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Thunder Mountain development approved after long debate

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A zoning change for two adjoining pieces of property in South Knoxville was approved in a split 8-3 vote following a change in the request at the regular meeting of the Knox County Commission.

The motion to authorize Thunder Mountain Properties LLC to build 250 plus homes along Sevierville Pike came from Commissioner John Schoonmaker. He moved to approve to permit 180 homes on a level 64 acres and, when platted, 77 units to be built on a hilly back portion involving 95 acres.

Local residents of the Dry Hollow area turned out in force to oppose the development and many spoke against the development, led by their attorney Daniel Sanders. Sanders said in his opinion the commission could not place conditions on a development which is the duty of the planning commission.

Schoonmaker's motion included no "clustering" of houses on the level 64 acres.


Sanders and the citizens who spoke urged the commission to either deny the change or send the request back to the planning commission.

That came after Commissioner Terry Hill offered a substitute motion that would have restricted the 64 acres to 2.5 houses, or 160 dwellings. That motion failed in a 5-6 vote.

Schoonmaker voted for his motion as did Commissioners Charles Busler, Rickie Beeler, Carson Dailey, Larsen Jay, Randy Smith, Kyle Ward and Hill. Voting "No" were Commissioners Justin Biggs, Dasha Lundy and Courtney Durrett.

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Attorney Daniel Sanders called on Dry Hollow residents to show their opposition to a large development planned for Sevierville Pike. The development was approved by Knox County Commission after some changes, including no "clustering" of houses on the lower, or level, portion of the property.



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUCHIN

The skies are overcast, but it doesn't appear to be raining as Ethan Fulford of Christian Academy of Knoxville takes his turn in the pole vault event at the TSSAA Division II-A track and field meet May 25. Spring Fling XXIX had plenty of weather delays last week as student-athletes from across the state competed in the spring sports' championships. Fulford cleared 13 feet to take second place. Please see stories and pictures of the Spring Fling in Sports and Recreation, Section C.

Several zoning requests on city council agenda

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With Knoxville's budget adopted, the Knoxville City Council's agenda for Tuesday returns to a normal hodge-podge of resolutions dealing with everything from zoning requests to getting ready for the 4th of July celebration.

The late Jack Sharp will be honored during the council meeting.

One zoning change request that has drawn some interest is for an Inskip apartment development across from the Inskip Park and Pool. While the local neighborhood association opposes the potential 120 apartments, unanimous approval by the planning commission probably indicates a city council approval. Local Councilman Charles Thomas may offer a lesser zoning than the RN-5 the developer is seeking and may push for a connecting sidewalk down Bruhin Road to connect with Dutch Valley Road.

Also on the agenda is a zoning change request from Knoxville College for property to change zones from Industrial to RN-2, single-family residential. If approved, 72 student housing apartments and office

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Two Century Farms recognized in Knox County

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Two historic farms in Knox County were recognized by the Knox County Commission last week after being recognized as Tennessee Century Farms. Thirteen of the 2,100 Tennessee Century Farms are located in Knox County.

The Yarnell Family Farm dates back to 1898 and has remained in the founding family's hands for more than 100 years. Commissioner Terry Hill honored Kay Yarnell and her family for four generations for their ownership and care of the farm. Pellissippi State now stands on some of the original farmland.

Ms. Yarnell said members of her family still live in the original home in Hardin Valley.

Murphy Springs Farm, a 225-year-old family farm in North Knox County, was recognized by Commissioner Richie Beeler and owner Kevin Murphy spoke briefly to the commission. The founder moved from Virginia and eventually owned 200 acres. The 1840 farmhouse still stands.

Neil Denton with the UT Extension in Knox County referred to the two farms as "folks who helped build our county." He said the Yarnell and Murphy Springs Farms reflect a long family tradition and a vital operation in the county.

The Tennessee Century Farms Program, created in 1975 by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture as part of our nation's bicentennial celebration, recognizes and documents Tennessee's agricultural heritage. Since 1985, the Center for Historic Preservation has administered this statewide and ongoing program which now includes over 2,100 certified farms. The information collected is used to interpret the agrarian history and culture of the state and has supported a traveling exhibit and county displays, local museum exhibits, books and articles, brochures and booklets, and websites.

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A dream that came true

From a distance



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In my Focus column of May 9, I wrote about the wide variety of jobs I had, both full and part-time, while I was a student at Holston, U.T. and George Washington University. I think every job, even when I was a bat-boy for the Knoxville Smokies, helped me relate better to people from all walks of life. This

became even more true during my 16 years as a lawyer and judge. Then, because I loved and respected my father so much, I guess both consciously and subconsciously, I wanted to be as much like him as possible. Thus, it was a dream come true for me when I was elected to succeed him as Congressman for the Second District of Tennessee. This was not a dream that developed in me early in life. In fact, my first visit to Washington was on the safety patrol trip at the end of my sixth-grade year at Chilhowee School in East Knoxville. If someone had told me then that I would end up

back in Washington someday, I would have thought they had lost their mind. People say politics can get in your blood, and the dream or desire to someday serve in Congress developed very slowly in me. I saw how kind Daddy was to everyone, even those on the other side of the political fence. I heard several hundred tell him he was the only Republican they ever voted for. I saw how hard he tried to help people, in big and little ways, but always in ways important to them, and how often he succeeded in helping them. Daddy grew up as one of ten children on a subsistence farm in Scott County.

He hitchhiked into Knoxville with \$5.00 in his pocket to attend U.T. Twenty years later, he was elected as Mayor and six years after that to Congress. I don't believe any son could be more proud of his dad than I was of mine. There is a disease in politics that affects many people who are elected to office. They almost immediately start wanting the next higher office. This seemed to me to be especially true of the ambitious men and women elected to the U.S. House. They were thrilled to be there at first, but almost all really wanted to be Senator or Governor. Our friend, Sen. Howard Baker, tried at different

times to get both my father and me to run for the Senate. Both of us got much encouragement from many others to run for Governor and Senator. But both my father and I were very grateful for the privilege of serving as the Congressman from this District. I never served under the famous Speaker Tip O'Neill, but my dad did. I once told Speaker O'Neill a story that he included in his book All Politics Is Local. He started that story by saying "Jimmy Duncan is a good man even if he is a Republican." But he wrote an inscription which said, "Jim, your dad was one great guy. Hope you are half the man." As a young lawyer, Daddy

headed a group that bought the baseball team in Montgomery and brought minor league baseball back to Knoxville. He became president of that team. In 1959, Johnny Pesky, the Boston Red Sox great, was the Smokies manager. I was the unpaid batboy. I have an unusual color photo on my credenza of Johnny Pesky standing at the Pesky Pole in Fenway Park. He signed that photo; "To Jimmy, my old batboy at Knoxville – My Best – Your Pal, Johnny Pesky." At the bottom, he wrote: "I loved your dad, Jim. One Great Guy!!"

Biden's inflation is the Fed's Inflation

Inflation is a rise in the general level of prices. This means that much of the conversation about the cause of the current inflation is confusing at best and essentially wrong. The administration has blamed Putin's Ukrainian venture, Covid and supply chain bottlenecks as inflations' primary cause. After first saying that the inflation was transitory, it didn't take long for the administration to pivot and start pointing fingers at others. Yet Biden has ignored the real culprit – the Federal Reserve. Yes, there was inflation prior to Biden taking office but that inflation was indeed "transitory". Trump oversaw a massive increase in spending that was Covid-related but that impact on prices was winding down when Biden took office. Nevertheless, Biden and the democrats pushed thorough a totally unnecessary \$1.9 trillion Covid "relief" bill that was a



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handout to their supporters and contained only about 9% slated to Covid "relief". From day one, Biden stoked the inflationary fires by declaring war on the fossil fuel industry. His well-documented actions of canceling leases on federal lands, blocking pipelines, discouraging financing of investments in fossil fuels drove up the price of energy. This created a shortage of supply and drove up energy prices. Government policies to "fight" Covid led to supply chain problems as ships await unloading primarily at California docks. This too has led to an increase in prices. Thus, when one looks at the causes of the inflation, it is easy to blame supply shortages. However, the great Milton Friedman said that in every instance inflation is a monetary phenomenon. That is, inflation cannot occur in the absence of an increase in the money supply. Think of

inflation as being the measure of the total air in a balloon and the money supply being the air. If prices increased without adding more air, then it is like one squeezing on the balloon. Prices would go up in one sector but must go down in others. But the total air in the balloon is the same only its being redistributed. Hence, no change in the general level of prices and no change in inflation. Thus, a decrease in supply of some goods would lead to higher prices for those goods but consumers would then demand less of other goods. The only way to get more inflation is through an increase in the money supply. That is, pump more air into the balloon. The blame for inflation lies squarely on the Federal Reserve. Over the past two years, the Fed has increased the money supply by 40 percent. M2 has increased from \$15.5 trillion in 2020 to over \$22 trillion today. In doing so the Fed has added to its balance sheet by purchasing over \$5 trillion

in mortgage backed and Treasury securities. The Fed is staffed by a bunch of smart people who know the consequences of their actions. They know fully well that this dramatic runup in the money supply causes inflation and they know that it is not "transitory". So why do it? First, the initial runup was deemed necessary to keep the economy from falling into a deep recession due to Covid. However, post-Covid the Fed has continued its easy money policy. In large part it is because its chairman Jerome Powell wanted to get Biden to nominate him for a second term. Since Powell was nominated by Trump and that Biden was hell-bent on erasing all signs of Trump from the first day he came into office, Powell was not going to counter Biden's policies. Instead, he provided the fuel to finance all the unnecessary spending undertaken by the administration. The Fed knew that its actions was inflationary but went ahead anyway. The Fed's governors and most of its reserve bank presidents usually concentrate on interest rates and not on monetary aggregates like the money supply. Friedman and monetary economists warn that such a concentration invariably leads to inflation as the money supply grows unchecked. And it did.

Since Fed actions impact the economy with a lag of 12-36 months, look for a longer term inflation. Also hopes for a soft landing are just that – hopes. More than likely, interest rate fixation rather than concentrating on money growth will lead to a recession. Let's hope that the Fed doesn't try to overcorrect because the last time it did so, it caused a longer economic slump. Leaving the market to self-correct without Fed interference should cause a shorter term recession, but I am not holding my breath.



Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Bradshaw was recognized by Knox County Commission last week for being named a Global Medical Response Star of Life at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., earlier this month. Commissioner Carson Dailey read the proclamation last week during the commission meeting. Bradshaw and his team at Rural Metro Fire Department responded to a horrible car crash last year and he rescued the badly injured high school student, saving her life and saving her leg.

Several zoning requests on city council agenda

Cont. from page 1 space would be built on 11 acres. Safety City at 165 South Concord Road may be rezoned from Parks and Open Space to Institutional leaving special purpose land use unchanged. DKLEVY PLLC is asking for a zoning change for property on South Northshore Drive from Office to RN-6 Multi-Family Residential and there is a request to rezone property at 945 and 0 Dameron Avenue from Single Family Residential to General Residential. Tennessee Auto Salvage and Recycling is asking to change 4912 Rutledge Pike from General Industrial to Heavy Industrial.

One resolution before the council involves hiring an events company to provide video and sound for the 4th of July event and an agreement with another company to also provide staging and lighting for the event. A property purchase may be approved for 10 tracts of land as part of the Northwest Greenway Corridor, Phase II. The \$270,000 would purchase

property for permanent drainage easements and temporary construction easements on the 10 tracts. The council may also approve a contract for the Amherst Road Slope Stabilization Project, increasing the original contract to just over \$1.1 million. The city's creek cleanup efforts may allot \$200,000 for clean-up and maintenance. The mayor may be approved to apply for \$702,031 in state and federal funding for the Knoxville Area Transit block grants with a city match of \$174,508. Another application is on the agenda to seek state funding for an additional year with the state Office of Criminal Justice Programs. A grant from the East Tennessee Foundation of \$40,250 may be accepted for a climate assessment of the Knoxville Police Department. The Public Service Department is asking for an agreement with Taylor's Lawn Service to provide mowing and turf maintenance for Lakeshore Park for \$96,000.



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Publisher's Positions



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Missing the Message

It seems to be a weekly feature that the mayoral campaign of Debbie Helsley is continually issuing press releases bragging about little or nothing having anything to do with county government. The candidate herself seems to be missing, but Democrat operatives sending out those press releases are certainly having a lot of fun. The latest hopes to rally local Democrats by reminding them Glenn Jacobs was elected mayor of Knox County by 23 votes. Jack Vaughn tells us in Helsley's latest screed the Democrats can "close the gap" this August. Really? What Jackie fails to point out is Jacobs won a hotly contested three-man race by 23 votes inside the Republican

primary. Glenn Jacobs rolled over Linda Haney in the general election like a football contest between the Vols and Edna's Cooking School. Jacobs beat the stuffing out of Haney in the general election. Just like the national Democrats, local Democrats talk about everything but the economy and the inflation which is eating up the savings of working families daily.

