry fed by the cyclotron 20 meters away. The cost of a proton treatment center is one quarter of \$1 billion.

Much has changed in the more than four decades I have practiced medicine. I am not easily impressed and have unfortunately become quite cynical about what has happened to my profession in recent years. However, there are exceptions to every generality and the Provision Proton center is an exception. Never have I experienced such a high tech, professional and yet personal, service-oriented organization. It's too bad we don't have the Provision organization and Chick-fil-A running our country.

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# Catching up with Terry Caruthers

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Terry Caruthers is a special project librarian for the McClung Collection of the Knox County Public Library system. She's a Colonial Village neighborhood resident and was in the last class to graduate from Young High School.

Caruthers has a master's degree from the University of Tennessee. In her position at the McClung Collection, she analyzes old newspaper articles to make sure they are preserved and finds historic articles about Knoxville. Occasionally one of those old news accounts sparks her curiosity and she draws inspiration for writing

a book.

The Knoxville Focus caught up to Caruthers recently and she responded to several questions.

**How did you become interested in writing?**

As a semi-professional storyteller, I was asked to present a program for a woman's church group in December 1995. While preparing for it, I encountered a two-sentence newspaper filler that referenced a little-known Christmas legend. Intrigued, I researched it and found nothing more. I then knew, that if I wanted the story I had to write it myself and I did. The manuscript is titled "A Gift of Thanks," and while it received high personal

praise from editors throughout the remainder of the 1990s, it has yet to be published. After writing that manuscript other ideas began to germinate, and I continued to write.

**How do you choose subjects to create stories?**

I don't necessarily. They choose me, getting into my head and constantly prodding me until I put pencil to paper. For instance, my forthcoming book "Red and Me" (Star Bright Books, 2024) was not anything I had on my writing radar. Then at 6:00 a.m. on July 4, 2018, I was awakened by a ten-year-old girl in my head, nagging me about her mountain town and an old stray dog that had caught

her heart. I got up and wrote for eighteen hours that day. This middle grade novel only took two months to write because I was essentially transcribing what Marlene was telling me in my head. I give my central character full credit for this book.

**Tell us about your family and childhood.**

I'm a product of South Knoxville and the Colonial Village neighborhood, the firstborn child of high school sweethearts, Horace Grissom, Jr. and La Vada Prater—both born and raised in North Knoxville. I was an only child for nine years before being presented with a sister and—two years later—twin brothers.

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Terry Caruthers with her book "The Big Day" about the first Black woman to vote in a local election. The South Knoxville citizen is a prolific writer with other books in print and other books coming. Please visit [www.knoxfocus.com](http://www.knoxfocus.com) to read the full interview.

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# A Special Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday was a special time for our family. Instead of going to our regular church, we made the trip to First Christian Church at the corner of Fifth and Gay. A holy time became more so as we stood in front of the church.

Amy and I began attending FCC about 1979. We'd looked for a church family, and those members welcomed us with open arms better than any other place we'd visited. We were sold, and for 30 years, we attended services and Sunday school. Our children were baptized in that church, and the entire congregation became our family.

After 100 years of living and surviving at that location, the church membership had shrunk to the point that closing the doors was the only option. For a while, another church used the building, but eventually, they left.

The remaining tenant was The Point. This new church group had met for some time at the theater in West Town Mall. The chance to move to the FCC building was too good to pass up. This congregation has undertaken some projects with the approval of the landowner to make the church more welcome and accessible to all sorts of folks. The congregation rents rooms to small businesses, especially artists. That program pumped new blood into the old building and helped the



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Point financially as well.

The smartest woman I know, my wife; sent out a Facebook post to former FCC members to suggest that we meet at the old place to see how it was doing. The reaction was

positive and swift. Palm Sunday came, and Amy and I stood outside to greet any of our old friends. We hoped that a couple of folks would show up, but we were amazed that approximately 35 former members joined us. Minister Adam Woldt greeted our group and gave a tour after services.

After our tour, many decided to meet at Marble City Market for lunch. Once again, FCC individuals had a chance to catch up. Marie Leonard still is the perfect southern lady at age 95. Two men who had always been sidekicks, Bill Knight and Ralph Alexander, appeared with their familiar smiles. Wayne and Mary Anne Walls brought their son Adam and his family to share their faith and love for the place that welcomed them when they moved to Knoxville.

A contemporary service is far different from the ones that occurred at FCC. Some old timers would not have cared for the music, but I observed from the balcony where I sat, that the people, young and old, swayed to the beat of the music. Yes, many white-haired people filled the pews, but not a

single person made a negative comment. Intern Pastor Adam Moore gave the message for the day. It was informative, passionate, and to the point. I appreciated his ability to accomplish that.

All of us who were members of FCC fought hard to keep that church alive. We knew the surrounding community needed a church like ours. As things turned out, many older members passed, and the congregation didn't have the numbers or energy to complete a plan. We all give thanks for the arrival of The Point. The members are a mixture of ages, and it was pleasing to hear the sounds that accompany the presence of small children in church.

Our group finished lunch and began the journey home. This might be the last time that we see each other. First Christian Church is in good hands. All who visited send their love and thanks to The Point for loving the old church building and for injecting the life that it so much deserves. What we witnessed on Palm Sunday was the resurrection of that place that means so much. The next Sunday folks returned to their new church homes to celebrate the most important of all resurrections.

A church family is a gift from God. People are always ready to help others. I hope all of you find that in your lives. You might even try The Point to see if it fits your needs. It is located in a building that was built by Christians who loved and cared for it for over 100 years.



Picture featuring the historic and beautiful Great Smoky Mountains National Park, courtesy of Leigh Anne Ellis.

## The Importance of Earth Day

By Ralphine Major  
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"They're not making any more land," our father would often say. When we were in school, my brother and I hiked up to the ridge near our dairy farm one day to take pictures for a class project. Nowhere was Mother Earth more majestic than in the beautiful meadow on the ridge. Even for our rural road neighborhood, the special spot seemed isolated and distanced from the car horns and traffic on our country roads. I thought back to that time recently when a local situation made the news calling for a rural piece of acreage to be turned into development. Rural areas are vital to America's farmers.

On April 22, we celebrate Earth Day, a day set aside for us to consider the ways we can best take care of the resources

we have been given so that future generations can enjoy the land, water, and air during their days on the earth. Projects such as recycling, planting trees, and clearing the land and lakes of trash are strongly encouraged. There is much to think about not only on Earth Day but every day. It is most important that everybody does their part in taking care of our earth---because "they're not making any more land."

