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## School board gets an earful

**Collecting for kids' unpaid meals, middle school buses for athletes, outside therapy for behavior-challenged kids**

By Bill Howard

The meeting of the Knox County Board of Education last Thursday revealed the widely varied issues and challenges it faces.

After its usual process of approving procedural issues - one last week included a request from a parent that suggested some board members were out of touch because of their elitist socioeconomic status - the Board heard impassioned pleas from a number of parents during the Public Forum part of the agenda.

Under the Contracts section of the agenda, the board discussed a proposal to hire a collection agency named IC System, Inc. in order to try to collect money from parents whose kids had unpaid meal debts.

IC System would be allowed to keep 21.5% of any collected funds. The contract would run from Feb. 1 of this year through January of next year.

Tyler Givens addressed the board in firm opposition to the proposal.

"(Some) families might not qualify for federal funds but they can still run out of money at the end of the month," Givens said. "Our superintendent has a quarter-million dollar salary. All of you are homeowners. Most of you have enjoyed significant gains in the last few years."

Givens then stated that two Board members were landlords, and another had received his or her house as a gift from parents.

"But between 30-40 percent of the county rents and rents are up, and wages are not," Givens went on. "Working class Knox. Co. citizens are really feeling the crunch. If the purpose of schools is education, then students should have high-quality food for free, every day."

We don't need to hire bullies to hassle parents over lunch money."

The motion was made to withdraw the IC contract until further discussion, which passed unanimously.

The board agenda includes a Public Forum, in which people are allowed to speak about any educational issue important to them.

David Dupree made the board starkly aware of his indignation that Holston Middle School basketball players had to provide their own transportation to events.

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## Mental Health Court proposed for Knox County

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If the Knox County Commission votes in agreement, the county will have a Mental Health Court that could start operating in August. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond are sponsoring the resolution for the first mental health court in the county and are planning to make it happen with only state funds to begin with.

The initial funding of \$52,500 from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services would be to establish the framework and next year's county budget would include operating funding.

According to a county release from last week: Mental health courts are specialized court dockets designed for individuals with serious mental illnesses and other related psychiatric disorders that utilize a problem-solving

model as opposed to the traditional criminal court processing. These courts are designed to serve as an alternative to incarceration by addressing the underlying issues that led to an individual's arrest through judicially supervised treatment plans developed by a team of court staff and mental health professionals.

The goals of the new court would be "improving the quality of life for participants; reducing incarceration and recidivism; reducing correction costs; and improving public health and safety; and increasing treatment accountability and success."

Mayor Jacobs appointed a committee to look into the issue last year and that group consulted mental health courts around the state and in New York and Florida. The exploratory committee also sought input from local agencies, service providers and mental health professionals.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

**Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union staff members cut the ribbon to officially open its newest location in the Northshore Community.**

## Knoxville TVA Credit Union opens Northshore location

By Ken Lay

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union is celebrating its 89th anniversary this year. The financial institution celebrated by officially opening a new location in West Knox County.

The newest location officially opened to members Friday morning and is located at 1974 Town Center Blvd. in Northshore Town Center.

"We're celebrating our 89th birthday this month and we're very proud of our staff," said Chief Executive Officer Glenn Siler. "Our mission is to make our members and people grow financially."

"If we make them grow financially, they'll make us grow financially and I want to thank all of our members because without them, none of this would be possible."

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit

Union was commissioned in 1934 on the heels of the Great Depression in an effort to stimulate the economy.

"We were commissioned by congress in 1934 to help people grow financially," Siler added. "When we were commissioned, people could only put \$1,000 in their accounts and the most you could loan was \$100 and our signature loan was \$30."

"I've been here for 49 years and the thing I'm proudest of is when you have parents or grandparents bring their children or grandchildren in to open their account. And we love seeing the smiles on people's faces when they get their first home or first car."

Ashley Swaggerty has been tapped to be the new location's branch manager. She previously served as a

branch manager in Roane County. Her excitement was visible as she greeted a crowd of people, who came by for coffee, sweets, juice, finger sandwiches and potato chips.

"It's an exciting day," Swaggerty said, "The excitement is palpable."

"Our staff is second to none. We're going to have a lot of people and a lot of excitement. We're excited to be able to grow and we're happy to be able to serve our members and our new neighbors in the Northshore Community."

Friday's ribbon cutting, which was attended by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and County Commissioner John Schoonmaker, was only part of the day's festivities.

Attendees were eligible for door prizes and the location hosted a catered lunch.

## KCSO asking commission to approve state criminal justice program grant

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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs was notified last September that the state that would provide a direct grant of \$455,839 for transport of the mentally ill.

The letter of agreement from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration specified that criminal justice program funds would go toward the transport and

mental health awareness training for the transport staff. The funding would not require a local match.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office's request for the approval of the state grant is on the agenda for this month's commission work session and regular meetings.

KCSO provides local and regional transportation for mentally ill inmates, most often to Chattanooga's Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute.

The KCSO would have to assure secondary transport agents meet guidance and state statutes, provide quarterly reports of transports conducted under the program, and provide annual accounting of funds spent.

"The grant is the same as we've had previously. We have both reserve officers and corrections officers assigned to transportation who primarily transport anyone required to go for mental evaluation

or treatment as per the court or a medical provider," Kimberly Glenn, communication director for the sheriff's department, told The Focus.

"They go to other places as well like Jasper, Nashville, Memphis, Kingsport and LaFollette. This is all dependent on where the provider sends them," she said.

"We did 2,099 transports in 2022 with approximately 380,000 miles," Glenn said.


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# We Are Lucky To Have A Station Like WOKI

## From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.  
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We are lucky to have a good local radio station like 98.7 WOKI with its all-star roster of outstanding hosts. Its host and co-hosts seem to care about East Tennessee and its people, and they help keep us informed and together as a large community.

Hallerin Hilton Hill is a long-time friend and a man I really admire and respect. At her request, he gave the eulogy at my late wife's funeral, something for which I will always be

grateful.

He treats his callers with kindness and respect and helps guide his programs in a very thoughtful and polite way and keeps things on a high plane. He has the perfect temperament for a talk show host and keeps his cool some times when others might lose it.

Hallerin was my first caller on 9-11 and he had me on his program from my office in Washington, D.C. That led my wife to call one of my staff to tell me to "get out of there!" because there were reports that one of the planes was headed for the Capitol.

Hallerin and his co-host, Chris Marion, who is also a friend of mine, both have a good sense of humor. One afternoon, they asked listeners to call in with jokes. That day became the first and only time I ever called

in with a joke.

I remember one day at a stoplight on Henley, I started laughing when Hallerin was telling about his then-young daughter asking why he was putting "girlie" color on his hair.

Phil Williams is another friend, and I have played golf with him a couple of times. Once, I heard him say he was going to play at Mount Mitchell, North Carolina, that weekend. I had played there with a church group many years ago, and there was a sign in the pro shop that said trees are 90% air. I called Phil just after he had gotten off the air and asked him to see if that sign was still there and if it was to tell them that is the lying-est sign in the world.

Phil's program is different every day and always entertaining. Where else

could I get the variety of topics?...from facts about Abraham Lincoln to Stupid News or even the fact that it was National Lemon Meringue Pie Day?

I remember once when he interviewed a six-year-old named Sam and asked him very seriously if he was married, and when the boy said no, Phil asked him if he had any prospects.

Phil is East Tennessee through and through. He is a dedicated Presbyterian and just an all-around good man.

Bob Yarbrough is a cultured, sophisticated man about town, or at least that's what his introduction says. He and I have in common that we both went to Boys State, although my program was many years earlier.

On Bob's program, I

found out that our area code of 865 stands for VOL. I had never realized that before. I also have gotten to know regulars like Joe of Speedwell and Marilyn from Blount County.

I also appreciated the intelligent, rational way he informed people about Covid and that what some people called misinformation was really a difference of opinion between two or more well-informed people. I have also enjoyed Bob's programs on the history of Knoxville.

I appreciate WOKI's national programs, too. I admit I was disappointed when they replaced the Rush Limbaugh program with Dan Bongino, but I was wrong. I now really enjoy Dan's show, and always learn something important from it.

But I mainly enjoy all the

local personalities. When I was in Congress I used 98.7 as one of several ways for me to stay informed about what my constituents were thinking on all the important national and international issues.

In a day when there is so much liberal and even left-wing bias in the media, it is good to have a station like 98.7 that is at times conservative and at other times non-partisan and fair to all viewpoints.

This station stands as a guardian of free speech, and this is especially important in a day when so many of our colleges and universities have become little more than leftist brainwashing factories and often don't even allow conservatives to speak to classes or at graduation ceremonies.

## Brief Ethics committee meeting sees no new complaints

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The Knox County Ethics Committee met briefly Wednesday morning with the main agenda being the devotional and the pledge to the flag. Chairman Michael Covington noted there was no old or new business before the group.

Covington said he has reviewed all the previous complaints about alleged misconduct by county officials or employees and some complaints were still pending from 2016. The Knox County Law Department reviews complaints prior to sending any deemed justified to the committee but there have been none over the past two years.

Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said a letter of complaint was recently

received but told the committee the letter was not a sworn statement nor was it signed. He said the letter could not be considered but it could be reviewed "if you want to see it."

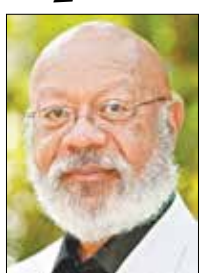
Covington said he may look at the letter. He told the group they provide a vital service and said the committee is "a deterrent to misconduct." The next meeting is planned for May 1.

Ethics committee members include Vice Chair Perry Beal, Virginia Anagnost, Rusty Goddard, Kathryn Ogrod, Bryon Wood, Carletta Rando-Smelcer, Steven Goodpaster and Deborah Stafford. Non-voting members are Captain Greg Stinnett, Marcus Kennedy and Commission Chairman Courtney Durrett.

## I am an American with a Master Plan and will present it at a Brown Bag lunch

The Oracle Who Names is at it again proclaiming that henceforth illegal aliens be referred to as "migrants." Interestingly all media have bent on one knee to comply including the "conservative" press.

It was enlightening that a sports announcer got suspended for calling illegal aliens "illegal aliens." The Oracle has spoken so all must obey. The Oracle's children have also been busy. But since they do not have the same command over the media, their efforts to change the language has been less successful. One of the latest was the University of Southern California's school of social work discovering that the word "field" was racist and announcing that henceforth, the word



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"practicum" will be used instead. The school said that "This change supports anti-racist social work practice by replacing language that would be considered anti-Black or anti-immigrant in favor of inclusive language."

So now "field" work is now called "practicum" work? Now doesn't that just roll off the tongue? It is obvious that "school" should be put in quotation marks for that part of USC not a serious academic college. The same is true for some administrators at Stanford who had too much time on their hands. They released an index of "harmful language" showing words that were deemed racist. They included American, Hispanic, "Karen", father, victim, straight, landlord, ladies, chief, brown bag, white paper, illegal immigrant (migrant!), master, blind, gangbusters and so on. Stanford points out that it took over a year to compile the list. That is reminiscent of asking "how many campus administrators does it take to change a light bulb?" At Stanford, the number of campus administrators almost equals the number of students. After a week or so, Stanford removed the guide when the Wall Street Journal pointed out that the guide read more like the Babylon Bee than

from one of the country's premier universities. Stanford seems to have forgotten that the vast majority of us do not associate racism with hardly any of those words and that those who feel that such words are "hurtful" and make them feel "threatened" are whiners and are best ignored.

This silliness is running rampant in our universities which have become temples of wokeness. Most every campus is overstocked with administrators pretending to be busy doing stuff. Like Stanford, many universities have an administrator-student ratio approaching one to one. Victor David Hanson points out that while college enrollment has dropped, the number of professors has increased slightly while the number of administrators has doubled. Each campus must now have a "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" (DEI) administrator and staff and while some do good in providing needed outreach, most oversee reams of paperwork to demand inclusiveness and to root out white supremacy. Of course, this is laughable since 90 percent of professors are leftist, progressive, socialists who give lip service to DEI all the time. Even southern state universities like my alma mater the University of Georgia have pockets of wokeness. Go to the website of its college of education (named for one of my dearest friends) and you

will find homage to DEI on a breathtaking scale. Ironically, the college is housed in Aderhold Hall named for the university's president when I was enrolled there. Aderhold was no fan of DEI. The university was forced to integrate during his tenure. My experience was that he did not want us at his university and many in his administration actively worked to limit the number of blacks admitted to Georgia and once we were there, put barriers in our way. Maybe the college should rethink the name of its building.

I have heard faculty at other universities express resentment over the expanding reach of DEI. Professors are supposed to commit themselves to the DEI goals (again mostly redundant) as part of the evaluation for tenure and promotion while departments are to submit plans for DEI. Some of the universities' colleges require a DEI statement on every faculty syllabus. If that existed for my department I would respectfully decline. Some administrators also want DEI to be included in the course material. Professors are to be tested for implicit bias - even though such tests are worthless. Again, given the politics of most professors, the imposition of DEI seems redundant. Yet again, university presidents like most bureaucrats want to expand their personal empires and have done so by hiring more administrators whose job is to meet most all day and conjure up busy work. At the same time, academic standards have been steadily eroding and, in many colleges, indoctrination has replaced education. I once referred to Stanford as the nation's best university. Sadly, that is no longer true.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Knox County Republicans To Reorganize

Knox County Republicans will gather to reorganize in convention on Saturday, February 18 at Crowne College in Powell. The little band of political pirates who boarded the GOP ship two years ago is fighting to keep control of the party apparatus. That crowd, led by Erik Wiatr, has monetized elections and utilized the resources of the Knox County Republican Party by running candidates against incumbent officeholders inside primaries. Wiatr, a former Democrat and Green party activist from Chicago, talks quite a bit about “bona fide” Republicans. Yet he and his crew were the ones who picked a woman to head the Credentials Committee the last time who had never even voted in a Knox County election, much less a Knox County GOP primary.