Taking Money From Schools?

Indya Kincannon, mayor of the City of Knoxville, and Lynne Fugate, city council member, both began their political careers as members of the Knox County Board of Education. Both thought then-superintendent Jim McIntyre could do no wrong. Both were cheerleaders for McIntyre and both claimed to be strong supporters of the school system. That was then and this is now, apparently. Both Fugate and Kincannon seem to subscribe to an idea of reducing the amount of sales tax the City of Knoxville turns over to the schools. Fugate pointed out if they reduced the amount from 72 cents of every sales tax dollar collected to 50 cents, the city would

have \$38 million more in its budget to spend. Although several members of the city council have bragged about how superbly well managed the City government has been, financially speaking, that was before it was common knowledge the city was spending more than it was taking in. Keep in mind the City of Knoxville essentially provides just three services and one of them, picking up garbage, is contracted out. The other two services are providing police and fire protection. The City of Knoxville went out of the school business during the 1980s. The health department, the school system, and virtually every other service provided by local government is delivered by Knox County, not the City of Knoxville. And how exactly did the City of Knoxville go to the far reaches of the county and cherry-pick every lucrative sales-tax producing area in the county? Why, by annexing it of course. Knox County taxpayers have made up the differences for decades since then-Mayor Victor Ashe began an aggressive campaign of taking county property to keep the city solvent. Now, both Lynne Fugate and Indya Kincannon seem poised to try to short the school system by another

\$38 million to pay for more social welfare programs. Those two staunch defenders of Jim McIntyre who claimed to stand up for the children have changed their tune. It was Jim McIntyre who proposed to contract out the jobs of school custodians to big companies who would likely not provide many, if any, benefits for its workers. The Focus hated the idea then and hates it now, but Lynne Fugate voted to do exactly that. Kincannon voted against, but there are those board members who served with her at the time who will say she did so only very reluctantly. For their part, the city council members and Kincannon hope jerking \$38 million dollars from the school budget will force the County government to raise taxes to make up the difference. Unlike Kincannon and the council, Mayor Glenn Jacobs and the Knox County Commission aren't spending more than they are taking in from the taxpayers. It was Kincannon who abruptly pulled Knoxville Police Department officers from school campuses inside the city limits before the outcry forced her to reverse herself. There have been terrible reminders since of just how important

that security is to local communities. No parent or grandparent should have to worry about sending their children and grandchildren off to school and wonder if the children will be coming home. Not one member of the city council opened his or her mouth in protest. In fact, the only public official who spoke out against the idea of removing the KPD officers from schools inside the City of Knoxville was County Commissioner Larsen Jay. Neither Indya Kincannon nor Lynne Fugate will lack for opposition in next year's city elections. The idea of taking away money from the school system, which operates every school inside the city limits, to spend on more social welfare programs, may not be popular with the voters. Kincannon and Fugate and their allies aren't just robbing Peter to pay Paul; they are proposing to rip off you and your kids. Voter Suppression? Not Hardly Remember how much time the mainstream media and Democrats have been caterwauling about "voter suppression", especially in Georgia with the new election laws in place? That legislation was the Election

Integrity Act of 2021 and according to Democrats, would lead to widespread voter suppression. The actual truth is the turnout in last week's primary election was massive. In 2018, around 1.2 million people voted in the midterm elections; this year 1.9 million voters cast ballots in unofficial returns. The Georgia Secretary of State's office has reported that 102,056 more Blacks voted during early voting in the recent primary election than had voted in 2018. That is three times higher than the number of Blacks who voted early during the 2018 midterms. The mainstream media promoted the fiction the Election Integrity Act would have a chilling effect on voting by minorities, which has clearly been proven to be untrue. Major corporations like Coca-Cola and Major League Baseball raised a ruckus about the bill who called the bill suppressive. The bill tightened the law with respect to voter IDs for absentee ballots as well as reallocating the distribution of ballot boxes on the basis of voter registration data. The bill also called for more security around the ballot boxes. Yet another lie from the Left.

Letter to the Publisher

There is bad news. Because of the approval of the former Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farm, I say former because last week in the Planning Commission, the Biddle Farm developer said it will probably not be called that, traffic is about to get much worse on Concord Road. State traffic numbers show traffic is already up 12.9% on Concord Road. People are getting off I-40 at Lovell Road and going down Kingston Pike to turn left on Concord Road rather than exit I-40 at Campbell Station Road to go to Concord Road. Could they be dodging the thousands of dump trucks for the Biddle Farm construction and not wanting to wait for the long wait for the traffic lights at Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike? It will get much much worse when the Biddle Farm apartments are full. Pretty unbelievable isn't it about the name change? After all the pain and objections from residents, the Albartross Farragut Town Center will not be called the Farragut Town Center. The developer did not say why. Also on the chopping block is the grand entrance that the developer promised. The developer wants to cut costs. The bait and switch continue. You can watch the developer break the news to the planning commission here: <https://youtu.be/Ak4OEAMOGgl> What caused this? Was it a comment from a paid consultant who criticized

the entire idea of the Biddle Farm town center and whatever it will be called later? Is it because it never was a town center? Do the mayor and aldermen now want a town center on Eddy Ford's land? The traffic study for the Biddle Farm apartments said drastic steps had to be taken to keep the Kingston Pike Campbell Station Road intersection at a passing grade. Residents warned of the unintended traffic consequences and now they are here but there is new information that is even worse. In the Capital Improvement Plan a few weeks ago the Farragut Mayor and Aldermen funded two double left-hand turn lanes at this Kingston Pike Campbell Station Road intersection. Because Farragut Mayor Ron Williams and Vice Mayor Louise Povlin wanted new urban architecture they moved Starbucks and 35 North to the curb. Residents complained and questioned the wisdom. Now the pain of that poor planning will be apparent. With those buildings at the curb, how will the town find the room for these double left-hand turn lanes? These extra turn lanes will be done by reducing the existing lane width of the other road lanes at the Kingston Pike Campbell Station Road intersection. How is this possibly safe? How many people will use this route after they get the mirror slapped off their car?

Is the Biddle Farm project worth it? Who will go through this intersection once the traffic lanes are reduced in width? How do the Mayor and Aldermen think people will shop anywhere near this? It's simple math. Take two large trucks to the left and right of a typical SUV on reduced lane widths and what do you think will happen? All of this sacrifice for more shopping that people may avoid because there is no good way to get there. The traffic news gets worse. The Mayor and Aldermen are considering a traffic light at Loop Road and Concord Road. Is this the future of Farragut? Traffic lights every couple of blocks? Traffic lights at both ends of Jamestown Boulevard behind the Village Green Shopping Center? That is under consideration too. A new traffic light at Admiral Road next to the new strip mall? The top down management style of the mayor and aldermen has led to this. Committees are appointed by the mayor and populated with people who will do what the mayor wants. That is what is called dialog to consensus. This is how we got here. The question is how do we fix it? Early voting for the Farragut town election starts July 15th. You can have a new government if you vote. Please consider this while you are stuck in traffic and have time to think about it. Mike Mitchell, Farragut

Thunder Mountain development

Cont. from page 1 with a recommendation. Commissioner Larsen Jay said he preferred the planning commission to "kick the tires" on the idea and Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers told the meeting he has "some real questions" about the BZA's powers to review subdivisions development plans. "BZA is assumed to have powers they don't really have," Moyers said. Schoonmaker said asking for the planning commission to change the "Use on Review" process is trying to "solve a problem that doesn't exist." He was the sole "No" vote in sending the matter to the planners for recommendations. That "Use on Review" process for any zoning change was sent back to the planning commission earlier in the meeting. The resolution calls on planners to look at switching the powers from the BZA to the courts and report back to the commission discussion there were shouts from some local homeowners. Taylor Forrester, representing Thunder Mountain Properties, said the acres were ideal for such a development and cited water and sewer lines now being available to the area. The large acreage is located at 8802 Sevierville Pike and Dry Hollow Road. Commissioner Dailey supported the development and said the residents have a right to file an "Use on Review" appeal with the Board of Zoning Appeals to disagree with the development plans. Christus Victor Lutheran Church 4110 Central Avenue Pike Plenty of parking! Don't miss it!

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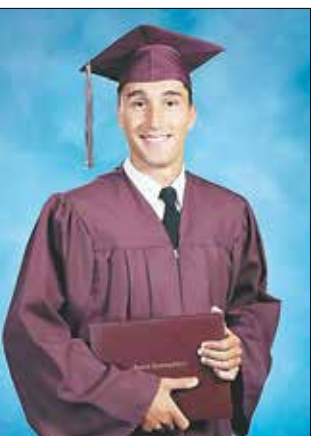


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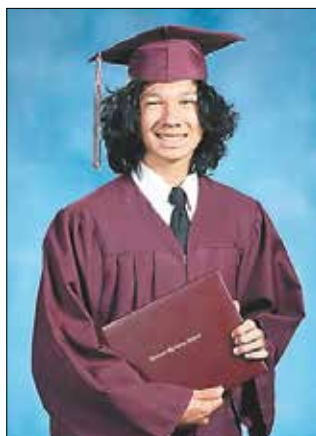
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When I have crost the bar.

—Alfred Lord Tennyson

You may find it strange, but I begin this Memorial Day essay reflecting on poetry, especially John Donne's. The 17th-century poet is perhaps best known for his Meditation XVII which begins, "No man is an island." As Donne lay on what he thought was his deathbed from the plague, he could hear church bells toll, announcing another's death. Miraculously, he recovered and penned that every man is "a part of the main" (whole) and "any man's death diminishes me."

Additionally, on this Memorial weekend I'm focusing on anchors, not of boats, but the anchors

of life. Beginning in 1868 veterans of the Civil War began celebrating Decoration Day in memory of those who fought in the Civil War. With the World Wars of the 20th century, memorial reflections were broadened, and in 1971 Congress standardized Memorial Day as the last Monday in May.

One of the things I've discovered in my retirement is that the days of the week seem less distinguishable. I once had a daily routine of patient appointments, hospital rounds and nights on-call. That structure is now gone. Fortunately, I have other anchors which include my loving wife and family, worship service on Sunday, small group gatherings of Christian friends on Tuesday and Wednesday, a Focus essay due each Friday and a Bible study on Saturday morning.

When I was a kid my second favorite day of the year (behind Christmas

morning) was the end of the school year. Academically, I was an underachiever until I went to college. I did above average, but there was always the illogical fear that I wouldn't do well enough and have to take a grade over. Apparently, my Knoxville grandchildren don't experience such fears because the younger ones achieved multiple awards at their grammar school, as did my older grandson who just graduated from high school. Last Wednesday we attended his West High School graduation and I was thrilled when we all pledged allegiance to the flag, and sang the national anthem. Those words continue to anchor me to my country.

As we struggle with the horrific events in Texas, many ask the question, "why?" Why does an 18-year-old shoot his grandmother and then go to an elementary school and kill children and teachers? Why does another young man kill people in a Buffalo bodega? Or for that matter, why do young men kill children at the Sandy Hook school or fellow students at Virginia Tech or Columbine?

Guns are powerful and potentially deadly tools, but they are not the problem. I have guns, but I am not a danger to anyone unless you break into my house. I am not a social scientist, but this doctor can connect

the dots. I believe the lack of anchors in these troubled murderers is the root cause. Increasing social isolation, violent video games, repudiation of the sacred, and many other factors including mental illness are significant. A normal person does not shoot others, except in perhaps war. And a simplistic approach of writing more laws or eliminating legal firearms will not fix the problem. The 1996 Port Arthur Massacre in Tasmania and the subsequent draconian gun control laws in Australia and its territories failed to get rid of firearms because by 2019 there were more guns in Australia than before.

I have often mentioned the work of the Christian apologist C. S. Lewis. The former atheist is perhaps best known for his Narnia series and Mere (simple) Christianity. He once said that "The Screwtape Letters" was his most difficult book to write. Screwtape was a major devil and in a series of letters to his nephew, the minor devil Wormwood, Screwtape gave advice on how to corrupt a man. Good writing must come from the heart, and Lewis had to get into the character of Screwtape's quintessential evil to write his book. When I read this fictional work, I wondered whether Lewis was describing a corruptible man, mental illness or

malevolent forces arrayed against humanity.

I lost my younger brother last week. Steve succumbed to an incurable illness that steadily diminished him over the last 10 years. Sometimes we use words like warrior or battle to describe someone's struggle against illness. Though these metaphors may be true in part, I believe a better descriptor of the struggle against such darkness is love.

Steve was a loving and gentle soul. Like all little brothers, he used to stick out from behind trees when we played hide and seek in the neighborhood. Nonetheless, he used to beat me playing chess and later had a classical music collection second only to Knoxville's WUOT. He loved to travel, cook, and fish and was a connoisseur of good company. As Hamlet once said, "He was a man, and we shall not see his likeness again."

As my good friend Jimmy Duncan said in his column last week, "love can expand" and knows no boundaries.