Words of Faith: "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:9-10 (KJV).

## Terry Caruthers

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Both my parents worked, my father for what was then Park National Bank and my mother for Tennessee Valley Florist Supply and later as the accounts manager for the Knox County Public Library.

Up until I started nursery school, my days were spent in North Knoxville with my paternal grandparents—primarily my grandmother since my grandfather was an engineer with Southern Railway. I dearly love and cherish my fond memories of their neighborhood and that wonderful old house at 803 Luttrell Street (703 now). I was crushed when my grandparents moved from there in the mid-1960s. I attended Mooreland Heights Elementary School and Young Junior-Senior High—being a proud member of the school's last graduating class in 1976. Then I attended UT for both my bachelor's and master's degrees and began working part-time as a desk assistant/page for the library system on May 5, 1978.

**Tell us about being a librarian for the McClung Collection.**

I'm a special projects librarian, currently tasked with assessing historical newspapers for preservation. As part of this task, I note articles of interest and create subject tags about their content. I love this project not only because it unearths lost history, but because it has presented me with a treasure trove of writing ideas. One of them is an in-progress time-travel novel that incorporates some of these historical events as well as a children's book series I've titled "A Glimpse of Knoxville, Tennessee History." Currently, I've written about seven of these which are based on forgotten events in the city's past, and I am hoping to one day find a publisher with an illustrator to bring these amazing stories to life.

**What is your next book?**

That is not a simple answer! In the fall of 2023, Star Bright Books will be publishing a children's biography they asked me to write: "Raphael Lemkin,

Citizen of the World: The Man Who Created the Word Genocide." Then in 2024, they will be publishing the book that is my heart, "Red and Me." It is a cross between "Old Yeller" and "To Kill A Mockingbird." My publisher has compared it to "Because of Winn-Dixie." Last month, I finished writing a young adult novel titled "If Love Was A Smell." It begins critique group in May, and I'm hoping to submit it to Black Rose Writing in 2023.

**Bring us up to date on your different books, please, and where someone can get a copy.**

"Sergeant Stubby, Soldier-Dog" (Schoolwide, Inc., 2015) is not currently available. I'm hoping to find a publisher to reissue it. "Vivie's Secret" (Black Rose Writing, 2020) is based on the life of a woman I met through cat rescue. Upon her death, I learned of her incredible past and knew her story must be shared. My picture book "The Big Day" (Star Bright Books, 2020) celebrates Agnes Sadler's historic vote, and I'm delighted to share that it won 1st Prize in the Early Reader category at the Feathered Quill Book Awards. "The Faithful Dog: A Civil War Novel" (Black Rose Writing 2022) releases on July 7, 2022.

All three of my current titles are available for online ordering from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other online booksellers as well as from their publishers. Signed copies of "Vivie's Secret" and "The Big Day" are available at Tea & Treasures on Martin Mill Pike. Copies of "The Big Day" are also available at Union Avenue Books and in the East Tennessee History Center's gift shop on Gay Street.

**"The Big Day" is about the first Black woman to vote. Tell us about your research for that book.**

"The Big Day" evolved from discovering Agnes Sadler's name in a 1919 Knoxville Sentinel article titled "Women at Polls Early to Vote." It listed the names of every woman who was first at the Knoxville polls on September 6, 1919. As I began to index them, her

name stood apart from the others because it was the only one not preceded by "Miss" or "Mrs." and had "col." printed beside it to designate she was "colored." As I drove home that evening, I thought about what a momentous day that had to have been for her.

After I finished the manuscript, I reached out to our wonderful historian and civil rights icon Bob Booker and, later, Renee Kesler of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center for feedback on what I'd written. Once they gave the book their stamps of approval, I began seeking a publisher. I had three companies express interest in it, and Star Bright Books was the first to send me a contract. The most rewarding aspect of this book was being able to connect with Agnes Sadler's descendants and share the news of their great-grandmother's historic vote.

**Your latest book "The Faithful Dog" is about the Civil War. Where did that inspiration come from?**

I encountered the story of Second Lieutenant Louis Pfeif of the Fifty-Eighth Illinois Infantry and his dog while doing research for my book, "Sergeant Stubby, Soldier-Dog". I was mesmerized by the historical account and knew I had to share it. Upon completing the manuscript, I sent it to an editor at Lucky Marble Press. While she liked it, she recommended rewriting the novel solely from the dog's point of view. By the time my rewrite was completed, Lucky Marble was no longer publishing. I then sent the manuscript to my Black Rose Writing publisher and was given a contract on it.

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

As a person who was a champion of South Knoxville and the Colonial Village neighborhood, working in the best interests of both, and as an author who shared many well-loved books and stories.

To read more about local author and librarian Terry Caruthers, please visit [www.knoxfocus.com](http://www.knoxfocus.com).

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Every so often I am reminded of my age by recalling those leaders of my youth; most of them are gone now. Howard Baker, Bill Brock, John Duncan, Sr., Jimmy Quillen and Robin Beard. Former governor Winfield Dunn is still very much with us, thank God.

It occurred to me I haven't written about Robin Beard before in this column and while he was on my mind, I thought I would give it a go. Robin Beard had every quality that makes a good leader and a great politician; Robin had a very warm personality, a probing intelligence and plenty of courage. Robin was one of the most personable officeholders I've ever come across; Robin Beard's liking of people was genuine and he had a knack for making friends. Robin was full of life and a fine public servant," Senator Lamar Alexander remembered following Beard's passing in 2007.

It was Winfield Dunn who gave Robin Beard his real start in politics. A graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and Vanderbilt University, Robin was in the Marine Corps Reserve, where he rose to the rank of Colonel. Robin Beard was barely thirty-one years old when Winfield Dunn, the first Republican to be elected governor of Tennessee in fifty years, named him as Personnel Commissioner for the Volunteer State. Young, engaging, energetic and photogenic, Beard began eyeing a race for Congress in 1972. It was a difficult year for Democrats in Tennessee who were anything but enthused about the presidential candidacy of Senator George McGovern of South Dakota. It was readily apparent President Richard Nixon would carry Tennessee easily in 1972; in fact, whenever Nixon was on the GOP national ticket, Tennessee fell into the Republican column in 1952, 1956, 1960 and 1968. Robin Beard decided to run for Congress from the newly redrawn Sixth Congressional District, a sprawling affair that ran from the Nashville suburbs to those of Memphis. The incumbent was William Anderson, former Captain of the submarine Nautilus. Anderson had veered considerably to the left while in Congress and Robin Beard won the general election with 55% of the vote to Anderson's 43%. The Shelby County precincts made the difference, giving Beard 26,692 votes to only 6,531 for Congressman Anderson. Still, Robin Beard carried some counties which had never voted for a Republican to represent them in Congress before; Beard won Pulaski County, Fayette, Hardeman, McNairy, Chester, Hardin, Henderson, Wayne and his

own Williamson.