Wiatr wants control of the county party’s money to funnel it to himself for his consulting business, as well as his candidates. Wiatr’s candidate for chair of the Knox County Republican Party is Keith Lyons, a former head of the police officer’s union. Lyons is also a prospective candidate for mayor of the City of Knoxville and one doesn’t need much imagination or brain power to figure out who his campaign strategist would be.

Wiatr’s slate of candidates proposes to increase fundraising. They promise to hold more meetings so that the voices of “regular party members” will be heard. Of course, they certainly never did that under Wiatr’s last candidate, Daniel Herrera. Quite the opposite in fact. Everything was done quietly, if not secretly, by the party’s Executive Committee, which might as well have been the Politburo. Perhaps the most notable thing they did in secret was to try and engineer the appointment of Erik Wiatr as the Knox County Republican Party’s “Political Director.” That crowd wasn’t the least bit interested in the voices of regular party members then and I doubt they are now.

Wiatr’s slate of candidates promises a unified party to defeat the Democrats in general elections. Much of the success of the local Democrat Party has been less due to its leadership than fundraising off of the Herrera – Wiatr regime. Like Erik Wiatr’s effort to make the last cycle of city elections, which are non-partisan, partisan. Wiatr went to Facebook, recruited four candidates and ran them as a Republican ticket. Not realizing the strongest candidate on the ticket was only as strong as the weakest link, the entire ticket sank like a stone in a pond. The entire ticket was lost, but the effort energized the Democrats.

For Erik Wiatr and the pirates, it’s about making a living and power, neither of which has anything to do with expanding and bettering the local Republican Party. Buddy Burkhart, who has served as Knox County Republican Chairman before, is offering himself once again as a candidate for chairman.

This time hopefully the game won’t be rigged nor will the deck be stacked.

The last people who can bring sanity and unity to the Knox County Republican Party are the pirates who have served themselves and nothing else for the past four years.

## Knoxville City Council... More Of The Same

The Knoxville City Council recently gathered together at Knoxville’s Arts and Fine Crafts Center in a meeting “facilitated” by two women from the University of Tennessee’s Municipal Technical Advisory Service. The council people painted a picture to commemorate their time together.

Wow. Finger painting aside, that’s supposed to be able to help them work together. The council people discussed issues they want to tackle in the near future, but the truth is the agenda for the city council is not set by the members, but rather by Mayor Indya Kincannon.

Lynne Fugate did complain about partisanship and announced she is “unfairly characterized as a Republican” by folks. Fugate told a reporter from the Compass, “I don’t go to party meetings. I don’t pay party dues. But everybody expects me to speak for the Republican Party, and that’s not fair.”

First of all, I don’t know of anyone who pays dues to the Republican Party. Secondly, Fugate was at the last reorganization meeting of the Knox County Republican Party, because I saw her there. Lastly, I don’t know anybody who thinks Lynne Fugate speaks for the Republican Party. Let me reiterate that: nobody expects Lynne Fugate to speak for the Republican Party.

While on the school board with Indya Kincannon, Fugate spoke for the administration headed by Superintendent Jim McIntyre. As

a member of the Knoxville City Council, she meekly does whatever Kincannon tells her to do. As far as I can see, Lynne Fugate represents no constituency at all. Fugate sits on the city council and rubber stamps whatever Kincannon wants done.

The council raised local property taxes by 40% last year, which has the effect of raising mortgages and rents on everyone inside the City of Knoxville. Fugate voted for it. Kincannon and her minions on the Council talk about affordable housing, yet drive up the cost of what people pay in rent and mortgages.

That is an issue Fugate’s opponent, Cameron Brooks, has hit repeatedly. Brooks has been running his campaign steadily on support for working people and especially working families. Apparently, Brooks’ messaging has been resonating, as Debbie Helsley has done her very best to lift much of Brooks’ platform and position herself as the champion of working families. That’s a new issue for Helsley who had nothing to say on the topic while running last year for Knox County Mayor. Helsley was busy pushing national issues, which had nothing to do with Knox County government, like her “bold, new” climate change policy for the community. It’s also difficult to believe when a candidate supports continuing increasing taxes and the cost of living for working families.

Kincannon and company have spent recklessly and driven up the cost of the city’s government while delivering little in terms of accomplishments. The first thing Kincannon did after raising property taxes was to cut back services in the form of announcing the Knoxville Police Department will no longer come for accidents unless there is an injury. That decision

will also drive up the cost of car insurance for local consumers.

Do Kincannon and company give a hoot about working people or working families? Not at all. The Kincannon administration has made no secret of its desire to seek to raise the sales tax inside the City. Fugate suggested the City take back more of its share of the sales tax already being turned over to the school system, depriving Knox County Schools of perhaps as much as \$40 million. Both Fugate and Kincannon would have screamed bloody murder had someone suggested that while they sat on the Board of Education. Times change, I reckon.

Once the city elections are over this year, Kincannon and company will move to increase the sales tax by referendum if they can. Paying more in sales taxes would hurt exactly who the most: working families and working people of course. All of the Kincannon rubber stamps on the council will either remain silent or support the idea.

By their fruits, ye shall know them. Look to the candidates for city council this year who are forthright about their opposition to raising taxes on the people who are already struggling to get by as inflation continues to rise. As working families are paying \$5 and \$6 for a carton of eggs, they can ill afford to be left behind and pay more to live.

## Briggs Bill Deserves Support

Speaking of the city council, state Senator Richard Briggs has a bill that is moving in the Tennessee State Senate, which would eliminate at-large elections when candidates are nominated in a district. That would mean every district seat on the Knoxville City


Council would no longer run city-wide after having moved from the primary. Currently, candidates run solely within the confines of the district, then run city-wide in the run-off election.

The bill sponsored by Senator Briggs would stop the city-wide run-off elections and council members representing district would truly be the representatives of those districts.

## Get Well, Dirk - Our Prayers Are With You

Dirk Weddington retired as a magistrate at Knox County’s Juvenile Court just a few years back. At the time of his retirement, Weddington was the senior magistrate under Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin. One of the most personally popular individuals working in the Juvenile Court Building, Weddington radiated positivity and never met a stranger. Unfailingly kind and thoughtful, Dirk Weddington was one of those rare people who brightened workdays for those lucky enough to be his coworkers. Among Weddington’s special friends are Rick Caldwell, a longtime resident of East Knox County who served as the magistrate’s courtroom bailiff; Chancellor Bud Armstrong and Focus columnist Ray Hill.

Weddington has told friends he has been diagnosed with cancer, but his attitude remains steadfastly positive and his faith in the Lord is unbreakable. Dirk Weddington has just begun chemotherapy and his many friends at the Knoxville Juvenile Court, as well as here at The Knoxville Focus pray for his complete and rapid recovery. A husband and father, as well as the doting grandfather of ten, Dirk Weddington is still sorely needed in this world.



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# Fire Department to get an ambulance

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Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon was authorized Tuesday to apply for \$390,319 in federal funds for the Fire Department. The resolution for health and safety equipment includes funding for a special washing machine for police and fire department vehicles, exercise equipment for fire employees, and an ambulance.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider asked about the request and Chief Operating Officer David Brace,

answering for Fire Chief Stan Sharp who was not at the meeting, said the ambulance has already been ordered. He said the FEMA funds, if granted, will also help purchase a “motorized gurney” for ambulance use.

“The fire department hasn’t had an ambulance for over thirty years,” Councilwoman Amelia Parker noted. Brace said the motorized gurney will cost about \$70,000 and help in loading a person. He said the ambulance “should be here this summer.”

Mayor Kincannon said the city is purchasing the

ambulance with or without the FEMA funding.

The council also approved the hiring of three companies to maintain the city’s traffic signals. Each company will receive \$125,000 annually.

Downtown residents and businesses will continue to get city waste and recycling services in an agreement with MidAtlantic Solid Waste Consultants LLC. The Public Service Department requested the \$52,000 agreement. The downtown service is separate from the citywide trash pickup contract with Waste Management.

Seven scattered sites around the city will see litter pickup in a contract with KMF III Services LLC. The \$77,985 contract is part of a 12-month landscape management services agreement.

The council also approved a grant from TVA for consultant services to support the city’s growing electric vehicle fleet.

Several zoning changes were approved, mostly for housing, and one, requested by CMC Steel US LLC, resulted in a split 7-2 vote. Benjamin Mullins represented the firm that was approved to rezone 1542

New York Avenue from Traditional Neighborhood to Heavy Industrial.

Brace said the firm has “been a good neighbor and employer for years.” Mullins told the council the firm has no plans to extend its operation there and that many other “residential” sites there are actually operated as commercial property. He described the request as “a modest expansion for storage.”

Councilman Charles Thomas said the area “has no housing on it” and the request will provide a better use. He noted the fenced lot was, at one time,

designated for a greenway but it was never developed as such. The first reading passed with Councilwoman Parker and Seema Singh voting “No.”

The council also voted to remove a previously approved planned district designation for 428 East Scott Avenue. Councilwoman Rider said the property has changed hands and the new owner wants the designation removed.

Mayor Kincannon named Logan Black, Nancy Carter, Christopher Mathison and Paul Robertson to the Council on Disability Issues.

## Ijams River Rescue Needs Volunteer Site Captains for Annual Cleanup on Saturday, April 15

Ijams Nature Center is looking for volunteer site captains for its 34th annual Ijams River Rescue on Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This one-day cleanup annually brings together 500-800 volunteers to remove between 10-40 tons of trash from the Tennessee River’s shorelines and tributary creeks.

“In 2022, 557 volunteers safely removed more than 21 tons of garbage from 44 sites,” Ijams Development Director Cindy Hassil said. “This year’s goal is to tackle 40 sites in Knox, Anderson, Blount and Loudon counties, so that will require about 80 site captains because we’d like to have two co-captains at each site.”

A site captain’s duties range from checking in volunteers and

going over safety procedures to completing a brief cleanup report. There are one to two site captains at each location. These volunteers receive training prior to the event.

The Ijams River Rescue is held rain or shine, but if severe weather is predicted for April 15, the event will move to April 22.

The deadline to sign up to be a site captain is Feb. 15. To sign up, email Hassil at [chassil@ijams.org](mailto:chassil@ijams.org).

A general call for cleanup volunteers will go out in March.

Sponsors to date include Tennessee Valley Authority, City of Knoxville Stormwater Engineering, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Vulcan Materials Company, Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, Waste Connections of Tennessee, and Thompson Engineering. The deadline to be a

sponsor is Feb. 15.

Ijams Nature Center is a non-profit, 318-acre educational nature center for all ages, abilities and walks of life. Ijams’ mission is to encourage stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for people to learn about and enjoy the outdoors through engaging experiences. Located just three miles from downtown Knoxville, Ijams features 12+ miles of hiking and mixed-use trails, a public access river dock, swimming, boating, biking and more. The center offers hundreds of educational programs annually for all ages. The Ijams grounds and trails are open every day from 8 a.m. until dusk. The Visitor Center is open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit [ijams.org](http://ijams.org).

## School board

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According to Dupree, the lost chance to bond and unify on a bus ride cost both the HMS boys’ and girls’ teams in the District Tournament.

“We had good teams at Holston,” Dupree said. “They could have done well in the regional tournament, the sectional tournament, but neither one made it because they didn’t have the cohesion that comes with being able to build a team that all the rest of the middle schools had because they all had buses.”

Dupree finished by implying that the explanation for Holston’s bus problem is because of the section of the city it’s in.

The meeting adjourned after a number of parents spoke about the need for KCS to allow outside therapists - particularly ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) - to work with children who have autism or other behavioral challenges.

One such speaker was Cortney Piper, a former UT swimmer, president of Piper Communications, and local TV political commentator.

Piper told the board her son was diagnosed with autism in March of last year, and was prescribed ABA therapy. According to Piper, ABA therapy is “the only therapy approved to treat autism spectrum disorder.”

Piper said that she was told by the Director of Special Education this past September that KCS didn’t allow it, only to be told later that wasn’t the case. She suggested that KCS’s inefficient communication system with parents lead to her requests being needlessly delayed.

“I encourage immediate action to explicitly allow ABA therapy in the classroom,” Piper said. This cannot wait until next school year.”

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### Lies, Consequences and Triggers

The word racism is like ketchup. It can be put on practically anything - and demanding evidence makes you a racist.

Thomas Sowell

Did you watch it? I didn't. I refuse to waste my time with the modern State of the Union Addresses (SOTU) which remind me of kabuki theater. The choreographed backslapping, standing and clapping, sitting and scowling is just a meaningless spectacle. The only thing I remember from these events is Nancy Pelosi's destruction of Congressional property as she derisively tore apart President Trump's State of the Union speech on national TV.

Article 2, section 3, clause 1 of the United States Constitution says that the president is to periodically "give to the Congress information on the state of the Union." For

the first hundred years of our country the president submitted only a written report to the Congress. In 1913 President Woodrow Wilson began the "regular practice of delivering the address to Congress in person as a way to rally support for the president's agenda."

