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## Commission to consider new interstate bypass

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Twenty-two years ago a new bypass was proposed by the state for Knoxville. The "Orange Route" was to link Interstate 40/75 with northbound I-75 but was abandoned after some local opposition and budget issues.

Is it time to talk about a

new bypass? If you've traveled on I-75 or I-40 you know of the daily problems, especially at rush hour, along both routes. That also includes the I-640 bypass which is in the midst of repairs and improvements. With the addition of rush hour or holiday traffic and accidents, sometimes traffic comes to a standstill or creeps along.

Many people who work or shop in West Knoxville or along the very busy North Broadway have found other ways to get to their destination and back. Other people have simply shopped early or late each day simply because of traffic and crowds.

Knoxville seems to have more people than housing and more and more traffic

every year. The governor is talking about possible express pay lanes or other alternatives.

Commissioner At-Large Larsen Jay wants the commission to again begin talking about a new bypass.

"We're a growing and thriving community and the regional hub," Jay told the commission work session Tuesday evening. He said

the transportation needs are "not sustainable now or in the future."

"It has to start with an idea and asking our state legislators to it put back in the hopper. Doing nothing is not an option," he said.

The resolution says Knox County is located at the crossroads of the country with over 1/3rd of the country's population living

within a 500-mile radius. According to the recent Advance Knox presentation, Knox County's population has grown 50% over the last 40 years, and with that same growth trajectory, the local county population will exceed 550,000 by 2040, with the greater Metropolitan Statistical Area population expected  
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PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Webb's Madelyn Ladd works to get off a shot against a tough Catholic defense in Friday's 46-28 loss to the Lady Irish. For additional prep coverage, please see this week's Sports section on C.

## 'Best defensive effort' leads Lady Irish to 46-28 win

By Steve Williams

The Knoxville Catholic girls basketball team's record is a little deceiving, implied Head Coach Travis Mains after a 46-28 win over rival Webb School Friday night on the Lady Spartans' home floor.

"We're 3-0 in the conference and 12-10 overall," said Mains. "We have played the top three ranked teams in state and lost several times to these teams, but it's made us where we are right now."

"We're moving up in the rankings," he added. "Tonight was probably our best defensive effort to be honest with you."

Catholic had lost to Webb in a Christmas holiday tournament in Cleveland.

"We took our medicine there, but we got a little bit of revenge tonight," said Mains. "We'll have an even

bigger game in about three weeks at our place."

Junior standout Sydney Mains, who is about "75 to 80 percent" from full recovery after having knee surgery in July, led Catholic with 17 points and made three of five 3-pointers.

"She's worked extremely hard to get back and play," said Coach Mains of his daughter's comeback. "She's probably another six months away from being 100 percent. But she's getting by with a lot of heart right now and a lot of love for the sport."

Amaya Redd, a transfer from Science Hill, added 12 points to the Catholic total. Caroline Krueger chipped in eight.

"Amaya is very athletic," said Mains. "She looks like a post player but handles the ball like a guard. She  
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## Walls powers Webb past Catholic, 72-64

By Steve Williams

It was no surprise that Lukas Walls was the man for Webb School's basketball team against its No. 1 rival.

The 6-4, 190-pound senior shooting guard poured in 29 points and did a little of everything in the Spartans' 72-64 win over visiting Knoxville Catholic Friday night.

His spinning, fall-away 10-footer capped a 21-6 run in the third period that gave Webb a commanding 54-40 lead.

"He's played for us for four years and his game has really taken that next step with this season being his senior year," said Zach

Gulmire, who was serving as acting head coach as Ricky Norris sat out the first of a two-game suspension.

"Lukas is more than just a scorer. He rebounds, he facilitates, and he sets our guys up. He calms us down when things are either out of control or we're playing with a lack of execution. Our guys really rally around him and look for him to be a leader for us."

Walls, who has committed to Samford University, was that and more in the victory that was played with an overflow crowd on hand.

Jaylen Pompey added 13 points to the Spartans'

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## Should the Concord Yacht Club be exclusive?

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The renewal of a ground lease for the Concord Yacht Club Inc. is on the Knox County agenda for today and may see discussion as some commissioners questioned the proposed 10-year renewal during last week's work session.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker suggested a 5-year renewal and opening up the facility to have a public boat launch park and picnic area.

"You have had exclusive use by members for 25 years," Schoonmaker said. He also was critical of the renewal request being created by the club and not the county, which he said was unusual.

Dwight Van de Vate, Knox County Chief Operating Officer, replied that

the mayor's office can come back to the commission with amendments to the contract.

There are also some questions about out-of-county residents with memberships there.

Commissioner Kim Frazier said she favored the 5-year contract idea with a possible 5-year renewal. She also said that out-of-area members should pay more for membership.

As a former Sea Scout, Commissioner Kyle Ward spoke about how that involvement helped him and what he learned from the experience.

The club is for sailboats only and has about 230 members.

The contract renewal, with possible amendments, was passed along to today's meeting with no recommendation.

## Public input sought for update to Knoxville's One Year Plan

The annual update of the City of Knoxville's One Year Plan has begun, and the public is encouraged to participate. The One Year Plan serves as the foundation for zoning decisions and is based on the land-use goals, objectives, and policies found in the City's long-range plans.

Two virtual meetings have been scheduled to give community members the opportunity to review and discuss recommended changes to the plan.

- Tuesday, February 1, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

- Wednesday, February 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. via

Zoom

The meetings will begin with a presentation covering all geographic areas of the city, followed by an open discussion. The presentation will include a general definition describing the One Year Plan and an overview of the edits to the document since the 2022 update.

For more information about the One Year Plan, please visit [www.knoxplanning.org/plans/one-year-plan](http://www.knoxplanning.org/plans/one-year-plan). If you have additional questions, contact Jessie Hillman at 856-215-3082 or [jessie.hillman@knoxplanning.org](mailto:jessie.hillman@knoxplanning.org).

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# Krauthammer: Liberals Think Conservatives Are Evil



Charles Krauthammer was considered by many, including me, to be the most brilliant columnist of our time. Unfortunately, he passed away in June of 2018 at the age of 68 from cancer. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his columns which were syndicated to over 400 publications. He started out as a liberal, and after graduating from the Harvard Medical School, worked in the Carter White House and as a speechwriter for Walter Mondale. He spent most of his life,

however, as a staunch conservative and regular commentator on the Fox Network. Krauthammer once wrote: “To understand the workings of American politics, you have to understand this fundamental law: Conservatives think liberals are stupid. Liberals think conservatives are evil.” I thought of this in regard to the recent disclosures by Elon Musk, journalist Matt Taibbi, and others about the collusion between some high-ranking Democrats and powerful big-tech executives and the FBI to censor free speech by conservatives. Almost two years ago I wrote a Focus column about how liberals were opposed to free speech for anyone who disagreed with them. Journalist Glenn Greenwald said the left is trying to “silence everyone that

disagrees with them, the very hallmark, the epitome of the fascism they claim to be fighting, but in reality they embody.” He said this long before all the recent exposure of the censorship of conservatives by Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Google that was encouraged, requested, or demanded by high-level Democrats. Until recently, this opposition to free speech was seen most clearly on college campuses where young liberals would physically attack young conservatives and/or rudely shout down the rare times that adult conservatives were invited to speak at college or university meetings. Candidate Biden ran as a moderate Democrat and claimed to be a unifier. Instead, he has presided over the most far left administration in U.S. history. He has been a divider,

such as his speech in Philadelphia where he implied that most Republicans were Bull Connor racists. There is so much hatred on the left for conservatives, they seemingly have convinced themselves that everyone who voted for Donald Trump is a white supremacist, even Trump’s many black voters. Mark Steyn, who was a guest host for Rush Limbaugh shortly before Limbaugh’s death, said the left has “invented a domestic terrorism threat that does not exist, but is breathtaking in its audacity.” Obviously, Democrats have greatly exaggerated the number of white supremacists to get a large turnout of their black base. Actually, the number of true white supremacists is so tiny that they are really a laughingstock. They are a mean joke. They are what Charles Krauthammer,

writing about totalitarians, described as a “fringe of the fringe. So long as they remain so, why diminish the first of all rights – speech – to deal with a threat that is not a threat?” White supremacists are no threat, and probably about 95% of the people at the Capitol on January 6th were peaceful and no threat to any person or property. What is a great threat is the suppression of free speech, our most cherished freedom. Thomas A. Modesto, in The Daily Item, wrote: “With pressure and threats from the White House, FBI, Department of Justice, and 11 other agencies, it (Twitter) complied with government requests and ‘suggestions’.” (Former New York Times Editor Bari Weiss showed that the FBI tagged particular tweets, resulting in censorship or warning labels placed on

them. Twitter executives set up a dedicated group in October 2020 to discuss election-related removals, evidence of a large internet company actively suppressing government unapproved political speech.” Professor Thomas DiLorenzo wrote last December 9th: “Of course, minority opinions must be silenced and every act of the government must become sacrosanct and exempt from criticism. This was never more on display than in government responses to the ‘pandemic’ of 2020, followed by the Biden campaign and its collusion with ‘Big Tech’ to censor even the President of the United States along with massive evidence of the colossal criminality and corruption of the Biden family crime syndicate.”

## Zoning changes, animal regs and BZA notices on city council agenda

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The Knoxville City Council’s second meeting of the new year on Tuesday has an agenda that includes several interesting items. The city code dealing with the tethering of dogs in backyards may see some changes. Differing opinions, including a “chaining without supervision” policy promoted by the Young-Williams Animal Center, were expressed in the prior council meeting as the proposed amendment on the care and keeping of animals goes into its second and final reading.

Also on final reading is a change in the code that requires the posting of notices for variances to decisions before the Board of Zoning Appeals. The change is being requested by the planning commission. Several partial street closings will be voted on including parts of Java Alley, Boggs Avenue and West Blount Avenue. Zoning change requests are on the agenda for properties on Hancock Street, Metler Drive, Foote Mineral Lane, Brooks Avenue, and Rifle Range Drive. The Department of Engineering is asking that the city acquire property

for the Northwest Greenway Connector Phase 2 and purchase 33 tracts for the Pleasant Ridge Road Phase 2. Mayor Indya Kincannon may be authorized to apply for a \$1 million grant for a bicycle connection route between Cottrell Greenway and the Sevier Avenue and Island Home Intersection. Coulter & Justice may be hired to do a two-year audit of the Knoxville Utility Board and KUB may be granted a tax break. The YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Center may be given \$7,500 for an internship program for 14-18-year-old students.

## Making Sense out of Fed Policy

The current commentary about the Federal Reserve is almost exclusively on how it is fighting inflation. The Fed has raised its Fed Funds target range from near zero to 4.25-4.5 percent and it is this rate that the media details ad nauseum. The speculation is on how high will the Fed go. Some have predicted as high as 6 percent. Whatever the Fed will do depends on what the Fed economists think the future will look like, in particular future inflation and employment. Although the media pushes the narrative that current reports of inflation and employment are somehow predictive of what the Fed will do now, at best that narrative is misleading. Fed policy operates with a significant lag. If the Fed employs unambiguous monetary policy, the effects will not be seen for at least a year and often longer. Thus, the Fed is looking forward, not backward, contrary to the commonplace story told by the media. However, current events can give the Fed cover for its intended actions.

The two interest rates that the Fed can determine are the rate that the Fed pays the banks on bank reserves and the discount rate, which is the rate that the Fed charges banks that wish to borrow at the Fed’s discount window. Currently those rates are within the Fed funds target range. This is important because if the discount rate is below the Fed funds rate, the banks could borrow cheaper from the Fed which would counteract what the Fed is doing in the Fed funds market. Also, the Fed can discourage bank lending if it pays higher interest on the banks’ reserves. Why should the banks lend and incur risk when it can keep its money safely at the Fed at near the same rate?

The supply of Fed funds. When it wants the rate to rise, it decreases the supply of bank reserves by selling Treasuries to the banks and taking reserves as payment. The decrease in supply raises the Fed funds rate but that increase cannot be precisely determined. Currently, the Fed is saying that inflation is predicted to fall this year to around 3 percent and unemployment rising to 4.6 percent. Although the Fed is not saying that the economy will go into recession, the markets are wary. However, the Treasury yield curve is downward sloping, predicting a recession. The yield curve plots interest rates on Treasuries over time by maturity. Usually, the 3 month Treasury bill yields are below that of longer term bonds. However, for the past months the curve is inverted with shorter term yields being greater than longer term ones. This means that the market is reluctant to invest longer term due to uncertainty. Nevertheless, what business reporting fails to mention is that inflation is always a monetary phenomenon. The Fed is responsible for the current inflation by enabling the massive increase in Federal spending by increasing the money supply when it grew its balance sheet from \$1 trillion to \$8.5 trillion. Now it is trying to shrink the money supply by decreasing the amount of banks’ excess reserves, which create money when loaned out. No business correspondent mentions this and most business reports would probably earn at best a “C” if submitted as an economics paper. When the Fed countered the great recession of 2008, it dramatically lowered the Fed funds rate and eventually pushed it to near zero. Even though these actions may have had some merit, the only reason that the Fed kept rates low was for political, not economic, reasons. As is always the case, the Fed’s conduct is the primary cause of economic uncertainty and market volatility. Although most of the media seem to think that rising interest rates foretell gloom, there is one positive note. My sainted mother used to ask me during the zero Fed rate era, “Why does the Fed hate seniors?” Of course, she was correct because her CDs earned virtually no interest return. Well at least now, even though the Fed may still hate seniors, the pain it is inflicting is a bit less.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## State Legislature To Consider County Primary Election Change

The Tennessee General Assembly has begun its new session and legislators are busy dropping bills, organizing committees and getting underway. One of the more interesting proposals is sponsored by House Majority leader William Lamberth. Lamberth is carrying a proposed amendment to Tennessee's Constitution, which would move the date of county elections.