1972 was the height of the Republican success in Tennessee's modern history with the GOP holding the governor's office, both seats in the United States Senate, and five out of ten seats in the U. S. House of Representatives. Robin Beard was thirty-three years old when he first won a seat in Congress and was the first Republican elected since Reconstruction to represent his district.

The young congressman quickly became known as the kind of representative who moved regularly throughout the large Sixth Congressional District and his office developed a well-deserved reputation for constituent service, oftentimes a determining factor in the length of a congressman's career, especially in Tennessee. Beard's personality, sincerity and commitment to the people of his district made him highly popular inside his own congressional district. 1974 was as bad a year for Republicans as 1972 had been good for most GOP candidates, yet Robin Beard turned back a serious challenge from Tim Schaeffer and managed to increase his percentage from two years earlier. Nor did the Democrats give up on trying to oust Congressman Beard, whom they recognized as a likely future contender for statewide office. 1976 was the year of Jimmy Carter in Tennessee. Ronald Reagan waged a close and oftentimes bitter contest with President Gerald Ford for the GOP nomination. I followed my heart and was strong for Reagan while my friend Randy Boyd was for Ford. I well remember Reagan coming to Howard Baker's hometown of Huntsville with his wife Nancy to campaign. That was the first time I ever shook Ronald Reagan's hand.

Ultimately, Gerald Ford narrowly won the Republican presidential nomination and fought a nip and tuck battle with Jimmy Carter, who campaigned as a Washington outsider. The big race in Tennessee that year was Senator Bill Brock's reelection campaign. There were thousands of Democrats in Tennessee who fiercely resented Brock having defeated incumbent Albert Gore, Sr. in 1970. The race for the United States Senate in 1976 was something of a grudge match between Brock and Democratic nominee Jim Sasser, a former state chair of Tennessee's Democratic Party who had upset 1970 gubernatorial nominee John Jay Hooker in the primary. Brock, a superb organizer, figured if he won 100,000 more votes than he had in 1970, he would win. Senator Brock ran 100,000 votes ahead



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Robin Beard, congressman-elect from Tennessee's 6th District, celebrating on Election Night in 1972.

of his showing in 1970 but still lost the Senate race to Sasser by a 53%-47% margin. Tennessee was Jimmy Carter's second-best state in the nation after his own native Georgia. Democrats ran as strong a ticket as they possibly could in most of Tennessee's congressional districts and thought they had an excellent nominee in the Sixth Congressional District. Former United States Senator Ross Bass was making a political comeback with his bid to reclaim a seat in the House of Representatives against Congressman Robin Beard. "Carter - Sasser - Bass" buttons flooded the Sixth District, which Bass had represented in Congress from 1955 to 1965 when he had been elected to fill out the last two years of the late Estes Kefauver's term. Ross Bass had defeated GOP nominee Howard Baker in 1964, only to lose the 1966 Democratic primary to Frank Clement with the aid of tens of thousands of Republicans who crossed over to vote for the governor. More than twenty years later, Bass told me it had been Republicans crossing over into the Democratic primary that had led to his defeat. Bass was an old hand at campaigning and had demonstrated his strength inside the Sixth Congressional District by turning back a determined bid by his successor in the House, Pat Sutton, after Sutton's failed Senate race in 1954. Bass beat Sutton badly in the 1956 Democratic primary and twenty years later, the two faced off once again in the 1976 primary. Bass easily dispatched Sutton and gamely ran as hard as he could in the Sixth District. The district had changed considerably and a decade is a very long time in politics and there were a large number of residents who didn't know the former senator. There were also a large number of constituents who found no fault with their congressman, even if he was a Republican. As Gerald Ford and Bill Brock lost the Sixth Congressional District, Robin Beard was carrying it with quite nearly 65% of the vote.

The 1976 election finally convinced Tennessee Democrats Robin Beard's election in 1972 had not been a mere fluke or political accident. Beard won almost 75% of the vote in his 1978 reelection campaign and the Democrats did not even bother to field a candidate in 1980.

In 1982, Congressman Robin Beard announced he would run against Senator Jim Sasser, who was seeking reelection. Tennessee Republicans were energized by Beard's race and highly optimistic about his chances of success. The race drew national attention, not because of the intensity of the Sasser - Beard race, but rather because of the congressman's advertising campaign. I can still remember those campaign commercials, one of which featured an actor made up to look like Cuban dictator Fidel Castro lighting a huge cigar with a bill and drawing, "Muchas gracias, Senor Sasser." Yet perhaps the best-remembered TV ad from the 1982 Senate race involved a wind-up mouse, which did somersaults as an announcer discussed the record of "flippin' Jimmy" Sasser. The ad drew quite a lot of attention, but unfortunately, the most of it was negative. The Nashville Banner was still likely the most conservative daily newspaper in Tennessee at the time and it had endorsed Beard's senatorial candidacy. Due to the harshness of the Beard campaign commercials, the Banner cited them as the reason it withdrew its endorsement of his candidacy. Sasser

won an astonishing victory, while Beard polled just over 38% of the vote as Lamar Alexander was winning reelection to the governor's office. Beard said of his losing bid for the Senate, "The worst and most difficult thing was the next morning going out to the airport. I just wanted to hide. I just wanted for somebody to put me in a Federal Express bag and send me back up - - - or maybe a body bag would have been more appropriate." Worried about how he would pay off a \$150,000 campaign debt, Beard turned down two different offers of jobs from the Reagan administration. Eventually, Robin Beard did accept a job as the highest-ranking civilian at NATO in Brussels. With the perspective of time, Robin Beard later said his losing the Senate race in 1982 was the best thing that ever happened to him, as it allowed him an entirely new and fulfilling career as well as to place a renewed focus upon his family. After his second stint with NATO, Robin became a vice president with the Hughes Electronics Corporation as well as the chairman of its European division. The former congressman became affiliated with Raytheon, a defense contractor where Beard was the head of efforts to market the company's products to Europe, Israel and Africa.