Ole Joe and his handlers have an impossible task. They are trying to "put lipstick on a pig" and convince Americans that the Union is doing well. As iPOTUS says, "Come on, man."

Delusions are symptoms of insanity. I reject the Democrats' delusions. We are not safer, everything costs more, shortages are real and I have lost trust in all sectors of government. We no longer have a southern border, supply chains and transportation are in jeopardy, drugs and crime are rampant, inflation continues, the wealth of Americans has

been dissipated and our standing in the world has been gutted. But hey, we don't have "mean tweets" anymore.

Tragically, out of irrational hatred, America voted against a strong leader, prosperity and safety, and elected a demented vassal of China. The consequences of listening to lies of the deep state (FBI and others), the mainstream media, Democrats and progressive liberal/leftists are obvious to a rational person. If you thought you were safe and woke generals and the president would protect you, the Chinese balloon, allowed to transit our country, dispelled that illusion. Secretary of State Blinken was even forced to cancel his state visit with Xi Jinping after China gave America "the middle finger."

SOTU addresses make about as much sense as the various awards shows televised throughout the year, where the artsy-fartsy crowd praises itself. The last time I paid any attention to the Academy Awards, Tony's, Grammys, etc. was when Saving Private Ryan lost the best picture award in 1988 to Shakespeare in Love. Actually, Shakespeare in Love is a beautiful film. I have a copy in my library. However, critics consider Saving Private Ryan "one of the greatest films ever

made."

Emblematic of these inane award shows is the recent Grammys, where the gender confused Sam Smith performed a perverted devil worship song and dance routine sponsored by Pfizer Drugs and lauded in a tweet by CBS television. No thank you. I won't watch this trash. The clips of Smith's devilish routine reminded me of Biden's horrific University of Pennsylvania speech.

Our country is a mess. So, what can you do? Join my boycott of woke and ESG (environment social governance) companies and their products. Examples are CBS, Coke, Disney, Sports Illustrated, etc. You can easily find internet lists of such companies. I no longer use the uber liberal Google search engine. I use Duck Duck Go which doesn't track me or sell my information to advertisers. Have you seen Duck Duck Go's ad that uses the Police song, "I'll be watching you"? That's Google in a nutshell.

I vote at every opportunity and I write this column. The black, female, conservative Kira Davis challenges us to find some area to push back against the destruction of our country. We must be courageous and refuse to be gaslighted into tolerating or accepting something you know is

wrong. Respectfully, say to the progressive liberal bullying you, "I don't accept your premise." Turn their manipulative words back on them.

English is a living language. Consequently, the meaning of words changes over time, words come in and out of vogue and usage. The word mouse used to refer to the small rodent scurrying under the cabinet, but now also drives the cursor on my computer screen. When I was a child, I pulled the trigger on my cap pistol. Now, people describe certain words as triggers, capable of evoking emotions, even rage. The notion that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me" is now passé.

Since we're on the topic, let me digress just a bit. I now find that I am "triggered" by the promotion of racism by hustlers. I'm also triggered by sexuality that is thrust into my face. If you're an adult I don't care what you think or do in your bedroom. Furthermore, I don't want to hear about your victim status. And just like the race card, I don't want sexuality preached to my grandchildren in school or in drag queen shows with children in attendance.

You might label me a coward for not watching the two hours of SOTU. I was afraid that watching

Washington "porn" would trigger me and sour my soul. Out of civic duty I did read numerous accounts from both "sides of the aisle," including the so-called fact checks of the divider-in-chief and Sarah Huckabee Sanders. That was all I could tolerate. What I did see was the contrast between the 40-year-old woman governor of Arkansas and the demented octogenarian. The contrast between "normal and crazy" was striking.

With balloon-gate, I've been thinking. Why would China attack us when they have Democrats to destroy us? Our best defense is to take power from Democrats who have become "crazy."

We must stay informed. We have access to more information than at any time in history. Yes, there is fake news, "lies, damn lies and statistics." The truth has always been illusive and transcends mere facts which are contextual (see John 18:38).

And my last words of advice? Follow the Ferguson axiom: "Read widely, think carefully, sift everything through your conscience and common sense, be courageous and keep looking up."

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## Taking the Benton Loop

### A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Getting out in the winter with the family can be inexpensive if you just take a ride and visit some of the most interesting places in our region.

Polk County, southeast of Knoxville, is one of the more rural parts of East Tennessee and skirts the bottom of the Smoky Mountains. Benton is the county seat and the little town only has about 1,500

residents. It was founded in 1840 shortly after the forced removal of the Cherokee.

Originally known as McKamy's Stock Stand it was named for Missouri Senator Thomas Hart Benton.

The last time my wife and I traveled down that way we took the long way around, starting in Maryville and heading south on Highway 411 through Vonore, Madisonville and Etowah. Each of those communities has its own appeal such as the large historic railroad museum in Etowah. There's also a train excursion at that station.

Benton is just southeast of the junction of the Ocoee and Hiwassee rivers and just to the east



*The much-honored grave of Nancy Ward, the Beloved Woman of the Cherokee, is just south of Benton, Tennessee, along Old Highway 411. Visitors for years have carried round river rocks to add to her grave.*

of town are the Smoky's Unicoi Mountains. Just south of town is the little settlement of Old Fort, one of the sites of a removal

camp that held Cherokee families before the forced relocation to Oklahoma. Old Fort Marr blockhouse

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## Norwood neighbors to meet this week

The Norwood Homeowners Group will meet on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Northwest Baptist Church, 2614 Merchant Dr.

You do not want to miss this meeting! We might have some exciting news for our community!

We will discuss the outbreak of car break-ins and hopefully KPD can give us an update on this situation.

Representatives from KUB will discuss the new fiber internet in Norwood/Inskip areas and answer any questions.

We will have Councilman Charles Thomas of the 5th District, who represents a large portion of Norwood

and the Inskip area, along with Carol Evans of Legacy Parks, and the new owner of the 40+/- acre property at 2400-2600 Merchant Dr. They will discuss a proposal for the use of the land.

If you're not familiar with Legacy Parks, visit their website at [legacyparks.org](http://legacyparks.org).

It takes all residents working together to make Norwood a safer and great place to live.

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**Submitted by Norwood Homeowners Group President Debbie Phillips, (865) 679-7313**



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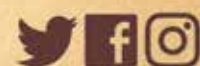
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# Doubt and faith

I watched a comedy special on television the other night, and the comedian told several jokes about people believing in something bigger than themselves. On another occasion, I watched the show "Evil."



By Joe Rector  
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A priest, a psychologist, and a tech guy travel around to perform exorcisms and investigate strange phenomena. However, the psychologist and techy don't believe in God. In fact, it seems that so many characters

in programs are agnostics or atheists. I've also seen the commercial with Ron Reagan Jr. proudly professing his atheism and telling viewers that he's not afraid of dying and going to hell.

For the life of me, I don't understand folks who don't believe in someone or something higher and above themselves. Their choices in spiritual matters are none of my business, even though I don't agree with them. If we just came

into existence through a "big bang" or a "poof," our being is simply a mistake or a chance or a product of some actions which most of us don't understand at all.

I question the behaviors of deniers. Their non-belief isn't consistent. In moments of surprise or fear, many exclaim, "Jesus!" Invoking the name of the Son of God doesn't square with the conviction that God isn't real. The same goes for taking God's name in vain. Why would atheists call on the very entity that they declare doesn't exist?

Life must be discouraging for nonbelievers. Oh

sure, they might say the lack of a God allows their lives to be free-flowing. No guilt or obligations for actions are necessary. However, if God doesn't exist, then that means our own lives are useless. We are nothing more than random reactions to some major event.

Worst of all, in the thinking of atheists, nothing exists after this life. We are born, live, and die; that's it. Our bodies lie in the ground and rot or our ashes are spread at some place that was special to us. That's it. Nothing that we have done is of value. Our relationships are trivial.

After all, when our lives end before us lies nothingness and no one.

I choose to look at God's existence in a different way. In my world, God loves each person, even those who deny his existence. A tiny piece of God lives within each of us; that's the spirit that guides, guards and directs us. Our choice is whether or not to listen to that presence. That's where free will comes in. All of us will face joys and hardships. Those things are best enjoyed by or tolerated with a deep, abiding love for a creator. When our time on earth is over, our bodies are left here, but

those little pieces return to the source. We are reunited with all those other pieces in the wholeness of God.

In the end, each of us will experience the end of our time on this earth. That is when the truth will be revealed. Faith directs some of us. We can never prove that God exists, but in our hearts, we know He is. It is sad that those who don't believe never hear that still, small voice that will be with them until the end. Of course, until the last breath, the opportunity to listen and acknowledge will be present.

## Benton Loop

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was relocated from there to Benton, where the log structure still stands. Just beyond there is Tennnga, Georgia, aptly named because it sits near the Tennessee and Georgia state line.

Benton sports the Cherokee National Forest and, nearby, is the Ocoee Dam that was used for whitewater rafting during the Atlanta Olympics. A scenic hiking trail near Benton leads to Benton Falls.

But the Benton attraction that many people visit is the grave of the Cherokee Beloved Woman, Nancy Ward. She was married several times including to a white trader and operated a trading post along the Ocoee. She's buried with relatives and her hilltop grave is marked not only with a historic marker but with round river stones carried there by well-wishers.

Nancy Ward has many Cherokee and

white descendants in Tennessee and out west. She died before the Trail of Tears removal and was, at times, in opposition to some tribal members when they continued the war against white settlers in our region.

The Nancy Ward Gravesite State Park is located just off Old Highway 411 southwest of Benton and is open to visitors. If you're interested in learning more about Nancy Ward, you can find lots of information online or at the Museum of East Tennessee History in Knoxville. That museum has a silver ring said to have belonged to the historic woman.

After Benton, you can double back to Highway 30 and visit the old community of Reliance or continue south to the Ocoee and take Highway 74 to Cleveland, Tennessee, where you can catch Interstate 75 back to Knoxville.



Picture of Clayton Sharp, courtesy of Dale Hall.

Words of Faith include the beautiful scripture of Psalm 23 (KJV), Clayton's favorite: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

## Clayton's Christmas Card

His Christmas card was postmarked November 23, 2022. It included a picture of him wearing his traditional white cowboy hat. Little did we know that this Christmas card would be the last



By Ralphine Major  
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one from Clayton Sharp. Clayton passed away on January 18, 2023.

The Sharps lived on the next ridge over from us. Our father went to Gibbs High School with Betty and Clayton Sharp. I've known their names for as long as I can remember. My brother, Wayne, and I went to school with their sons, Rancy and Monty. Rancy was in my class for all 12 grades, and Monty's class was a year ahead of Wayne's. Several years ago, I wrote about The Sharps and all the volunteer work they did along with the many awards and recognitions they had received. Sadly, Betty

passed away in 2019.

Clayton lived an amazing and extraordinary life, some of which included being active in his church, helping start a Boy Scout Troop, and for many years demon-

strating the skill of blacksmithing at the Museum of Appalachia. Just over one year ago, I wrote about Clayton's 100th birthday. Early this year, he turned 101!

"He was one of a kind! He loved everyone and everyone loved him," Rancy said of his father.

Our family appreciated Clayton for sharing many thoughts with our family about our father from the times they spent together in their younger years.

"I got to spend the last 16 days of his life with him talking to him during his good moments and taking a trip on his rabbit trails! I was blessed to be with him as he approached heaven," Rancy shared.

"It Is Well With My Soul" was Clayton's favorite song. "He was singing it just a few days before he passed," Rancy said.

The longtime member of Clapp's Chapel United Methodist Church received full military honors with the 21-gun salute, and a flag was presented to Rancy.

"I want to thank his caregivers for walking with him and my mom since 2018," Rancy said. "I was proud to say I was Clayton Sharp's son!"

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# The 1969 Special Election in Tennessee

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Robert A. “Fats” Everett lay ailing in Nashville’s Veterans Hospital. For decades the 6-foot-4 congressman, whose weight teetered between 255 and 370 pounds, had been a fixture in Tennessee politics. Everett had learned politics from some of the Volunteer State’s most successful practitioners of the art. “Fats” Everett was something of a political prodigy with a liking for people, a sunny disposition and a head for understanding politics. Everett had gotten himself elected to the Obion County Commission when he was only twenty-one years old. Two years later, Everett was elected circuit court clerk. “Fats” Everett served in the U. S. Army from 1942 – 45 during the Second World War and then became administrative assistant to Tennessee’s junior United States senator, Tom Stewart. Following Senator Stewart’s loss in the 1948 Democratic primary, newly elected Governor Gordon Browning sought out Everett to become his chief of staff.

In 1950, Everett left the State Capitol and went home to West Tennessee where he challenged Jere Cooper for Cooper’s seat in the U. S. House of Representatives. Cooper had been in Congress since 1928 and was an institution inside his West Tennessee district. Everett’s popularity was such that it was the closest election of Congressman Jere Cooper’s career. The final vote tally was 26,675 for Cooper and 25,055 for “Fats” Everett, a difference of 1,620 ballots. It was the only campaign “Fats” Everett ever lost. The portly politician’s personal popularity inside his home county of Obion County is staggering; against a popular incumbent who was the ranking member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, Everett won 7,138 votes to only 2,319 for Cooper. “Fats” Everett won better than 75% of the vote in his home county against a sitting congressman, which was quite a feat, especially when the incumbent had represented the county for twenty-two years.