Since this essay is about the anchoring properties of love, I recommend you google John Donne's love poem, "A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning." The last three stanzas utilize the metaphor of a draftsman's compass to describe his beloved:

If they be two, they are

two so

As stiff twin compasses are two;

Thy soul, the fixed foot, makes no show

To move, but doth, if the other do.

And though it in the center sit,

Yet when the other far doth roam,

It leans and harkens after it,

And grows erect, as that comes home.

Such wilt thou to me, who must,

Like th' other foot, obliquely run;

Thy firmness makes my circle just,

And makes me end where I begun.

The poem was written to his wife as Donne departed on an extended trip for the king. Unfortunately, his beloved would die in childbirth prior to his return, but their love would persist. So it is with my brother Steve. His wife, two daughters and our family must endure his departure, but we remain bound by love which is not limited by space and time. And in due course the circle will be completed when we have all "crossed the bar" and are together again.

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Adrian Jay named to Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

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Knoxville's own Adrian MacLean Jay has been named the new Vice Regent for Tennessee by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. She is a co-founder of Random Acts of Flowers and a veteran of the news and entertainment industry who has worked as a reporter and anchor in Idaho and at WATE-TV in Knoxville.

She's the wife of Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay and co-owner of DoubleJay Creative, a production company



Adrian Jay speaks during a ceremony inducting her into the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. The very active woman was the co-founder of Random Acts of Flowers. The association owns and cares for President George Washington's home near Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of Larsen Jay.

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Groundbreaking ceremonies kick off Tennova expansions

A groundbreaking ceremony for Tennova North Knoxville Medical Center took place Tuesday to kick off a \$67.5 million construction project adding a new four-story patient tower and expanded healthcare services for Knox County. Representatives of the Tennova East Market were joined by elected officials, community leaders and other VIPs at the celebratory event.

The approximately 98,000 square foot patient tower at Tennova North Knoxville Medical Center will increase the

hospital's capacity to serve patients with the addition of 28 ICU beds, 28 adult acute beds, an expanded emergency department with observation, new meeting space and shell space at the top for future use. Tennova will also renovate and enhance spaces in the existing building including the pharmacy, laboratory, materials and facility support areas. Construction is expected to be complete in 2024.

Addressing a crowd of more than 100 guests, Tennova North Knoxville

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Taking the Jumping Bridge Loop

E a s t Tennessee is rich with large attractions known nationwide yet there are some almost hidden places that draw local citizens looking to have an unof-

official outing and family fun. Most of these places are fairly unknown outside the local rural communities.

For instance, there's the Jumping Bridge over the lake north of Washburn in Grainger County at 3021 Black Fox Road. There's an old abandoned bridge there and next to it is a newer concrete bridge. Some weekends during the summer local people,

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

including many teenagers, gather there to drop the 35 feet into the lake.

It's one of those places that many of us old-timers would call a "swimming hole" and it is

worth a Saturday drive to see the jumpers or an any day drive to see and photograph the bridge. To get there, the easiest way is to take Maynardville Highway to Walker Fork Road, right to Black Fox Road, Highway 61, and follow it to the bridge. Along the way, you will pass through the rural communities of Guzzie Hollow, Owl Pen Hollow and the Pennington community.



The Jumping Bridge above Norris Lake draws a crowd on a hot summer afternoon.

If you want you can return to Knoxville by way of the little communities of Liberty Hill, Washburn, Powder Springs, Tater Valley, Luttrell and Plainview.

If you take Emory Road toward Rutledge Pike you can drive by the Old Chapman Highway Drive-In Theater sign located

behind a home there. The sign was bought and preserved by the homeowner and now stands as an odd reminder of the former theater far away in South Knoxville.

A Day Away adventure is a nice break from work or school for the family. You'll find your own favorite places along such a drive.

Mabry-Hazen House Celebrates Juneteenth with Special Tours

Join Mabry-Hazen House on Saturday, June 18, 2022 for special tours to commemorate Juneteenth. Mabry-Hazen House will share stories, objects, and research related to the historic house museum, local enslaved communities, and their stories of emancipation. Visitors will learn about the lives of African-Americans connected to Mabry-Hazen House, their achievements and struggles, and the various ways they gained their freedom. From self-liberation to the 13th Amendment, "...And Then I Became Free: Stories of Emancipation at Mabry-Hazen House"

will explore the different methods enslaved people broke down the oppressive institution of American chattel slavery and fought to gain their personal liberty.

The museum will open from 10-3 and tours will offer three (10:30, 12:00, 1:30). Admission is free, but tours are limited to twenty-four (24) visitors per tour. These tours will also be conducted on Monday, August 8, 2022 in commemoration of Eighth of August. To reserve a tour, please visit www.mabryhazen.com/events/emancipationday or facebook.com/mabryhazen.



Picture of a floral scene, by Ralphine Major.

Prayers for Texas

The details are horrible; the images, heart-wrenching. How could this senseless tragedy happen again in our great land?

It is difficult to understand the evil that snuffed out 19 young lives and two teachers in an elementary school. This despicable act in a Texas town targeted the most vulnerable among us during two special times of the year for children--the end of school and the start of summer. How sad that these normally joyful times have been clouded with such heartbreak. Young lives will never again have the chance to play ball, celebrate Christmas, graduate from school, work on a job, or go to college. As reported in the news, perhaps a starting point to stop these massacres would be to use the billions



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of dollars set aside for Covid that has not yet been used at all. Columbine. Sandy Hook. Now, Uvalde. One report mentioned there have been 14 school shootings over the years since

Columbine. As flags fly at half-staff, remember the families who are grieving. Precious lives have been lost, so much promise stolen, and a Texas town is forever changed. May God comfort and strengthen those who have been affected by this tragedy.

Words of Faith: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14 (KJV).

Adrian Jay

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specializing in promotional media and features films.

Jay is also Trustee Emeriti of Union College, NY, a member of the Knoxville Symphony, a Pat Summitt Foundation member, and the mother of two sons.

The announcement was made locally at an invitation-only ceremony at the East Tennessee Historical Center Tuesday.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association was the first national preservation organization and the oldest women's patriotic society in the nation. It pioneered the preservation of the historic presidential home. In 1853 Ann Pamela Cunningham founded the association and by 1858 raised enough funds to purchase the Mount Vernon mansion and two hundred acres.

Many people see being an attorney as a very solemn and serious profession. People have seen Law & Order and those lawyers on there are rarely smiling, not to mention that ominous music playing in the background.

No question, lawyers handle crisis-level situations that people are facing that can even have life and death ramifications. That can weigh heavy on lawyers who carry around, not only their own problems, but their clients problems as well.

Thankfully, there can be humor found in the legal profession occasionally. I happened across the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page for Jefferson County, TN, Juvenile Court one day and the questions gave me



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a good chuckle because I know the questions have been asked by multiple people or they would not even be listed on the FAQs page. Before we dive in to the questions, let me say that every single question was

answered with a respectful and professional response.

Court clerks are always put in a tough position, because no matter how often they tell people they cannot give legal advice (because they are not attorneys), people just WILL NOT STOP ASKING THEM FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

Let's get to a couple of questions though. If you would like to verify these questions for yourself, you can find them at: jeffersoncountyttn.gov/juvenile-court/

Actual questions and

their answers pulled directly from the page:

QUESTION: Can I have my child put in Mountain View Youth Development Center for a wake-up call?

ANSWER: No. Juveniles placed at Mountain View Youth Development Center, which is operated by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, must be adjudicated delinquent and placed in state custody. And, even then, the decision for placement there is up to DCS.

QUESTION: I want to file a complaint against the judge that heard our case. What do I need to do?

ANSWER: You may wish to visit the website for the Tennessee Court of the Judiciary to learn more about your request.

Those are just two questions that cause me to smile because I have heard SO MANY people ask me

these questions (I am sorry, as often as I have heard people claim it happened, you likely did not get done in by hometown politics or a corrupt judge).

Let me put in a plug for Jefferson County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office. Their FAQs page is truly a great resource and answers lots of basic questions that many people have. I have a few copies of this page printed out in my office to hand to people with a juvenile case and may have some of these various questions rattling around in their mind.

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Kinfolk perform at the Bijou

It had been a while since I'd ventured to the Bijou Theater, and Amy had never been there since we moved back to Knoxville from Cookeville in 1974. The other night, we made a go of it and attended a concert at the theater, and good Lord, it was a different kind of experience.

In the last century, the Bijou aired what I assume were B movies. While the Tennessee and Riviera theaters ran the big-name movies, the Bijou aired such things as Hercules movies starring Steve Reeves and movies based on Edgar Allan Poe stories that featured scary man Vincent Price. In the 60s and 70s, the Bijou ran out of gas and cash and began airing a different kind of movie. That genre appealed to some strange characters and vagrants looking for a place to sleep without being hassled by police. Its doors were boarded up for a while until a group decided to re-open



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it with a variety of events.

Amy and I traveled to the theater and ate at the Bistro. The food was good, and the place became crowded with a mixture of young and old patrons. We ate, talked, and, most of all, people watched for a while. After a brief walk on a glorious spring evening, we lined up to enter the Bijou. Other than the airport, this was the first place I'd been scanned for weapons. The man doing the job paused with alarm at my left ankle until I told him that I was wearing an ankle brace. He stood, met me with a frown, and said, "Okay."

The night's headliner was Paul Cauthen. Our decision to attend was based on the fact that the singer is my first cousin's grandson. No, I'd never met the man, but I grew up around his dad and aunts and remember his mom's visits to our house. I believe in family support, even when I don't know the relative.

The opening act was less

than entertaining. It consisted of a singer/guitar player and a drummer. I'm not a music critic, so don't take my word, but the performance might have been titled "Variations on a Key." That's because every song the man performed seemed to be in the same key; he hit the same licks on the guitar as his hand slid up and down the neck, and each song ended with an awkward adagio. During his set, I understood a total of about six words he sang. It was as if he sang into a mic covered with a sock. The drummer's movements reminded me of John C. Reilly in "Stepbrothers." The biggest round of applause came when the man announced he had enough time for one more song.

By the time Paul stepped on stage, the seats had filled magically, and the noise level was up a notch. I was surprised at the dedicated and excited fans that greeted the group. By then, I'd also noticed that the place had only a handful of "gray-hairs." This crowd of fans was more the age of my own kids. My wife and I looked more like

chaperones for this group, but no one could ride herd over this bunch. The most obnoxious fan sat behind our balcony seats and let out inebriated squalls and yells. Others added the same as the night went on and the alcohol flowed.

The longer I listened to the music, the more I liked it. Each song was unique; tempos varied; key changes were introduced, and musicians showed their mastery of the instruments. Oh, some of the lyrics, which I could understand this time, were a bit raunchy, but they were nothing I'd never heard after 30 years of teaching and years of playing in a church softball league.

Amy and I passed on the encore performance. My hearing wasn't functioning, and I just wanted a bit of fresh air. I'm glad to have seen kinfolk perform. Paul Cauthen gained two new fans that night. My ears are about back to normal now, and I thoroughly enjoyed a night on the town. One thing is for sure: this event was nothing like a Mighty Music Monday at the Tennessee Theater.

Jefferson County, TN Juvenile Court FAQs



Wit & Wisdom

John Sharp Williams of Mississippi

Pages from the Past



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At a time when folks have little or no respect for their officeholders, it may be difficult to imagine the better part of the people of an entire state having affection and reverence for their representative in Congress. Yet that was true of the people of Mississippi and John Sharp Williams. Williams spent twenty-eight years representing Mississippians in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate. A man of formidable education and possessed of piercing wit, one Mississippian once read a statement made by the Senator and heard his wife say John Sharp Williams should be kept in the Senate by the people of the Magnolia State until he was physically unable to get to the Capitol. John Sharp Williams was certainly quotable and even he realized the nature of the Congress. "I may have grown cynical from long service," Williams once said, "but this is a tendency I do not like, and I sometimes think I'd rather be a dog and bay at the moon than stay in the Senate another six years and listen to it."

A Democrat, John Sharp Williams was a devoted supporter of President Woodrow Wilson. Still, as he reflected upon his congressional service, Williams said, "My reading of history convinces me that most bad government has grown out of too much government."

Williams attended the Kentucky Military Institute, the University of the South, and the University of Virginia. Contrary even as a young man, John Sharp Williams did not receive a degree from the University of Virginia as he refused to take any classes other than those in the liberal arts, although he was still a Phi Beta Kappa student. Williams went abroad where he attended the University of Heidelberg in Germany and the College of France at Dijon. Upon his return to the United States, John Sharp Williams enrolled at the University of Virginia's law school. Williams was admitted to the Bar in 1877 and married Elizabeth Dial Webb of Alabama that same year.