Beard and his wife Cathy settled into a comfortable life on the Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Nor was Robin quite done with electoral politics. Robin Beard was running for a seat on the Charleston

School Board (along with another former GOP congressman, Arthur Ravenel) when he was diagnosed with brain cancer. Beard doggedly continued his campaign as he received treatment for cancer. Robin Beard slipped away at his home at age sixty-seven on June 16, 2007.

Former governor Winfield Dunn who had made Robin Beard the youngest member of his cabinet, lamented Beard's passing with his usual graciousness and eloquence, noting his sorrow "that such a vigorous, enthusiastic and patriotic human would lose his life at a very productive age." Justin Wilson, who not so long ago retired as Tennessee's Comptroller, had helped to organize Robin Beard's first campaign for Congress in 1972, simply recalled, "Robin was fun." Most folks seem to think of politicians very differently from any individual who might be fun; in fact, it seems to me most people would classify politicians as about as much fun as the average mortician or accountant. Wilson shared some of his recollections of Robin Beard with a reporter for the Nashville Post: "Kids loved to be around him. Normally boring campaign events like bus tours, became happenings. Back when he was in Congress, most representatives had offices that were kind of dour places. In his office, there was always laughter. No matter how your day had gone, if you were around him more than five minutes, you got in a good mood."

Robin Beard was perhaps another of those (Bill Brock was probably the first) of the more right-of-center Republican candidates that today are the norm in Tennessee. Beard, his good nature notwithstanding, was firm in his convictions and beliefs.

Justin Wilson's memories of Robin Beard perfectly summarize my own recollections of the late congressman. Robin knew exactly how to make any visitor feel important, which is a quality young people especially prize in a person. Today's politically active folks ought to try more of that same thing with younger folks who are interested in public service.

As I write this and my mind of full of encounters with Robin Beard, it still seems impossible to me that he is gone. Robin Beard was a man of such vitality that he exemplified a person who not only made the most of his life and opportunities but also one who lived and loved every moment of it. That seems to me the very definition of a life well-lived.

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- Richard Bean  
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## LOCAL COLLEGE SIGNEES

Local high school student-athletes who signed on National Signing Day April 13 or in the national signing period last week and will be enrolling in college for the 2022-23 school year.

### FARRAGUT

Chloe Chase, Maryville College, soccer  
Mason Collins, Ole Miss, track and field  
Kendall Johnson, TTU, cross country and track  
Abigail King, Rice University, swimming  
Ryan Neal, Tusculum, basketball  
Jaxson Pease, Tennessee Tech, baseball  
Gabrielle Starling, The Citadel, golf

### GIBBS

Seth Barnard, Johnson University, soccer  
Emilia Daugherty, Johnson University, soccer  
Megan DeRusha, Bluefield University, soccer  
Rylee Scraggs, Union College, soccer

### HALLS

Aspen Calloway, University of the Cumberland, softball  
Bennett Lane, Johnson University, basketball  
Creed Loy, Southern Illinois, swimming

### HARDIN VALLEY

Josie Artrip, Alvernia University, hockey  
Ethan Blaylock, Carson-Newman, track and field  
Collin Combs, Maryville College, soccer  
Nate Hillis, ETSU, cross country and track  
Amelia Hoppe, Roane State, volleyball  
Kami Livingston, UVA Wise, volleyball  
Kaden Keller, Belmont, cross country and track  
Isaac Legault, Tennessee Tech, cross country  
Evan Maples, Appalachian State, track and field  
Asa Mazow, Alabama Huntsville, cross country and track  
Mitchell McCown, Milligan, cross country and track  
Madison Romain, Stanford, track and field  
Austin Rome, Nebraska, track and field  
Ben Smith, Memphis, track and field  
Sidnee Stanton, Tennessee Tech, track and field  
Keelie Stillwell, Roane State, volleyball  
Hudson Stokes, Waynesburg University, basketball  
Brooke Taylor, Carson-Newman, softball and track

### KARNS

Elizabeth Breeden, Mars Hill, softball  
Lesley Gonzalez, Tennessee Wesleyan, soccer  
Ceazon Newton, Bryan College, basketball  
Anna Kate Reichter, LMU, softball  
Hannah Stafford, LMU, soccer  
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Camilla Thurman, Randolph-Macon, tennis  
Emma Meyer, Sewanee, volleyball  
Marina Azevedo, Barry University, volleyball  
Paige Janoyan, Tennessee Wesleyan, soccer  
Mary Oakley Robertson, ETSU, track and field  
Rachel Brettin, Illinois Institute of Technology, soccer  
Spencer Margolis, Roane State, baseball

### SEYMOUR

AJ Berry, Roane State, baseball  
Michael Fetterolf, Shorter University, soccer  
Kaden Fowlkes, Carson-Newman, football  
Kayla Harrington, LMU, lacrosse  
Brendon Harris, Maryville College, football  
Emma Watson, Roane State, basketball  
Wesley Zamboni, Maryville College, football

Compiled by STEVE WILLIAMS



Knoxville Catholic athletic director Jason Surlas introduces eight student-athletes who signed National Letters of Intent at a ceremony Wednesday. Photo by Ken Lay.

## Catholic athletes sign to compete in college

By Ken Lay

Eight Knoxville Catholic High School student-athletes finalized their respective college plans last week as the school hosted a signing day ceremony.

The student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent as coaches, administrators, classmates and

Presley Patterson, a basketball player for the Irish will continue his career with

Auburn, where he'll play for former Tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl.

Camilla Thurman, a tennis player for the Lady Irish, won the 2021 Division II-AA State Team Championship.

Volleyball players Emma Meyer and Marina Azevedo will play in college as Meyer signed with Sewanee and Azevedo will move on to Barry University. The Lady Irish won the Division II-AA State Championship in

2021.

Lady Irish soccer player Paige Janoyan will play for Tennessee Wesleyan and her teammate Rachel Brettin will play for the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mary Oakley Robertson will continue her track and field career at East Tennessee State.

Irish baseball player Spencer Margolis will continue his career at Roane State Community College. He was a

two-sport athlete for Catholic, where he also played football.

KCHS athletic director Jason Surlas said he was proud of the student-athletes.

"This day is the best day that an athletic director has because it's a time where I get to come up here and brag on these student-athletes," Surlas said.

## Bearden snaps long losing streak in Kingston Pike rivalry

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's softball team celebrated the end of several years of frustration Wednesday night. The Lady Bulldogs snapped a long losing streak against Kingston Pike rival Farragut at Kim Hazelwood Field.

Bearden notched a 5-4 victory over the Lady Admirals in a game that was moved back a day due to poor field conditions caused by inclement weather in the Knoxville Area Tuesday.