Jere Cooper died unexpectedly in December of 1957 and “Fats” Everett was the favorite to win the special election. Following his sweeping victory in the special election, he was unopposed in the Democratic primary later in 1958. That became a pattern; Congressman “Fats” Everett became unbeatable inside his district. Everett also passed along his knowledge of politics to the next generation. One of his drivers while he toured the counties comprising his district was a young Ned McWherter.

While in Congress, “Fats” Everett was a very conservative Democrat

when there was still such a thing. Representing one of the most rural congressional districts in Tennessee, Everett reflected the views of the home folks and his constituent service was excellent, which only increased his popularity. Everett had been reelected in 1968 without opposition and the following month he had gone to Bethesda Naval Hospital suffering from complications from diabetes. Later, Everett was transferred to the Veterans’ Hospital in Nashville. The congressman’s condition included kidney problems and he contracted a “flu-like virus” which led to pneumonia. Robert Ashton Everett died on January 26, 1969. He was only fifty-three years old.

When a member of the United States Senate dies or resigns, the governor of the state appoints someone to serve until the next election cycle. When a congressman dies or resigns from office, the governor calls a special election to fill the vacancy. The 1968 election in Tennessee had been hard fought between GOP presidential nominee Richard Nixon, Democratic nominee and then-Vice President Hubert Humphrey and third party candidate George Wallace, the governor of Alabama. It was one of the closest elections in our country’s history and Tennessee was no exception. Richard Nixon had been on the Republican ticket as either the vice presidential or presidential candidate in 1952, 1956, 1960 and 1968 and carried the Volunteer State each time. Nixon won Tennessee that year albeit only narrowly, with just under 38% of the vote. Hard on Nixon’s heels in Tennessee was George Wallace who tallied 34% of the vote. Hubert Humphrey ran third in Tennessee with 28%.

Wallace had swept much of West Tennessee and proved to be highly popular in Tennessee’s Eighth Congressional District. When Governor Buford Ellington, a Democrat, called for the special election, Wallace’s American Independent Party fielded a candidate to succeed the late “Fats” Everett. There was considerable optimism amongst Tennessee Republicans as well and they nominated Leonard Dunavant, who enjoyed a long and highly respected tenure in the Tennessee General Assembly. William J. Davis was the candidate for the American Independent Party and Ed Jones became the Democratic candidate to succeed Congressman Everett.

Jones, bald and bespectacled, looked more like an accountant than a congressman. Ed Jones was a farmer from Yorkville, Tennessee. Jones had been Commissioner of



FROM THE AUTHOR’S PERSONAL COLLECTION, AP WIREPHOTO.

*Newly elected Congressman Ed Jones celebrates with his wife, Llew, and two daughters after winning a 1969 special election to succeed the late Fats Everett.*

Agriculture when Gordon Browning was restored to the governorship in 1949. At the time of his appointment, Ed Jones was the youngest person ever to serve as Tennessee’s Commissioner of Agriculture, being only thirty-six years old. With the election of John F. Kennedy, Jones became the chair of the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service for Tennessee by appointment of the president in 1961. It was a post Jones continued to hold until his election to Congress.

Governor Ellington set the special election for March 25, 1969, which gave prospective candidates little time to campaign. As incumbents tended to occupy the Eighth Congressional District’s seat in the House of Representatives until death, a number of candidates immediately declared their intention to run. Circuit Court Judge Dick Jerman of Alamo said he was running, as did James O. Lanier of Dyersburg. Claude Cockrell Jr., a businessman and avid supporter of Governor George Wallace, announced he was running as an Independent. Allen Strawbridge, a veteran of Tennessee’s political wars and a Republican, had tasted nothing but defeat due to his party affiliation, and while he said he didn’t think much of running a campaign for Congress, he said he might be persuaded. State Representative Leonard Dunavant of Millington operated a successful furniture store in his home city and appeared to be the favorite for the GOP nomination irrespective of Strawbridge’s intent.

Jim Lanier was thirty-seven years old and finishing his last year in law school. He had served a term in the Tennessee House of Representatives from his native Dyer County where his father was something of a political boss. Many West Tennessee Democrats were waiting to see what George Thomas would do. Thomas, who was from

Dresden (Ned McWherter’s home as well), had been the field representative not only for “Fats” Everett but also for his predecessor in Congress, Jere Cooper. An attorney who had been the equivalent of Weakley County’s mayor, Thomas was acknowledged to have the widest number of political contacts in the district as well as perhaps the largest number of friends and acquaintances.

At one time or the other, virtually every notable Democrat in the district expressed some interest in being the congressional nominee for his party inside the Eighth District. State Senator Milton Hamilton, George Thomas, Ed Jones, Obion County Judge Dan McKinnis, state Representative Willie Neese of Paris, and Cayce Pentecost, chairman of the elected State Public Service Commission, all were reputedly eager to run. Judge Dick Jerman had already announced he was withdrawing from consideration as a candidate, having concluded he really didn’t want to live in Washington, D.C. More likely, the judge found he didn’t have enough support to become the Democratic nominee. Another prospective candidate was Claude Armour of Memphis, who had been police commissioner and was a special assistant to Governor Buford Ellington.

James A. “Jimmy” Peeler, chairman of Tennessee’s Democratic Party, called a convention of delegates representing the counties comprising the Eighth Congressional District. As Democrats gathered for their convention in Jackson, Tennessee, there were a host of hopefuls angling for the nomination. Several veteran political observers thought the convention was likely to deadlock simply because of the sheer number of candidates. Shelby County came to the convention with the biggest block of delegates, 132 in total. A part of Shelby County was in the Eighth

Congressional District as well as the Seventh District and the bulk of Memphis was in the Ninth District.

As the convention began, there were no less than 11 candidates for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Eighth District. It took more than seven hours to pick the nominee. Eventually, the fifty-six-year-old Ed Jones won the Democratic nomination for Congress. The following day, Republicans selected Leonard Dunavant to represent their party in the special election.

After a spirited contest, Ed Jones emerged as the victor with a plurality of the vote. Dunavant and Davis see-sawed back and forth in the election returns for second place. In the rural counties of the district, Davis was running second, but as the returns from Shelby County began to trickle in, Dunavant finished second. Leonard Dunavant carried Benton County just barely and the portion of Shelby County inside the Eighth District. Ed Jones carried everything else. At the time, the Eighth Congressional District was so solidly Democratic that Leonard Dunavant ran third in ten of the fourteen counties.

The Democrats had wisely nominated a candidate who related well to the people he aspired to represent in Congress. Ed Jones was very well known in the Eighth District. Old-timers recalled a Strawberry Festival parade when Jones had been Commissioner of Agriculture under Gordon Browning. Governor Browning had been riding in the lead car during the parade as Jones was following in a second automobile. Throughout the parade route, there were cries and greetings from the people lining the streets for Jones. As Governor Browning got to the speaker’s platform, Wink Bond of Arlington, Tennessee, said, “I think we elected the wrong man governor --- it should have been Ed Jones.”

Throughout his time in

Congress, Jones and his wife Llew (for Llewellyn) ran the 225-acre family farm. Miss Llew taught school while raising the couple’s two daughters. The Joneses were a typical farm family from Tennessee’s Eighth Congressional District. Jones was as authentic as could be and the people knew it. Once elected, Ed Jones was only seriously opposed once inside the Democratic primary during his twenty-year tenure in the House of Representatives.

Throughout his time in Congress, Ed Jones concentrated upon his primary interest and that of many of his constituents: agriculture. Much of the legislation he sponsored had to do with agricultural interests.

Larry Bates, a state representative, spent a considerable sum and was a profoundly conservative Democrat, yet Jones beat him easily. Ed Jones likely could have remained in Congress as long as he wished, but he announced his retirement in 1988. When asked why he was retiring, the congressman replied he wanted to spend more time with his wife and family. Ed and Llew Jones had only one grandchild, Meghan, who was their delight.

When Ed Jones died on December 11, 1999, the Jackson Sun published an editorial whose headline summed up the late congressman’s career and personality: “Ed Jones --- Twenty years in Congress didn’t change who Jones was.” The Sun remembered Ed Jones as “a model for those who aspire to public service” and lauded his hard work on behalf of those he represented. The Sun praised the late congressman for having established “one of the earliest networks of congressional field offices in his district” which in turn “allowed him to maintain a presence among his constituents.” The newspaper editorial noted Jones knew an extraordinary number of his people “on a first-name basis” and remarked how the congressman would regularly hold community meetings, insisting upon staying until everyone one who wished to see him had done so. Jones readily acknowledged there were occasions when he had put aside his own feelings and cast his vote the way he believed a majority of his constituents felt. The trust between Ed Jones and the people he represented allowed him the freedom to occasionally vote for bills he truly believed were in the best interest of his folks and the great majority trusted him enough to accept his personal judgment. There is no higher tribute to any elected official.

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# Finish Strong

Steve Farrarr wrote the book, "Finishing Strong." He points out: "It doesn't matter if you've had a great start in the Christian life, or a rough one. It doesn't matter if you've stumbled time and again, or even fallen flat on your face. What matters most in this all-important race of life is how you finish."

One of my main goals in life is to never quit the



By Mark Brackney,  
Minister of the  
Arlington Church  
of Christ

spiritual race. I pray you never quit as well. This reminds me of a little verse tucked into the last part of Paul's letter to the church at Colossae. "Tell Archippus: 'See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord'" (Col. 4:17).

As long as you breathe air on this planet, God has a job for you. You never retire from being a follower of Jesus, from living out the Jesus Creed – loving God and loving others. We all need to finish out what the Lord's will started in your life. I challenge you with this because many people have started things,

but quit along the way. It is hard for us to finish what we begin.

Jon Acuff wrote the book, "Finish: Give Yourself the Gift of Done." He said that of those who make New Year's resolutions, studies show that 92 percent fail. He said, "Every January, people start with hope and hype, believing that this will be the New Year that does indeed deliver a New You. But though 100 percent start, only 8 percent finish" (New York: Penguin Random House, 2018, 2).

The Bible is full of the life stories of many men and women. We discover that many, though they started

off in a close relationship with God, ended up going their own way later in life. I have read that only about thirty percent of those mentioned in the Bible stayed strong and walked with God with increasing intimacy. Their lives bore out Psalm 92:12-14: "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green."

We want to be like the thirty percent, those who finish strong. The greatest example of a finisher we

have in Scripture is Jesus:

- "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work'" John 4:34).

- "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me" (John 5:36).

- "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (John 19:30).

Like Jesus, we want to finish the work that God has given us to do all the days of our lives. Let us

live out what Paul declared to young Timothy before Paul's execution: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8). Don't ever quit in your spiritual race. God will help you obtain victory and receive the crown of righteousness. Finish strong!

## LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### FORECLOSURE NOTICES

#### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 23, 2023 at 11:00AM** local time, at the north door, Knox County Courthouse, City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by John T. Cade, on March 29, 1999 at Book 3565, Page 781; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Knox County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Trust Bank, formerly known as Branch Banking and Trust Company, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest cash bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: **2772 Selma Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914**  
Parcel Number: **082KN013**  
Current Owner(s) of Property: John T. Cade

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, through or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: Advanta Financial Corp.; SLSLT Underlying Trust 2020-1.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of John T. Cade, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

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

If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts tendered in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

This office may be a debt collector. This may be an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.

LLG Trustee TN LLC  
Substitute Trustee  
10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400  
Charlotte, NC 28216  
Phone (704) 333-8107  
Fax (704) 333-8156  
File No. 22-122429

### COURT NOTICES

#### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
Case No. 2022-CV-7321

**SHERY MICHELLE MARTINEZ, Petitioner/Legal Guardian, and JOSE LUIZ MARTINEZ, Petitioner/Legal Guardian**

vs.  
**KENDALL IVEY, Respondent/Mother, and ETHAN DEAN, Respondent/Father.**

IN THE MATTER OF: Corbin Moser Dean – d.o.b. (09/04/2018)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
This matter came to be heard by this Honorable Court on this the 18 day of January, 2023. Upon Counsel's **MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION** this Honorable Court finds as follows:

1. That the current whereabouts of the Respondent, Ethan Dean (hereinafter "Respondent"), are unknown.
2. That the Petitioner, Sherry Martinez, has made diligent efforts to locate the Respondent.
3. That pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204 that proper service on the Respondent will be satisfied through Service by Publication.
4. That The Knoxville Focus is a regularly published and distributed newspaper in Knoxville, Tennessee, which is the most proximate location of the Respondent's last known location.
5. That The Knoxville Focus, IS the proper media forums for Service by Publication.
6. That Service by Publication through The Knoxville Focus, for four (4) consecutive weeks, satisfies all of the Service requirements set forth by Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.