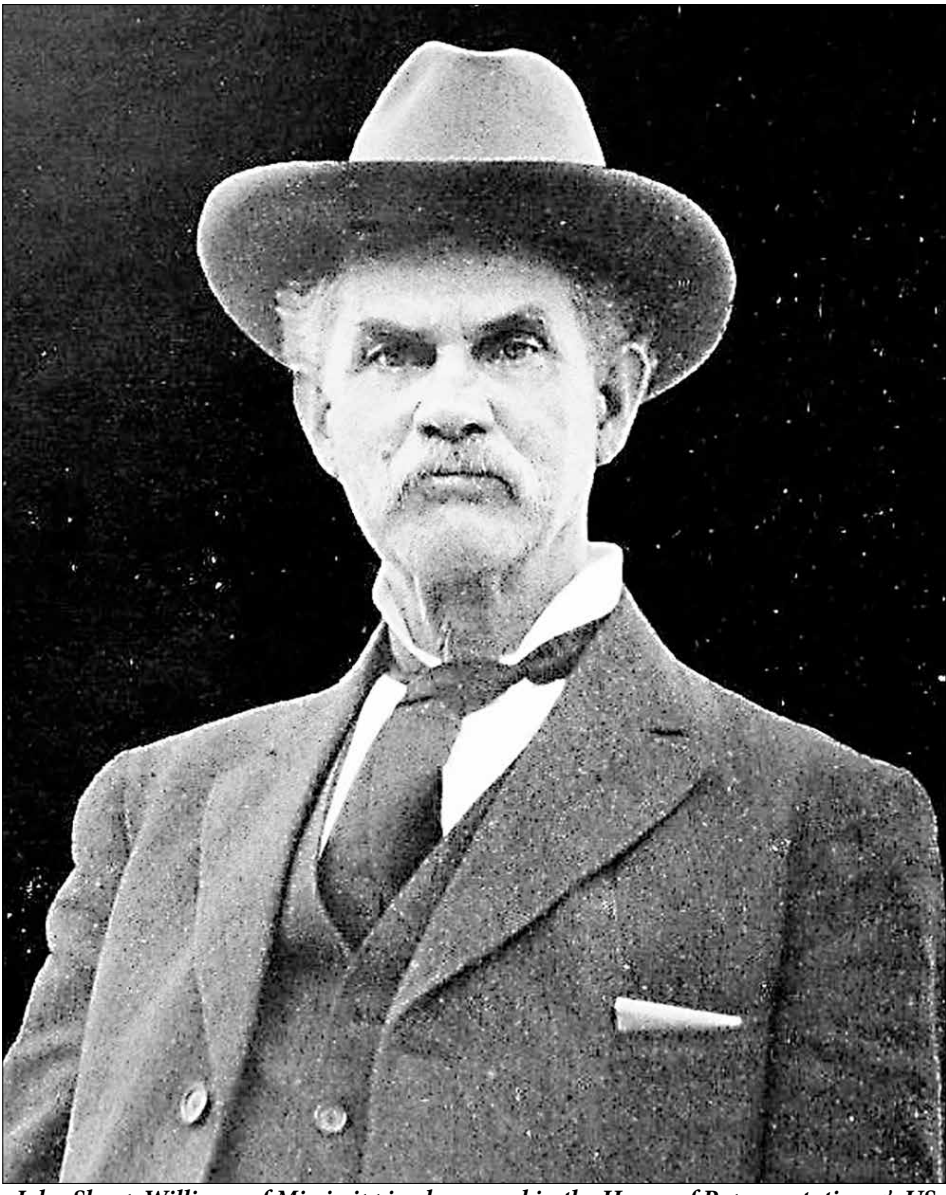
John Sharp Williams inherited the family plantation, Cedar Grove, in Benton, Mississippi in Yazoo County. Williams returned home and commenced the practice of law and grew cotton at Cedar Grove, which eventually comprised some 8,000 acres of land. At age thirty-nine, John Sharp Williams was elected to Congress from Mississippi's Fifth Congressional District. Congressman Williams became well known for his impressive debating skills

and was an expert in the rough and tumble of extemporaneous speaking. Nor was Williams a political dilettante; he demonstrated his political abilities when redistricting placed him in the same congressional district as two other incumbents and emerged the winner of the Democratic primary. John Sharp Williams rose to become Minority Leader of the House and was nationally recognized for his legislative abilities and prowess. John Sharp Williams' sense of humor was readily apparent in his congressional service. When the British Navy launched the mighty HMS Dreadnaught, Congressman Williams introduced a bill to rename the USS Michigan the USS Skeered O' Nothing.

John Sharp Williams announced he would not seek reelection to the House, but rather would run for the United States Senate in a 1909 primary election. At the time, legislatures still elected members of the United States Senate, but in Mississippi, a primary was held with the winner being elected by the state legislature. Williams faced the most formidable political challenge of his career from James K. Vardaman, the state's governor. Vardaman cut a striking figure, tall, elegantly tailored, with a full head of black hair dramatically swept back from his forehead, which flowed over his collar. James K. Vardaman was also a violent racist and race-baiter. Vardaman had proven he was a mesmerizing orator of the old school and the race was both exceedingly bitter and close. Williams just barely won by 648 votes.

John Sharp Williams waited two years at Cedar Grove before beginning his term in the Senate. Much to Williams' dismay, the senior senator from Mississippi, Anselm McLaurin, died suddenly and James K. Vardaman easily won the primary to take office in 1913. For six years, the two would sit together inside the United States Senate representing the people of Mississippi. John Sharp Williams and James K. Vardaman intensely disliked one another and their records were oftentimes diametrically opposed. Where John Sharp Williams was almost always a supporter of President Woodrow Wilson, James K. Vardaman never hesitated to oppose the president's policies, especially Wilson's foreign policy. As the United States drifted towards entering World War I, James K. Vardaman grew more alienated from the president and the Wilson administration.

Tradition required freshman senators to tend to



John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, who served in the House of Representatives & US Senate for 28 years.

their duties and remain largely silent. When John Sharp Williams traveled to Washington, D. C. and took his seat in the United States Senate on April 5, 1911, for a special session of Congress called by President William Howard Taft, the Mississippi senator ignored tradition. The Senate was debating a proposed constitutional amendment allowing the people to directly elect their own senators in popular elections. Williams was strongly in favor of the proposed amendment to the Constitution. Despite a gap of two years in his congressional service, a writer for the Saturday Evening Post, one of the country's most popular publications at the time, wrote, "He is the same whimsical, delightful, brilliant chap he always was --- absent-minded, preoccupied, unimpressed by any but the essentials, careless, happy-go-lucky and smarter than a steel trap."

Williams received remarkably good committee assignments, especially for a freshman senator, being appointed to serve on the Finance and Foreign Relations Committees, both of which were much coveted posts. As a member of the United States Senate, John Sharp Williams' mode of dress was once described as "carelessly fastidious" and he had a habit of strolling up and down the aisles of desks on the floor of the Senate. As he grew increasingly hard of hearing, the most familiar of gestures for the Mississippi senator was Williams cupping a hand behind an ear to hear better. Yet his mellow voice could always be heard in the galleries of the Senate Chamber.

John Sharp Williams was re-elected to another six-year term in the U. S. Senate in 1916 without opposition. James K. Vardaman became one of a handful of senators who opposed American entry into the First World War. Vardaman's once great popularity with the people of

Mississippi began to fade and he lost renomination in the Democratic primary to Congressman Pat Harrison, who enjoyed the backing of Senator Williams.

When President Woodrow Wilson nominated Louis Brandeis to serve as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, it was quite a controversial appointment. Brandeis was Jewish and there was an element of anti-Semitism in some of the opposition to his nomination, but he was also an unabashed liberal for the time. Senator John Sharp Williams announced he would vote to confirm Brandeis to the high court, saying he did not believe a nominee's views as an academic should be held against him; rather, Senator Williams contended, if the nominee were honest and a good lawyer, he should be confirmed by the Senate.

Without any opposition at home, Senator Williams was free to campaign on behalf of President Wilson, which he did. John Sharp Williams toured much of the Midwest, visiting Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin on behalf of the president's candidacy. Williams traveled to the hamlet of Hodgenville, Kentucky along with Woodrow Wilson where they both spoke at the dedication ceremonies for the Abraham Lincoln birthplace shrine. Although a Southerner, John Sharp Williams was emphatic in saying Abraham Lincoln, like Thomas Jefferson, was one of the nation's greatest Americans.

Senator John Sharp Williams also supported Woodrow Wilson's unsuccessful crusade for the United States to join the League of Nations. Eventually, the Mississippian sighed and was prescient in saying it might very well take another world war to convince the American people of the necessity of an organization dedicated to preserving world peace.

John Sharp Williams was personally opposed to

prohibition and was open in his own fondness for alcoholic beverages. Still, Senator Williams voted for the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution --- the prohibition amendment --- explaining the people he represented were for it while he was not. There were occasions when some accused Senator Williams of coming to the Senate floor after having enjoyed a cocktail or two. Once, Senator Thomas Heflin of Alabama hinted at Williams' fondness for alcohol by sniffing that whatever else might be said of him, he always had his faculties when he came onto the Senate floor. "And what difference does that make?" John Sharp Williams roared in reply. Heflin's original complaint was he had been interrupted while making a speech in Washington by an overhead airplane. "Why should anybody quarrel with a thing which makes noise in competition with a senator making a noise?" John Sharp Williams wondered. "They are both equally noisy and between the two the airplane is the more scientific noise."

During a debate on the Senate floor, Wisconsin's profoundly isolationist senator Robert LaFollette had just sat down after a lengthy diatribe. The slender figure of John Sharp Williams rose from his desk and began his own speech, saying, "Mr. President, if immortality could be attained by verbal eternity, the senator from Wisconsin would have already approximated immortality."

Shortly after having been re-elected to a second term in 1916, Senator John Sharp Williams made the announcement he would not run again. Numerous

friends and supporters repeatedly urged the Senator to change his mind, but Williams remained adamant, explaining he was becoming increasingly hard of hearing, which impaired his ability to serve the people of Mississippi in Washington. "I'm tired of it all and I'm going home to rest," the senator told his friends. As to his plans, John Sharp Williams had very definite ideas of how he wished to spend his time; he would amble about the grounds of his plantation home, read books and "I want to stir myself a toddy, whenever I feel that I would like one."

"And as night and time for bed approaches," Williams said, "I will listen to the greatest chorus of voices that man ever heard, music that will charm me and make me ready for repose --- the voices of my mockingbirds."

John Sharp Williams stuck to his pledge and returned home to his plantation and Yazoo County. Williams spent nine quiet years in retirement, visiting with friends, answering his mail, and enjoying his family, especially his grandchildren.

The former senator cared little for the spotlight and once retired, rarely spoke in public. When a band comprised of boys wished to call at Cedar Grove, Williams replied in a letter, "I wish the dear old place could offer you something besides time to rest and a cordial welcome, but it cannot. You will get the welcome, however, and it will be cordially given from the heart." The boys came and serenaded the old senator who did indeed extend a warm welcome. Mrs. Williams personally presided over a punch bowl of lemonade and served the youngsters herself. Williams promised he would visit the boys in Jackson, Mississippi. It was a promise John Sharp Williams never forgot and he kept it. Williams came to Jackson in 1924 and was visiting with a friend when outside the boys' band began to play. Senator Williams came out to the porch and said, "I am too old to start telling lies to boys. I will speak for you now --- wherever you wish."

Williams had fallen the day after his 78th birthday and then again the next day. The last fall put the former senator in his bed for the few months remaining of his life.

John Sharp Williams was laid to rest beneath the nests of the mockingbirds he loved during his life and their descendants continue to sing to the old senator to this day.

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Phillips family celebrates 50 years of Powell Auction & Realty

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Powell Auction & Realty, LLC is celebrating fifty years in business. Howard Phillips and his wife, Barbara, whom the family lovingly call the “brains behind the table,” founded the business, now based at 6729 Pleasant Ridge Road, in 1972.

Howard told The Focus, “Children are the backbone of America” and his children and grandchildren are certainly the backbone of Powell Auction with three generations of Phillips invested in the business. Howard and Barbara’s son Kenny is president while son Brian is vice president.

Powell Auction has three buildings spanning a 12-acre property. Each building has specific auction purposes. The first building auctions real estate, farm, and coins. The second auctions cars, with one hundred and fifty plus cars sold per week. And the third building auctions equipment, such as building supplies, lawn mowers and tools. Originally selling only antiques in one location, Powell Auction expanded to a second location the early 2000s, opening at 4306 Maynardville Hwy in Maynardville, TN.

“A lot has changed over the past fifty years,” reflected President Kenny Phillips. One huge change has been how the internet has changed the way Powell Auction completes sales allowing the convenience of online bidding. “East Tennessee has been good to us, and we’ve worked to be good neighbors to the community.”

With over thirteen employees,



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The Phillips family of Powell Auction & Realty LLC. Proud founders Howard and Barbara Phillips with their sons President Kenny Phillips and Vice President Brian Phillips.

including realtors and individual contractors, Powell Auction takes care of every aspect of an auction sale, from organizing to marketing to the final and successful auction. Company accountant Mary Anne Walker said, “From start to finish, it’s an amazing

team effort.”