But what's an extra day when you haven't beaten your archrival since 2015.

"This was big," said Bearden first-year coach Kenneth Boles. "This was big for our program and great for our girls. It's good for their head, really."

The Lady Bulldogs scored

the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning when Rylee Sieber's infield single with two outs plated Jacie Overton to make it 5-4. Bearden tied the game when Overton doubled home Allie Seritt, who led off the frame by reaching on an error and took second on a sacrifice bunt from Reese Waltman.

Sieber benefitted from her game-winning hit as she notched a victory in the circle, throwing 1.2 innings of scoreless relief and recording strikeouts.

"Rylee threw well for us. She came up big," Boles said. "And she had a big hit for us."

"Our pitchers (including sophomore starter, Lauren Spainhower) really pitched well for us today. Our offense was good and our

defense was good enough. This wasn't our best game and we still have a lot to work on. But we're changing the culture here."

Farragut the defending Class 3A State Champion darted out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Addison Pressley, the Lady Admirals' left fielder, led off the game with a walk and advanced to third when Sarah Livingston doubled. Pressley scored when Hailey Nichols lifted a sacrifice fly to right field.

The Lady Bulldogs answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the opening frame when Nicole Couvertiere came up with a two-run single.

Bearden extended its advantage to 3-1 in the second when Abigale Mutta drove in a run with a hit.

The Lady Admirals pulled even in the fifth as Lacey Shrader and Pressley each had an RBI double in the frame. Farragut regained the lead, going ahead 4-3, in the top of the sixth when Ava Guzowski drove in the go-ahead run with a double.

After Bearden scored two in the bottom of the frame, Sieber retired the Lady Admirals in order in the seventh.

Farragut coach Nick Green was disappointed with his team's loss, however, he tipped his hat to the Lady Bulldogs.

"I'm not overly pleased with our performance but I'm not about to take anything away from Bearden," he said. "Give Bearden credit, they got the hits, they made the plays and they battled and they competed."

## Record crowd watches TTU upset No. 1 Vols



By Steve Williams

Tennessee, the nation's No. 1 ranked baseball team, saw its 23-game win streak snapped by Tennessee Tech 3-2 Tuesday, April 12, at Smokies Stadium.

While the loss left the Vols with a 31-2 record, it may have been the greatest win in the Golden Eagles' baseball history.

A Smokies Stadium record crowd of 8,183 was on hand for the event, while the Tennessee Smokies were playing out of town at Montgomery, Ala.

Both the Vols and TTU (18-12) used wooden bats. Eric Newsom's home run

to centerfield in the sixth inning gave the Golden Eagles a 3-2 lead. Right-hander Carter Gannaway protected the lead the rest of the way. He pitched 5 2/3 innings, struck out nine and did not allow a hit.

"The night was electric," said Chris Allen, president of Boyd Sports and the Tennessee Smokies. "The crowd was active and everyone in the park had a

wonderful time."

### BEARDEN AND UNION COUNTY SURPRISE FOES

Bearden knocked off District 4-4A rival Farragut 5-4 in softball Wednesday to boost its record to 8-5. It was only the Lady Admirals' second loss of the season in 24 outings.

On Monday, Union County upset perennial state softball power Gibbs 2-1 in Corryton.

### POWELL AND CARTER RANKED NO. 1 IN BASEBALL

Powell and Carter were ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 4A and Class 3A, respectively, in the

Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's Week 4 poll.

Other teams in the Focus' coverage area that were ranked are No. 9 Farragut in Class 4A, No. 6 Knoxville Catholic in Division II-AA and No. 3 CAK and No. 9 TKA in Division II-A.

### FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY SET FOR JULY 15

The 15th annual High School Football Media Day is set for Friday morning, July 15, from 8 to 11:45 at the Three Ridges Golf Course pavilion, Harold Denton of the Knoxville

Football Officials Association announced last week.

### MOBLEY TAKES SEYMOUR BASKETBALL REINS

Seymour High has hired Mark Mobley as its new boys head basketball coach, SHS Athletic Director Gary Household-er announced Thursday. Mobley replaces Blake Carr, who resigned at the end of last season.

Mobley, who was an assistant coach at McMinn Central in 2021-22, played basketball at Seymour for Bill Duncan and went on

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## Karns opens big lead, hangs on to edge Bobcats

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the bases.

Ryan Bolton pulled the Bobcats to 8-2 when he single plated Johnston and Ackermann. Eli DeBusk drove in a run with a sacrifice fly before Trey Lyons

drove in a run with a bases-loaded walk and Miles Johnson had a two-run single before Karns recorded the final out to emerge victorious.

Beavers' coach Matt Hurley was pleased to see his team reverse its fortunes for one night.

"I tell you, we haven't

had a lot of luck this year," Hurley said. "We've gone through a lot and tonight, I'm proud of our guys for the way they competed for all that we've been through."

The Beavers had to hang on but they started fast.

After the two teams played two scoreless innings out of the gate, Karns took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third when Tyler Millsaps had a sacrifice fly that plated Dylan Owens, who reached with a one-out double.

The Beavers came up with seven runs in the

fourth when they sent 13 batters to the plate.

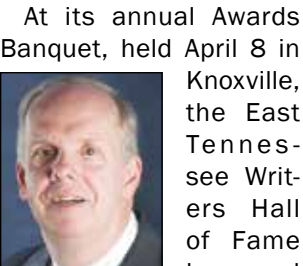
Karns designated hitter Timmy Harper had a two-run homer in the frame while Millsaps and Jackson Fielden each added RBI doubles.

Caleb Jarreau drove in a run with a bases-loaded walk while Clayton Haughtad knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly and Jamie Bell scored on a wild pitch.

In the second game of the series Wednesday night, the Bobcats salvaged a split at Karns with a 5-1 win.



# ‘What a Man Thinks When He Thinks He Is Going to Die’



By Tom Mattingly

journalist Marvin West with its “Lifetime Achievement Award” honoring his legendary professional career. He wouldn’t like being called a legend, but he is one.

West, 87, traces his sportswriting bona fides to his sophomore year at the University of Tennessee, where he was sports editor of the school newspaper, then called the Orange and White.

One of his claims to fame, other than making \$25 a week, came Sept. 25, 1954, in the press box at Crump Stadium in Memphis, where the Vols were in town to play Mississippi State. A Tennessee tailback wearing No. 45 ended up in the backfield and scored a touchdown. Media types wanted to know: “Who was that?”