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

1. That the Respondent shall be served with proper notice by Publication through The Knoxville Focus.
  2. That notice shall run one (1) time per week for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, ending no later than six (6) days prior to the Hearing as set forth in this Order, thereby satisfying the Service requirements set forth by Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.
  3. That if Respondent does not file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Union County, Tennessee and with Petitioner's Counsel, Zachary J. Redden, whose address is 8 Emory Place, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice that a Hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor, Elizabeth C. Asbury, at the Union County Chancery Court, located at 901 Main Street, Suite 206, Maynardville, Tennessee, 37807, that action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondent, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Sherry Martinez and Jose Martinez.
  4. That Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Sherry Martinez and Jose Martinez, will result in the termination of the respondent's parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, **CORBIN MOSER DEAN**, in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and for Adoption.
- ENTER THIS THE 18 DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

ELIZABETH C. ASBURY  
HONORABLE CHANCELLOR

Prepared for Entry:  
Zachary J. Redden, BPR #: 040594  
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#### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: **MONROE NEWMAN AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY IN RE: DARLENE ALLEN V. MONROE NEWMAN AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY NO. 2059930-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant **MONROE NEWMAN AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY**, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W. Clark, an Attorney whose address is 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 6th day of February 2023.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

#### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: **ALFONSO CAMBRON MARTINEZ IN RE: MARIA ANABEL GOMEZ RUIZ V. ALFONSO CAMBRON MARTINEZ NO. 205076-1 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant **ALFONSO CAMBRON MARTINEZ**, non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon **ALFONSO CAMBRON MARTINEZ**, it is ordered that said defendant, **ALFONSO CAMBRON MARTINEZ**, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Cameron L. Brier, an Attorney whose address is 818 West First North Street Morristown, Tennessee 37814 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 7th day of February 2023.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SADONNA GAYE CASS DOCKET NUMBER 87093-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **SADONNA GAYE CASS** who died Aug 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 27 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF SADONNA GAYE CASS**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**WILLIAM E GRANDSTAFF; ADMINISTRATOR**  
210 ARMS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924  
  
**CHRISTOPHER W MARTIN**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 23380  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37933

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GEORGE SHADDEN CHILTON, II DOCKET NUMBER 87248-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **GEORGE SHADDEN CHILTON, II** who died Nov 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 30 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF GEORGE SHADDEN CHILTON, II**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**CHRISTOPHER C CHILTON; ADMINISTRATOR**  
13 CANNBERA DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923  
  
**KATHERINE A YOUNG ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
9041 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE, SUITE 121  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CATHERINE JANE GALAN DOCKET NUMBER 86606-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **CATHERINE JANE GALAN** 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 25 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF CATHERINE JANE GALAN**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**NICHOLAS GALAN; ADMINISTRATOR**  
5527 SCENICWOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912  
  
**BILL FIX ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
608 MABRY HOOD ROAD, SUITE 213  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH R GUERTIN DOCKET NUMBER 87239-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **JOSEPH R GUERTIN** who died Nov 14, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH R GUERTIN**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**JAMES BRIAN GUERTIN; EXECUTOR**  
1429 MASON AVENUE  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15218

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROSCOE LYNN HALL, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 87230-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **ROSCOE LYNN HALL, JR.** who died Oct 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 25 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF ROSCOE LYNN HALL, JR.**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**BRENDA HALL; ADMINISTRATRIX**  
4632 WOODBRIDGE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DELMER JOE JENKINS DOCKET NUMBER 87233-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **DELMER JOE JENKINS** who died Nov 22, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 25 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF DELMER JOE JENKINS**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**JASON J. JENKINS; EXECUTOR**  
6715 FOREST VILLAGE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919  
  
**ROBERT WILKINSON ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
P.O. BOX 4415  
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37831

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LONNIE JONES, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 87229-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **LONNIE JONES, JR.** who died Dec 11, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 24 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF LONNIE JONES, JR.**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**JUDY THOMPSON JONES; EXECUTRIX**  
700 PRINCE GEORGE PARISH  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934  
  
**T SCOTT JONES ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
2125 MIDDLEBROOK PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SUSAN EPAPHA MOSHI DOCKET NUMBER 87236-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **SUSAN EPAPHA MOSHI** who died Jul 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.

(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 30 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF SUSAN EPAPHA MOSHI**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**JOHN UCHAI; ADMINISTRATOR**  
3100 LAKE BROOK BLVD, APT 192  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF NICHOLAS PETER PORCO DOCKET NUMBER 87247-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **NICHOLAS PETER PORCO** who died Dec 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 30 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF NICHOLAS PETER PORCO**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**TRAVIS CHRISTIAN PORCO; EXECUTOR**  
3377 PINOLE VALLEY ROAD  
PINOLE, CA 94564  
  
**WALLEN MCDONALD ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
249 N PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BEVERLY ANNE SHIRK DOCKET NUMBER 87228-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **BEVERLY ANNE SHIRK** who died Sep 2, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 24 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF BEVERLY ANNE SHIRK**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**DEBBIE S DOANE; ADMINISTRATRIX**  
211 WATERFORD CIRCLE  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37772  
  
**PATRICK NOEL ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
1001 E BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SCOTT THADDEUS STEVENS DOCKET NUMBER 87227-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **SCOTT THADDEUS STEVENS** who died Oct 7, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 24 day of JANUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF SCOTT THADDEUS STEVENS**  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**MIKEAL THOMAS STEVENS; ADMINISTRATOR**  
1880 WHITEHOUSE ROAD  
GREENEVILLE, TN. 37745  
  
**KEVIN PERKEY ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
P.O. BOX 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901



FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

# The Love Giants

By Jadon Gibson

Martin Van Buren Bates and his wife, Anna Bates, retired and resided in Scotland before relocating to Anna’s homeland, Nova Scotia. Later they moved to rural Medina County, Ohio, where they built a home that was large enough to give them comfort. The house was made of yellow pine shipped from the west. It was built with 14-foot ceilings and the doors were eight and a half feet high. Their bed was ten feet in length with a height twice that of ordinary beds. Anna’s dressing table had a mirror of, excuse the expression, gigantic proportions. Area residents loved the giants who drove about the countryside just like their normal-sized neighbors except their horses and carriage were huge. It was drawn by six stout Norman horses like Anheuser Busch used in their television commercials for many years. Anna loved children and

held many youngsters on her lap.

Martin loved to dance but the floor of the McCleary home in rural Seville, Ohio, collapsed beneath the dancing giants due to their large weight. Together they may have weighed between 800 and 900 pounds or more. The floor was repaired and the undaunted giants continued dancing on festive occasions.

Both were members of the First Baptist Church of Seville where the church officials added a special pew of much larger dimensions for their comfort.

A true story that Americans find of interest regards the time Anna took the carriage to the local train station to pick up the wee midget Lavinia. Lavinia’s husband, the popular midget Gen. Tom Thumb, was one of the leading acts in the Barnum and Bailey Circus for many years and a good friend of Martin and Anna.

Lavinia looked like a little girl’s

doll as she was sitting next to Anna. Attending to Mrs. Thumb during the visit was a two-headed woman, an exhibition oddity of the day.

The railroad industry experienced a rapid expansion into the western United States in the years following the War Between the States. The W. W. Cole Circus organized an extensive tour of the west and contracted the Love Giants, Martin Van Buren Bates and his wife Anna, as the featured attraction. The western tour was very successful and it resulted in other shows railroad-ing to the west in the years that followed.

Anna became pregnant on their trip in 1878 and they took off from their exhibitions and travel. Both anxiously awaited the baby’s arrival. Everything seemed normal except Anna had become unusually large. Finally the day came for the baby’s arrival.

“I was called to the Bates home in Seville, Ohio, on January 18, 1879,” Dr. A. P. Beach wrote later. “Mrs. Bates was of such a tremendous size that I could not make a satisfactory examination. She remained in the initial stages of labor for 24 hours, and delivery began at 36 hours.” Dr. Beach called Dr. J. D. Robinson, of Wooster, Ohio, to assist him and after much difficulty, the baby was delivered.

“When the membranes broke, what I estimated to be six gallons of fluid came pouring out of the mother,” Dr. Beach recorded. “The baby was the size of an average six-month-old baby.”

In most cases giants are born to normal size parents but giants usually have normal size children. That wasn’t the case with Martin and Anna’s baby. They gave birth to a giant son, the largest known in history. He weighed a fraction under 24 pounds at birth and

measured 30 inches in length. The baby boy’s feet were 5 1/2 inches long.

The baby lived for only a short while, dying eleven hours after birth. Dr. Beach wrote about the giant delivery in the Medical Record, a physician’s journal of that era. Martin Van Buren Bates also recorded his thoughts.

“We have been blessed with many things during the years,” Bates wrote. “But affliction again visited in January 1879 with the loss of our son. He was perfect in every respect. He looked like an ordinary child except he appeared much larger and older.”

Following the death of the baby, the couple cut back on their touring schedule making appearances only for recitals and Anna’s piano playing and singing. She never fully recovered her health and died from heart trouble on August 5, 1888.

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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES SIDNEY STEWART, SR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87241-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES SIDNEY STEWART, SR. who died Aug 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:

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

This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES SIDNEY STEWART, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES S STEWART, JR.; CO-EXECUTOR  
7716 CAMBERLEY DRIVE  
POWELL, TN. 37849

PAMELA SZATHMARY; CO-EXECUTOR  
108 BELLINGDON DRIVE  
GALLATIN, TN. 37066

PATRICK MCKENRICK ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD REEVES WYNN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87017-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD REEVES WYNN who died Aug 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:

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

This the 25 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RICHARD REEVES WYNN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HOME FEDERAL BANK; EXECUTOR  
500 MARKET STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KELLY LINDSAY ADAMS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87036-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KELLY LINDSAY ADAMS who died Sep 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s

date of death.

This the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF KELLY LINDSAY ADAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
STEPHEN K ADAMS; ADMINISTRATOR  
5140 CATES BEND WAY  
POWELL, TN. 37849

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRIAN NEAL AILOR  
DOCKET NUMBER 87234-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BRIAN NEAL AILOR who died Aug 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.

This the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BRIAN NEAL AILOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LINDA NEAL CREWS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
3703 GLENDALE LANE  
LOUISVILLE, TN. 37777

PATRICK MCKENRICK ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOUISE JAMES  
ANNARATONE, III  
DOCKET NUMBER 87263-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LOUISE JAMES ANNARATONE, III who died Jan 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LOUISE JAMES ANNARATONE, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAVID N WOODARD; ADMINISTRATOR  
5422 MILL STONE  
OLDEWAH, TN. 37363

JOHN G HUISMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
4513 HIXSON PIKE, SUITE 109  
HIXSON, TN. 37343

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JASPER RANDOLPH BRANNAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87258-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JASPER RANDOLPH BRANNAN who died Oct 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.

This the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JASPER RANDOLPH BRANNAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
JASON R BRANNAN; EXECUTOR  
149 TRADE WINDS CIRCLE  
SOUTH DAYTON, FL. 32119

BEN NORRIS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 397  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37831

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY AILEEN BROYLES  
DOCKET NUMBER 87253-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY AILEEN BROYLES who died Nov 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY AILEEN BROYLES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
DALE D CLIFTON; ADMINISTRATOR  
9401 SARASOTA DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAIMIE R CARRICABURU  
DOCKET NUMBER 86954-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAIMIE R CARRICABURU 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.

This the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAIMIE R CARRICABURU

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHRISTAL PETTIT; EXECUTRIX  
1315 WENDOVER TRAIL  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CATHY ANN COOPER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87269-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CATHY ANN COOPER who died Jun 2, 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 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CATHY ANN COOPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HOPE ARMSTRONG COOPER; EXECUTRIX  
6088 BAYONET LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

M SAMANTHA PARRIS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GENA M CROWE  
DOCKET NUMBER 87271-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GENA M CROWE who died Sep 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.

This the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GENA M CROWE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LORI NICOLE KING; EXECUTRIX  
2911 CARSON AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

D CHRIS POULOPOULOS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
611 S WASHINGTON STREET  
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANTHONY CHRIS HAYNES  
DOCKET NUMBER 87267-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANTHONY CHRIS HAYNES who died Aug 12, 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 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ANTHONY CHRIS HAYNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KAREN DENISE HAYNES; ADMINISTRATRIX  
10807 FOX PARK LANE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37931

VICTORIA TILLMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY J IRWIN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87270-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PEGGY J IRWIN 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:

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

This the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PEGGY J IRWIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROBYN LYNN PATTERSON; EXECUTRIX  
1507 CRANSTON DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILMA O KELLY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87268-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILMA O KELLY 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:

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

This the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILMA O KELLY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL B KELLY; EXECUTOR  
7128 REGENCY RD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37931

VICTORIA TILLMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TREY KISH  
DOCKET NUMBER 86552-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TREY KISH who died Jul 20, 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF TREY KISH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
KRISSE COILE; EXECUTRIX  
4611 UTAH AVENUE  
NASHVILLE, TN. 37209

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LENA MAE MILLER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87254-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of

JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LENA MAE MILLER who died Sep 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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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTEL K (FRITZ) ROBERTSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87026-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTEL K (FRITZ) ROBERTSON who died Sep 9, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHRISTEL K (FRITZ) ROBERTSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TANYA L ROBERTSON; EXECUTRIX  
4912 CAIN ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE TIPPITT, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87259-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT EUGENE TIPPITT, JR. who died Oct 22, 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 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE TIPPITT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STUART I CASSELL; ATTORNEY AT LAW  
707 MARKET STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA LOUISE CUMMINGS WEBB  
DOCKET NUMBER 87256-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA LOUISE CUMMINGS WEBB who died Oct 7, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BARBARA LOUISE CUMMINGS WEBB

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERESA JANE JOHANNES; EXECUTRIX  
4913 IVY ROSE DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCIE KAY WILKERSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 86525-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LUCIE KAY WILKERSON who died Jan 8, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LUCIE KAY WILKERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

MELISSA E BENNETT; ADMINISTRATRIX  
5413 SCENICWOOD ROAD  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE LEE WRIGHT  
DOCKET NUMBER 87243-2

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

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This the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE LEE WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TANDY WRIGHT-STRADER; ADMINISTRATRIX  
1132 MOUNT OLIVE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICE REFO XIKUES  
DOCKET NUMBER 87261-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALICE REFO XIKUES who died Oct 20, 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ALICE REFO XIKUES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
PETER J XIKUES; EXECUTOR  
11403 BERRY HILL DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37931

## MISC. NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

On February 18, 2023, 8:45 am at Crown College, 2307 W Beaver Creek Dr, Powell, TN 37849, the Knox County Republican Party will hold its biennial Re-organization Convention.