Presently, county elections are held in May and August. The primary is held

in May with the general election following in August. Under Lamberth's amendment, the election would coincide with the state primary and general elections, meaning the primaries would be held in August and the general election in November.

Every two years there is the oddity of the presidential primary held in Tennessee. To save money and increase the vote, the county primaries have been held on the same day as the presidential primary in February, which leaves more than six months before the general election. That makes for a really long campaign for candidates and voters alike.

Representative Lamberth's proposal is worth considering, would save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of tax dollars and the number of voters participating would multiply significantly.

### Let's Move On

Commissioner Dasha Lundy's feud with the Knox County Sheriff's Office over an alleged incident at a

local deli has likely peaked. The sticking point is the firing of a 15-year-old girl working at a local deli, who an employee of the sheriff says refused to serve officers. The young lady says that's not true; she says she was at the end of her shift and asked another employee to wait on the officers. The girl is the sister of Anthony Thompson Jr., the young man shot and killed in a struggle while he was armed with a loaded handgun at Austin-East High School.

The Knoxville News Sentinel has had a field day blowing up the issue and Lundy has made it into a spectacle. The debate between Commissioners Dasha Lundy and Rhonda Lee speaks for itself and both made some valid points. Lundy wanted Sheriff Spangler and the officers to come to the county commission meeting and answer questions. Previously, Lundy had the young lady down to the commission meeting to allow her to make a statement. Lundy wanted to subpoena the sheriff and staff, which would require a three-quarters majority of

the Knox County Commission. A note of sanity was interjected into the debate by Commissioner Larsen Jay, who wondered if the young lady was to be subpoenaed as well. Lundy didn't like that idea, saying the young lady had already made her statement.

Enough is enough. Dividing the community further serves no good purpose. The Sentinel has become a publication centered around race and food and little else.

## McNally Re-Elected As Lieutenant Governor

Congratulations to state Senator Randy McNally, who also represents a portion of Knox County. McNally has just been reelected lieutenant governor of Tennessee by his colleagues in the state Senate. Randy McNally is a man of character, ability and integrity and the senators could not have made a better choice.

### Bypass A Good Idea

State Senator Becky

Duncan Massey has joined with County Commissioner Larsen Jay to draft a resolution, which was just passed unanimously by the Knox County Commission. The resolution calls for a bypass around Knoxville. Just about every local has encountered the heavy traffic along I-40 and I-75 and the resolution, which Becky Duncan Massey helped Commissioner Jay to draft, asks the State of Tennessee to fund a bypass, diverting traffic around Knoxville. Currently, 16% of that traffic is composed of commercial vehicles. 80% of America travels through Knoxville and as County Commissioner Carson Dailey said at the recent commission meeting, when the commission speaks with a unified voice, it has an effect.

### Double Standards Continue

The classified documents kerfuffle in this country is probably the best illustration of two very different standards of justice in this country for the very same thing. The outrage following the discovery of classified

documents at Mar-a-Lago has faded into dismay with the discovery of classified documents in the possession of Joe Biden at several locations. Former President Trump was actually cooperating with Justice Department officials and had complied with requests such as padlocking the area where the documents were stored, while Biden kept some in his garage in a home his son Hunter had claimed as his residence. Mar-a-Lago was raided while Biden's lawyers are allowed to sift through things without any presence by Department of Justice officials.

The news that the FBI spent \$3.4 million with Twitter and suppressing information, along with the repeated actions by the Department of Justice, leaves folks shaking their heads. J. Edgar Hoover left a very dark legacy in his wake as, at best, a petty tyrant who abused his power as Director of the FBI. At worst, Hoover was a deeply corrupt official who meted out something far removed from justice. Unfortunately, that sounds all too familiar these days.

## Commission to consider new interstate bypass

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to exceed 1,100,000 citizens.

The resolution goes on to say that Knox County contains several of the most traveled national highways (I-81 / I-75 and I-40), with I-40 / I-75 running concurrently for 18 miles through the heart of an already congested urban area; and approximately 182,000 vehicles travel through the I-40 / I-75 corridor per day with 16% of the traffic being commercial vehicles.

Jay mentions that in 2020, the Tennessee Department of Transportation calculated the Annual Average Daily Traffic Volume statewide and reported Knox

County as having the highest volume and also holding three of the top five highest traffic volumes in the State of Tennessee.

The resolution says the Commission of Knox County resolution encourages TDOT and our state legislators to examine the potential for a new highway bypass around Knoxville.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs added his support for a solution and wants to see alternatives added to the resolution.

The commission voted to co-sponsor the resolution unanimously.

## Right to Life month resolution on county commission agenda

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Commissioner Rhonda Lee's resolution to have January declared "Right to Life Month in Knox County" advanced from the body's work session and appears on today's regular agenda, but not without two members.

Lee addressed the work session last week and the resolution refers to January 22nd as being the anniversary of Roe vs Wade.

"In those times in history when certain classes of people have been singled out as something less than human, unspeakable

atrocities have occurred," the Lee resolution says.

"It is a scientific fact that life begins at the moment of conception; and whereas, from that moment there exists a unique human being that has never lived before and will never live again; and whereas, the Commission of Knox County would go on record in support of protecting life in all it ages, stages and conditions."

The resolution also reads, "January is also the month of the annual March for Life in Washington DC, the largest annual human rights demonstration in

the world."

The resolution moved to today's regular meeting on a "no recommendation" vote but saw two commissioners, Courtney Durrett and Dasha Lundy, abstaining from the vote. There was no discussion of the proposal last week.

The declaration of the month as the "Right to Life" month is largely symbolic as the state has passed a prohibition on abortion. There are some efforts in the state legislature to loosen the restrictions to allow abortion in the cases of rape, incest, and the life of the mother.

## Walls powers Webb past Catholic, 72-64

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total.

Caleb Asbaty hit four 3-point shots and led Catholic with 18 points. Yesan Warren, who gave the Irish their last lead (34-33) early in the third period, added 17 points and Deondre Lindsey 13.

The game's first period was low-scoring as Catholic led 13-11.

A driving layup by Walls gave the Spartans a 22-15 lead with 5:28 remaining in the second period and Catholic, under first-year head coach Luke Smith, took a timeout.

The Irishmen reduced the difference to one and trailed only 33-29 at half-time.

After its third period flurry, Webb extended its lead to 64-48 in the final period, but 4 for 11 free throw shooting in the final 2:20 allowed Catholic to reduce the deficit down the stretch.

Gulmire felt the "marrying" of Webb's energy and passion with the habits and behaviors that the team has been working on to



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

**Webb senior Lukas Walls goes up for a shot in the Spartans' 72-64 win over Catholic Friday night at Webb. Walls scored a game-high 29 points in the win.**

execute at a high level was the key to the win.

"I think you have to find a way to marry those two to beat the really good teams

in our league like Catholic," he said.

Norris will sit out the McCallie game Friday to complete his suspension.

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made four or five dominant drives to the basket and when momentum was kind of switching she made plays for us."

Jaz Williams stood out in the game with her defensive play.

"She's just a hustler," said Coach Mains. "Her best basketball is ahead of her. She's a fighter."

"Jaz came here her first year and we had a losing record and she has helped build this program up. She's one of our two senior leaders and she plays with so much heart."

Webb battled from start to finish but couldn't close the gap. Freshman Meyah Green scored nine points and Madelyn Ladd eight.

"This team's got a chance to cut down some nets, if

they play together like this, limit turnovers, make timely shots and stay healthy," said Coach Mains. "We got a chance to go get us a gold ball. I really believe that in my heart."

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# Knox E-911 in good financial shape



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

**Knox 911 Finance Committee Chairman John Fugate said the system is in good shape but he had some questions about \$610,000 in funds going to various projects that weren't in the budget.**

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The Knox County Emergency Communications Board met Wednesday morning and heard that the finances are in very good shape. The report from Finance Chair John Fugate shows \$21 million in funds and the 401K program for employees is up to date.

Fugate said the audit looks good and Pugh CPA reported that the Knox 911 audit showed a "clean opinion."

Knox 911's newest member, Janette Burgin of Region's Bank, asked if more accuracy in finances is needed and was told that current controls are good but can always be improved. She asked about

sharing Pugh with Knox County and how often an auditor is changed.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, sitting in as chairman, responded that Pugh has been with the county several years and added, "These guys are top flight."

Fugate mentioned some incidences where about \$610,000 in funding was used without board approval. Knox 911 Director Brad Anders explained the extra expenditures as being due to the pandemic price increases and the extra needed to pave the facility's parking lot, to purchase furniture for both the main headquarters on Baxter Avenue and the new backup facility in the new Knoxville Safety Center, and to improve the towers at the new backup location and on Sharp's Ridge.

Anders said additional expenditures "are not common for us but not frivolous." He added that the money for the extra needs is in the bank.

Fugate said the extra spending is "about 10 percent of our budget" and added he "feels uncomfortable doing it in mid-year."

"You are right, John, but the money is there. We have to do it," Jacobs said.

Burgin commented that after the pandemic "no product came in less than 20 percent above" the previous cost.

The extra expenditures

were approved by the board.

In his director's report, Anders said that Knox 911 received 563,000 calls last year. He said the system is looking to hire 8 to 10 new employees and there are 13 to 14 open positions in the call center. He reported the center is updating firewalls for more security, upgrading its key cards for easier entry into the center, and said that the backup center is being updated with new outlets. He said the backup center is awaiting the new furniture and might be open in two or three months.

The board's next meeting is on April 19.

# Tensions high at commission meeting

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Commissioner Dr. Dasha Lundy wanted a discussion about the McAlister's Deli incident involving Knox County Sheriff's Office deputies and the 15-year-old sister of Anthony Thompson Jr.

Aniya Thompson spoke at the December commission meeting about the incident, saying her shift was ending at the deli when the men came in and she passed their wish to order to another employee. The Knox County deputies reported back to KCSO that they had been refused service

and the information spread to the internet. That viral post was later removed.

Thompson lost her job with the restaurant reporting she was too young to be employed there.

Lundy invited Sheriff Tom Spangler and the three deputies to attend the commission work session Tuesday and speak to the issue but the sheriff declined.

"I feel like my voice is not valued here," Lundy told her fellow commissioners and read the sheriff's reply to her invitation. He wrote that he was unavailable and the other officers would not be attending.

She said that despite the sheriff's offer she will not speak with him in a private meeting. She described the response to her request as "cowardly and disrespectful."

Lundy's voice showed her emotion as she said the commission has the power to subpoena the sheriff, the officers, the restaurant owners, and others but that vote would require a 2/3 majority. She wanted to include any record available on the incident.

"She will carry this for the rest of her life," she said of Thompson. Lundy's statement also included a prayer and said, "We were voted to protect the people

of Knox County, especially the young children."

"I won't let this go," Lundy told the meeting.

Commissioner Rhonda Lee countered Lundy's remarks by saying that Thompson's brother was "shot because he brought a gun to school" and said that Lundy was making the situation a race issue. Lee then mentioned that 331 officers were killed in our country last year.

"To come in here and make this a race issue (is) to divide us," Lee said.

"Shame on you," Rick Roach shouted at Lee from the audience. Roach had spoken about

the incident during public forum and was not permitted to further speak when Chairwoman Courtney Durrett stopped him, citing commission policy. She also apologized to Lundy.

"I didn't call it a race issue," Lundy replied, adding, "I'm so sorry you feel the way you do."

Lundy asked Roach to speak no longer, recalling several demonstrators that were removed from a prior meeting and arrested for disrupting the session.

"I'm out," Lundy said, adding, "We're never going to move forward." She picked up her purse and her agenda papers and left the meeting.

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## The Doctor is in

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Dr. Jim Ferguson

### The Cathedral

I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

My life is so different than it used to be. I had a rewarding career in medicine, but I could never go back. The Teacher said, "There is a time for everything" (Ecclesiastes 3:1), and it was my time to retire before I became obsolete.