No one else knew who he was, but Marvin did because he had a geology class with him back in Knoxville. His name was

John Terrill Majors, hailing from either Huntland or Lynchburg, each small town claiming him as one of their own. Career paths were thus launched... for John Majors and for Marvin West.

On graduating, Marvin went to work at the Knoxville News-Sentinel. His salary was \$55 weekly. He spent 30 years covering the sports scene, mainly at the University of Tennessee, before being named sports editor in 1980. He became managing editor in 1983.

In 1985, Scripps-Howard sent him to Washington, D.C. He directed coverage of six Olympics. He was present under the upper deck at Candlestick Park in San Francisco in an auxiliary press box during the 1989 World Series earthquake (Oct. 17, 1989, at 5:04 p.m.). That experience led to a column (“an unusual one,” he termed it) titled, “What a Man Thinks When He Thinks He Is Going to Die.”

He covered the Vols from coast to coast, from sea to shining sea. He was in Starkville, Miss., in March 1967, when the Vols won the SEC basketball title with a three-over-time win that tested everybody’s patience and Vol center Tom Boerwinkle’s

endurance. Boerwinkle played 55 minutes that night, defying the critics who challenged his physical abilities. Marvin ended up being thrown in the shower (in his suit, minus watch and wallet) by the celebrating Volunteers and wore a Tennessee warmup suit on the flight home.

He greeted Doug Dickey on his arrival in Knoxville on an early December Monday morning in 1963, capturing the event with his Rolleicord camera. The picture made it into that afternoon’s edition, thus providing the Sentinel’s readership with the first shot of Dickey in Knoxville. He also covered Dickey’s final game at Tennessee in the 1969 Gator Bowl and his departure a few days later to Gainesville, Fla.

He covered the “Bernie and Ernie Show” in the mid-1970s when all eyes were on Stokely Center and attuned to Marvin’s incisive coverage.

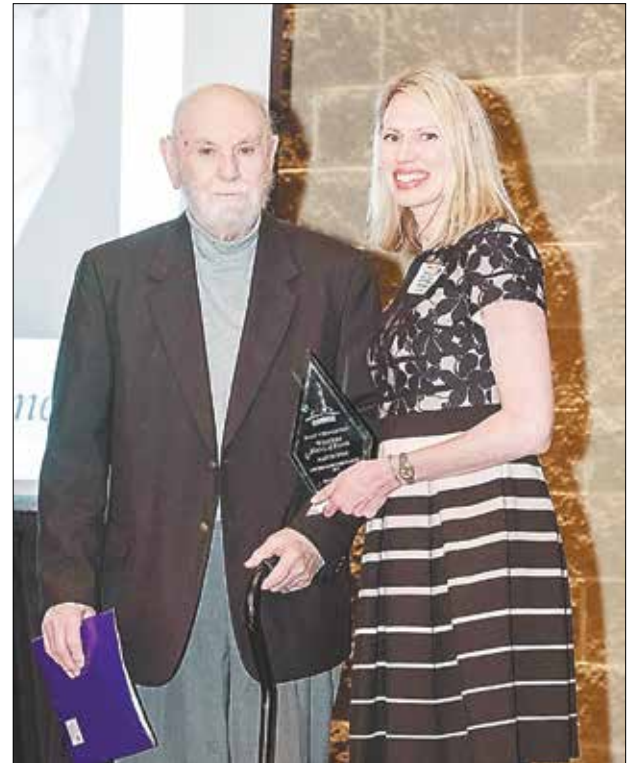
When the Vols were scrimmaging at Neyland Stadium one Saturday afternoon, a News-Sentinel photographer was stationed on the west sideline chronicling the action. The play went in her direction, and she (and her camera) ended up under a host of orange and white jerseys.

Marvin surveyed the scene carefully and offered this observation: “I wonder how the camera is?”

He wrote “Tales of the Tennessee Vols, Volunteer Legends, Landmarks, Laughs, and Lies.” In it, he recounted the 1960s race held somewhere in the Coker Creek community in Monroe County. The event featured three races between Vol wide receiver Richmond Flowers and a local horse, a contest promoted by Vol quarterback Dewey Warren. Richmond won two of the three races. Dewey made a bundle handing the wagering.

He also penned “Legends of the Tennessee Vols,” highlighting 26 former players who helped define the history of Tennessee football, “Thank you, Lord,” a history of Powell’s Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and “Spizerinctum: The Ray Busard Story,” a biography of Tennessee’s longtime men’s swim coach.

Marvin has also written uncouncted newspaper and magazine features and columns. He recalls penning numerous missives on winter Sundays during basketball trips when the Vols played on Saturday and Monday, and Marvin had all kinds of time to kill



Marvin West receives his East Tennessee Writers Hall of Fame “Lifetime Achievement Award” from Meredith James, Due Diligence Coordinator, LHP Capital. John Becker photo.

on Sunday afternoon.

Today, he writes for the website KnoxvilleToday.

Marvin is a member of the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame and an honorary member of the University of Tennessee Lettermen’s T-Club. He was the first journalist from Tennessee inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writers Hall of Fame.

He and his wife, Sarah,

have a home in Maynardville and four children and eight grandchildren.

His career as a journalist speaks for itself. It’s been quite a lifetime, one filled with great achievement. That’s why this award honors “Lifetime Achievement.” He’s an amazing man, who has been a significant mentor over the years.

## Rivalry Week

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Miguel, Aaron and Geaisland scored for the Bobcats against the Rebels, who coach Chris Quinn said is one of the best teams in the state.

“Maryville is a good team,” Quinn said. “They’re well-coached. (Coach) Nick (Bradford) is a good friend of mine.

“They know what they do and they do what they’ve been taught. They’re fast. They’re big and they are violent.”

Central suffered its only loss of the tournament when it fell 3-1 to Hardin Valley Academy.

“We were tired from top to bottom, coaches included,” Quinn said. “Hardin Valley, if they can’t get the ball over you, they’ll move it around you.”

The Bobcats closed tournament play with a 3-1 victory over Gallatin, Central’s first-ever win over the Green Wave.

Halls splits a pair: The Red Devils opened the week with a 1-0 victory over North Knox County rival Gibbs in Corryton with the Red Devils’ Chase Burnett tallying the lone goal of the match, a District 4-2A game.

On Thursday, Halls

dropped a 4-1 decision to defending Class A State Champion Austin-East.

Masudi Nyembo scored twice to lead the Roadrunners. The Red Devils scored on a penalty kick by Jacob Eubanks.

Gibbs, meanwhile, bounced back with a 3-1 victory over Fulton Thursday night.