Knox County Republicans wishing to cast ballots for County Party Officers must meet the Bona-fide Republican voter Requirements set forth in the Tennessee Republican Party By-laws.

Knox County Republicans seeking to serve in leadership roles and running for Vice Chair, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer and Secretary must also meet specific Bona-fide Republican requirements set forth in the by-laws.

Knox County Republicans seeking the position of Chairman must meet the Specific Bona-fide Republican requirements for Chairman set forth in the Tennessee Republican Party By-laws and must also notify the Contest & Credentials committee 7 calendar days prior to the reorganization of their intent to seek the chairmanship (NLT 9:00am, February 11, 2023). Nominations will not be made from the floor of the convention for Chairman.

Knox County Contest and Credentials Committee Chair  
Roger Kane  
[kane262@gmail.com](mailto:kane262@gmail.com)  
865-405-5103

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Additional Convention information is available on the KCRP website, [knoxrepublicans.org](http://knoxrepublicans.org) and on Facebook, Knox County GOP or by contacting Chairman Daniel Herrera, 865-287-4097.

### LEGAL NOTICE 94

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

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### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

ROLL CALL:  
1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG;  
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES;  
3. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY;  
4. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:  
5a. Lovell Shell, 512 Lovell Rd., District 3, Mr. Rakesh Patel, owner  
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Beer Permit issued on December 18, 2006.

5b. Embassy Suites, 9621 Parkside Dr., District 3, Parkside Hotel Partners, LLC  
1st offense – April 25, 2002  
2nd offense – January 23, 2023  
Beer Permit issued May 16, 2013

5c. Dollar General (Market), 7603 Clinton Hwy., District 6, Dolgen Corp.  
1st offense – June 27, 2022  
2nd offense – January 23, 2023  
Beer Permit issued March 29, 2009

6. APPLICATIONS:  
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Knoxville, TN 37922  
On and Off Premises (District 5)

DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM THE SUSPENSION FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT:

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District 7, Beer Permit issued July 24, 2020

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Request for Bids – KDCDC, the Public Housing Authority for Knoxville & Knox County, posts all of its solicitations at [www.kcdc.org/procurement](http://www.kcdc.org/procurement). Click on 'Open Solicitations' and follow the link.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System for Employees of KCSO Board of Directors Meeting/ Grievance Hearing  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.  
Main Assembly Room-City/County Building  
400 W. Main Street

### PUBLIC NOTICE

An opening for a Board member representing Knox County shall occur in April 2023. The Luttrell Blaine Corryton Utility District is presently accepting applications for this position. Candidates must reside in the district's boundaries in Knox County, and be a district customer to be considered. Applications may be picked up at the District Office located at 100 Main Street in Luttrell Tennessee. Applications will be accepted until March 4, 2023. At the March 7, 2023 Board Meeting the Commissioner's will discuss and select three candidates for submittal to the Knox County Mayor. The Knox County Mayor may then select from the 3-candidate list, or reject the list requiring new names be submitted. All Commissioner Board meetings are open to the public. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each Month at 4:30 PM at the LBC Main Office, 100 Main Street, Luttrell, TN. Please contact our office at 865-992-8611 if you need additional information.

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired towed will be sold at public and or private auction on March 4, 2023 at 9:00 am in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Sutherland Avenue Wrecker Service, Inc., vehicle impoundment lot located at 2607 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles Department, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners/ lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/ or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law. The failure of the owner lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a vin/ serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

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JKAVN2012AA038275			
3)	11	GMC	Arcadia
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The Latham family poses for a picture in the lobby outside the main auditorium at West High School, where Brayden (far left) and Cayden (far right) had signed college football scholarship papers on Feb. 1. With the twins are EuGenie, their mom and No. 1 fan, and big brother Trae, who is a senior offensive lineman at North Greenville University in South Carolina.

# After a grown-up decision, West twins will go separate ways

By Steve Williams

West High's talented football twins, Brayden and Cayden Latham, have always played on the same team, but that will change this coming season. Brayden, a running back, and Cayden, a defensive back, recently signed college scholarships after helping lead the Rebels to the Class 5A state championship in December. Brayden will be going to Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky, while

Cayden will be headed off to the University of Virginia at Wise in southwest Virginia. Prior to making their college choices, Brayden said, "We definitely talked about (playing at different schools versus playing at the same school). It came down to where it might not be the best decision to go to the same college. We both had better opportunities at different places." As far as the initial wishes of their mom, EuGenie Latham, "She definitely wanted us to go to the same college and she would

move to where we went," said Brayden. "But that just didn't work out and didn't happen. She's definitely fine with us going and doing our own thing now. "It will be the first time we've been apart for so long, but we've built up each other for years. We'll be perfectly fine with each of us on our own. We'll both know how to compete and do all the things we need to do." And as far as the twins keeping in touch, Cayden pointed out: "I'll text him about

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# Area teams to begin postseason play with district tournaments

By Ken Lay

The 2022-23 Division I high school basketball season concludes early this week and now districts can get down to the business of declaring district tournament champions in District 3-3A, 4-3A, 5-3A, 3-4A and 4-4A. The District 3-4A Tournament opens Tuesday night with a pair of girls quarterfinals games at Powell High School at 6 p.m. and

7:30. The boys quarterfinals will be Wednesday at Powell. Tournament play continues through Feb. 21 with Feb. 18 and Feb. 22 serving as inclement weather make-up days. The top two-seeds in each tournament will have byes in the quarterfinal rounds and will receive automatic bids to the upcoming Region 2-4A Tournaments.

**Boys seeding in District 3-4A:** No. 1 Oak Ridge; No. 2 Karns; No. 3 West; No. 4 Central; No. 5 Powell; No. 6 Campbell County. **Girls seeding in District 3-4A:** No. 1 Oak Ridge; No. 2 Karns; No. 3 Powell; No. 4 Campbell County; No. 5 Central; No. 6 West. The District 4-4A Tournament will be hosted by Farragut High School and contested at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

The girls tip off Wednesday as No. 4 Hardin Valley Academy takes on Maryville in an elimination quarterfinal. No. 3 Heritage will play No. 6 William Blount at 7:30. No. 1 Bearden and No. 2 Farragut will have first-round byes and will also advance to the regionals. The boys open play Thursday as No. 4 Maryville plays No. 5

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## Halls wrestlers nab state dual championship

By Ken Lay

Halls High School has the oldest wrestling program in Knox County. The Red Devils are also rich in tradition on the mats. But on Saturday, Feb. 4, Halls accomplished something for the first time as it captured a TSSAA State Duals Championship. The Red Devils won the Class A Title by the slimmest of margins as they outlasted defending state champion Signal Mountain 36-35 in the championship at the Williamson County Expo Center in Franklin.

Halls sealed the victory in the last bout of the evening as Harlen Hunley, its 145-pounder, scored a pin over Cameron Elliott in 3 minutes, 13 seconds to help the Red Devils make a little more team history.

"It's great to be a Red Devil right now and this is long overdue for our program," said Halls coach Shannon Sayne, a state champion for Halls during his high school days. "I told the guys all year that we had a chance, but they had to work hard and that's what they did."

The title match opened with Signal Mountain's Jackson defeating Barrett Whaley via fall in 3:44 in the 152-pound division.

The Red Devils then reeled off consecutive wins in the 160 and 170-pound weight classes. Blair Whaley (160) pinned Mason Lillard in 1:21 and Sean Foxton (170) stuck Bayler Roddy at the 51-second mark of the bout, giving Halls a 12-6 lead.

In the 182-pound division, the Eagles' Jason Qualls won a major decision (10-1) over Elijah Stowell, scoring four team points.

The Red Devils scored pins at 195 and 220 as Matthew Cook defeated Christian Garner in 1:19 and Bull Goodman stuck Jacob Winchester in 1:05 to give Halls a 24-10 advantage in the bout.

Signal Mountain then won three straight bouts at 285, 106 and 113. At 285, Daniel Odom pinned Caleb Turner. Luke Higdon (106) edged Tanner Kitts 4-2 and JoJo Uhorchuck scored a pin on Rylan May to give the Eagles a 25-24 lead.

Halls High's David Cook notched a win in the 120-pound weight class. At 126, Signal Mountain's Ethan Uhorchuck

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# Freshman's almost legendary shot made it interesting

By Steve Williams

Parker Lane gave Farragut fans a thrill and his team new life in the battle at William Blount for the District 4-4A regular season basketball championship last week.

The freshman's tying 3-point shot at the end of regulation was a story in itself. He was thrown the ball far out on the right wing with the clock running down and only enough time to go up and release an off-balance shot under intense pressure. It somehow dropped into the net at the buzzer.

"I gave the ball to Dom (VanAcker) and I thought that he would give it back to me and he did," recalled Lane. "I realized I had a little bit of space, so I had to shoot it and hope it goes in."

William Blount junior standout Caden Windle said: "On that possession, I felt like we played really good defense. We knew a play that they had run, it's a little screen. We defended it really well, but No. 23 (Lane) hit a big shot. Props to him."

When the shot went in,

Lane said his immediate thought was: "Let's try to win in overtime. It's sad we didn't make that happen, but we played well as a team and we fought."

Lane's dramatic shot finally erased the 18-point lead (39-21) the Governors had built midway through the third period. But the Admirals couldn't give the shot legendary status as they lost 67-59 in the final minute of overtime.

William Blount (25-5) got the tip to start the 4-minute OT and Windle quickly put the Govs back ahead with a pair of free throws.

However, a rebound basket on the other end by Claudio Song followed by a steal and layup by Song gave the Admirals their first lead (58-56) since the opening period. Windle then missed from the right corner and all of a sudden Farragut appeared to have the momentum.

But it didn't last.

Lane and sophomore Dominic VanAcker missed shots and Windle put WB back ahead with a 3-pointer. Berkley Naro did pull Farragut into a tie at 59-all when he made one of two

foul shots with 56.6 seconds to go, but Windle scored the game's next six points to make it 65-59 with only 6.8 seconds left.

Despite the loss, Lane said: "We'll take away that we can play with about anybody. We're a good enough team to stick together and give it a fight through anything."

"We just need to erase this loss because it's in the past and there's nothing we can do about it, but we have a long way ahead of us. We have a lot of potential to go far this year I think."

Windle, the son of WB Head Coach Kevin Windle, made 11 of the Govs' 13 points in OT and finished with 34.

Bryson Stewart added 14 and Grady Robertson 12 for the Governors, who came into the contest ranked No. 3 in The AP poll.

Aiden VanAcker and Lane led Farragut with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

The Admirals had 21 turnovers in the contest and the Govs 12.

After the game, Farragut Coach J.P. Burris was asked what went through his mind on Lane's basket

that forced overtime.

"I just thought well that's Parker Lane," he said. "I mean that kid is 14 years old and playing in one of the best districts in Tennessee. He has zero fear."

"Parker's got an unbelievably bright future," added Burris. "We're really proud of him. He didn't hesitate. He knew he was going to take that shot. He took it and knocked it down. That's what he does."

**LADY ADS ROLL:** Senior guard Maelyn McNealy made three 3-point baskets and totaled 15 points in Farragut girls' 47-24 win over the Lady Governors.

Farragut pulled away after leading by only 13-10 at halftime.

**FINISHING UP:** Farragut's girls and boys teams ended regular season play Thursday with victories over visiting Morristown East. The Lady Admirals (20-9) won 59-20 and the Admirals (18-11) prevailed 68-63.

**DISTRICT TOURNEY:** Farragut will host District 4-4A, which gets underway Wednesday with girls

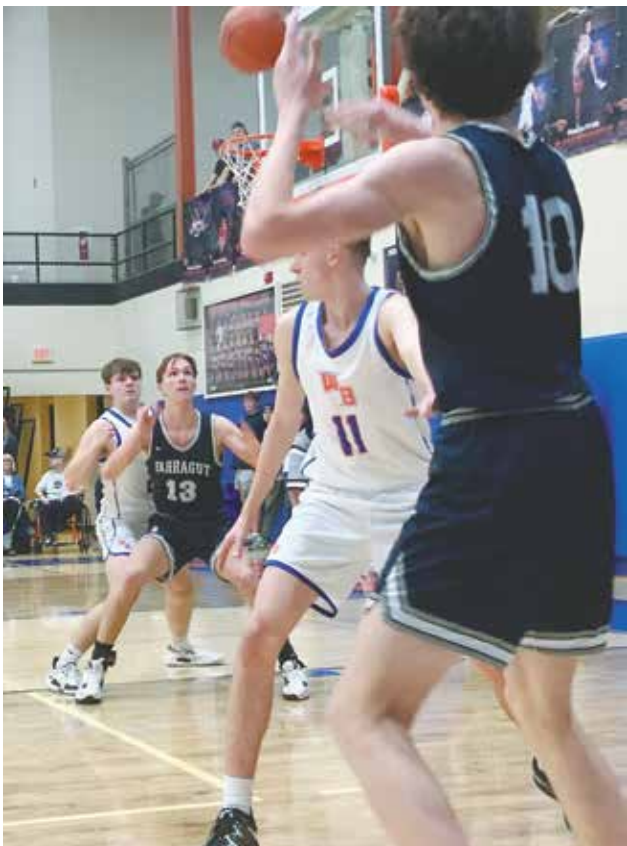


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*Farragut's Tyson Jackson throws a pass into Dallas Carbaugh during the Admirals' game at William Blount Feb. 7. The host Governors pulled out a 67-59 win in overtime in the battle for the District 4-4A regular season title.*

action and Thursday with boys' play. Tops seeds William Blount boys and Bearden girls and the No. 2 seeded Farragut boys and girls have first-round byes.