Now, I have a new career as a novelist and as an essayist/columnist for The Knoxville Focus. During my medical career, I longed to have time for reflection. Now I have "creative" time because my kids are raised and I'm no longer working sixty hours a week caring for patients.

And since I have a thousand-word essay due at the end of each week, I'm

always alert for a storyline. Recently, (January 16) I wrote about Martin Luther, the German priest who precipitated the Protestant Reformation. This week's focus is easy as we remember Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) who was integral to America's civil rights movement. Interestingly, MLK's father, Michael King Sr., revered Martin Luther and changed his name and his son's to that of the 16th-century protestant reformer.

In college, I was a science guy and had few opportunities to take courses outside my pre-med curriculum. However, I did take art history as an elective and my worldview changed. I even served as a docent leading groups visiting the Knoxville Museum of Art. I especially remember the Auguste Rodin show. For many years I had a copy of Rodin's most

famous sculpture, The Thinker, sitting on my office desk. Sometimes patients would ask if I do surgery, and I've been known to quip, "No, I'm more of a thinker than a cutter."

I thought about art last week with the unveiling of a controversial sculpture in Boston celebrating MLK. Entitled The Embrace, the sculpture was to depict MLK and his wife embracing after he was nominated for the Nobel peace prize. From one perspective you can visualize the embrace. However, in other views, the sculpture elicits what some described as a phallus.

In art, there is a difference between representation and interpretation. Non-representational abstract art is the interpretive vision of the artist and is not necessarily intended to represent an identifiable object. An example is a drip painting of Jackson Pollock.

It is said that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. I am not criticizing or defending the artistic interpretation of the MLK sculpture. In this politically correct world, criticism of Dr. King is "not tolerated" by those who claim they are, "oh so tolerant." Instead, I offer a beautiful and evocative work of sculpted art by Rodin entitled The Cathedral (pictured).

In the high Middle-ages cathedrals were constructed using flying buttresses to support soaring outer walls. This allowed the creation of inspiring, cavernous inner spaces to evoke, "Surely the Lord is in this place" (Genesis 28:16). Such architectural innovation was reverential because most people in those days lived in relative squalor, could not read or write and did not understand Catholic masses which were conducted in Latin.

The Cathedral sculpture resides in the Parisian Musée Rodin. My reproduction is approximately half the Rodin original, but I think you can appreciate the "inner space" created by the intertwining of two right hands. Only two people are capable of making such a connection. This is evocative art!

It would be nice to stay in the lofty realm of art. However, like Peter, James and John who wanted to stay on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17), I live in the valley below. And the stench of the Biden classified document scandal with links to influence peddling in Ukraine is suffocating. This scandal is far worse than Watergate. The Dems want no part of this, so I find it curious that the documents were only

found when Biden said he was going to run again in 2024. The only thing that has saved our POTUS from the 25th Amendment so far is his blathering, cackling sidekick. But it won't save him from the document scandal and the Ukrainian connection.

In 1824 another "corrupt bargain" was struck. Neither Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, William Crawford or Henry Clay had received a majority of electoral votes and as a result the selection of president went to the House of Representatives. Constitutionally, Crawford was excluded and then Speaker of the House Henry Clay allegedly cut a deal with John Q to elect John Quincy Adams as president. Days later, Henry Clay became Adam's secretary of state. Jackson was furious and later led a populist comeback to win the presidency in 1828. The 2023 Dems should be careful. A populist comeback 100 years later by Donald Trump may be in the works.

For a long time, I thought Democrats were just misguided, but now I believe this bunch in power is corrupt, incompetent and is burning down our country. People blather on about bipartisan cooperation, but how do you reach across

the aisle to an AOC and her anti-Semitic Squad, Sheila Jackson Lee and her racist hate speech bill or Hank Johnson who once worried that the overpopulation of Guam would cause the island to tip over?

It is now proven that Christopher Wray and the FBI colluded to suppress the Hunter Biden laptop story on FakeBook and Twitter which altered the outcome of the 2020 election. Recall that 12% of registered Democrats would have changed their vote if the New York Post bombshell story had not been suppressed. Even the so-called group of 50 intelligent agents, who alleged the laptop was Russian disinformation, now admit that the laptop was real and was in the FBI's possession for more than a year prior to the 2020 election.

So where do we go from here? The truth must come out if we are ever to return to the "cathedral of democracy" the Founders created for us 234 years ago.

Last week's essay was entitled "Turning Point." Let's pray that revelations are forthcoming, justice is done and healing can begin.

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## Crab Orchard is almost forgotten

### A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Crab Orchard atop Cumberland Mountain is one of the most historic communities in our region. The drive up the mountain west of Kingston gives you a small idea of what early travelers and settlers faced. The original route was a Native American trail that was later replaced with a horse and wagon road and Crab Orchard was the first stop for anyone heading west.

Nowadays the little town is just a single exit off Interstate 40 but it has a history much bigger than



the place might reveal.

Obviously, the quickest way to reach Crab Orchard is to take I-40 west. If you want to take a full day trip, you may want to stop at Kingston and visit Southwest Point, a frontier fort where a ferry was operated to cross the Clinch River there. The fort was built to protect travelers headed west from Indian attacks.

Continuing up the mountain on the interstate you'll pass the exit to Harriman and Rockwood. In Rockwood, the old pioneer road climbed the mountain along what is basically the route of Highway 70, which you might consider using

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*Crab Orchard stone is a popular sandstone used in all types of buildings and the little town atop Cumberland Mountain is proud of its stone and its local history. Ozone Falls is just east of Crab Orchard along Highway 70. There's a parking area above the falls and a trail that leads down to the bottom of the cascade.*



## Focus to feature neighborhoods

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This year The Knoxville Focus plans to feature different neighborhoods in and around the city — those areas that have historic importance, commercial and residential populations, interesting features and outstanding people.

Our area is a collection of various types of neighborhoods and communities. Each contributes in its own way and many are unique and different

from others. Knoxville and Knox County are favored with parks, greenways, special large and small businesses, historic homes, and a diverse population of talent and knowledge.

Watch The Knoxville Focus each month for stories about selected neighbors, their citizens, associations and businesses. It's all about where we all live and how that is important to know.

See B4 for this month's neighborhood: Old North Knoxville.



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# The Truest Thing I Know

The first one was a fictional novel about rivals turned friends who weave their lives in baseball. The second book



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was a confessional about the mistakes I made with my son during the years he played baseball. Unknown to most folks is a third young adult e-book.

The first two books sold "dozens" of copies. The young adult e-book hasn't sold more than a couple of downloads. That's not what I had hoped for when I wrote these tomes. No, I had visions of book signings, television appearances, and speaking engagements. Money would roll in, and Amy would quit work to help me with all the wonderful things that a successful writer experiences.

What I discovered is that I'm not good enough for those things. My skills aren't on par with such famous authors as David Baldacci or John Grisham. My style is different from theirs. They are wordsmiths; I'm a writer. My pieces and books rely on the common, everyday language that folks speak. My character development isn't elaborate; dialogue sometimes fills pages without revealing anything about the complication of the plot.

My best work comes when I begin with the basic rule of "what's the truest thing I know right now?" From that, I develop a column or a story or a book. I also follow the acronym K.I.S.S.-Keep It

Simple Stupid. Because I work on simplicity, my books don't have to be measured by thickness or word count. So often, major authors are paid to produce hundreds of pages in single books. As a result, the plots are sometimes drawn out too long or pages of description interrupt the plot.

Thanks to The Focus and Charmin Foth all those years ago, I've been allowed to fill a column space each week. Furthermore, folks have supported those pieces enough to keep me going. I wrote for other publications, but this little weekly paper is home. The people who read my "stuff" sometimes write to agree or argue. Either way is fine with me. We are equals and have the good fortune to think and hold opinions.

I sometimes wonder if I should fade into the background. Maybe I don't fit in today's world. I sure don't understand many things about it. Then again, maybe I'm supposed to write each week to keep in touch with the oldest generation of which I am a member. I do worry that I might someday run out of things about which to write. Family and friends can't imagine a time when I would go quiet or run out of opinions.

No, all those things that I hoped would happen in this writing "career" that's been going on for about 20 years have fizzled. Still, I can be satisfied writing a weekly column for people who love or hate it. My views are often in opposition to readers, but all of us can keep minds and bodies healthy by letting blood flow quicker as we give an "amen" in agreement or a "hell no" in opposition. My prayer is that I never fail to come up with the truest thing I know right now.



*Cedar waxwings courting. Photo by Mary Glynn Williamson.*

## 'Bird Love and Pair Bonding' virtual program

Bird courtship has begun! Either from new partnerships being formed or existing pairs renewing their bonds, it is that time of year when birds are looking for a mate. Each species is slightly different with some feeding, some grooming and some snuggling. But can we call it love? Join the

University of Tennessee Arboretum Society for this pre-recorded program to discuss bird courtship. Michelle Campanis, education coordinator at the University of Tennessee Arboretum, and naturalist Stephen Lyn Bales will discuss aspects of avian pair bonding in a pre-recorded program for

February's First Thursday Nature Supper Club.

This is one the most requested programs!

Please register at [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org) to receive the recording for this program which will be sent the week of February 2.

Closed captions will be available.



*Picture of a magnificent red sky in January, by Ralphine Major.*

## A Colorful January Sky

Did you see it? I stepped outside and looked toward House Mountain. That is when I saw the blazing red sky! It was breathtaking! Some Focus readers may have seen the stunning scene on the



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early morning of January 16. I knew I had to act quickly to capture the spectacular sight on camera before the seconds ticked away,

turning the skyline into an orange and yellow glow.

It is not uncommon to see a sky with red or pinkish colors early in the morning, but I have never seen the coloring look as vibrant as in the picture shown here. Only after the picture was taken did I realize that it looked like fire hiding behind the tall trees. In the middle of winter's barren landscape, it was

nice to see such magnificent color light up the sky all around. Only our Creator could design something so awesome!

*Words of Faith spoken by Jesus in Matthew 16:2-3 (KJV): "When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"*

## What is My Purpose?

Why am I here? Why do I exist? What is my purpose in life? These questions have been asked by people of all ages since the beginning of time. Before you have a purpose, you need a vision for your life. The vision answers the "what?" ques-



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tions. What could my life look like in the future? After you have a vision for your life, you then can address your purpose for life. Your purpose is the reason behind your actions. This is not the "what?" but it answers the question, "Why?" Why am I pursuing this dream or vision?

Many people know the what - They want to be a teacher or an engineer. The problem for most is figuring out the why. Why am I doing what I am doing? Is it for the money? Is it for the acknowledgement? Is it for the achievement? Vision and purpose are both important. Vision keeps your dreams alive. Purpose keeps you driving for the vision when the days are tough and challenges arise. Purpose is a stabilizing factor in your life. When you start taking on water, the purpose gets the bilge pumps going.

When you have a clear purpose for your life, you are able to keep going because you know there is a reason. With purpose, you stop chasing things that don't matter because you know they won't satisfy you.

I don't think any of us want our efforts wasted. It is no fun looking over the past year and saying, "So, what was all of that for? Did I really make a difference?" If you know your plans and purpose come from the Lord, you will have no regrets and your time was not wasted. When you look at the life of Jesus, you see someone who had both vision and purpose. Jesus knew why He was placed on the earth and He pursued that every day of His life. Notice the following passages: "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth" (Mark 1:38). Jesus prayed, "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour" (John 12:27). The apostle John said, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that

He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8).

Jesus knew His purpose clearly. Like Jesus, we can know our purpose and live our lives with no regrets. The first step in having a purpose is to give yourself completely to God. If you just focus your life on you, then God is left out of the picture. We want God to use us for His purposes, not us using God for our purposes. God has a purpose, a lifetime purpose for all. You were made to be part of God's plan. Listen to what Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The disciple of Jesus has the light of life. That is your purpose - to be a light and glorify God. We are lights by getting our source of strength from God by loving Him and loving others.

Another purpose for your life is to recognize and embrace the unique gifts God has given you. There is no one else just like you. God has given you a gift and you need to use that gift. You are responsible to use that gift. When you are living out God's will for your life, you will live an abundant, eternal life (John 10:10, 28; 1 John 5:12; 2 Corinthians 5:9).

## Crab Orchard is almost forgotten

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on your return.

As you near Crab Orchard, you'll notice a huge quarry on the right. Today's Crab Orchard has a post office, a few stores, a school, churches and about 750 residents. It was named for the number of crab orchard trees found there by early travelers and settlers.

Native Americans often attacked travelers at or near Crab Orchard and in 1792 a militia under Captain Samuel Handley attacked a band of warriors there. Two years later a group of travelers was attacked and a noted patriot, Thomas "Big Foot" Spencer, was killed. A

nearby peak is now known as Spencer's Mountain.

When the attacks stopped, Walton Road was built for travelers and stagecoaches between Knoxville and Nashville.