Bearden freshman goalkeeper shines in first career start: Bearden High School freshman netminder Logan Nelson made his first career start as the Bulldogs (6-1-2 overall, 2-0 in District 4-3A) in their annual showdown with rival Farragut at Turner-Allender field Thursday night.

Nelson made two saves en route to posting a clean sheet in Bearden’s 3-0 win over the Admirals (4-5-1, 1-1).

Tyler Nordin, Dylan Kolnick and Ethan Ford each scored for the Bulldogs. Ford also had an assist on Nordin’s marker.

Farragut opened the week with a 3-0 district win over William Blount.

In another rivalry match, Seymour earned a 2-1 victory over South-Doyle Thursday at Billy K. Nicely Stadium.

By Mark Nagi

I don’t believe in jinxes. I really don’t.

So, believe me when I say that right now Tennessee’s athletics program is in great shape... and that the good times are going to keep on rolling.

For many years, instability dominated that university and athletic department and the results on the playing fields and courts were a proper representation of that fact.

Pretty much from the moment Lane Kiffin arrived on the UT campus in November 2009, Tennessee sports have mostly been a dumpster fire.

Yes, there have been moments when you thought the turnaround was finally happening.

The Lady Vols basketball team won four out of five SEC tournament titles between 2010 and 2014... but haven’t been to the Final Four since 2008.

Tennessee’s football team won 9 games in 2015 and again in 2016... but couldn’t win the East. Coaching turnover was constant.

The Vols basketball team won the SEC’s regular season title in 2018...

but couldn’t advance past the second round in the NCAA tournament.

The baseball program was a mess. The non-revenue sports rarely won anything or note.

It was the worst of times.

But lately, the sun has been shining on Tennessee in the sports their fans care the most about.

Let’s start with the Lady Vols basketball team. It’s taken a little time, but Kellie Jolly-Harper has gotten UT back to respectability. They experienced devastating injuries throughout the season but still advanced to the Sweet 16. With tons of returning talent, as well as the incoming transfer of former Mississippi State standout Rickea Jackson, the Lady Vols will be a conference and national championship favorite next season.

As for the Vols basketball team, head coach Rick Barnes has the program cooking. Yes, they continue to come up short in the NCAA tournament, but they are coming off a

season in which they won the SEC title for the first time since 1979. Recruiting continues to go well. They went 16-0 at home, and tickets are a hot commodity at Thompson-Boling Arena.

The football program is what drives the engine of most any athletics department, and Tennessee finally looks like they are heading in the right direction. Josh Heupel’s team features an exciting, up-tempo style of play. It’s the polar opposite of the plodding, boring style that was a staple of the Jeremy Pruitt era. Winning in the SEC is tough, but Heupel has the Vols closer to the top of the SEC East than they’ve been in years.

They also got their quarterback of the future when 5-star Nicholas Iamaleava verbally committed to Tennessee back in March. Iamaleava is so pumped to be at UT that he recently traveled from California to play in a 7-on-7 tournament at Farragut High School. Don’t be surprised to see the Class of 2023

to be one of the top 10 in the nation.

And then there’s baseball. The Vols made it to the College World Series in 2021 and at press time was ranked number one in the nation. Tony Vitello commands a talented and brash group that has become college baseball’s villains. But no one likes the team that is stomping their feet.

You’d rather be hated and winning than loved and losing. And that’s the 2022 Volunteers.

Athletics Director Danny White has been on the job for a little over a year and the results have been overwhelmingly positive. Women’s soccer won the SEC tournament and women’s swimming and diving brought home conference honors as well. Men’s tennis is a national title contender again.

I know that Tennessee fans are conditioned to expect the worst. But I’ll just say this.

Don’t.

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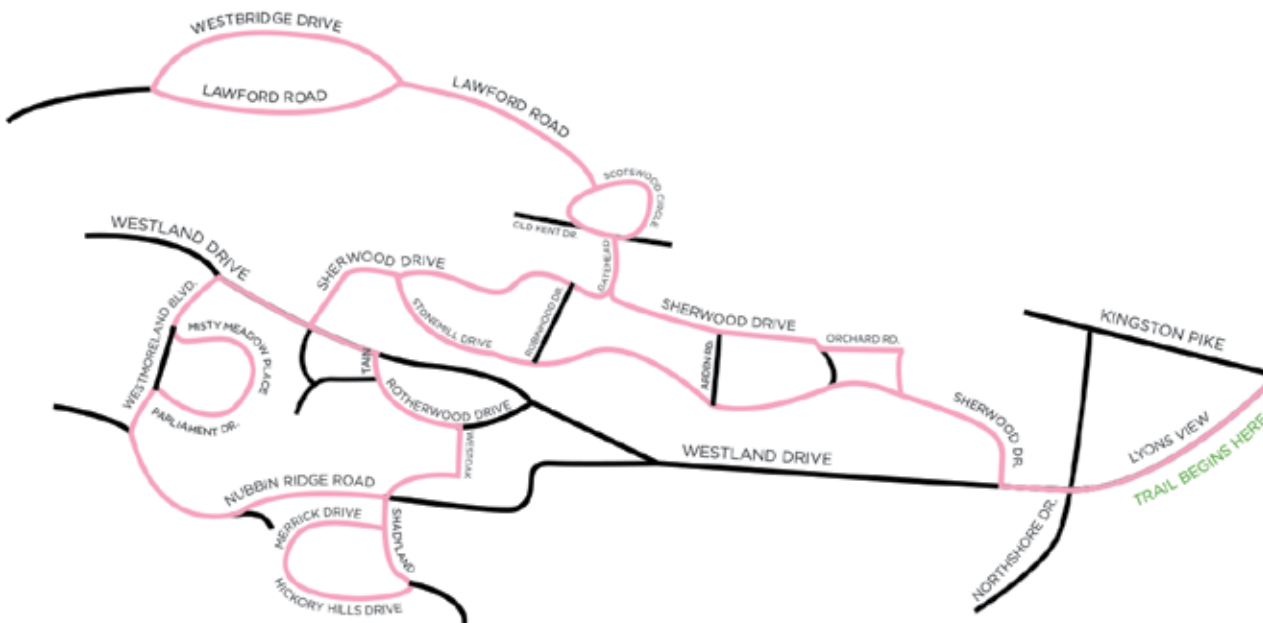
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## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: DAVID L. HICKS**  
**IN RE: MONTROSE COURT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION VS. DAVID L. HICKS**  
**NO. 201420-2**  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant David L. Hicks 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 David L. Hicks, it is order ed that said defendant David L. Hicks file an answer with the Clerk and Master in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 18th day of March 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**ALMA JOSEPHINE NEAL, Petitioner,**  
**And**  
**MARSHALL TRAVIS NEAL, Petitioner,**  
**v.**  
**HANNAH CARROLL, Respondent/Mother,**  
**And**  
**WILLIAM STANTON, Respondent/Father**  
**Case No. 21-9-224**  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
Jerakius Maliki Carroll d.o.b. (01/17/2021)  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter came to be heard by this Honorable Court on this the 6th day of May, 2022. Upon Counsel's MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION this Honorable Court finds as follows:

