



## Three Rivers Republican Club elects new officers

By Ken Lay

Knox County's Republican Party has a new chairman. But he is a familiar face.

Buddy Burkhardt was named chairman recently and he's promising to return the party to the grassroots.

"My vacation is over and I'm back," Burkhardt said at a meeting of the newly formed Three Rivers Country Club at Marbledale Baptist Church in Strawberry Plains. "I want to make sure to welcome our neighbors who are new to the state."

"We are going to be nice but we're going to be firm. I'm here for the people and I want to take us, take the party back to its grassroots, to the people who made the state red."

Burkhardt returns to the role of chairman of the Knox County Republican Party, a position that he's held before.

He promised to be



Newly elected officers of the Three Rivers Republican Club being sworn in by Judge Chuck Cerny via Facetime, assisted by Mandy Branch. Pictured from left to right: President Chuck Frazier, Treasurer John Marshall, Vice President Mike Brown and Secretary Mark Mugford.

transparent and noted that the county's Republican Party hasn't been that way under the previous leadership of Daniel Herrera and Randy Pace, who often

held private meetings.

"We have so many things going on and I want to know about them," Burkhardt said. "I want you to come and tell us about your

events in the community and your church events."

Burkhardt has already begun to make good on his promises. He gave his personal cell phone number

to those in attendance at the meeting of the newly formed club that merges the clubs in Knox County's eighth and ninth districts.

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## Regional Roadway Safety Action Plan Underway

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization is initiating an effort to create a Regional Roadway Safety Action Plan. The work began in January to identify changes that can be made in our region to save lives and prevent serious injuries on our roadways. A task force made up of staff from the TPO, local government, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, and Bike Walk Knoxville is guiding the planning process.

To provide up-to-date information on the plan, a project webpage has been set up at [knoxtpo.org/safety](http://knoxtpo.org/safety). This page will provide updates on the planning process, identification of future projects and programs, and resources for more information related to this work.

The plan focuses on the Knoxville Region, which includes Knoxville, Knox

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## City transferring some former hospital property

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The agenda for the Tuesday Knoxville City Council meeting has three items transferring property from the new Public Safety Complex at the former St. Mary's Hospital.

First is an administration request to transfer three parcels there to the Community Development Corporation. Then the agenda calls for transferring 55 feet of additional property along the west side of the Lincoln Memorial Tower there to Lincoln Memorial University so the college can establish a main entrance.

The third measure would authorize Mayor Indya Kincaid to sign a Greenspace Agreement with LMU for a portion of the former St. Mary's Hospital to become a public park in the future.

In other action the Office of Community Empowerment is asking the council to allow the African American Equality Restoration Taskforce to apply for \$50,000 from AARP's Community Challenge Flagship

grant to support the taskforce's efforts.

Hatcher Hill Investment Group CC LLC is asking to encroach the public right-of-way with proposed utility room doors.

Two firms may be approved to maintain the city's streetlights for a year with \$1.2 million to go to Edison Electric LLC and Progression Electric LLC getting \$100,000 for the same service. Both are requests from the Engineering Department.

Preliminary plans for the reuse of Galbraith School will be considered with six conditions. Logan Higgins is the applicant and the planning commission is recommending the approval.

The mayor may be authorized to apply for \$51,000 in state funds to address reducing gun crimes and gang activity.

The council will also vote on donating \$7,500 to support a youth leadership development camp in Lonsdale honoring Zaeveion Dobson and \$7,000 to the Knoxville Inner City Kids Outreach for its leadership program.

## Cerebral Palsy Center Gifted With New Roof

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The roof of the Woodland Avenue Cerebral Palsy Center had been leaking for about a year and was getting ready to collapse. Director Sharon Earl began calling around for quotes and was met with high estimates - the minimum being \$40,000 - which were not feasible as the center is a small non-profit organization with limited funding.

David Pozy, who was running for state representative at the time, was one community member that Earl reached out to. After touring the center, Pozy called Barnett Roofing, explaining the dire situation of the roof. After inspecting the damage, David Barnett from Barnett Roofing surprised the center with covering the replacement at no cost.

"It was the greatest blessing we had received in a long time," Sharon told The Focus. "David Barnett has a wonderful heart. He was our savior in all of this and deserves all the



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Cerebral Palsy Center Director Sharon Earl excited for the roof fixtures provided by Barnett Roofing.

praise."

The Cerebral Palsy Center provides support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The center has a variety of programs, including encouraging involvement

in the community; offering volunteering opportunities, such as helping at Young Williams Animal Shelter; teaching independent skills such as shopping and employment; and broadening the lives

through classes and activities, such as parties, picnics and going bowling or to the library.