The Farragut girls' first

test will be Friday night at 7:30 against the Heritage-WB winner. The Farragut boys will go against the HVA-Heritage winner Saturday at 7:30.

# Lady Bulldogs survive tough test against Heritage to claim district title

By Ken Lay

The long winning streak remained intact for the Bearden High School girls basketball team. The Lady Bulldogs' most recent victory didn't come easily but it carried some lofty rewards.

Bearden, the defending Class 4A State Champion and top-ranked team in the state, had to overcome a fourth-quarter deficit with a pair of its best players playing the entire final frame with four fouls.

Neither post star Avery Treadwell, a senior, and Florida State signee, and Natalya Hodge, the Lady Bulldogs' freshman point guard fouled out. Both knocked down some crucial late free throws to net Bearden a 54-49 win over Heritage Tuesday night.

The winning streak now stands at 50 games as the Lady Bulldogs defeated Cleveland Thursday night to improve to 28-0 overall.

Tuesday's win over the seventh-ranked Lady



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

*Bearden's Natalya Hodge runs the offense while Heritage's Jaci Neubert defends. Hodge scored 20 points as the Lady Bulldogs came from behind to edge the Lady Mountaineers 54-49 Tuesday night.*

Mountaineers culminated a second consecutive 10-0 league record during the regular season.

Bearden hasn't lost since Jan. 1, 2022 and it will put that streak on the line today when it hosts Alcoa

at 6 p.m. The Lady Tornados are also a top team in the state.

The Lady Bulldogs faced a 42-40 deficit heading into the final frame against Heritage and the Lady Mountaineers led 46-42 with

6 minutes, 22 seconds remaining in the game.

Bearden pulled even over its next two possessions as Treadwell buried four consecutive free throws to make it 46-46 with 5:20 to go.

Carsyn Swaney and Bekah Gardner each made free throws for the Lady Mountaineers to give them a 48-46 lead with 2:36 left.

Bearden then closed out the contest on an 8-1 run. Hodge finished the

game with 20 points and Treadwell had 18 the duo combined to go 10-for-10 from the free throw line over the final eight minutes.

Lady Bulldogs' coach Justin Underwood was pleased with the way his squad handled adversity against the Lady Mountaineers.

"This was a testament to our kids," he said. "Heritage is a great team and they're a very physical team and Natalya and Avery maybe didn't have the best three quarters, but talk about the fact that we don't want to make that adjustment the next day in practice."

"So we challenged them at the end of the third quarter."

The coach got the response he wanted from his stars and the Lady Bulldogs will be the top seed in the upcoming District 4-4A Tournament and have already qualified for regionals.

# Bearden notches comeback win against Heritage

By Ken Lay

District 4-4A is one of the toughest and most competitive leagues in the Volunteer State and if any proof was needed, it could be found Tuesday night. Bearden, normally a powerhouse team tangled with Heritage, which hadn't won a district game all season.

Bearden did win the District 4-4A finale for both schools but the victory didn't come without some anxious moments. In fact, the Mountaineers had a two-point lead at halftime.

But the Bulldogs, who have had their own struggles this year, didn't panic.

"We talked at halftime about getting defensive stops," Bearden coach Jeremy Parrott said after his team notched a 58-42 victory Tuesday night. "I knew that if we got some defensive

stops and kept rebounding like we were, then eventually, we would pull away and we did."

The Mountaineers (12-15 overall, 0-10 in the district) will move to Class 3A when the TSSAA re-aligns next season, but they've been competitive in their last two league outings.

Not only did they lead against the Bulldogs during Bearden's senior night, but Heritage also led in a recent contest against Farragut, the host and No. 2 seed of the upcoming District 4-4A Tournament.

"You don't ever want to throw a district game away. You want to win them all," Parrott said.

"They were ahead of Farragut in the third quarter."

Heritage, despite being the No. 6 seed in the tournament, could make things difficult for postseason opponents on its way out the door.

The Bulldogs (16-10, 4-6) will be the No. 5 seed.

And as Parrott said, defense pushed Bearden across the finish line.

The Bulldogs came out of the locker room and turned up the defensive pressure. They held the Mountaineers to just four points in the third frame and opened a 43-31. They would cruise from there.

Bearden's Tyson Pirtle led all scorers with 16 points and had nine after halftime. King Hubbard added 14 and Drew Brilhart finished with 14.

Only four players scored for Heritage and three of those players posted double figures.

Colby Smith led the Mountaineers with 13 points. Grant Campbell had 12 and Eli Davis finished with 14.

# Area teams to begin postseason play with district tournaments

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Bearden at 6 p.m. At 7:30, No. 3 HVA will tangle with No. 6 Heritage. No. 1 William Blount and No. 2 Farragut will have opening-round byes and have qualified for the regionals.

The District 3-3A girls gets underway Thursday and the boys tip-off Friday at Carter. The host Hornets are the top seed for the boys. Seymour is the top seed in the girls bracket.

District 4-3A opens Thursday at Clinton as the host Lady Dragons take on Anderson County at 6. At 7:30 The Anderson County

boys will play Scott.

On Friday, the top-seeded Halls Lady Devils play Scott at 6 p.m. and the No. 1 Halls boys will play the host Dragons at 7:30.

The District 5-AAA tournament opens with quarterfinals Thursday with those games taking place at the higher seeds' home gym. The Lenoir City boys will host Sequoyah and the Sequoyah girls will entertain South-Doyle.

Tournament play shifts to Austin-East over the weekend. The Lenoir City Lady Panthers and the Fulton Falcons are the top seeds.



In the context of Tennessee football history, consider the impact of Sunday evening, Jan. 9, 1994, when Vol quarterback

Heath Shuler held a media conference that filled Vol fans with dread and all those other adjectives associated with bad things happening.

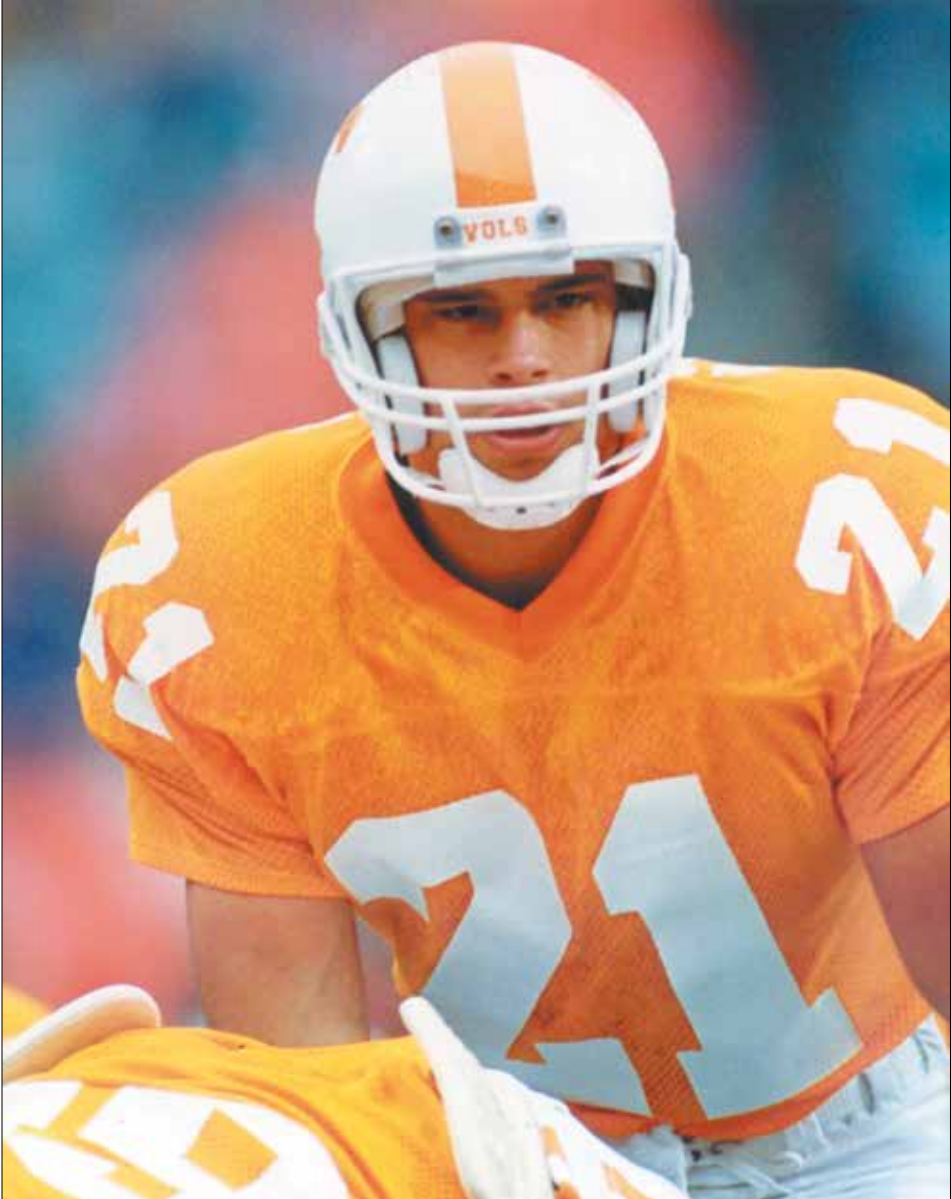
Shuler had finished leading the Vols to a 10-2-1 record in Phillip Fulmer's first full season as head coach.

He had achieved legendary status at Tennessee, much as he had in his hometown of Bryson City, N.C., just across the Smoky Mountains, where he had written his name large across the athletic and social fabric of Swain County. He led the hometown Red Devils to three consecutive state titles from 1988-90.

In 1993, the Vols stormed up and down Shields-Watkins Field and other stadiums across the SEC and elsewhere, putting 484 points on the board in 12 games.

Shuler was the linchpin for the attack, running and throwing with equal dexterity and being an inspirational leader for the men in orange. He's like most capable quarterbacks. Give him the ball, and he'll do something with it.

He was SEC "Player of the Year" and came from nowhere to finish second



Achieving legendary status

to Florida State's Charley Ward in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

UT publicists assembled an innovative campaign themed, "You have to be 21 to win the Heisman," referencing Shuler's jersey number. Vol publicists gave out Heath bars to media members as the Tennessee publicity machine chugged along relentlessly all season.

Shuler was 19-5 as a starter in 1992-93, finishing 10th on the career yardage list with 4,088 yards behind Jonathan Crompton (4,187). He tossed 36 TD passes and completed 61.6% of his passes.

Vol fans worried that a sound thumping by Penn State, 31-13, in the 1994 Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, would have a "negative impact" on recruiting, whether or

not Shuler stayed in Knoxville. Everything in Tennessee football parlance is measured by its effect, real or imagined, on the fortunes of recruiting.

There had been all kinds of talk, loose and otherwise, around Orlando and the entire expanse of Big Orange Country that Shuler's decision to stay or go pro had affected the Vols' preparation for and

performance against Penn State.

During those early days of January 1994, and even before, Shuler had been asked repeatedly what he planned to do, much the way Peyton Manning was three years later when he faced a similar choice of going pro or staying in Knoxville. The questions were persistent, testing his patience at times.

"Just today, probably five or six times so far," Shuler had told Knoxville journalist Russ Bebb.

His departure announcement thrust Oak Ridge's Jerry Colquitt, a fifth-year senior, into the attention that comes from being under center at Tennessee. Losing Shuler did make finding a quarterback or two a major priority in the 1994 recruiting class.

As things turned out, two new quarterbacks did come in as part of an impressive recruiting haul. They were Peyton Manning, son of Archie, from New Orleans, and Brannndon Stewart of Stephenville, Texas.

That embarrassment of riches at quarterback was a good thing since Colquitt was lost for the season against UCLA, playing only seven plays, and backup Todd Helton, better known for his prowess on the baseball field, was injured against Mississippi State three games later. That left the Vols with two rookies under center, fans choosing up sides as they are prone to do.

The 1994 Vols were able to overcome a 1-3 start,

losses at UCLA, to Florida in the home opener, and at State. The only win came at Georgia under Helton's tutelage, as the Vols played horse-and-buggy football, with James "Little Man" Stewart rushing for 211 yards and scoring four times and Aaron Hayden adding 113.

Fulmer deftly balanced the two quarterbacks to the point that the Vols won seven of their final eight games to finish 8-4, culminated by a 45-23 win over Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl.

While all that was happening in Knoxville, Shuler's professional career, his "dream," in the NFL with the Redskins (1994-96) and the Saints (1997-98), may not have been all that he or anybody else wanted.

But there was good news. Washington beckoned, and, in 2007, he became U.S. Rep. Heath Shuler from North Carolina's 11th Congressional District, serving until 2013.

Leadership, on and off the field, seemed to be in his blood.

In the time marches on relentlessly category, his son, Navy, is now on the Vol roster as a quarterback. You don't have to ask what jersey number he's wearing. He now wears the famous Shuler No. 21.

No one can foretell what he might bring to the Vol program over the next few years, but one thing is certain. He's a Shuler, and that seems to say it all.