Executive Vice President of Real Estate Phillip Hoppers’ goal is to continue to grow real estate, surpassing their \$20 million in real estate sales last year, with over four hundred parcels of land. He contributes this success to

“the leadership and employees’ attitude in caring for our customers.”

Car Auction Manager Stephanie Kitts, employed there since 2003, assists in the car sales every two weeks. The company auctions over two thousand

vehicles per year.

Twylia Hutchinson is the first voice the customers hear on the phone. “Taking care of our customers is number one.”

“I attribute a lot of our staying power to my parents who were willing to grow and evolve as things changed over time, as well as to this community, who grew and evolved with us,” Kenny told The Focus. Kenny’s goal for this year is to “beat last year.” This reoccurring goal has led the Phillips family to increase sales every year since Powell Auction has been open.

With sales across Tennessee and online nationwide, Powell Auction conducts over two hundred real estate auctions, in addition to their automobile, firearms, equipment, antiques, coins and personal property sales. Brian Phillips proudly told Knox Focus, “We can sell the earth and everything on it.”

“Barbara and I want to thank our customers and clients over the years for their friendship and support, as well as to our committed, capable employees who have helped make it happen,” Howard said, adding, “Mostly our two sons, Kenny and Brian, who have made this business their life’s work as well. We look forward to fifty more years in business.”

“As a family, we’ve been lucky.”

To inquire about or to view a list of upcoming auctions, visit www.powellauction.com.

August State Primary draws lots of candidates

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County General Election is August 3rd but there’s a lot more on the ballot for Knox County voters.

A state Senate race and several state House races drew several candidates to that primary in August. Incumbent Republican Senator Dr. Richard M. Briggs is being challenged in his primary by Kent A. Morrell. The winner will face Democrat Bryan Langan for the District 7 seat in the general election in November.

Probably one of the closest watched races is for the new District 90, where Democrat Rep. Gloria Johnson will face David “Pozy” Poczbout in November. Johnson was zoned out of her former district by the Republicans in the state legislature during redistricting but has chosen to move about a mile away into the newly formed district. She has no opposition in her primary.

Republican incumbent Jason Zachery has no party primary opponent and will face Democrat Amanda Collins for the District

14 seat in the state house in November.

Incumbent Democrat Sam McKenzie is unopposed in his re-election bid for District 15’s seat in the Tennessee Assembly but will face perpetual candidate Pete Drew following the primary.

State Representative Michele Carringer is the only candidate for District 16 in the primary or general elections.

The race to replace state Representative Eddie Mannis, who chose not to seek re-election, has drawn two Republican candidates, Elaine Davis and Janet Testerman. The winner will face Democrat Gregory B. Kaplan in November.

Representative Dave Wright is the incumbent in District 19 and has no Republican opponent in the primary but a Democrat, Zeke Streetman, is challenging him in the general election along with Independent Mary Ann Rochat.

Incumbent Republican District 89 Rep. Justin Lafferty has no primary opponent but faces M. D. Dotson, a Democrat, in the general in November.



Knox County Mayor candidate Debbie Helsley chats with Donna Sherwood during a Democrat event recently. Democratic candidate for the U. S. House, Mark Harmon, visits with Dave “Caz” Cazalet, the party’s nominee for Knox County Trustee. Various candidates and supporters rallied the party ahead of the August and November elections. Photos by Mike Steely.

Knox County Dems rally for candidates

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Knox County Democrats got together recently at their downtown headquarters at 311 Morgan Street to meet and greet various candidates for local, state and federal offices. Primarily the event was for Knox County Mayor candidate Debbie Helsley, a South Knoxville leader who is challenging Republican Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Several other candidates and supporters came and

went during the two-hour event, picking up campaign literature, signs, and speaking with each other and the party nominees.

Congressional candidate Mark Harmon, trustee candidate Dave “Caz” Cazalet, session judge candidate Sarah Keith, and school board candidates Annabel Henley and Katherine Bike were among those appearing and speaking with supporters.

Other candidates and supporters who attended, according to Democratic Chairman Matt Shears, were Greg Kaplan,

Stuart Hohl, Jackson Fenner, John Butler, Bryan Langan, Zeke Streetman, Amanda Collins and Dana Moran.

Local Democrats have added a second campaign office at 9041 Executive Park Drive and information is available online or by calling 865-540-4001.

Former Alabama U.S. Senator Doug Jones will be the keynote speaker at the annual Truman Day Celebration on June 10 at 6 p.m. at the Downtown Hilton. Tickets are available for \$75 and sponsorships are also available.

Groundbreaking ceremonies kick off Tennova expansions

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Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Colin McRae shared highlights of the project and thanked the members of the medical staff and employees who deliver patient care.

“Our community is thriving and the growth horizon is bright,” stated McRae. “Tennova North Knoxville Medical Center began planning for this project in mid-2020 and it is the first significant bed expansion outside of the original

structure, which opened in 2007. This project has been a collaboration of many people and we are thankful for all that helped to make this happen many of whom are in attendance today. It is an honor to be here together to celebrate this investment and our role in caring for our community. I am grateful for the commitment and dedication of our physicians and employees who deliver compassionate, quality care each day.”

Speakers at the event included Jeff Bagwell, Powell BPA president and Tennova board member, Frank Beuerlein, MD, and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Tennova Medical Group held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, May 25, for the new Tennova Primary Care – Halls office, located at 7422 Norris Freeway. As medical and community professionals

gathered along with area residents to celebrate this occasion, they were also introduced to the new primary care provider, Caryn Pickens, FNP-BC.

“We saw a need for this community to have more access to healthcare and this new primary care location supports Tennova Healthcare’s mission to provide quality, compassionate care,” said Colin McRae, chief executive officer, Tennova North Knoxville Medical Center.

“I am thrilled to have Caryn Pickens as part of the Tennova team and look forward to seeing her provide care for our community.”

“This location is one of several we are opening this year as we try to ensure the needs of the communities in East Tennessee are met,” said Tony Benton, chief executive officer for Tennova Healthcare – East Market. “These providers make a positive impact on the community by providing quality healthcare closer to

home.”

Tennova Primary Care – Halls offers a variety of services including acute care for short-term illness, annual health evaluation, vaccinations, joint injections, incision and drainage of abscesses, lab services, preventive care, office consultations, routine women’s care, treatment of long-term medical conditions, and much more.

SPRING FLING BASEBALL

Late-inning heroics from Eli Evans nets Farragut a state title

By Ken Lay

For the 11th time in program history, Farragut High School's baseball team has won a state championship.

The Admirals claimed the 2022 Class 4A state title with a 4-1 victory over Germantown Houston Saturday at Oakland High School in Murfreesboro.

Farragut, a team comprised largely of sophomores, culminated its season with a win over the Mustangs. The 2022 campaign saw the Admirals (30-11-1) win the District

4-4A regular-season and district titles and claimed the Region 2-4A championship before qualifying for its 21st state tournament with a 7-5 win over Sevier County in a state sectional tilt.

Once the Admirals arrived in Murfreesboro, they swept through the competition, completing their state title run.

Farragut and the Mustangs were locked in a 1-1 tie in the top of the seventh inning when Eli Evans cleared the loaded bases

with a three-run double.

Senior pitcher Jaxon Pease then retired the Mustangs in the bottom of the frame, finishing a complete game.

Against the Mustangs, Pease went seven innings and allowed one run, five hits and two walks. He fanned five Houston hitters in the contest, which was knotted 0-0 until Lukas Buckner, one of the Admirals' heralded sophomores, came up with an RBI single.

The Mustangs answered with a run in the bottom

of the sixth before Evans, who went 3-for-4 in the title game, came up with the eventual game-winning hit.

Farragut won its last state championship in 2019 when it claimed the 2019 Class 3A title. It was also the fifth state championship for head coach Matt Buckner, who took the reins of the program from his mentor Tommy Pharr (now at Christian Academy of Knoxville) in 2010.

Farragut opened state tournament play with an 8-7 victory over Hendersonville

in a game that began Tuesday. It concluded Wednesday after being suspended due to rain.

Jake Merrick, Evans and junior third baseman Jett Johnston, a transfer from Texas, all homered for the Admirals against the Commandos.

Lukas Buckner, the coach's son, had three hits and scored two runs in Farragut's tournament opener.

Later Wednesday, Farragut edged Collierville 7-6. Sophomore center fielder Brennon Seigler went



3-for-4 and drove in three runs. Seigler is a Tennessee commitment.

The Admirals advanced to the title showdown with a 10-3 win over Riverdale Friday.

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SPRING FLING SOFTBALL

Gibbs bows in finals, but impresses Lexington coach

By Steve Williams

Gracie Palmer had mixed emotions.

Gibbs' senior shortstop was proud of her team, yet sad her high school career was over after the Lady Eagles lost 2-1 to Lexington in the TSSAA Class 3A softball finals Saturday in Murfreesboro.

"I don't know why I'm crying," said Gracie. "I'm really proud of us and how far we've gotten. I don't want to leave. I love this team and they mean everything to me. They've become my very best friends these past four years."

"But I'm super proud of us," she added, "and we're the second best team in the state, which is good ... but it's sad, but it's a sad happy."

Palmer, an LMU signee, was a Berean Christian student-athlete who played her softball career at Gibbs through the TSSAA's co-op program since Berean didn't offer that sport.

Marley Maness slugged the go-ahead home run for Lexington in the top of the seventh inning.

"Right before Marley went up to bat, I told her if she'll just throw her barrel at that outside

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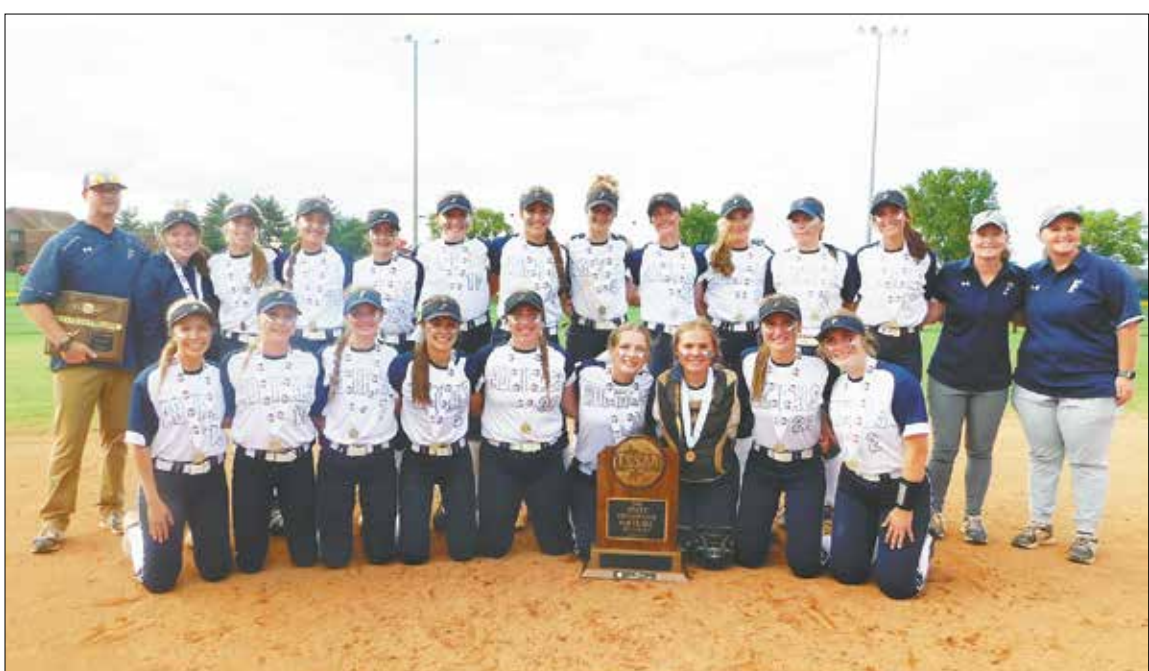


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Farragut High softball team members pose for a picture Saturday after winning their second straight state championship.

MacTavish is ready to keep Farragut rolling

By Steve Williams

Back to back state titles are in the books for Farragut High's softball program. Is a three-peat possible in 2023?

The Avery Flatford Era is over and the Lady Admirals' record-setting pitcher will be doing her thing at Tennessee Tech.

The circle at James Bellamy Field on the FHS campus will no doubt have a different occupant next spring, but rising junior Emma Mactavish won't be a newcomer. Although she made only a brief showing at the state tournament last week, she worked many meaningful games in the post-season run when Flatford had some shoulder issues.

The ball will be in Emma's

hands and Avery has helped her be ready for the so important starting job.

"I'm just really excited," said MacTavish amidst the post-game celebration on Starplex Field No. 4 Saturday. "Avery has taught me so much. I just think we can carry that on to next year. It's been really nice to look up to her and she's an overall great person. It's been nice to have her right there with me."

Emma said Flatford has helped her two ways.

"Pitching obviously, like with my mechanics sometimes, she will tell me when something's off, and then just being a good teammate. She's always there for me and it's really nice to have that.