About 1800 Sidnor's Inn opened in Crab Orchard and Bishop Francis Asbury was among the visitors there. Robert Burke opened a lodge near Ozone Falls called the Crab Orchard Inn. The falls might be a great place to visit if you return along Highway 70.

Crab Orchard stone, a durable sandstone, was used to build early homes there and became popular in our region.

Part of the Cumberland Trail passes through the

little town and scenic overlooks dot the surrounding mountains.

You can find connections in Crab Orchard to Cumberland Mountain State Park, Spring City and Fairfield Glades. The next city going west is Crossville where you'll find most of the chain restaurants and stores you'd find in most cities.

Information on Crab Orchard is available by calling the community's Town Hall at (931)484-2815. The Crossville-Cumberland County Visitor Center may be reached by calling (913) 787-1755 and you can find it on the internet.

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# Jesse Wolcott of Michigan

## Pages from the Past



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Short, chunky, and bespectacled, Jesse Wolcott looked more like a small town lawyer or accountant than the ideal of a congressman. Yet the framers of the Constitution meant for the House of Representatives to be the people’s House and one can frequently glance through a pictorial directory of Congress and see the membership really does reflect the diverse communities that comprise the United States of America. To look at Jesse Wolcott during his congressional years, one would never have suspected he had fought in the First World War or that he had earned his way through college by playing the drums.

Wolcott always chuckled when remembering his constant playing with various bands and orchestras in Michigan had paid his college tuition and room and board to go to law school. A month after having graduated from law school, Jess Wolcott had the opportunity to visit Russia to attend a concert at the Russian Cultural Institute in Moscow. Wolcott became “fidgety” and finally offered to join in and play the drums. At first, the Russian hosts were politely skeptical and merely smiled. Yet once he banged out and had “wowed” the Russians with “Twelfth Street Rag”, they enthusiastically applauded their approval.

It was during the First World War Jesse Wolcott met his wife, Grace. Wolcott had just won a commission in Officers’ Training Camp. His first assignment was to get some men to Camp Lee, Virginia, which he did, but upon his arrival discovered he was out of money. Jess Wolcott borrowed \$2 from “a pretty clerk” in an office in 1917. Ten years later, they were married.

Wolcott had graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1915. Jesse Wolcott began his career as an assistant police judge before becoming the assistant prosecuting attorney for St. Clair County. In 1927, Wolcott became the prosecuting attorney.

When Jess Wolcott first arrived in Congress, Herbert Hoover was the President of the United States, and the Republicans still maintained the most slender of majorities. That majority slipped away with the death of several incumbents as Democrats won previously held Republican seats in Congress. Franklin D. Roosevelt routed Hoover in the 1932 election when the issue was the Great Depression. Roosevelt and the Democrats swept both Houses of Congress and the loss of many Republican seats gave Congressman Jesse Wolcott early seniority in the House of Representatives.

“I was called a radical when I first went to

Congress,” Wolcott recalled years later. “Some of my GOP colleagues would hardly speak to me.”

Yet, Harry Truman had once snapped that Congressman Wolcott was a “mossback” Republican.

Wolcott eventually wielded considerable influence, especially on his side of the aisle of the House. It was Jesse Wolcott who, according to TIME magazine, had “corralled an unexpected 61 GOP votes” for a post Second World War loan to a faltering Great Britain. That was after a plea from House Speaker Sam Rayburn who had left the Speaker’s dais to stand on the floor of the House and cry, “It’s in my heart and I am going to say it. I do not want Western Europe - - England and all the rest - - pushed further into an ideology that I despise.” Rayburn was referencing Communism.

Jesse Wolcott was well able to argue his point of view and had been one of the leaders of the opposition when the United States Senate proposed to give Jesse Jones, administrator of the New Deal’s Reconstruction Finance Corporation an additional \$1.5 billion to loan out. Wolcott had gotten to his feet on the floor of the House and roared, “This bill would . . . make it possible to establish a fascist state in the U. S. It would give the President and the Federal Loan Administrator the power to do anything they saw fit to do so long as it was incidental to the defense program.”

Jones, a millionaire businessman from Texas whom FDR privately referred to as “Jesus H. Jones”, was popular with a great many members of Congress, who generally trusted the Texan to expend money wisely. That argument had occurred in June of 1941 when war clouds increasingly gathered over American skies on both sides of the world. The Japanese Empire was well on its way to its conquest of China and other spots in Asia, while the European powers were struggling to fend off the Nazi legions of Germany’s Adolf Hitler.

Wolcott was also a member of a special House Committee, chaired by Tennessee Congressman Carroll Reece, which investigated tax-exempt institutions. That service brought about a conflict with Dean Rusk, a future Secretary of State, who was the president of the Rockefeller Foundation. Congressman Wolcott had signed a committee report which charged the Rockefeller Foundation and others with “having directly supported ‘subversion.’” Rusk cried the Republicans on the special committee had acted “without support of trustworthy evidence.”

Jesse P. Wolcott was an orthodox Republican,



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

*Photo autographed by Congressman Jesse Wolcott to his colleague Roy Woodruff.*

a man who prized honesty and kept his word when he gave it. Yet, Wolcott was a thoughtful man who maintained an independent streak and was never deterred from what he considered to be right for the people he represented. Wolcott, a resident of Port Huron, represented a more rural district in his home state of Michigan and was a member of the Farm Bloc in Congress. Wolcott was also a high-ranking member of the House Banking Committee and had a head for figures. Jesse Wolcott proved to be a valuable ally to have in a fight and was also to be respected and feared as an opponent. Congressman Wolcott was a determined opponent of New Deal price controls.

When the Republicans won control of the House of Representatives following the 1946 election, Jesse Wolcott became the Chairman of the Banking Committee. The next couple of years brought about a housing crisis in the country as veterans returned from the war, married and produced children. President Harry Truman announced, “Our housing shortage is almost a fatal one.” Truman told a story involving a man and his wife, their infant child and their dog who couldn’t find a place to live in Washington and weren’t even allowed to remain in their car in a parking lot. “Children and dogs are as necessary to the welfare of this country as is Wall Street and the railroads, or any one of them.”

Congressman Wolcott worked hard to push a measure intended to deflate inflation in 1948 when Republicans held the majority in Congress. President Truman sneered it was nothing less than a “feeble response.” Truman famously campaigned against the “do-nothing 80th Congress.” The 80th Congress actually accomplished quite a few important things, but it didn’t stop Harry Truman from flinging the accusation, which stuck in the minds of many voters.

Critics of Jesse Wolcott

accused the congressman of having strong ties to the real estate industry. Certainly, Wolcott was a foe of public housing. Whatever his critics might say, Jesse Wolcott remained popular with the only folks who mattered: the people of his congressional district.

Wolcott had been the prosecuting attorney of St. Clair County when he challenged Congressman Louis Cramton for the Republican nomination in the 1930 GOP primary. The outcome of the primary turned out to be a nail-biter; Wolcott won the Republican nomination by only twenty-five votes. Wolcott’s issue during the Republican primary was urging a referendum on the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which had to do with the prohibition of spirits and alcoholic beverages.

Cramton ran again in the 1932 primary and Wolcott won again, by a bigger majority. Jesse Wolcott remained in Congress until his voluntary retirement in 1956. When he announced he would not seek reelection in 1956, Congressman Wolcott said that “any conscientious member of Congress” should always obey his oath of office but if one served the people faithfully it would indeed “take its psychologic and physical toll.”

During his time in Congress, Jesse Wolcott’s independence caused some of his Republican colleagues to complain he was too liberal while Democrats raged he was a hidebound conservative. Although a bitter critic of price controls, Congressman Wolcott was against the immediate removal of the measures following the end of the Second World War. Wolcott knew that to do so would likely have grave

economic consequences. Wolcott’s position was contrary to that of many inside his own party, but the congressman insisted upon a gradual relaxation of the price and rent control policies. As a result, Jesse Wolcott received the Collier Award for Distinguished Congressional Service. That particular prize carried a cash award of \$10,000, a very substantial sum at the time. The congressman donated money to Michigan State University for scholarships for students.

Jesse Wolcott only won 52% of the votes cast in the 1954 election, the closest general election of his twenty-six years in Congress. It is entirely possible Wolcott sensed the political demographics were changing, or he may have simply grown tired while in Congress.

Wolcott retired in 1956 and young Robert J. McIntosh, a thirty-one-year-old Republican, was elected in his stead. McIntosh, a protégé of Wolcott, served only one term and the seat fell into the hands of a Democrat, James O’Hara and stayed there for years. Wolcott had intended to enjoy his retirement but was appointed to head the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Wolcott had worked hard to pass the legislation creating the FDIC, as prior to the New Deal, bank deposits had not been federally secured, or secured at all. When thousands of banks failed during the Great Depression, many depositors lost every cent they had in the world. “I like to think of FDIC as probably the greatest institution ever conceived by man for his own safety and protection, and the protection of bank depositors,” Wolcott once said.

“I do not think there is

any organization in the world which has done so much to establish and perpetuate and maintain an economy such as that which makes America the greatest nation in the world,” the former congressman added.

During Jesse Wolcott’s time as a director of the FDIC, the insurance premiums collected from banks were more than enough to cover “the very few failures occurring among the banks.”

Wolcott retired a second time in 1964. The former congressman and his wife kept their home in Chevy Chase, Maryland but also bought a summer home in Port Huron. The couple was anxious to spend more time with their four grandchildren. Wolcott’s time in public office was forty-two years, an astonishing period of time. Unfortunately, Wolcott did not get to relax and fish as much as he would have liked. Mrs. Wolcott reported the seventy-two-year-old former congressman was ailing a year after his retirement. Mrs. Wolcott acknowledged her husband had been ill since the beginning of 1965 and in November he had been in bed for about 10 days. Evidently, the former congressman had suffered a stroke and was bedridden.

In January of 1967, St. Clair County Republicans gathered together and one of the resolutions they passed was an appreciation of the service rendered by the ailing former congressman. It was a small effort to remind Jesse Wolcott he had not been forgotten by the local folks a decade after he had retired from the House of Representatives.

It was a kind gesture made by friends for Jess Wolcott. Apparently, Wolcott never recovered from the stroke he suffered in 1966. He died on January 28, 1969. Stanley H. Church, who had known Wolcott well and described the former congressman as “a very personal friend” lamented the loss. Church said he had known Wolcott for forty years and attributed Wolcott’s success to “his own personality and efforts.” Evidently, Wolcott wrote letters “of cheer and encouragement” frequently to those friends who needed them. In a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, Stanley Upchurch remembered Wolcott:

“Jess was a man who excelled in everything he tackled. Always extremely modest, and always a smile for his multitude of friends and in fact everyone he met. He is going to be missed.”

Church added, “What this country needs is a few more Jesse Wolcotts.”

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## From farmland to historic homes

# Old North Knoxville

By Mike Steely  
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Back in 1889, the growing streetcar suburb of North Knoxville had developed as its own community complete with paved streets, a fire station and city hall, a school and sidewalks. The neighborhood was taken into the city in 1897.

Today the neighborhood boosts itself as "Historic Old North Knoxville" and for good reason. The fine homes are examples of 1880 to 1920 architectural styles and the owners renovate and keep up the distinct appearance of each dwelling.

Victorian-type porches appear to welcome visitors to enjoy a leisurely evening to this day.

In 1978 neighbors joined to create Old North Knoxville, Inc. and their area is on the National Register of Historic Districts. Each year Old North Knoxville welcomes visitors to the Victorian Holiday Home Tour. The association also



*Old North Knoxville is the oldest historic neighborhood in the city. Its residents are proud of their Victorian-era homes and are active in city projects and issues.*

features monthly potluck dinners, greenway and park clean-ups, a neighborhood watch program, an orchard and garden event and an annual ice cream social

Ruben Creel, president of Old North Knoxville, is proud that the place is the "largest Historic Neighborhood in the city." "We are located between

Broadway, Central and Woodland and from East Glenwood to 6th and from Grainger and along the creek. Anyone who lives in our neighborhood is a

member, either renter or homeowner. We have a board of directors and president, vice president, secretary and treasurer," Creel said.

"We meet the 4th Monday of the month at St. James Episcopal Church and our goals are to preserve the integrity of our historic homes," Creel told The Focus.

"We have a home tour each year on the first weekend of December where we open several homes and businesses and churches and it is our annual fundraiser. We also participate in National Night Out with Knoxville Police Department," he said.

"We use funds to support our park, have an ice cream social, a porch crawl, etc. We also contribute dollars to Beaumont Elementary School, Christenberry Elementary, Fulton High School and Mobile Meals," Creel continued.

The neighborhood has Lauren Rider as its city council member and she and her husband, Dr. Steven Rider, live on East Scott Ave.

You can find out more information online at old-northknoxville.org.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

## The Kentucky River Giant

By Jadon Gibson

Martin Van Buren Bates was born in the small coal-mining community of Kona near Whitesburg in Letcher County, Kentucky, in 1837. His mother's pregnancy and the early years of young Martin's life were normal, not unlike that of other youngsters in the Letcher County area.