## After a grown-up decision, West twins will go separate ways

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every day and see how he's doing, checking in on football and grades, just making sure he doesn't slack."

EuGenie said it was a hard decision for her boys, "but we sat down and discussed it as a family. We just came up with the conclusion that they are individuals, their own person and they need to do what's best for them."

She said it was true that she first wanted her boys to go to the same college and she would move there. "I absolutely did because they've been together for their whole lives," her voice trembling with emotion. "I just couldn't see them without each other."

In the end, it was like they were making a grown-up decision.

"Absolutely," said EuGenie, "Yes, it's time to make mature decisions and decisions that you think are best for your life. I'm not always going to be here, so I need them to trust themselves."

The football mom and No. 1 fan that she is, EuGenie already has a Plan B and it includes her older son, Trae, who will be playing his senior season at North Greenville University in South Carolina and has two more years of eligibility.

"One week I'll go to Cayden's game, the next week I'll go to Trae's game and the week after that I'll go to Brayden's game," she said. "And then start over



Cayden Latham (left) and twin brother Brayden pose for a picture in their younger days. Their mother, EuGenie Latham, said Brayden was a little on the heavy side back then and she nicknamed him "Butterball." What about about Cayden, does he have a nickname? "Yes, Slim," laughed EuGenie.

again.

"I've always been there every game. They know when I'm there from my shouting. They know my voice."

The Latham twins grew up in Oxford, Ala., until moving to Knoxville their eighth grade year. "Family" brought them to Tennessee, said their mother. "The family needed us, so we answered the call."

Big brother Trae, 23, went to high school in Oxford. He plays center and guard at North Greenville. He'll graduate in December.

Trae got to go to the

twins' state championship game in Chattanooga and said he watched every game of their season on Diamond Media, whether his own game was at home or on the road.

He also was in attendance at their signing and is very proud of his younger brothers.

"Just to see them in this position to be able to do it the right way, because I wasn't able to sign for a scholarship when I was a senior," he said. "I was a preferred walk-on. But for them to be able to do that, that just makes me happy. It's a pretty big win for the Latham family."

"One week I'll go to Cayden's game, the next week I'll go to Trae's game and the week after that I'll go to Brayden's game. And then start over again. I've always been there every game. They know when I'm there from my shouting. They know my voice."

- EuGenie Latham

## Halls wrestlers nab state dual championship

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won a major decision (17-6) over Jordan Sexton. Halls' Sam Hutchisen captured a 5-2 win over Jackson Owens at 132 before Signal Mountain won by forfeit at 138, setting the stage for Hunley's win in the final bout of the tournament.

Halls opened the long day of grappling with a 34-27 win over Page as Hunley, Trevor Sexton (145), Barrett Whaley (152), Briar Whaley (160), Goodman (220), Kitts (106), May (113) and Sexton (126) scored wins over the Patriots, who are coached by Halls alumnus and former assistant coach Benji Gray.

"When we saw the draw, Benji and I didn't like it," Sayne said. "He's done a great job there and he's one of my best friends."

"We wrestled twice this year. We won one and he won one and we decided to see what happened and we said that we would cheer on whoever won."

In the semifinals, Halls knocked off Soddy-Daisy 35-28.

"In the semis, we wrestled Soddy and that was a team that could've won it," Sayne said. (The state duals) used to be 16 teams and now, it's eight and it's hard just to get there.

"This was the most competitive field I've seen."

In the semifinals, Barrett Whaley, Briar Whaley, Goodman, Turner, David Cook, Hutchisen and Hunley were

victorious.

Gibbs boys go 1-2 at state: The Eagles also qualified for the state tournament. They dropped a 41-34 decision to Signal Mountain in the quarterfinals despite victories from Owen DeLuca (145), Hunter Abner (152), Gillman Reid (170), Elijah Hubbs (182), Cameron Norman (195), Landon Brooks (285) and Blake Allen (106).

The first-round loss bumped the Eagles into the consolation bracket where they defeated Sycamore 41-30.

Wyatt West (170), Hubbs, Brooks, Allen, Ezra Finstad (113), Tyler Constantino (120), Christopher Puryear (132) and DeLuca all recorded wins in that dual. Gibbs closed its stay in Franklin with a 39-34 loss to Soddy-Daisy.

Reid, Hubbs, Luke Tidwell (220), Brooks, DeLuca and Francisco Ordenez all posted wins for the Eagles.

Lady Eagles take fourth at state: Gibbs finished fourth at the Division I State Duals as it fell to Rossview 54-16 and lost to Clarks-ville 42-30.

In the semifinals, Trinity Lynn (185), Esperanza Cruz (114) and Haley Redmond (132) all recorded victories.

In the third-place match, Lynn and Redmond had wins along with Delaney Nichols (120), Krystin Harrison (138) and Rubie Knighten (152).





Bearden Head Coach Josh Jones (maroon jacket) and members of his coaching staff pose with college football signees (from left to right): Adarion Patton, Tyson Pirtle, Brenden Releford and Presean Brown.

# ‘Connection’ with Delta Devils played a part in BHS signing day

By Steve Williams

Four members of the Bearden High football program signed college scholarship papers Wednesday and one took advantage of a “connection” that first-year BHS Head Coach Josh Jones had with Mississippi Valley State University. Jones is a friend of Kendrick Wade, the Delta Devils’ new head coach, and Tyson Pirtle, a 6-2, 280-pound defensive lineman, signed with MVSU. Mississippi Valley State is a four-year school in the SWAC, the same conference Deion Sanders coached in last year at Jackson State. MVSU also is where NFL all-time great Jerry Rice played.

“We’re looking for big things out of Pirtle there,” said Jones, who attended a mini coaching clinic at MVSU with their coaching staff fairly recently. Pirtle just played his first full season of high school football this past year, so “his upside is literally through the roof,” said

Jones. “He’s always been a basketball kid and is the starting center on our basketball team at Bearden. “Coach Wade said to me, ‘Coach, we stole one with him,’” said Jones. “Tyson will go down and buy-in and work down there. I can see him in a couple of years being an all-conference type player.” An estimated 250 people, including the football team, attended Bearden’s signing ceremony. The other signees were running back Presean Brown (Maryville College), cornerback Adarion Patton (UT-Martin) and offensive lineman Brenden Releford (University of Virginia at Wise).

“All of these young men were wanting to play at the next level, so it was awesome just to play a small part and get to see them reach a major milestone and to achieve their dreams,” said Coach Jones. “Our coaching staff

worked really hard assisting these young men in the recruiting process. It was a really neat deal to see the smiles on their faces and their families’ faces and how proud their family members are of them. I’m not a real emotional guy, but it got me a little emotional I’ve got to admit.” Brown, who previously played at Carter, “is the first in his immediate family to go to college,” said Jones. “Maryville College has got a great young man and a good football player as well.” Patton played his first three years in high school at Karns. “I coached against him when I was at Powell and he wasn’t real fun to coach against,” said Jones.

UT-Martin, incidentally, plays its first game this coming season against Georgia, the national champions. “We look for Adarion to go there and do really well,” said Jones. As the season went on,

more and more coaches got interested in Releford (6-2, 265). “He had three full offers,” said Jones. “It went down into the wee hours of signing day until we knew which way it was going to go.” Mike Compton, a 12-year NFL player, is the OL coach at UVA-Wise, pointed out Jones. “He will do a great job of developing Brenden.” Jones also noted that Compton was the starting center on Tom Brady’s first Super Bowl team at New England.

“Our administration has been great in supporting us, so we can support the young men and help them achieve their dreams,” summed up Coach Jones. “I appreciate the Bearden community in helping with all facets of our team. It was a group effort and these kids and their families carried the biggest burden of it. When you have guys signing it’s always a great thing for your program.”



CAK student-athletes sign scholarship papers on National Signing Day Feb. 1. From left to right: basketball player Keira Leffew (Lee University) and baseball players Aaron Bobo (Carson-Newman University), JK Hamilton (Dyersburg State), Luke Jones (LMU) and Josh Price (Roane State).

# Knox County has five players in running for Mr. and Miss Basketball

By Steve Williams

Knox County is once again well represented in the choices for TSSAA’s Mr. and Miss Basketball, with two girls and three boys among the finalists. Sydney Mains of Knoxville Catholic and Avery Treadwell of Bearden are Miss Basketball finalists in Division II-AA and Class 4A, respectively. Mr. Basketball finalists include Deondrea Lindsey of Knoxville Catholic and Lukas Walls of Knoxville Webb in Division II-AA, plus Shane Cherry of Austin-East in Class 3A. Two other area finalists are Maddy Newman of Gatlinburg-Pittman and Jahvin Carter of Alcoa in Class 2A. High school head

basketball coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists. The Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards will be presented on the floor of Murphy Center on the campus of MTSU on March 13 at 5:00 p.m. The event will be open to the public. This year’s honorees will be based on performance during the 2022-2023 regular season. Academics and character also are taken into consideration. This is the 38th year for the awards to be presented to TSSAA’s best high school basketball players.

**Nomination forms out for Road to Fame** The process of selecting the fifth class of Halls High Athletics’ Road to Fame is underway. Nomination forms are available at Home Federal Bank in Halls, the Belaire Grill, HallsDale Utility and Phil Nichols State Farm Insurance. Halls High also has a website set up to take nominations. The nomination process will continue through April 30. **Halls wrestlers earn spot in final state poll** Halls, fresh from capturing its first-ever TSSAA state wrestling team

championship, earned the No. 12 position in the final state poll of the season, which includes all classifications. Cleveland moved up from No. 2 to the state’s No. 1 ranking. The remainder of the Top 12 teams in order include Bradley Central, Father Ryan, Baylor, Dobyns-Bennett, Wilson Central, MBA, Summit, Brentwood, Blackman and Christian Brothers. Lakeway Christian Academy and Maryville were among area teams receiving votes. Now in its 30th year, the poll is primarily a measure of dual meet strength with some consideration to individual tournament strength. Votes are cast by

# Halzle Looks to Keep UT Offense Moving

By Mark Nagi

What a year it was for the Tennessee Volunteers offense. In 2022, the Vols had the top offense in the country in total offense at 525.5 yards per game and scoring at 46.1 points per game. They finished second with 7.23 in yards per play. The last thing Tennessee wants is significant change. So, it wasn’t a surprise that back in January head coach Josh Heupel promoted quarterbacks coach Joey Halzle to the offensive coordinator position, left vacant after Alex Golesh took the head coaching job at South Florida.

“[Heupel] called me and said, ‘Are you ready?’ I said, ‘Yes sir,’ and he said ‘Okay.’ That was kind of the end of that one,” said Halzle. “Joey has been instrumental in our record-setting offensive success over the past two seasons, and he’s built great trust within our team,” said Heupel in a statement from the University of Tennessee last month. “I have known Joey for over 15 years, and his track record of player development has impacted every place he has been. He has complete knowledge of our aggressive offensive identity and principles. Having played and coached at this level, he understands how to connect with players and will continue to make a significant impact in recruiting. This will be a seamless transition for him as we strive to build a championship program that Vol Nation is proud of.”

That familiarity on a personal level, as well as for UT’s offensive scheme, made Halzle the expected choice. “He sees that I am doing it the right way and the way that he wants it done, and he sees that I can be a benefit to the program because if he did not see it that way, it would not have

happened,” said Halzle. “He was not just doing it just to do it. That was the biggest thing. He is instilling the confidence without having to give you a pep talk, because he understands that this was the best thing for the program, in his opinion.” “Joey and I came in together,” said Tennessee defensive coordinator Tim Banks. “He is never too high and never too low. He is a guy that has obviously played the position, and he is a rockstar. I think he will do a tremendous job here. I’m one of his biggest fans... we feel really good about the way — the direction — the offense is headed under his leadership. He’s smart, bright and passionate, and the way he carries himself and the leadership style he has, you can see it in the way our quarterbacks perform week in and week out.” In this offense, the coordinator doesn’t call the plays. That’s Heupel’s responsibility. But Halzle made key contributions that led to the win in the Orange Bowl, and he expects to do more of the same starting this Fall.

“The Orange Bowl was still us,” said Halzle. “That’s who we are. We’re going to play with tempo. We’re going to go vertical on people. We’re going to dictate the pace of play. We’re going to dictate what the defense can and can’t do, when they can sub and when they can’t. The aggression of which we attack, we try and score from all over the field. One of our biggest sayings is it’s really hard to score when you aren’t trying. So, we try to score the ball. Whenever we get it, we anticipate crossing the goal line with it. That is who we are. We are going to attack, that isn’t changing. That’s what we are, that’s what we said we were going to be the first day we got here. Nothing of that is changing now.”



Bearden High School bowler Michael Collins holds the “Spotlight Award” in the achievement category he received from the Smoky Mountain United States Bowling Congress Feb. 4 at the Grande Event Center in Knoxville. With the BHS senior is Wendy Cox, who is on the Board of the Smoky Mountain USBC and manager of the Western Avenue Strike & Spare Bowling Lanes.

a state-wide panel of high school wrestling coaches. **Young, former S-D standout, now at Western Kentucky** Elijah Young, who left Missouri to get in the portal, is now a running back at Western Kentucky. “They are going to be the No. 1 offense next season,” said Young, a former TSSAA Mr. Football honoree at

South-Doyle High. “They had a good season last year offensive-wise. They throw the ball a lot which opens up the run game.” **TSSAA spring sports start today** Today (Feb. 13) is the first official date for practice in TSSAA baseball, girls softball, boys soccer, tennis and track and field.