And she's always keeping me confident."

With Flatford not 100 percent healthy, MacTavish was the winning pitcher in the do-or-die losers' bracket final game at Maryville. The Lady Admirals swung the bats well that day and Emma shut out the Red Rebels six of the seven innings in the 11-4 victory.

"We have full confidence with Emma on the mound," Farragut Coach Nick Green said after that game.

MacTavish's experience of starting several games this season will definitely be an advantage for Farragut next season. Other starters that will

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Liz Palmer gives her daughter Gracie a kiss after Gibbs' 2-1 loss to Lexington in the state finals.

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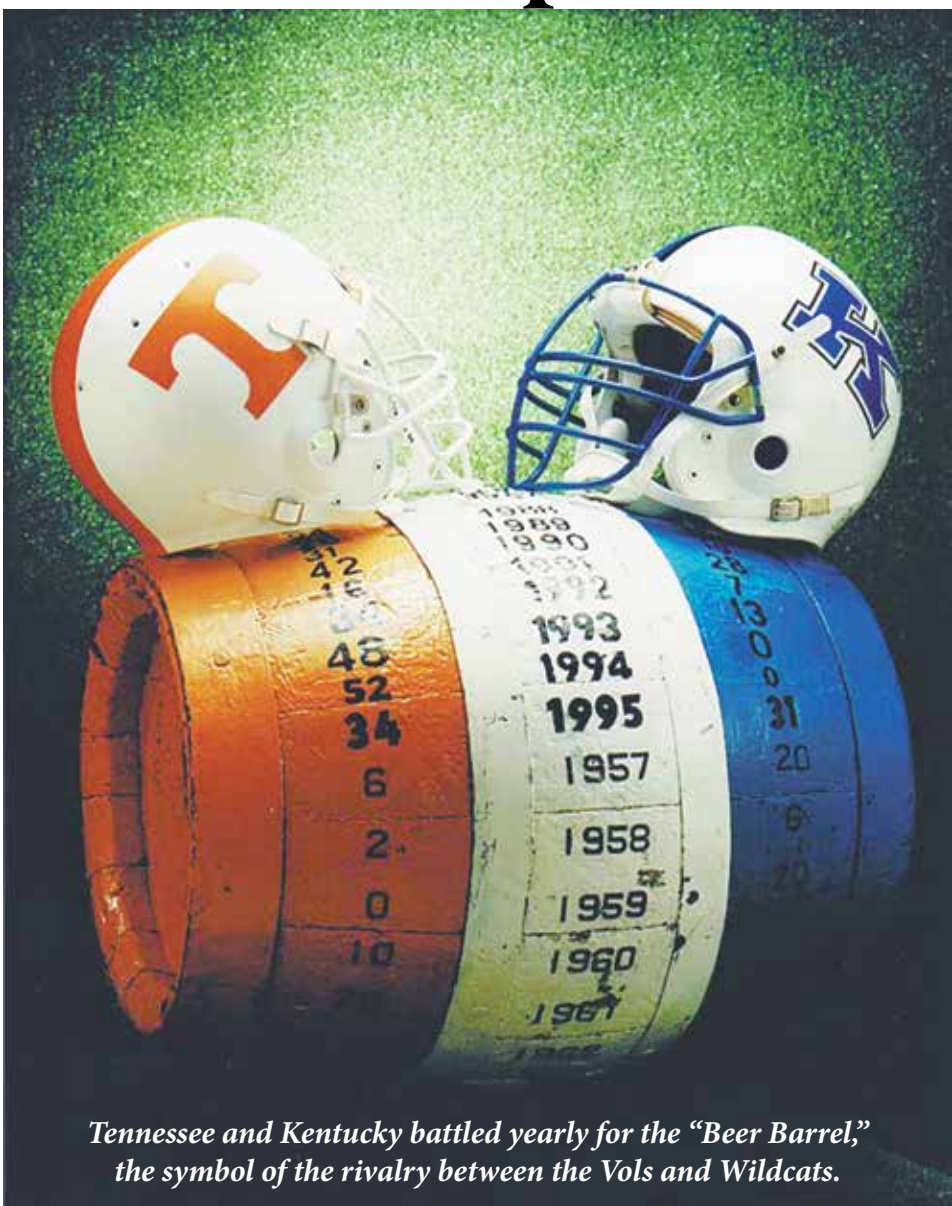
A special ambience to the fan experience

The story came out of left field in late 2010 and early 2011. A man claimed to have poisoned two 130-year-old live oaks at “Toomer’s Corner” near the campus of Auburn University, to the point of coming clean on the “Paul Finebaum Show.” It was a jolting announcement, even considering the contentious relationship between the Alabama and Auburn fan bases.

The local and national media weighed in quickly, most terming it a “new low” in the rivalry. There was an arrest and ultimate conviction of 62-year-old Dadeville, Ala., resident Harvey Updyke. (An Alabama spokesperson felt compelled to say Updyke was “not affiliated with the university in any way.”) It was a volatile issue, dominating the chat boards and other media. Everyone seemed to have an opinion. In a touching and perceptive moment on the “Sports Animal,” Heather Harrington opined that the tree-poisoning incident was like “poisoning Smokey.” Sending a moving van to a coach’s home or flinging a rock through an athletic department office window were isolated, but well-publicized, incidents. Thoughtful fans of every SEC school did, however, have every

reason to be greatly disappointed with and concerned about this turn of events. All of this brings us to the question of being a fan and how all this “rivalry stuff” affects seemingly rational people. Consider that there is a different feeling, something special, about college football from any other version. The whole concept is hard to put into words, but fans know the feeling. Wherever you go across the width and breadth of the SEC, academic buildings, libraries, and bookstores are within arm’s reach of the stadium. Stadiums look as if they “belong” on campus. Each campus has a unique atmosphere and culture. Decisions about team loyalties are often made early in life and are resolutely defended over the years. You rarely hear of an Alabama fan deciding to go to the Tennessee or Auburn side, an LSU fan doing likewise and rooting for Ole Miss, or a Florida fan hunkering down and rooting for Georgia. Despite the cynics claiming SEC football is about winning and nothing else, with tradition being relegated to a dark and musty corner beneath one corner of the stadium, there is a special ambience to the fan experience. That’s why we have “The Third Saturday in October” (now played occasionally on October’s second or

fourth Saturday), the event formerly known as the “World’s Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party,” the “Egg Bowl,” or the “Iron Bowl.” The bumper stickers and road signs also tell the tale. “Punt, Bama, Punt,” came from the 1972 Alabama-Auburn game. Auburn won 17-16, thanks to two blocked punts returned for touchdowns late in the fourth quarter. Even with the passage of time, these bumper stickers are still collector’s items, as are audiotapes of the plays in question. “First the Tigers and then the Tide,” came from the 1985 Tennessee-Alabama game, Tennessee 16, Alabama 14, after the Vols had knocked off No. 1-ranked Auburn 38-20 earlier that season. Those were available shortly after the game’s conclusion to willing buyers. They adorned Vol fans’ cars from Graymont Avenue near Legion Field up I-59 as far as the eye could see. “You are now entering Louisiana. Please set your watch back four seconds” evolved from a road sign on the Mississippi side of the border with Louisiana referencing the finish of the 1972 LSU-Ole Miss game. That night, the Tigers ran two plays in four seconds to defeat the Rebels, also by 17-16. There was once a sign at a store in Auburn, offering a “28-27% discount” on selected items the day after the 2010 “Iron Bowl,”



Tennessee and Kentucky battled yearly for the “Beer Barrel,” the symbol of the rivalry between the Vols and Wildcats.

final score Auburn 28, Alabama 27. Tennessee and Kentucky battled for the “Beer Barrel” annually between 1925 and 1997. Winning back the “Beer Barrel” was always an exciting moment. Keeping it was equally dramatic. Despite the passage of time, the “Beer Barrel” has been consigned to history somewhere in

Knoxville, supposedly kept under lock and key. These are the reasons collegiate stadiums host “can’t miss” events, dominated by the home team’s colors, but with enough visiting fans present to make things interesting. It’s uninhibited and intense... on and off the field. If you’ve been to games at SEC venues over the

years, you know all about that. It’s hand-to-hand combat, the better man wins, and that’s just in the stands. When a game is still in doubt in the fourth quarter, with both teams’ fan bases in full voice and the bands going at it, there’s no place any self-respecting fan would rather be.

SPRING FLING SOCCER

Bearden falls in AAA Boys’ Soccer title game

By Mark Nagi

It was billed as a matchup between two of the best boys’ soccer teams in the nation when Bearden squared off with Brentwood for the state title. But on Friday, May 27 in Murfreesboro, the Bulldogs simply couldn’t keep pace with the Bruins as Brentwood won the AAA championship with a 4-1 victory. “Too many little mental errors at the wrong time and when you do that against a really good team, they’ll make you pay so credit to them,” said Bearden head coach Ryan Radcliffe. “But I hope the season that we had doesn’t go unnoticed. It’s frustrating and leaves a bad taste in your mouth, and you’ll lose some sleep over it. But I’m proud of the boys and the season that we had, and we’ll see if we can get back here next year.” The game got off to a fast start for the Bulldogs, as they attacked the Bruins early and often. In fact, Bearden’s pressure paid off as



The Bearden Boys’ soccer team finished the 2022 season as the runners up in Class AAA after the Bulldogs fell to Brentwood 4-1 on May 27 in Murfreesboro.

they earned six corner kicks in the opening ten minutes. But in the 12th, the Bruins finally moved into the Bearden (21-23) end of the field, and a low shot from Brentwood’s Cooper Bailey beat Bearden keeper Logan Nelson inside the near post. Despite dominating the opening stanza of the game, Bearden trailed 1-0.

“I was expecting us to put a goal in,” said Radcliffe. “We came out and executed things we talked about pregame... but then one ball beat us down there. We gave it up and the kid did a good job finishing it. We took our foot off the gas too quickly and too early and it was tough to fight back from that. “Soccer is a cruel game and I

thought that was a great example of it.” Less than seven minutes later, the Bruins scored again as Reid McAdams tucked in a shot to the far post. When Forest Wells finished a broken play with a blast over Nelson’s shoulder, Bearden trailed 3-0 at intermission. Hopes of a Bulldogs comeback were dashed even further when Wells converted on a freekick from the top of the box early in the second half. Bearden’s Ethan Ford made sure there would be no shutout as he poked a shot past Brentwood keeper Thomas Fields, but only 1:27 remained. The 4-1 defeat meant that the Bearden state title tally would stay at 5. It was the second straight season in which the Bulldogs fell in this championship game. “We have a tradition, and the boys do such a good job of upholding that tradition and upholding what it means to put

another state championship on the banner,” said Radcliffe. “It’s not easy but you try to see the ultimate storyline behind it. We are at a state championship in Class AAA with some of the best teams not just in the state but in the country. We did a good job getting here. Just wish we could have finished it out one more day.” After the game, Radcliffe talked glowingly about his 13 seniors, who played their last game in the maroon and gray. “They are class acts... they left a big mark on Bearden.” The good news for Bearden is that junior forward Lucas Nordin will return in 2023. He scored a school record 38 goals this past season. “We knew that they were gonna game plan for him,” said Radcliffe. “We hoped that he could have found a way, but it wasn’t gonna happen tonight. “The ball didn’t bounce our way. That’s soccer.”

Roadrunners, Rebels bow out in state soccer quarterfinals

By Ken Lay

Two of Knoxville’s top high school boys soccer teams made early exits from Spring Fling and the recent 2022 state tournament. In Class 2A: Austin East saw its bid for a second consecutive state championship come to an end Tuesday night at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex in Murfreesboro. The Roadrunners, the defending Class 1A state champions, had their 2022 campaign come to an end with a 2-1 loss to Red Bank in the first round of the tournament. The Lions jumped out to an early lead in the match when Josiah Tillet scored an unassisted goal in the ninth minute

of the contest. Red Bank would add another marker approximately three minutes later when Mohamed Mansaray tallied in the 12th minute. Austin-East, which won the District 4-AA regular-season title as well as the league’s post-season tournament championship before claiming the Region 2-2A Tournament and winning a state sectional match, scored its lone goal in the Midstate late in the first half. Masudi Nyembo had the marker in the 36th minute. Maisha Ushindi was credited with an assist on the Austin-East tally. Goalkeeper Isaac Dile had three saves for the

Roadrunners to conclude the season with a 15-8 record. In Class 3A: West High, the District 3-3A regular-season and tournament champion, lost its quarterfinal game to Collierville, 3-1, Tuesday night. The Dragons scored the first three goals of the match against the Rebels, who were making their second state tournament appearance in school history. Collierville got its markers from Luke Johnson, Dawson Davis and Micah Soper. Davis also dished out an assist in the match. The Rebels (15-5) scored late in the match as Fletcher Freeman tallied in the 75th minute.