This changed after his schooling began and he began growing. Initially his parents were pleased that he appeared larger than other children his age but his growing continued. Soon his height and weight surpassed that of his mother. His teacher at school was also surprised that he was growing "head and shoulders" quicker than his classmates.

His abnormal size became a concern for his parents and they became afraid for his mortality. They tried to limit his activities but eventually he became so large, robust and incredibly strong that they relented and gave him full rein of his activities.

He was over 6-feet, 6-inches tall and weighed 300 pounds by age 13 and had outgrown his bed. He and his father made a larger bed befitting his size and also altered the height of the doors after he bumped his head leaving pump-knots. Martin would continue growing alternately in height and weight until age 28.

He was very intelligent and, if he had lived in our day and time, he would likely be an honor student. He obtained a teacher's certificate and was hired as a school teacher while still a teenager. His students loved having him as their teacher in their one-room log cabin school near his home: "His voice rumbled like a bellowing bull." That reminds me of Andre the Giant of entertainment wrestling fame.

Martin Van Buren Bates volunteered to fight for the Confederacy during

the Civil War, signing up for a 12-month stint in the Fifth Kentucky infantry in Whitesburg as a private. After the first year he joined Company A of French's Battalion of Virginia as a first lieutenant. He was said to be 7-feet, 7 1/2-inches tall upon entry into the service and weighed 328 pounds.

He was involved in several skirmishes in Kentucky and Tennessee, earning a battlefield promotion to captain. He was seriously wounded in a battle at Cumberland Gap leading to his capture by the Union forces. His reputation grew with the Yankees too as they referred to him as "the Confederate giant who was as big as five men and fights like fifty."

Martin visited his home near Whitesburg, Kentucky, in 1863 and found his family gone and learned that his brother James had been tortured and slain. He wreaked vengeance on the culprits but was captured by Union forces in eastern Kentucky.

The Yankees took delight in having the giant as a prisoner and transported him by a series of mules with "his feet a-draggin' and a rope around his neck." After one of the animals gave out and lay down under his massive weight, they would place Martin on another. Eventually he was put aboard a boat and taken to Camp Chase, a prisoner of war camp in

Ohio. Later he was transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland, where he was involved in a prisoner exchange. He proved to be a most interesting individual wherever he was seen.

Martin was mustered out of the service in Knoxville, Tennessee, following the war in 1865 and returned to his east Kentucky home. There was much resentment in the area following the war as many families maintained their allegiance to one side or the other. Some hid along the mountain paths and took potshots at the veterans that supported the opposing side during the war. Perhaps the Yankee sympathizers didn't shoot at Bates because he was such an oddity and a likeable individual. With his size, he certainly was a large target.

Bates wanted nothing to do with this sniping, commonly called bushwhacking in the years following the war. He and his nephew, "Bad John" Wright, went to Cincinnati where Martin joined the circus traveling throughout the United States and Canada. He was normal in every respect except for his size, standing a fraction under 8-feet tall and weighing 525 pounds.

In March 1867, he was returning home to Letcher County, Kentucky, when he was forced to stop in Louisa because of swollen streams and rivers making

further travel impossible. He had passed through Louisa previously while a prisoner during the war. This time he checked into the town hotel and his presence attracted a lot of attention.

The next day while Bates was sitting in a hotel room a local man took a pencil and marked the outline of his huge boot on the wall, a drawing that remained for many years for all to see. It was jokingly reported that his boots would hold a half bushel of shelled corn.

Bates remained in Louisa for nearly a week and made several visits to the Masonic Academy while he was there. He also called on a girl who was nearly 6-feet tall yet she could stand erect under his outstretched arms.

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## Housing and Neighborhood Development plans public input meeting

The City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development Department seeks input on its Year Four Annual Action Plan Update for the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. A public meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m., at the City's Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Avenue, to discuss and hear input for the 2023-2024 plan.

The Five Year Consolidated plan prescribes the planned local use for three types of federal funds allocated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant. The Annual Action Plan Update accommodates for changes in community conditions and needs, funding resources, etc. that impact how federal funds should be allocated locally for the program year starting July 1, 2023.

At this meeting, City staff will:

- Discuss anticipated HUD and local funding for the 2023-2024 program year.

- Review priority goals and objectives from its 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

- Provide a description of unmet needs and gaps identified through consultation meetings with stakeholders, regarding: Non-housing community development needs (including economic development, neighborhood stabilization, public services, public facility and infrastructure improvements); homelessness needs; and affordable housing needs.

- Describe the process for developing the draft 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, including how the public may provide input.

- Inform agencies on how they may apply for grant funding to meet priority goals and objectives.

The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department would like to encourage your participation and hear your input. If you have questions, please contact Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Defense propels Lady Admirals past Bearden in postseason tournament

By Ken Lay

A stifling defense enabled the top seed to advance in the Knox County Middle School Class 3A girls basketball tournament last week.

The Farragut Lady Admirals turned up the defensive pressure and never relented as they eliminated No. 8 Bearden 46-13 Wednesday night at FMS's Bobby J. Henry Gymnasium.

Farragut allowed just nine points to the Lady Bruins, who advanced to the second round of the tournament with a win over ninth-seeded Gresham on Saturday, Jan. 14 over the first 12 minutes of the contest. The Lady Admirals were even stingier after halftime as Bearden only managed to score four points over the third and fourth quarters.

Farragut also controlled the boards as it won the rebounding battle handily and that's just

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Farragut's Reagan Sheridan (12) dribbles the ball into the frontcourt as Bearden's A'Niyah Duvall in the Knox County Middle School girls basketball tournament. The top-seeded Lady Admirals defeated the Lady Bruins 46-13 Wednesday night.

## A SNEAK PEEK AT 2023: West schedule looks even tougher

By Steve Williams

Many high school football fans probably did a double take at West High's non-region schedule in 2022. You just don't see many teams intentionally lining up games against Alcoa and Maryville, two programs that have combined for 38 state championships.

A new two-year scheduling cycle starts this year, but the Tornadoes and Red Rebels are still on the West schedule. Hard to believe, isn't it?

Playing the best teams around worked for West Head Coach Lamar Brown last season as his Rebels captured the Class 5A state championship. And now it appears he's put together an even more rugged schedule for this coming season.

In this Sneak Peek of 2023 we'll unveil West's week to week challenges and also list other top matchups involving Knox County teams. All local teams have new opponents on their schedule, so we'll also let you know who a few of those new foes are in case you haven't heard.

West's season opener versus up-and-coming Bearden again will be on a Saturday night (Aug. 19) and televised from Bill Wilson Field on Sutherland Avenue.

A good Clinton team, featuring senior quarterback Joshua Keith, is the first of three new opponents on the West schedule and the Dragons will host the Rebels on Aug. 25.

Class 6A power Farragut comes next and will play at West in Week 3. That will be followed by a tough trip to Maryville on Sept. 8. Last season, West ended Maryville's 105-game win streak over Knox County teams with a 31-18 victory.

West's region game against Central has been moved up on the schedule to Sept. 15 and will be played in Fountain City. The Rebels' third consecutive

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# Bearden bowler showed 'determination and grit' at state

By Steve Williams

Bearden High's Olivia Hailey had the top performance among Knox County's representatives at this year's TSSAA State Bowling Championships.

In Wednesday's state individual competition in Smyrna, Hailey led Knox County's bowlers with a respectable 161.2 average in her six games. She had a high game of 190 after opening with a 155. She was consistent over her last four games with scores of 162, 158, 162 and 140.

"Olivia showed determination and grit while bowling at the tournament," said Bearden Coach Hedy Collins. "The lanes proved very difficult, just as they have in years past. Olivia did well with picking up her spares and making adjustments on her approach. Unfortunately, several splits happened in her final game, making it impossible for her to meet her goal.

"Olivia is only a sophomore," added Coach Collins. "A majority of the bowlers who finished in front of her in the standings were juniors and seniors. I have no doubt that Olivia will make it to the final round at the state tournament in one of the next two years.

"Olivia is a strong competitor and will work hard to continue improving. She has represented Bearden High School very well, and it has been an honor to be her coach."

Karns junior Abigail Dalton had Knox



Olivia Hailey smiles at the TSSAA State Bowling Championships last week in Smyrna. The Bearden sophomore turned in the top performance among Knox County competitors at the state.

County's second best average with a 152.8.

Carter's Kayla Rucker had a 181 first game and finished with a 151.7 average. Teammate Hallie Lane ended with a 147.8 average after firing a 190 in her opening game.





# Mahoney takes reins of Webb football

By Steve Williams

Don Mahoney's football still had air in it and he hadn't grown tired of drawing up X's and O's.

He liked being around the game and even contributed his knowledge of the sport behind a mike as a color analyst for WNML radio's Friday night local high school coverage.

This past season, however, Mahoney got the opportunity to be back on the field as Webb School's offensive line coach and work with and learn from David Meske, the Spartans' longtime head coach and athletic director who is retiring after this school year.

It was announced last week that Mahoney will take the reins of the Webb football program and also become the school's associate director of student-athlete development.

"Coaching for me is about teaching the importance of being an excellent student-athlete in the classroom, on the field and in the community," Mahoney said. So he fits his new dual role at Webb perfectly.

This past season he helped lead the Spartans to a 10-1 record and the Division II-AA state semifinals.

Mahoney's background includes 24 years of coaching collegiate football at the Division I level, with four of those seasons in the SEC as Tennessee's offensive line coach.

"Don brings with him an impressive resume of



Don Mahoney

competitive professional experiences. But what made him truly stand out throughout our interactions was his personal authenticity and passion for Webb School," said Dan Gill, who will be taking over as the new AD.

Meske too is impressed with his successor.

"He is committed to the mission of our school and will help develop our student-athletes to their fullest potential," he said. "And as football coach, Don will be dedicated to making sure our players excel as student-athletes both on and off the field."

Don and his wife Carissa have three children: Jake, Tulia and Domenic.

## Lacrosse sanctioned to start in 2024-25

The sport has been under consideration for several years and Thursday in a

special called meeting via teleconference, the TSSAA Legislative Council unanimously voted to sanction Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

The Council also held a discussion concerning the Amateur Rule and the administration of penalties associated with violation of the rule.

The Council voted to change the penalty statement of the Amateur Rule to read that a student found to be in violation of the rule "may" be deemed ineligible for a period of "up to" 12 months in the sport of participation. This gives the Executive Director and member schools the opportunity to take corrective action involving a potential violation prior to penalizing students with loss of eligibility.



Jack Nadaud plays on Webb School's 2017 lacrosse team and was a five-year starter for the Spartans in the sport. Webb has been one of the few high schools in the state to have a team, but the TSSAA last week sanctioned lacrosse to begin play in 2024-25.

## Romero is new athletic director at West

Paul Romero has a new role at West High as the school's athletic director.

"I'm trying to learn as I go," said Romero Thursday. "I'm one week in."

Former AD Tom Poisal's last day at West was Jan. 13. He took the assistant principal position at Rogersville Middle School in Hawkins County.

Romero, 42, is a graduate of Knoxville Catholic High and the University of Tennessee. He's in his 14th year at West and teaches personal and professional classes in the International Baccalaureate program.

His background in athletics includes 19 years as a member of the Knoxville Football Officials Association, where he has moved up to wearing a "white hat" as a referee. He also

is a vice president in the KFOA and oversees training materials.

Romero has worked three TSSAA state championship games, as clock operator in 2012 and field judge in 2014 and 2020.

"My schedule will now revolve around West High," he said, adding that his officiating will become "more spotty."

Paul and his wife Mickey have two sons: Miles, who is 4 years old; and Lewis, a 1-year-old. Mickey is a Speech Language pathologist for Alcoa City Schools.

## Martin brings impressive record in soccer to Catholic

Knoxville Catholic's new girls soccer head coach has a highly successful background.

John Martin comes to

Catholic after seven seasons as head boys' and girls' coach at TC Roberson High School in Asheville, NC. As head boys' coach, his team had an overall record of 111-32-13 and won five conference titles. As head girls' coach, his team had an overall record of 88-23-3 and won three conference titles, one region title, and was state runner-up in 2018.

Martin received numerous Conference Coach of the Year awards and was named the 2018 State Girls Coach of the Year.

Martin graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan in 2002 after a four-year playing career.

"Leaving TC Roberson was one of the hardest decisions of my life, but the opportunity to lead the Knox Catholic program while being close to family was the absolute right decision," he said. "I'm beyond excited to build on what this program has done in the past, and mold it into one that competes for state championships."

## Taj Kimber expected back in mid-February

Fulton High basketball standout Taj Kimber "should be back playing by mid-February," said Coach Jody Wright in an update on his condition last week. "He broke his wrist in practice (on Jan. 6)."