- That the current whereabouts of the Respondent, William Stanton, are unknown.
- That the Petitioner, Alma Neal, has made diligent efforts to locate the Respondent, William Stanton.
- That pursuant to T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204 that proper service on the Respondent, William Stanton, will be satisfied through Service by Publication.
- That The Knoxville Focus is a regularly published and distributed newspaper in Knoxville, Tennessee, which is the most proximate location of the Respondent, William Stanton's, last known location.
- That The Knoxville Focus, IS the proper media forums for Service by Publication.
- That Service by Publication through The Knoxville Focus, for four (4) consecutive weeks, satisfies all of the Service requirements set forth by T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

- That the Respondent, William Stanton, shall be served with proper notice by Publication through The Knoxville Focus.
  - That notice shall run one (1) time per week for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, ending no later than six (6) days prior to the Hearing as set forth in this Order, thereby satisfying the Service requirements set forth by T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.
  - That if Respondent, William Stanton, does not file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Sevier County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Mikaela M. Smith, whose address is 8 Emory Place, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice that a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor, Telford E. Forgety, at the Sevier County Chancery Court, located at 125 Court Avenue, Suite 108W, Sevierville, Tennessee 37862, that action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondent, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Alma Neal and Marshall Neal.
  - That Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Alma Neal and Marshall Neal, will result in the termination of the Respondent, William Stanton's, parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, JERAKIUS MALIKI CARROLL, in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and for Adoption.
- This February 22, 2022.

Telford E. Forgety, Jr.  
CHANCELLOR  
By: Carolyn P. McMahan  
CLERK AND MASTER

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: ZINA KENNEDY**  
**IN RE: JOHN F. KENNEDY VS ZINA KENNEDY**  
**NO. 204107-1**  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Zina Kennedy 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 Zina Kennedy, it is ordered that said defendant Zina Kennedy file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson an, Attorneys whose address is P.O. Box 70586, Knoxville, TN 37938 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 John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: JESSE REID**  
**IN RE: TANYA GRAYES VS JESSE REID**  
**NO. 204017-1**  
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Jesse Reid 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 Jesse Reid, it is ordered that said defendant Jesse Reid file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Timothy Chambers an , Attorneys whose address is 800 S. Gay St. Ste. 700 , Knoxville, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 14th day of April, 2022

Howard G. Hogan  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CLAUDE EVERETT ARNWINE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 86006-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLAUDE EVERETT ARNWINE who died Jan 17, 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 6 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF CLAUDE EVERETT ARNWINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAMELA ELIZABETH HAMBY; EXECUTRIX  
5838 TAZEVELL PIKE  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONA CARLENE CLAUS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85999-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONA CARLENE CLAUS who died Jan 25, 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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This the 5 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF RONA CARLENE CLAUS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RICHARD I ZIV; EXECUTOR  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF FLOSSIE A COWELL**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85991-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FLOSSIE A COWELL who died Dec 9, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 4 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF FLOSSIE A COWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NORMAN F COWELL; EXECUTOR  
143 WEATHERBY LANE  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARIE FAYE ELBELL**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85981-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARIE FAYE ELBELL who died Jan 31, 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 31 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARIE FAYE ELBELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHARLES RICHARD THORNHILL; EXECUTOR  
1411 CALLIE OGLESBY LANE  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF THOMAS LEE FERRELL**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 86008-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS LEE FERRELL who died Oct 18, 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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This the 6 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF THOMAS LEE FERRELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRENDA Y FERRELL; EXECUTRIX  
1100 HICKORY TRAIL  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

BROOKE GIVENS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
110 COGDILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY C FRALEY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85947-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY C FRALEY who died Jan 9, 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 31 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARY C FRALEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BONNIE JOHNSON; EXECUTRIX  
1548 STAFFWOOD RD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF AARON CRAIG GIBSON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 86000-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of APRIL 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of AARON CRAIG GIBSON who died Nov 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:

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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 5 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF AARON CRAIG GIBSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHELLY DAWN GIBSON; ADMINISTRATRIX  
665 MANOR VIEW DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF L G JUSTUS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85700-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of L G JUSTUS who died Jan 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 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 31 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF L G JUSTUS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHRISTOPHER R. WAMSLEY; EXECUTOR  
4438 E CENTERVILLE RD.  
SPRING VALLEY, CA 45370

JULIE D EISENHOWER ATTORNEY  
217 S PETERS RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RITA ANN KAMPER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85628-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RITA ANN KAMPER who died Apr 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 31 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF RITA ANN KAMPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CATHY BAILEY; CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
922 OLD WOODWAY ROAD  
DRYDEN, VA 24243

WILLIAM D MYERS; CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
291 SETTERS POINT  
DRYDEN, VA 24243

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARTHA MOLLIE KERBO**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85987-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTHA MOLLIE KERBO who died Feb 16, 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 1 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF MARTHA MOLLIE KERBO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STANLEY LOYD KERBO; EXECUTOR  
310 PEGGY DRIVE  
CEDAR HILL, TN 37032

GAIL F WORTLEY ATTORNEY  
3715 POWERS STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TODD EDWARD KLEPPER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 86001-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of APRIL 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TODD EDWARD KLEPPER who died

Nov 5, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 5 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF TODD EDWARD KLEPPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
EDWARD JAMES MCGIMSEY;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
11824 MIDHURST DRIVE  
FARRAGUT, TN. 37934

JULIE D EISENHOWER ATTORNEY AT LAW  
217 S PETERS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES JIA-NAN LIU**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85990-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES JIA-NAN LIU who died Oct 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 4 day of APRIL, 2022.

ESTATE OF JAMES JIA-NAN LIU

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOSEPH LIU; EXECUTOR  
3541 CHARTER OAK WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

BRENT WATSON ATTORNEY AT LAW  
800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2001  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN E MCMURRY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 85950-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of APRIL 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN E MCMURRY who died Feb 18, 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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(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

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