Late-inning heroics from Eli Evans nets Farragut a state title

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Lukas Buckner, Evans and Garrett Brewer each had two hits for Farragut. Also in Class 4A: Powell went 2-2 in Murfreesboro while playing at Siegel High. The Panthers dropped their opener, 2-0, to Houston, which also ended Powell’s season with a 4-3 victory on Friday. Powell had a 10-3 victory over Centennial and defeated Stewarts Creek in elimination games. Connor Bryson went 4-for-5 and had five RBIs against Stewarts Creek. He had a two-run single in the fifth inning. He also had an RBI on a bases-loaded walk against the Mustangs Friday. In Division II-AA: Catholic lost its two final games of the 2022 campaign.

The Irish (26-14) opened tournament play with a 3-0 victory over Lipscomb Academy on Tuesday. Junior and University of Tennessee commitment Daniel Parris hurled a three-hit shutout and had 10 strikeouts for Catholic and Nate Breeden knocked in two runs for the Irish. In the winners’ bracket game Wednesday, Catholic fell 8-2 to Chattanooga McCallie, a regional rival. The Irish defeated the Blue Tornado three times during the regular season but McCallie would eventually win the state title win over Lipscomb Academy, which ended Catholic’s season in the semifinals. Catholic, which got round-trippers from Parris and Hudson Luteran in an 11-3 loss, had a 3-2 lead before surrendering nine runs in the sixth inning.

Keshawn Mills wins state 100-meter dash title for Whittle Springs

By Ken Lay

Whittle Springs Middle School has been open in North Knoxville since 1960. For the first time in more than six decades, the Warriors have a state track and field champion.

Eighth grader Keshawn Mills became only the second male athlete to win a state in the history of Knox County Schools as he posted a time of 24.17 seconds in the 200-meter dash in the TMSAA Class A State Championship Meet on Saturday, May 21, at Franklin High School.

“Our school, I think, has been open since 1960 and this is the first time that we’ve had a state champion,” Whittle Springs assistant principal and athletic director Doug Wheeling said. “As far as we know, (Mills) is only the second athlete in Knox County who has won a state track championship in any event.

“Hardin Valley had one a couple of years ago.”

Mills, Torin McAfee, Jalen Rancher and Jhamari Champion comprised the Warriors’ 4x 100 relay team that also qualified for the state championships. Mills and McAfee are eighth graders while Wrancher and Champion both recently completed the seventh grade and look to return for Whittle Springs in 2023.

Champion and McAfee also qualified for the state championships in the 100-meter dash.

Whittle Springs is coached by Jake Snider. Lady Warriors’ coach Kayla Carey also assisted with the boys in the Midstate.

Snider said he was pleased with the results and happy that his athletes earned the chance to showcase their talents.

“These kids are all great kids and great athletes. They all play other sports. They play football and they play basketball and this will help them with those other sports,” Snider said. “The credit really goes to these kids.

“They work hard and they came to practice every day. The came in here and worked out.”

The coach also noted that the future is bright for the program as Champion and Wrancher will look to lead next year’s eighth grade class.

“Our numbers are a little down in track right now but this can only help us,” Snider said. “These kids have been with us since they were in sixth grade.

“This is huge for us.”



Whittle Springs sprinter Keshawn Mills on the medal stand after winning the TMSAA Class A State Championship in the 200-meter dash in Franklin recently.

South-Doyle savors first state track title

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relaxed to his team.

“No matter what happens just have fun,” he told them. “Trust each other. We’re going to do well if we just go out and execute. Just RELAX – that’s what I kept trying to tell them – relax, because the nervousness in my book was going to cause us to have bad handoffs. And I told them the only way I could see us getting beat is if we have bad handoffs.”

By the time the girls got to the track, they were calmed down, said Graham. “They prayed together before they went out. They’ve been doing that the past month of the season, praying together before each race and that seems to calm all the girls down.”

The freshman, Lariah Cozart, got off to a great start out of the blocks and was the first in the race to hand off the baton.

Coach Graham noticed some teams had put their better runners in the second leg of the race, but sophomore Amani Martin and Sharpe held them off.

When sophomore anchor Ka’Shauna Dyer got “the stick,” said Graham, “we were a little ahead. She was the first to get the stick and once that happened I knew we had a really good chance.”

The finish was extremely close. The Lady Cherokees were clocked in 50.88 seconds and runner-up Ripley in 50.92.

With three talented youngsters returning, the goal will be to repeat next season, said Graham, but “we have to find someone to replace the leadership that we’re losing from Abby.”

The hope is a leader will emerge and pull the newcomers along and “we’ll find a girl or two that will help us get back to the state,” said Graham.

But there’s no hurry for that to happen right away. Instead, South-Doyle is enjoying and savoring a special victory.



On an errant throw from the outfield to home plate, Gibbs’ McKenzie Morton slid around the Lexington catcher and then came back to touch home plate to tie the score 1-1 in the fifth inning of Saturday’s Class 3A finals. The Tigers, however, pulled out a 2-1 win in the seventh to take the title.

PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

Gibbs bows in finals, but impresses Lexington coach

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done it without everybody being here and being with me plus the support of my family and my team behind me. That was the most meaningful home run I’ve ever hit for sure.”

The title win gave the Tigers a 49-1 season record.

Coach Carol Mitchell’s Lady Eagles battled through the losers’ bracket to reach the finals, having beaten Hardin County 7-6 in 11 innings Saturday morning.

Freshman pitcher Lacey Keck pitched both games for Gibbs Saturday.

The Lexington coach was highly impressed with the Gibbs team and Keck.

“From the get-go, when we watched Gibbs play, they were the scrappiest team I believe I’ve ever seen,” said Burke. “They don’t impress you with their size and the pitcher is throwing 57 or 58.

“They’re typically not a team that is going to slow us down, but they just keep scratching and clawing and make the fundamental plays. They bunt when they are suppose to bunt. They get the two-out hits when they are suppose to get them. They are going to be scary here in a couple of years.

“I told that pitcher (Keck) after shaking her hand after the game – ‘I’m not looking forward to facing you the next three years.’”

Gibbs finished with a 41-6 record.

MacTavish is ready to keep Farragut rolling



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Farragut Coach Nick Green gets a hug from senior Lauren Brakovec as the team celebrates its Class 4A state softball championship on the field.

Farragut southpaw Avery Flatford winds up for a pitch in the Lady Admirals' 4-0 win over Clarksville in the TSSAA Class 4A state finals Saturday at McKnight Park in Murfreesboro.

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be returning are first baseman Hailey Nichols, who also has experience as a catcher; shortstop Ava Guzowski, who hit in the No. 3 hole; third baseman Delaney Shrader and outfielder Addison Pressley, the team’s leadoff batter.

Farragut is losing six starters to graduation. Homerun slugger Lauren Brakovec and catcher Autumn Caywood were a 1-2 offensive punch in the middle of the batting order. Also graduating were outfielder Sarah Livingston, second baseman Emily Musco and outfielder Vivian Boles.

The Lady Admirals (43-3-1) sailed through the state tourney in Murfreesboro and methodically defeated Clarksville 4-0 in the finals behind the pitching of Flatford, who flirted with a no-hitter before Breanna Snyder led off the bottom of the seventh with a line drive single to right field. She struck out 10 and walked three in her prep finale.

Guzowski led Farragut at the plate. With the game scoreless, she led off the fourth inning with a double off the left field fence and scored on a single by Caywood. Guzowski added an RBI single in a two-run fifth. Musco singled and scored on a hit by Shrader to complete the scoring in the sixth,

Comparing the 2021 season to this year, MacTavish said: “I think this year was a little different than last year because this year we didn’t need to prove anything. Last year we had already proved we could do it. This year was just coming back and enjoying the experience while also working hard.”

MacTavish is confident that Farragut can make it back to state.

“I definitely think we can make it back to this point next year,” she said. “We’ve got the skill level. And I think this year, compared to last year, we’ve grown so much more as a team. We get along really well and work so well together. And I think we are going to keep growing.”

MacTavish also feels the Lady Admirals have some capable starters in the wings and good young players coming up in the program.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY

TO: JOHN BELL
IN RE: JOHN JAR'CAVIOUS BELL

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause appearing from the verified petition filed the Respondent, JOHN BELL, is a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be located upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JOHN BELL.

IT IS ORDERED that said Respondent file an Answer with the Clerk for the Knox County, Tennessee Juvenile Court and with Ben H. Houston II, an Attorney whose address is 3217 Garden Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Judge Timothy Irwin of the Knox County Juvenile Court, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, TN 37919. This notice will be published in the Cincinnati Court Index, a newspaper of general circulation in Hamilton County, Ohio and also in the Knoxville Focus Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County, Tennessee for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 5 day of May, 2022.

Charles D. Susano III
Clerk for the Knox County Juvenile Court

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

STATE OF TENNESSEE
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NO. 22-4-100
IN RE: ADOPTION OF FEMALE CHILD
SERENITY FAYTHE LACKEY, DOB: 5/29/2009
SHAWN JUSTIN REED AND ASHLEY
MICHELLE REED, Petitioners VS.
LARRY TRAVIS LACKEY, Respondent

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint, which is sworn to, that the defendant, LARRY TRAVIS LACKEY is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or his whereabouts cannot be ascertained so that ordinary process cannot be served upon him, it is ordered that said defendant file an answer with the Chancery Court of Sevier County, Tennessee, and a copy with Plaintiffs Attorney, Travis D. Patterson, whose address is, PO Box 70586, Knoxville, TN 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, exclusive of the day of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte at the Chancery Courtroom, Sevier County Courthouse, 125 Court Avenue, Room 108W, Sevierville, TN 37862; further, that failure to answer before or appear on that date will result in Terminating his Parental Rights and an Entry of a Final Decree of Adoption. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four successive weeks.

This 5th day of May 2022.

CAROLYN P. McMAHAN
Clerk and Master

BARBARA H. ATCHLEY
Deputy Clerk and Master

Attorney for Plaintiffs:
Travis D. Patterson

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ROBERT GENE LAMB;
IN RE: VERONICA R. JOHNSON
VS. ROBERT GENE LAMB
NO. 204422-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX

COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ROBERT GENE LAMB, 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 ROBERT GENE LAMB, it is ordered that said defendant, ROBERT GENE LAMB, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Samuel B. Tipton, an Attorney whose address is 611 S. Washington Street Maryville, Tennessee 37804 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 2nd day of May, 2022.

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR GRAINGER
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: Ava Andrea Nicely,
D.O.B. 05/20/2015
Randy Craig Nicely and
Tammy Faye Nicely,

Petitioners.
Jeremy Andrew Nicely and
Brittney Colquett Nicely,
Respondents.

No. 2022-CH-17
ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
This case is before the Court on Petitioners’ Motion for Service by Publication pursuant to T. C. A. § 21-1-203 and T. C. A. § 21-1-204. The Motion is well taken and should be granted.

Accordingly, it is therefore ORDERED that publication of this order be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee, and that the Respondents, Jeremy Andrew Nicely and Brittney Colquett Nicely, be given notice therein that they are hereby REQUIRED to answer or otherwise respond to the Petition filed in this case within thirty (30) days from the date of the fourth (4th) weekly publication of this Order; and that should the Respondent fail then they shall be deemed to have received actual notice hereof and default may be taken against them at a hearing for the termination of their parental rights and the adoption of said child in the Chancery Court for Grainger County, Tennessee on the 11th day of July, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Grainger County Justice Center, Rutledge, Tennessee.

Entered this 12 day of April, 2022

Approved for Entry:

T. E. Forgety
Chancellor

Evan M. Newman, BPR# 035269
Attorney for the Petitioners
P. O. Box 6
Rutledge, Tennessee 37861
(865) 828-3111

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CHRISTY MICHELLE LAY-JONES;
IN RE: STEVEN WAYNE JONES V.
CHRISTY MICHELLE LAY-JONES
NO. 204700-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CHRISTY MICHELLE LAY-JONES , 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 CHRISTY MICHELLE LAY JON ES, it is ordered that said defendant, CHRISTY MICHELLE LAY-JONES , file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joshua

W. Leach, an Attorney whose address is 8 Emory Place Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville , Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 18th day of May, 2022.

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHERRARA LA VENE SCOTT FRANCIS;

IN RE: TITCHENNAL DEVON FRANCIS v.
SHERRARA LA VENE SCOTT FRANCIS
NO. 204037-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHERRARA LA VENE SCOTT FRANCIS, 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 SHERRARA LA VENE SCOTT FRANCIS, it is ordered that said defendant, SHERRARA LA VENE SCOTT FRANCIS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jeddiah C. McKeenan, an Attorney whose address is 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite P-295, Knoxville, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 23rd day of May, 2022.

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE

NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW
OF JAMES LEFFEW, JR.