# NOTES FROM THE HARDWOOD

## Lady Irish's Mains crosses 1,500 point threshold

By Ken Lay

Hoops action continued to heat up last week and several girls basketball teams posted some key wins as the jockeying for postseason position continues.

One local player reached a scoring milestone and a top area team kept its long winning streak alive.

Defending Class 4A state champion Bearden won its 43th and 44th consecutive games and kept its No. 1 ranking as it defeated Heritage on the road and ran past Hardin Valley at home.

The Lady Bulldogs notched a 55-43 win over the Lady Mountaineers Tuesday night in Maryville as freshman Natalya Hodge dropped 24 points against Heritage, another top-10 team in the Volunteer State.

Post player and Florida State signee Avery Treadwell battled foul trouble throughout the contest but managed to score 11 points and pull down five rebounds during her time on the floor.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated Hardin Valley 60-28. Hodge scored 19 points and Treadwell finished with 13.

**Star guard reaches career scoring milestone for Lady Irish:** Catholic junior guard Sydney Mains scored 18 points and racked up her 1,500th career point as the Lady Irish defeated Chattanooga Baylor 38-33 at home Tuesday night.

**Lady Warriors continue to roll:** Christian Academy of Knoxville won its seventh straight game Tuesday night. The Lady Warriors notched a Division II-A East Region District 1 victory as they defeated Lakeway Christian 75-37 Tuesday behind 26 points, nine rebounds and four blocks from Keira Leffew.

CAK knocked off Providence Academy Friday night, notching a 70-37 victory. The Lady Warriors put this one away early as they opened a 22-5 lead in the first quarter. Leffew and Emma Carroll each scored 18 points while Izzy Profit finished 10 for CAK, which has a perfect league record.

With Friday night's win, the Lady Warriors improved to 19-5 overall and 8-0 in district play.

**Lady Beavers down West High, Campbell County:** Rylee Roberts scored 17 points and posted six steals for Karns in a 48-38 victory over the Lady Rebels. Lauren Martin also put up a solid performance as she scored 11 points and had four steals and dished out four assists for the Lady Beavers.

Karns picked up another District 3-4A victory Friday night as it outlasted Campbell County 48-39.

Rylee Roberts scored 15 points and Reese Roberts added 13 against the Lady Cougars.

**Lady Admirals rout William Blount:** K.J. McNealy scored

20 points and Maelyn McNealy added 16 to lift Farragut past the Lady Governors 51-29 Tuesday in a District 4-4A tilt.

**Lady Eagles stay hot with two wins over Halls, Gibbs:** Seymour outlasted the Lady Devils 51-45 in a non-league game. Bailey McCoy had a game-high 14 points for the Lady Eagles, who made just 16-of-26 from the free throw line Tuesday.

Kiera Everett scored 13 points for the Lady Devils, who also struggled from the charity stripe, going 5-for-13 from the foul line.

Seymour (16-7 overall, 4-0 in District 3-3A) toppled Gibbs 55-39 Friday night in a battle of Eagles.

Jaden Cummings led Sevier County's Lady Eagles with 17 points to help Seymour remain perfect in league play.

Halls, meanwhile, made a triumphant return to District 4-3A play Friday night. The Lady Devils (14-6, 4-0) ran past Clinton and notching a 79-42 victory at home against the Lady Dragons.

Sophie Tharpe tallied 27 points for the Lady Devils and Everett finished with 14.

**The King's Academy rolls past Lady Rams:** The Lady Lions toppled Grace Christian Academy 56-42 Friday night as Brady Branam had 17 points and Juleigh Anne Tucker finished with 12 as TKA notched its 11th win of the season.

## Bearden, Karns boys succeed in district games

By Ken Lay

Local boys basketball teams took to the court last week and the games packed plenty of intensity.

Fulton notched a comeback victory over Carter Tuesday night and Gibbs notched three wins early in the week. On Friday, Bearden and Karns nabbed key district wins.

**Tyler Lee carries Falcons to win over Hornets:** Tyler Lee was a perfect 9-for-9 from the free throw line and scored 15 of his 20 points to help Fulton notch a 53-51 win over Carter.

Dalton McNew led the Hornets with 20 points but Carter struggled from the foul line, making only 3-of-12 from the stripe.

The Falcons stayed on the winning track Friday as they notched a 65-59 District 5-3-A triumph over Lenoir City. Denaj Kimber scored 24 points and Marcellus Jackson finished with 15.

**Eagles win three last week:** Gibbs won a pair of back-to-back games early last week. The Eagles toppled Scott 66-52 Tuesday night as Braden Graves dropped in 14 points and Zack Turner and Kamen Shown added 13 points each against the Highlanders.

Gibbs outlasted a young and struggling Clinton squad, 42-40, on Monday, Jan. 16, in Corryton.

Bryson Walker scored 14 points for the Eagles, who overcame a 22-18 halftime lead against the Dragons, who suffered their eighth consecutive loss. Bryson Palmer had 10 points while Shown finished with nine.

The Eagles stayed hot Friday night as they improved to 10-11 on the season with a 72-57 win over Seymour behind 19 points from Palmer and 16 from Turner.

**CAK downs Lakeway Christian Tuesday:** Christian Academy of Knoxville had three players post double figures in the scoring column in a 55-49 victory.

Luke Carter led the way with 18 points. Evan Coffman added 13 and Will Kelley finished with 10 for the Warriors.

**Rams run past Berean Christian:** Grace

Christian Academy notched a 78-53 district win. Reed Farmer scored 19 points while Garrett Paul and Weston Edmonson scored 14 points each. Camden Meade finished with 11.

**Red Devils run past Seymour, outlast Clinton:** Caleb Shaffer scored 28 points while Gabe Holmes finished with 14 points and nine assists as Halls routed the Eagles, 96-37, Tuesday night.

The Red Devils kept things rolling against the Dragons at home Friday as they defeated Clinton 79-71. Chandler Gamble had the hot hand for the Red Devils as he poured in 26 points and pulled down 13 boards. With the win late last week Halls improved to 11-9 overall and 3-1 in District 4-3A.

Shaffer had another solid effort as he had 17 points against Clinton.

**Karns takes down Campbell County:** The Beavers boasted a balanced offensive attack as they got past the Cougars 74-55.

Aiden Goins scored 19 points while Jaylen Roberts poured in 17 and Walker Lockhart 14 in the District 3-4 A victory. J.J. Faulkner had 11 points for the Beavers, who have won five of their six league games this season.

**Bearden routs Hardin Valley Academy:** The Bulldogs won their straight game as they knocked off the Hawks at home Friday night. Bearden came from behind and blew things open in the second half as they outscored HVA by 19 points after the break.

Justin Nordin came off the bench to lead the Bulldogs with 16 points, including nine in the second quarter.

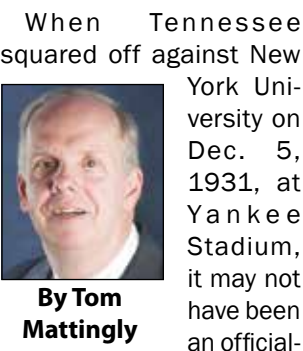
The Hawks (18-4, 3-1 in District 4-4A) have been a surprise this season under new head coach Andy Arendt, a former assistant for the Farragut girls under Jason Mayfield.

Together the duo led the Lady Admirals reached the Class 4A State Championship Game where they lost to Bearden.

The Bulldogs and Hawks will meet again next month. That showdown will take place Feb. 3 at Hardin Valley.



# A Triumphant Trip



By Tom Mattingly

When Tennessee squared off against New York University on Dec. 5, 1931, at Yankee Stadium, it may not have been an officially recognized bowl game (the NCAA doesn't count this and other Depression-era bowl games in all-time records), but it was a coming out party for the Vol football program and senior lineman Herman Michael Hickman, Jr.

The Vols were 9-0 heading to Kentucky for the season finale on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, with a Rose Bowl bid seemingly in hand, but the Wildcats spoiled Tennessee's plans with a 6-6 tie, a deadlock that sent Tulane to Pasadena instead.

So, the consolation prize was a trip to New York. New York City Mayor Jimmy Walker had hurriedly set up the game to raise money for the relief of the unemployed.

The Vols had only played outside the South twice before then, losing at Dartmouth 14-3 in 1921 and 41-0 against Army at West Point in 1923.

The New York trip was better by far, as TIME

Magazine's Dec. 14 issue observed.

"It was a triumphant trip. Small town citizens—especially firemen in full uniform—cheered the team at station after station. Liveliest demonstration occurred at Bristol, whose main street is the State line between Virginia and Tennessee. Citizens escorted Tennessee's most famed back, Eugene Tucker ("Wild Bull," "Bristol Blizzard," "Black Knight") McEver across the platform so he could exchange a word with his parents, then carried him back to the train. When the team arrived in Manhattan, two stowaways were found in the baggage car."

The Vols won 13-0, as Beattie Feathers had a 65-yard run for a score, while Deke Brackett had a 75-yard punt return for another, both in the second period. The Violets outgained the Vols 248 to 122, but 90 yards in penalties (against Tennessee's 5) helped the Vol defense make the plays when needed.

"The Tennessee defense—headed by Herculean Herman Hickman—held N. Y. U., once at two inches, later at five yards, from the Tennessee goal line," the TIME story noted.

That day, Hickman's

performance earned him a last-second spot on Grantland Rice's All-American team, making him the team's third Vol All-American selection (after McEver and Bobby Dodd).

Hickman, born in Johnson City, was an intriguing story. He came to the Vols weighing 203 pounds, but was 225 as a senior, heavy for a lineman in those days.

In "Tennessee: Football's Greatest Dynasty" (1962), News-Sentinel sports editor Tom Siler reported that when NYU got to the Vol 5, coach Chick Meehan instructed his quarterback Ernie Concannon to run the plays at Hickman, whom he termed the "fat boy."

What happened was that four plays later, the Violets were at the 23.

After the game, Meehan asked Concannon if Hickman was really that tough.

"I don't know, and I don't want to find out," he answered. "All I know is he called me a d--- Yankee, and I pretended I didn't hear him."

University of Tennessee historians James Riley Montgomery, Stanley J. Folmsbee, and Lee Seifert Greene wrote about the other significant impact of the game: "The precision playing and the devastating line work of the Volunteers attracted attention

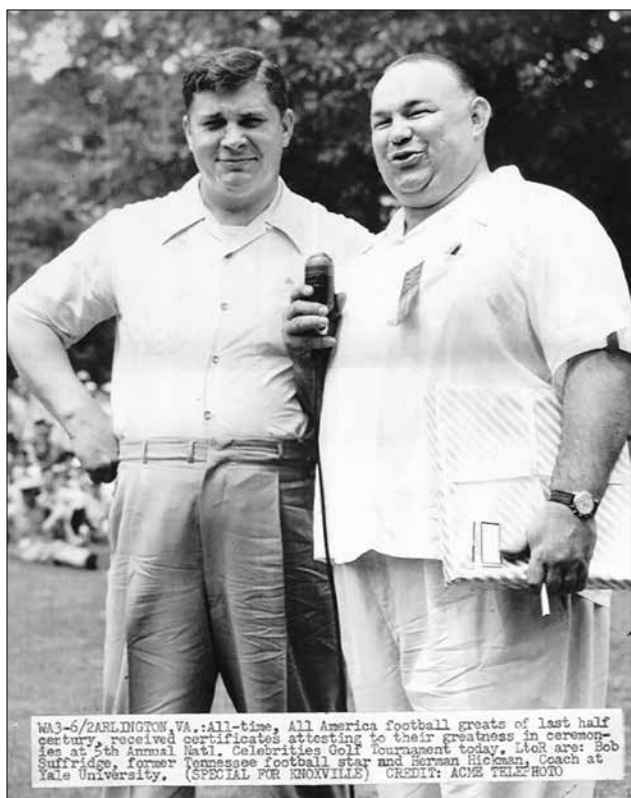
of northern sports writers as the press outside Tennessee began to pay closer attention to events in the state."

As an added benefit, the city of Knoxville received \$18,583 from game proceeds, worth \$327,923.99 in 2023, while New York City earned \$43,359, worth \$765,132.46.

Hickman, who died on April 25, 1958, at age 46, had quite a career after college. He played for the NFL Brooklyn Dodgers from 1932-34. He wrestled professionally as the "Tennessee Terror," competing in more than 500 matches. He was an assistant coach at Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Army.

He was the head coach at Yale from 1948-51 before becoming a member of the first staff for a new publication called Sports Illustrated. Shortly after he died, the University of Tennessee established a scholarship fund in his memory. In 1959, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

He was the first chairman of Sports Illustrated's Silver Anniversary Awards committee, charged with honoring former players 25 years after their collegiate careers had ended. That caused Hickman a problem, according to a Dec. 24,



University of Tennessee College Football Hall of Fame members Bob Suffridge (L) and Herman Hickman are shown at a 1950s golf tournament. Tennessee Sports Information.