In Re: Estate of James Leffew, Jr., Deceased
Patricia A. Milligan, Executrix of the
Estate of Lorene P. Leffew, Deceased,
Patricia A. Milligan, and James O. Norris,
Distributees v. James H. Hickman, III,
Administrator Ad Litem for the Estate
of James Leffew, Jr., Deceased.
Docket No. 84203-1

In the Chancery Court for Knox County,
Tennessee (Probate Division)

In this Cause, upon the pleadings, statements of counsel, the Affidavit of Patricia Ann Milligan filed November 12, 2021, and the entire record in this case, that in an attempt to identify the heirs of James Leffew, Jr., deceased, notice of service be issued by way of publication to be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville FOCUS and the Cleveland Daily Banner and upon recommendation by the Clerk and Master and his request that the personal property is insufficient to pay the claims, debts, and expenses in the estate and the need to bring real estate into the administration and recommendations by a local title attorney and for good cause shown, it is therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed that in an attempt to identify the heirs of James Leffew, Jr., deceased, notice of service issued by way of publication to be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville FOCUS, a circulation published in Knox County, Tennessee and the Cleveland Daily Banner, a circulation published in Bradley County, Tennessee, notifying the Respondents to be required to answer and make defense to the Petition in the office of the Clerk and master for the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee located at 400 Main Street SW#352, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 (phone: 865-215-2389), within thirty (30) days after the fourth (4th) weekly publication of said notice and that upon this failure to do so, the Petition will be taken as admitted by them and the case set for

hearing without their presence.

Order entered on March 4, 2022.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor, Knox County Chancery Court

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk & Master, Knox County Chancery Court

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN CHANCERY COURT FOR JEFFERSON
COUNTY, TENNESSEE
WILLIE CLARENCE WOOD,
Plaintiff,

v.
CATHLEEN MAGNOLIA RALEY,
Defendant.
No. 22-CV-20

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
This matter came to be heard by this Honorable Court on this the 16 day of May, 2022. Upon counsel’s Motion for Service by publication this Court finds as follows:

- That the current whereabouts of the Defendant Cathleen Magnolia Raley, are unknown.
- That the Plaintiff has made diligent efforts to locate the Defendant.
- That pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203 and § 21-1-204 that proper service on the Defendant will be satisfied through Service by Publication.
- That The Knoxville Focus is a regularly published and distributed newspaper in Knox County, Tennessee, which is the most proximate location of the Defendant’s last known location.
- That The Knoxville Focus is the proper media forum 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 Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.

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

A. That the Defendant, Cathleen Magnolia Raley, shall be served with proper notice by publication through The Knoxville Focus.

B. 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 Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.

C. That if Defendant, Cathleen Magnolia Raley, does not file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Jefferson County, Tennessee at Dandridge and with Petitioners’ Counsel, Joshua W. Leach, whose address is 8 Emory Pl., Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice that a hearing will be set for this cause before Chancellor Telford E. Forgety, Jr. at the Jefferson County Chancery Court, located at 202 W. Main St, Dandridge, Tennessee 37725, that action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Defendant, and enter Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff, Willie Clarence Wood.

ENTER THIS THE 16 DAY OF MAY, 2022.

TELFORD E. FORGETY, JR.
CHANCELLOR

NANCY C. HUMBARO
CLERK AND MASTER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VEULA J ANDERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 86122-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VEULA J ANDERSON who died Dec 26, 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 17 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF VEULA J ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BETTY GAIL FOX; EXECUTRIX
366 BLACK OAK LANE
SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

ADAM J CARR ATTORNEY AT LAW
109 PARKWAY SUITE 2A
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GRETA A BALES
DOCKET NUMBER 86208-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GRETA A BALES who died Mar 7, 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

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

This the 18 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF GRETA A BALES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA W HITCH; EXECUTRIX
2729 CEDARGATE DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37803

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550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TRULA MAE BEAZLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 86200-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TRULA MAE BEAZLEY who died Mar 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:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF TRULA MAE BEAZLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK E FLOYD; EXECUTOR
1211 CHOTO FARMS WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

MARK E FLOYD ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 870
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GREGORY ALLEN BELL
DOCKET NUMBER 86111-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GREGORY ALLEN BELL who died Jan 23, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 13 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF GREGORY ALLEN BELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA BELL; EXECUTRIX
1694 N HILLS BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

SARAH R JOHNSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
11907 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LORELLA L BROWN
DOCKET NUMBER 85793-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of MAY 2022, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of LORELLA L BROWN who died Nov 1, 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 date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is (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 13 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF LORELLA L BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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1112 ALBION STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92106

DUSTIN CROUSE ATTORNEY AT LAW
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D200
KNOXVILLE,

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEROME MAPLES NANCE, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 85936-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MAY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEROME MAPLES NANCE, JR. who died Jan 30, 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 23 day of MAY, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUZANNE RENE RUSSELL
DOCKET NUMBER 86214-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SUZANNE RENE RUSSELL who died Mar 30, 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 19 day of MAY, 2022.

JACK E SINGLETON; EXECUTOR
908 ISKAGNA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

KEITH BURROUGHS ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOAN DIANE STACKPOLE
DOCKET NUMBER 85351-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MAY 2022, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of JOAN DIANE STACKPOLE who died Aug 4, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

ESTATE OF JOAN DIANE STACKPOLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY ELLEN HOWARD;
ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
117 BAYPATH DRIVE
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830

JENNIFER CHADWELL ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 4038
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES VIRGINIA STALSWORTH
DOCKET NUMBER 86007-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES VIRGINIA STALSWORTH who died Nov 10, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

ESTATE OF FRANCES VIRGINIA STALSWORTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GAIL EDWARDS NOAH; CO-EXECUTRIX
2987 S ATLANTIC AVENUE,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA A STRENG
DOCKET NUMBER 86166-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA A STRENG who died Apr 4, 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 24 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF BARBARA A STRENG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBORAH A BRYANT; EXECUTRIX
442 LAUREL RIDGE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

SARAH R JOHNSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
11907 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES D SUSANO, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 86236-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES D SUSANO, JR. who died May 7, 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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or
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF CHARLES D SUSANO, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN K SUSANO; EXECUTRIX
7107 ROTHERWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA RUTH BOWMAN WEBB
DOCKET NUMBER 86244-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA RUTH BOWMAN WEBB who died Apr 14, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF BARBARA RUTH BOWMAN WEBB

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL D WEBB; EXECUTOR
5501 LANCE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOUISE GREENE WHEELER
DOCKET NUMBER 86133-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOUISE GREENE WHEELER who died Mar 5, 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 24 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF LOUISE GREENE WHEELER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SCOTT WILLIAMS; EXECUTOR
5120 MALIBU DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

PATTY JANE LAY ATTORNEY AT LAW
4617 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEULAH CHYRALL WHITE
DOCKET NUMBER 85693-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of MAY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BEULAH CHYRALL WHITE who died Oct 28, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 18 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF BEULAH CHYRALL WHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRALL MCNAIR; ADMINISTRATRIX
2207 CEDARGREENS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA ANN WILHITE
DOCKET NUMBER 86230-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MAY 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CYNTHIA ANN WILHITE who died Feb 5, 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

(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 23 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA ANN WILHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JESSICA STALLINGS; ADMINISTRATRIX
4504 GLASGOW ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HOWARD MARTIN WILLIAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 86233-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MAY 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HOWARD MARTIN WILLIAMS who died Feb 8, 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 24 day of MAY, 2022.

ESTATE OF HOWARD MARTIN WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA W MILLER; EXECUTRIX
5432 RANDONELL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

RFP 3276, Human Resources Information System (HRIS) Software Solution, due 6/30/22

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFITS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022, FROM 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of May 2022 Insurance Benefits Committee Minutes
3. 2023 Health Insurance Premiums Vote – Stephanie Candler
4. Health Plan Options and HSAs Discussion – Stephanie Candler
5. Discuss items for next agenda
6. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY FIRE AND TECHNICAL RESCUE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022, AT 5:30 PM IN THE E-911 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 605 BERNARD AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, 37921. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading and Approval of minutes
4. Discussion of ISO Ratings
5. Finance Subcommittee Report
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on June 17, 2022 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Rd Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2001 Ford	1FAFP4Q0461F106344	Jeryl Marano
2006 Hummer	56TDN136768110670	Marcus Mathis/Hurriyah Hendricks/ Direct Source Ford
1994 Ford	1FTCR14U1RPB33862	Jordan Reagan
2007		Kawasaki
JKAZX4J117A066413	Travis Baker	
2003 Honda	2HGES2673H552886	Amber Large
2000		Mitsubishi
4A3AC54L2YE108550	Roy Stephenson	
2011 Chevrolet	1G1ZC5E13BF138010	Iglesias
William Painter/ Auto Depot LLC		
2000 Dodge	1B7GG22N8YS603034	Janee Neff
2009 Audi	WAUSF78KX9N019707	Noah Cox
2012 Hyundai	5NPDH4AE5C1H49331	
The Huntington Ntl Bank/ Stephanie Parker		
2016 Nissan	3N1CE2CP1G1392053	
Ornl Fcu/ Michael Sheridan		
2016 Chevrolet	1G1PC5SH467203036	
Ashley Hall/ Alcoa TN FCU		
2004 Volvo	YV1SZ59H141131825	Ted Cole
2012 Ford	3FAHP0GA7CR117968	
2014 Robin or Ashley Buckner Plymouth		
2P4GH253XRR787270	Glenda Hutton	
1999 Honda	1HGCG225XXA001966	
Marcos		Marcano
2005		Chevrolet
1G1ZS22F55F123001	Yasmin Iglesias	
2006 Honda	2HJYK164X6H514483	
Tmx Finance of Tn/ Roman Lay		
2004 Toyota	JTEBU14R940026450	Connor Griffin
2008 Toyota	4T1BE4K98U792871	
Jonathan Collins/ Credit Acceptance Corp		
2003 BMW	WBADT334X3GF43831	
Cameron		Gudger
2006 Honda	1HGMCM826X6A002778	
Onemaim Financial Service Inc/ Nathan Barrow		
1998 Buick	1G4CW52K3W4615601	
Brittany		Aslinger
2005 Dodge	2D4FV48T48H554746	Flournoy
Chanelle		
2003 Chevrolet	2GCEC19T231166495	
Robert Smith/ Check into Cash of TN		
2004 Mazda	4F2Y02B94KM18431	Wondy Griffin
2007 Chevrolet	1GDSN13S672203060	
Tmx Finance of Tn/ Kevin Tussey		

2014 Ford	3FADP4BJ5EM120588	
Matthew Allemen/ Lymcoming Auto Trust		
1998 Ford	1FMZU32E0WZC16260	Mykal Titlow
2003 Honda	1H6CM55173A067470	
Cornelio		Balcazar
2006 Buick	1G4HD572X6U228810	
Charles Prater/ Advance Financial		
1999Ford2FAFP74W7XX102975	Quevellis Farmer	
2008 Hyundai	5NMSG13D98H214683	Trinity
Peoples Or Linda Williams/ Fishtail Financial		
1996Nissan4NM2DN11W5TD832942	Donna Woods	
2007 Ford	3FAHP07157R125055	Tmx
Finance of Tn/ Ashley or Christopher Stuffle		
2002 Honda	1HGCG56432A069988	Renzo Diaz
2007 Hyundai	5NMSG13D87H087312	
Samantha		Illardi
2009 BMW	WBAPH77589ML84088	
Titlemax of Tn/ James Mayes		
2021 Mitsubishi	ML32AUHJ5MH005506	
Santander Consumer/ Julisa Hendrix		

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2004Nissan	1N6AA06A34N550770	Julie Vittetoe
1999 Chevrolet	1GCSX19X0X8179763	
Tennessee Title Loans Inc/ Kimberly Wallin		
1996 Ford	1FTCR14X77PA85432	Tom A Tipton
2014 Hyundai	5NPEBA4C2EH857933	
Keyvonna Perez/ Gills Deals on Wheels		
2001 Saturn	1G8ZK52712312994	Elisha
Sharp/ Advance America Cash Advance		
2003 Nissan	1N4AL11D23C2262424	
Titlemax of Tn/ Daniel Borden		

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc.

Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday June 23rd, 2022 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

2001	DODGE	1B7HF16Y31S300822
1996	NISSAN	3N1AB41D2TL012801
2018	NISSAN	3N1CN7APXJK400258
1997	HONDA	1HGCD5639VA067800
2002	FORD	1FAFP404X2F146122
2001	DODGE	1B4GP25361B219847
1999	CHRYSLER	1C4GP64L2XB521205
2009	CHEVY	3G1T5X5E79L128190
2004	CHEVY	161JC12F247154511
2005	BUICK	2G4WC532851250458
2003	BUICK	3GSDA003E43S508207
2007 PONTIAC	I G 2 N V 5 E X 2 M 5 6 4 7 8 4	
1996	VOLVO	YV1LS556T1325379
2013	HONDA	19XFB2F5KCE089039
2004	CADILLAC	1G6KD54Y24U159615
2000	NISSAN	JN1CA31D0Y7534528
2003 SATURN	I G 8 A L 5 2 F X 3 Z 1 0 5 1 6 4	
2001 TOYOTA	J T 3 H N 8 6 R 7 1 0 3 5 1 4 8 5	
2006	CHEVY	2G1WB5