1956, SI story announcing that year's Silver Anniversary Award winners.

"One judge faced—and neatly solved—the problem of his own possible election to the Silver All-America. He was Herman Hickman, All-America from Tennessee in 1931, now Sports Illustrated's own football commentator and the man who proposed the Silver Anniversary awards.

"The University of Tennessee nominated him in a citation emphatically concluding: 'He has consistently reflected great credit on the University of Tennessee, on the State of Tennessee and on football in general.'"

The result?

"Herman Hickman struck his name from the lists sent to the other judges. More than one of his fellow judges tried to write him in anyway."

Had the Vols not played at Yankee Stadium, Grantland Rice might not have seen Herman Hickman play. There's no telling how things might have played out, for the University of Tennessee... and for Hickman.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Cherokees upset Halls in middle school tournament

By Ken Lay

South-Doyle Middle School boys basketball coach Kelby Arrowood saw his team execute its game plan to near perfection Thursday night. And the Cherokees used the strategy to notch an upset in the second round of the Knox County Middle School Class 3A basketball tournament.

"As soon as we found out who we were playing, we locked in on our game plan and we had our best week of practice all year," Arrowood said.

The Cherokees' work ethic paid off as they eliminated Halls with a 43-31 victory in North Knox County.

South-Doyle, which entered the tournament as the No. 6 seed, fell behind the host Red Devils early as Halls opened a

slim 11-9 advantage by the end of the first quarter.

The Cherokees, however, rallied in the second frame as their offense began to click and they turned up the defensive pressure. By halftime, South-Doyle flipped the script with a 15-6 run to open a 24-17 advantage by halftime.

The victory allowed the Cherokees to extend their season despite some early struggles.

"We're coming together at the right time," Arrowood said. "The league is always tough."

"It was a tough league this year and there wasn't much separation. (Teams) 1-9 were all pretty close. We're one win away from getting a chance to go to the

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By Mark Nagi

For 13 years, whenever Tennessee faced UConn in women's basketball, the world of American sports took notice.

Hall of Fame coaches. Hall of Fame players. Rabid fan bases. High stakes.

And on Thursday night, that rivalry will be renewed at Thompson-Boling Arena.

The person most responsible for the growth of women's basketball in this country was Pat Summitt.

In January 1995, Summitt brought her top-ranked Lady Vols to Storrs, CT to play a nationally televised game against second-ranked UConn. At the time, Summitt's Lady Vols had won three national championships and were the gold standard of the sport.

But that game, a 77-66 win by the Huskies, helped launch that program. Summitt would do just about anything to grow the game of women's basketball. The Lady Vols played any opponent at any time, including that game at Connecticut, even if it came at the expense of her team's own success.

Since that first game in 1995, UConn has won 11 national titles, the most in the history of the sport, while Tennessee sits at 8. UConn has won four of their six meetings with Tennessee in the NCAA tournament.

Maybe UConn would have reached the same levels without Tennessee, but there's no doubt

that the Lady Vols gave them instant credibility.

The rivalry has had its share of bad feelings and shady dealings. UConn head coach Geno Auriemma played the Steve Spurrier role to Summitt's Phillip Fulmer. Auriemma would crack jokes and take shots at Summitt's expense. He once called Tennessee the "Evil Empire."

But the relationship between these coaches and programs was changed forever following the recruitment of Maya Moore during the 2006-2007 season.

Auriemma's recruiting practices for Moore did not sit well with Summitt. So, following the 2007 game (A Tennessee 70-64 win, their 3rd in a row in the series), Summitt declined to sign the contract to play the following year. That ended that incarnation of the series, with UConn leading 13-9.

Summitt could have extended the series. After all, the Lady Vols would be loaded with talent the following season (they won Tennessee's 7th and 8th national titles in 2007 and 2008) and likely would have extended the streak to four in a row with a game at Thompson-Boling Arena.

The classy Summitt refrained from commenting publicly, but Auriemma fumed for years.

That animosity cooled a bit following the retirement of Pat Summitt in 2012 at age 59 following a diagnosis of early-onset

Alzheimer's disease.

But Auriemma had another card to play.

In his role as U.S. Olympic Women's coach, he chose to leave former Lady Vols standout Candace Parker, at the time one of the top 5 players on the planet, off the Team USA roster in 2016.

Parker's Lady Vols beat Auriemma's UConn three straight times between 2005 and 2007. And while Auriemma was not on the selection committee, it wasn't difficult to explain the reason for Parker's exclusion.

"I don't like him. He doesn't like me. We don't like each other," said Parker, a 2008 and 2012 gold medalist.

Auriemma also blamed Tennessee when the NCAA declined to waive the one-year transfer rule when guard Evina Westbrook left the Lady Vols to play for UConn.

In 2020 the rivalry was reborn following a 13-year hiatus, but it's not the same. UConn is still a top tier program but haven't won a national championship since 2016.

The "Curse of Candace" is real.

As is often the case, the sequel rarely lives up to the original. Way too many Caddyshack 2's out there. Tennessee took their lumps with a very difficult early season schedule but have played very well as of late.

An upset on Thursday night might be just the spark this rivalry needs to make it appointment viewing once again.

# Defense propels Lady Admirals past Bearden in postseason tournament

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what coach Devan McIntyre wanted to see.

"We're challenging them to be more consistent and I want the team to play defense and rebound," McIntyre said. "The one thing we stat is rebounding and I want them to rebound."

The Lady Admirals were in control of the game from the outset as they wasted little time setting the tone for the contest. They opened an 11-4 lead in the first quarter and saw their advantage balloon to 20-9 by halftime.

Still, McIntyre wasn't all that happy at the break.

"Our halftime chat was interesting," McIntyre said. "We challenged them."

The challenge came after the Lady Admirals' guards struggled to make shots. Farragut, however, was dominant inside as post player Trinity Curry was

nearly unstoppable inside. She scored nine of her game-high 21 points over the first 12 minutes and finished the game with 11 rebounds.

"She's mentally zoned in right now," McIntyre said of Curry.

Another post player, Makenna Hartley had five points in the first half. She would finish with seven points.

The Lady Admirals also got a second-half boost from guard Gabby VanAcker, who scored seven of her nine points after halftime. VanAcker is one of the league's top guards according to her coach.

"She's more than capable of being the best player on the floor," McIntyre said of VanAcker, who scored seven points and knocked down a 3-point shot in the third stanza.

**In other Class 3A games:** No. 5 South-Doyle upset

Hardin Valley 41-21; No. 2 Powell routed No. 7 Karns 57-21 and No. 3 West Valley toppled sixth-seeded Halls 32-16.

Semifinals were slated for Saturday at South-Doyle Middle School. Results were not available at press time. The championship and consolation games are Wednesday at South-Doyle. The top three teams will advance to the state sectionals.

In Class 2A games: Cedar Bluff downed Vine 42-32 and Carter eliminated Whittle Springs 40-26.

**In Saturday's semifinals:** Holston, the top seed played Cedar Bluff and Gibbs played Carter at South-Doyle. Results were not available at press time.

The winners will play today at 6:15 p.m. in the title game at South-Doyle. Both finalists will advance to the sectional round of the state playoffs.



# Cherokees upset Halls in middle school tournament

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sectionals and that's been our goal all year."

That goal is still alive for the Cherokees thanks to three players posting double figures in the scoring column.

Jeremiah Smith and Benson Brang scored 12 points each and Fisher Jacobs added 11.

The Cherokees never trailed after halftime but the Red Devils narrowed the gap to 28-26 when Ethan Strange knocked down a 3-point shot with 4.5 seconds left in the third frame. Smith, however, would answer with a 3-pointer as time expired in the quarter.

Smith's buzzer beater not only extended South-Doyle's lead. It gave the Cherokees the boost they needed to take control of the contest over the final six minutes.

The Cherokees defense was particularly stingy in the fourth quarter as it surrendered just three points down the stretch.

In addition to keeping South-Doyle's season alive, the victory gave the Cherokees an opportunity that they haven't enjoyed since the post-season tournament returned to South Knoxville four years ago.

The tournament shifted to South-Doyle for Saturday's semifinals. Both the Class 3A and Class 2A Tournaments will conclude there this week.

"We've had the tournament now for four years and this is the first time that we've gotten to play a tournament game at home," Arrowood said.

**In Thursday's other Class 3A games:** Top-seeded West Valley defeated Bearden 49-30. Powell downed Karns 47-34 and Farragut toppled Turkey Creek rival Hardin Valley 44-22.

Tournament play continued with the semifinals Saturday. The championship and third-place games are slated for Wednesday with the top three teams advancing to the sectionals.

**In Thursday's Class 2A games:** Whittle Springs toppled Powell 36-25 and Cedar Bluff outlasted Carter.

# A Sneak Peek at 2023: West schedule looks even tougher

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road game will be played at Heritage on Sept. 22.

Believe it or not, Class 3A state powerhouse Alcoa will be West's homecoming opponent in Week 7. The following week, the Rebels will play at Class 4A state champion Anderson County.

After an open date, West will finish the regular season with a region home game against Halls on Oct. 20 and a Rivalry Thursday TV battle on Oct. 26 against visiting Powell, a new member of Region 2-5A.

**RACCOON RIVALRY:** The first Friday night of the 2023 season will feature Anderson County at Powell in the Battle of Raccoon Valley. The campuses of the two schools are only 13 miles from each other and the Mavericks and Panthers have had some opening night doozies in recent years, so it looks like this kickoff rivalry is here to stay.

Anderson County also is coming off its first Class 4A state title and Powell won the Class 5A state crown in 2021 and took West down to the wire in last year's semifinal showdown.

The Mavericks have beefed up their schedule even more with county rival Clinton back on it and the addition of Knoxville West.

"The 2022 schedule was one of the toughest schedules around and we tried to duplicate it with the 2023 schedule and keeping 6A playoff teams like Bearden and Science Hill," said Anderson County Athletic Director Gary Terry. Incidentally, Terry's email closing is a statement from Andrew Jackson, the 7th U.S. President ... "I was born for the storm, calm does not suit me."

Those words pretty much describe what the Mavs look for in a schedule.

**TOUGH ADDITIONS:** Bearden has added an away game at Alcoa in Week 2 of its 2023 schedule and a home game against Morristown West in Week 10 ... Farragut will host King-sport Dobyns-Bennett in its season opener and Powell in Week 2 ... Central has picked up Oak Ridge, Powell



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

**West High Coach Lamar Brown observes a 2022 post-season practice. His defending state champion Rebels could be playing an even tougher schedule in 2023.**

and Maryville ... Powell replaced Catholic with McMinn County.

**SEYMOUR RETURNS:** The Seymour Eagles are now in Region 2-4A with Anderson County, Carter, Fulton, Gibbs and South-Doyle.

**FIVE NEW FOES:** Central has five new opponents on its schedule with home games against Rhea County, Ooltewah and Oak Ridge and road games at Maryville and Powell.

Austin-East's schedule also will have a much different look with five new non-region opponents - Carter, Grace Christian, Kingston, South-Doyle and William Blount. Only Carter will be a home game.

Carter, Fulton and Halls also have five new opponents on their schedule this year.

The Hornets' new home games will be against Halls and Seymour. The Falcons' new home games will be against Halls, Karns and Seymour. Halls will

have new home games against Campbell County, Hardin Valley and South-Doyle.

The Cherokees, who currently have four new opponents among nine games, replaced Oak Ridge with Heritage and will host the Mountaineers Aug. 25.

**DIVISION II TEAMS:** The Webb Spartans replaced Carter with Battle Ground Academy and will play BGA in their home opener on Aug. 18. Webb also has two other new opponents and will host Brainerd and travel to Lakeway Christian, a new region opponent, in its regular season finale.

CAK also will play at Lakeway Christian in a region game on Sept. 15.

Catholic has three new opponents and will play at Ensworth and host Briarcrest and Brentwood Academy in a region game on Oct. 6.

Grace Christian has two new opponents and will travel to York Institute and host A-E.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## COURT NOTICES

### ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

QB REALTY TEAM, LLC, Plaintiff(s),

v.

THE HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF ROBERT DILLS, RONALD DILLS, MICHAEL DILLS, JOTHAM DILLS, OSCAR DILLS, SCOTTY DILLS, PATSY MAY, DIANE NICHOLS, MARY DODRILL, JUDY JONES AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, Defendant(s).

No 206071-3

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

This cause came to be heard on the prayer by Plaintiff seeking service of process by publication on the above-named defendants and/or their heirs or successors (collectively, the "Dills Heirs"), who may be persons interested in the subject matter of this action, as well as those defendants identified herein as "The Heirs and Creditors of Robert Dills" and as "all unknown persons who may claim any interest in the subject matter of this action" (collectively, the "Unknown Defendants") (hereinafter, the Dills Heirs together with said Unknown Defendants shall be referenced collectively as the "Defendants").

Based on the sworn Affidavit and related Motion for Service by Publication, statements of counsel, and for other good cause shown, service of process upon said Defendants by publication is hereby ORDERED, and Defendants are hereby required to appear and Answer or otherwise defend against the Verified Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and to Quiet Title filed herein by the above-named Plaintiff, QB Realty Team, LLC ("Plaintiff"), whose attorney is E. Richards Brabham, III, Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, 550 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, exclusive of said last date of publication; otherwise, default judgment may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint. It is further ORDERED that this notice shall be published in the manner prescribed by T.C.A. Section 21-1-203 and Section 21-1-204, in The Knoxville Focus, a daily newspaper of general circulation, once weekly for four consecutive weeks beginning January 16, 2023.

This 11th day of January, 2023.

Christopher D. Heagerty  
Chancellor

J. Scott Griswold  
Deputy Clerk and Master

## SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the Eastern District of Tennessee

Cavalry Brokerage, Inc. Plaintiff(s)

v.

Robert Jones Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00356-TAV-JEM

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: Robert Jones  
3303 Lakeview Blvd APT 1913  
Tampa, FL 33618

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it)- or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) -you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Adam Strachn  
Law Office of Adam Strachn, PLLC  
11124 Kingston Pike STE 119-317  
Knoxville, TN 37934

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

10/7/2022

LEANNA R WILSON

CLERK OF COURT

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONNIE L ANDERSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87166-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CONNIE L ANDERSON who died Sep 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 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CONNIE L ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD C ASHLEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87132-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD C ASHLEY who died Oct 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 30 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF RICHARD C ASHLEY

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH EUGENE BROWNING  
DOCKET NUMBER 87141-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 03 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KENNETH EUGENE BROWNING who died Sep 21, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the 03 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF KENNETH EUGENE BROWNING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KIMBERLY ANN BROWNING  
JACKSON; ADMINISTRATRIX  
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POWELL TN 37849

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA C BUNCH  
DOCKET NUMBER 87163-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTHA C BUNCH who died Oct 16, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARTHA C BUNCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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915 CLIFFTOP ROAD  
BLAINE, TN. 37709

## AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES JOHN CLABO  
DOCKET NUMBER 87099-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES JOHN CLABO who died Aug 26, 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 21 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF JAMES JOHN CLABO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LEE CLONINGER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87144-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LEE CLONINGER who died Aug 27, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 4 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARY LEE CLONINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LINDA ARMSTRONG; EXECUTRIX  
6305 CROWN HILL DR  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA BALL COMER

DOCKET NUMBER 86960-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA BALL COMER who died Sep 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:

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This the 5 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BARBARA BALL COMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GENE DEJAYNES  
DOCKET NUMBER 87148-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GENE DEJAYNES who died Oct 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 4 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GENE DEJAYNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GINA DEJAYNES CARTER; EXECURIX  
8100 CANTER LANE  
POWELL, TN 37849



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHELBY JEAN EDWARDS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87139-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 03 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHELBY JEAN EDWARDS 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.

(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 03 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHELBY JEAN EDWARDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JEFF HENSLEY; ADMINISTRATOR  
1211 CARROLLWOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARK ANTHONY HARNES  
DOCKET NUMBER 86527-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARK ANTHONY HARNES 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 5 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARK ANTHONY HARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
FAYE HARNES; ADMINISTRATRIX  
11606 YARNELL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

GREGORY HARRISON ATTORNEY AT LAW  
800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 1050  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CARLA SUZANNE HILL  
DOCKET NUMBER 87119-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters of administration c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of CARLA SUZANNE HILL who died Sep 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 date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 28 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF CARLA SUZANNE HILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DESTINY HILL LINKOUS;  
ADMINISTRATRIX 125 ADAIR DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

ROBERT W GODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
4611 OLD BROADWAY  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DEBORAH JANE HOUSEHOLDER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87118-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH JANE HOUSEHOLDER who died Jul 27, 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 28 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH JANE HOUSEHOLDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHRISTOPHER HOUSEHOLDER;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
601 YACHT HAVEN LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

LOUIS ANDREW MCELROY,  
II ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1348 DOWELL SPRINGS BLVD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PHYLLIS A HUMPHREY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87155-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS A HUMPHREY who died Sep 19, 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 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS A HUMPHREY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RODNEY EUGENE RUSSELL; EXECUTOR  
7618 CHARMWOOD WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOVIE VICTORIA LANE KITTS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87165-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOVIE VICTORIA LANE KITTS who died Sep 21, 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 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DOVIE VICTORIA LANE KITTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
AMY STAPLETON; ADMINISTRATRIX  
3022 NORTH HILLS BLVD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

KELSEY R REILLY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE D  
SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CONCHITA  
CARTAGENA LIMBAUGH  
DOCKET NUMBER 87131-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CONCHITA CARTAGENA LIMBAUGH who died Sep 19, 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

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

This the 29 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF CONCHITA  
CARTAGENA LIMBAUGH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAVID BUCKNER; ADMINISTRATOR  
6701 N RUGGLES FERRY PIKE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37924

STUART I CASSELL ATTORNEY AT LAW  
707 MARKET STREET  
KNOXVILLE TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JACK EARNEST LOWE SR  
DOCKET NUMBER 87145-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACK EARNEST LOWE SR who died Sep 26, 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

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

This the 4 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JACK EARNEST LOWE SR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACK E LOWE JR; EXECUTOR  
9213 SLADE DR  
KNOXVILLE TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA JANE DICK LUTTRELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 87161-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA JANE DICK LUTTRELL who died Sep 15, 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 6 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JANE DICK LUTTRELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PHILLIP DEAN LUTTRELL; EXECUTOR  
4201 DEER RUN DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

ROBERT WILKINSON ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 4415  
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RAY LYNCH  
DOCKET NUMBER 87123-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAY LYNCH who died Nov 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

(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 28 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF RAY LYNCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES DANIEL CARNES; EXECUTOR  
224 CHARO ROAD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID J MORGAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87125-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID J MORGAN who died Jan 27, 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

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

This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DAVID J MORGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARY CHRISTINE MORGAN;  
ADMINISTRATRIX  
4213 HARWOOD  
SOUTH EUCLID, OH 44121

S DAVID LIPSEY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1430 ISLAND HOME AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOMENICK PUCCIO  
DOCKET NUMBER 87154-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOMENICK PUCCIO who died Oct 18, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DOMENICK PUCCIO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

THOMAS PUCCIO; EXECUTOR  
5784 GOLDENROD CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PADMAVATHI VENKATESAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87162-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PADMAVATHI VENKATESAN who died Oct 17, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 6 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PADMAVATHI VENKATESAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MADHAVI VENKATESAN; EXECUTRIX  
59 TREVOR LANE  
BREWSTER, MA 02631

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARBARA TAYLOR WILSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87116-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA TAYLOR WILSON who died Sep 29, 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

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

This the 28 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF BARBARA TAYLOR WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN ANDREW WILSON; EXECUTOR  
1908 TALL CEDARS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DAN W HOLBROOK ATTORNEY AT LAW  
900 S GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE ANDERSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87168-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD LEE ANDERSON who died Nov 25, 2022, were issued the undersigned

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

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

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

This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CRISTI STEVENS; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
4450 ROCKDALE FELLOWSHIP ROAD  
MOUNT JULIET, TN. 37122

ASHLEY WASHAM; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
2313 SCANLON COURT  
POWELL, TN 37849

DAVID LUHN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
310 N FOREST PARK BLVD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH R BACHMANN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87184-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH R BACHMANN who died Aug 31, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH R BACHMANN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
EVAN EVANS; EXECUTOR  
1432 CLEAR BROOK DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN W BAILEY, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87185-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN W BAILEY, JR. who died Nov 28, 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

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

This the 11 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN W BAILEY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEPHEN D BAILEY; EXECUTOR  
7801 CHEROKEE SPRINGS WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

BRADLEY LEWIS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE SUIT TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS OF KNOX COUNTY

Knox County Chancery Court lawsuits are now being prepared by the Delinquent Tax Attorney for collection of all delinquent 2021 Knox County Taxes.

The Knox County Chancery Court Lawsuits will be filed on or after March 1, 2023 in Chancery Court.

You are advised that after February 28, 2023 additional penalties and costs will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior tax years; until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid in my office.

SUCH ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND COSTS MAY INCLUDE INTEREST, COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES AND PENALTIES ON EACH PARCEL

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO AVOID THIS COSTLY PROCEDURE.

You may make payment at the following Knox County Trustee locations:

- KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE ONLINE - <http://www.knoxcounty.org/trustee/>
- MAIN OFFICE - 400 Main Street - 215-2305 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
- HALLS - Center - 7328 Norris Freeway- 215-3461 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
- SOUTH - 7339 Chapman Highway - 577-3680 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
- FARRAGUT - 11408 Municipal Center Drive - 966-6611 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
- CEDAR BLUFF - 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Road- 215-8555 - (Mon.-Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
- EAST - 4734 Centerline Drive - 258-3516 - (Mon. - Fri. 9:00am - 5:00pm)

Justin Biggs  
KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE  
trustee@knoxcounty.org



# service directory


## ALTERATIONS

JOANNE'S ALTERATIONS,  
PANTS HEMMING \$5,  
SPECIALIZING IN JEANS.  
CALL 579-2254

## CARPET CLEANING

NICHOLS CARPET CLEANING  
BREATHE BETTER,  
LIVE BETTER!  
CALL 865-253-9409

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MARCIA'S   
LEARNING CENTER  
1411 Exeter Ave, Knoxville  
(865) 673-8223  
Day Shift 7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Night Shift 4:30 pm - 12 midnight

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANGELA DIXON  
DOCKET NUMBER 86029-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANGELA DIXON who died Jan 15, 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 12 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ANGELA DIXON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SAMUEL B DIXON; EXECUTOR  
113 LUTTRELL ROAD  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF J HAROLD FLETCHER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87181-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of J HAROLD FLETCHER who died Sep 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 12 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF J HAROLD FLETCHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NINA L FLETCHER; EXECUTRIX  
6734 KOHLSTON ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES MICHAEL GALLAHER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87172-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES MICHAEL GALLAHER who died Nov 25, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 10 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLES MICHAEL GALLAHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARK STEVEN GALLAHER;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
2400 ASHBRIDGE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BOBBIE JEAN GOODIN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87183-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BOBBIE JEAN GOODIN who died Oct 29, 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 12 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BOBBIE JEAN GOODIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VONDA JENNINGS; CO-EXECUTRIX  
1780 TATER HILL ROAD  
BEAN STATION, TN 37708

PAULA ROBERTS; CO-EXECUTRIX  
1906 WAYSIDE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

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1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCY RIEDER JONES  
DOCKET NUMBER 86775-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LUCY RIEDER JONES who died Jun 21, 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 13 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LUCY RIEDER JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHRYN ALBRIGHT; EXECUTRIX  
13050 SW IRON MOUNTAIN BLVD  
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P.O BOX 2047  
KNOXVILLE TN 37901

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH JANE SMITH PRATER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87167-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SARAH JANE SMITH PRATER who died Oct 11, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SARAH JANE SMITH PRATER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MILTON O'NEAL WALSH; EXECUTOR  
6324 BERTHA DRIVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

DAVID LUHN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
310 N FORST PARK BLVD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES ALLEN ROBERTS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87188-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES ALLEN ROBERTS who died Sep 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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(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 JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES ALLEN ROBERTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TACITA S SCOTT; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
154 N JEFFERSON CIRCLE  
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830

JANELLE A ROBERTS; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
320 MCFEE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

BARBARA CLARK ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2415 E MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAIL L RODMAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 86553-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JANUARY 2023, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of GAIL L RODMAN who died Jun 1, 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 date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 11 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GAIL L RODMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
REBECCA NOLAN; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA  
7613 BUSH LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ANDREW P HARRISON ATTORNEY AT LAW  
8517 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HIROKO ELIZABETH SMITH  
DOCKET NUMBER 86575-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HIROKO ELIZABETH SMITH who died Jun 1, 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 10 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF HIROKO ELIZABETH SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANDREW CHARLES SMITH; EXECUTOR  
4323 EDENFIELD DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERRY C SMITH  
DOCKET NUMBER 87173-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TERRY C SMITH who died Oct 26, 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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 10 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF TERRY C SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DONNA ANN SMITH; EXECUTRIX  
7942 COUNTRY SCENE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

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P.O. BOX 642  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN. 37807

## MISC. NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

Bid 3357, Weatherization Auditor Services for CAC, due 2/21/23;  
Bid 3360, Knox County Railroad Crossing Improvements, due 2/16/23;  
RFP 3369, Prisoner Transport Services, due 2/21/23;  
Bid 3370, Heat Seal Trays, Fruit Cups, and Film, due 2/22/23

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System for Employees of KCSO  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.  
Main Assembly Room-City/County Building  
400 W. Main Street

### PUBLIC SALES

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