The center also provides 24/7 support to others in residential settings in their own apartments and encourages independence, empowerment and individual thinking.

Becca Long, CPC staff member of four years told The Focus, "I love my guys. They are my heart and soul, especially those smiles that come across their faces." Both Sharon and Becca share the goal of giving their clients a "joyful and fulfilling life."

Currently they serve 35 clients, have over twenty staff members and are seeking to hire more to provide better outcomes of those they serve each day.

"We're one of the best kept secrets in Knoxville," said Earl. "This is where God has led me to be."

The center is located at 241 E Woodland Ave in Knoxville. The facility was originally a church and

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# Democrats Used Covid, Ukraine, Trump To Avoid Big Losses

From a distance



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Moody's Analytics, a well-respected, non-partisan business research firm, said a few days ago that inflation was now costing the average American family an extra \$395 a month more than the same time last year.

A few months before last year's mid-term elections, the Democrats were near panic. All the polls showed they were headed for big losses.

People were upset about inflation, high gas prices, crime, millions flooding in at the border, and the \$85 billion pullout from

Afghanistan.

They had to give Democrat incumbents and candidates other things to talk about in their campaigns. They knew their base would turn out in anger at the Supreme Court's abortion decision, but they knew this was not enough. Even Bernie Sanders called it "political malpractice" to rely totally on that issue.

So they latched on to three major themes: Covid, Ukraine, and racism.

Jane Fonda called Covid a "gift to the left". Trump had things going so well that they used Covid to shut down as much of the economy as possible.

Two of the Democrats' major support groups are public school teachers and federal and state employees. Covid was used to allow millions of these people to stay at home doing nothing or "work from home".

Country club

memberships soared to record highs, and, more important politically, it freed up many thousands to work in Democrat campaigns.

We now know that there was essentially no risk from Covid to those under 21 and very little risk to those under 65. It did harm many children to miss so much school.

But the Democrats politicized it right from the start, and their major support group – the national media – blew it way out of proportion and scared everybody.

The CDC said at one point that 94% of the so-called Covid deaths were with co-morbidities like heart failure, strokes, pneumonia, diabetes, etc. that could have been (and probably were) the main cause of death.

But the Democrats used Covid as an excuse to send trillions of dollars in checks out to everyone

– individuals, companies, local governments (\$350 billion), airlines (\$50 billion), and on and on.

Democrats love to send checks to people and seem to have no qualms about spending money we do not have.

Thus, money was printed at 3½ times the normal rate, creating all this inflation, so now people are paying for those checks in the form of higher prices for everything.

They latched on to Ukraine...because they knew almost everyone felt sympathy for poor people being bombed by the evil Putin.

They ignored the fact that the Ukrainian government, just before the war started, was rated as one of the most corrupt in the world.

So now we have sent them \$113 billion, and their leader keeps demanding more, more, more.

Have you ever stopped to think how much \$113 billion is? It is 113,000 million. And the U.N. Secretary General said a few days ago that an end is nowhere in sight on that war.

President Biden says he is going to keep sending money there no matter what it costs. Most countries in the world sent no money, and the few which did are now cutting back. But here in the U.S., we love to spend money we do not have.

The liberal Jeffrey Toobin wrote in USA Today that while he disagreed with Trump on everything else that Trump was right on Ukraine. Trump had made it clear that he did not want to expand NATO to the Ukraine-Russian border, which was the main thing that caused Putin to attack in the first place.

Finally, Democrats usually will not debate on the merits – or lack thereof

– on any issue. They always resort to childish sarcasm or scurrilous name calling.

Thus, their drumbeat over the last few years has been Trump, Trump, Trump, and that everyone who supported him was (is) a white supremacist racist.

This is totally, completely false, but most of the national media does not care about truth. Think how they would have treated one of Trump's sons if everything had come out on him that has finally come out on Hunter Biden.

Liberal elitists already have a very high opinion of themselves. Now they can pretend they have saved people from Covid (with masks that did no good and vaccines that didn't work) and are saving Ukraine from Russia and saving America from Trump.

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County and Farragut; portions of Anderson County, including Clinton and Oak Ridge; parts of Blount County, including Alcoa and Maryville; as well as Lenoir City and the City of Loudon in Loudon County. One of the elements of the plan will be a stand-alone Vision Zero Action Plan for the City of Knoxville.

In addition to this project page, a survey has been launched that will be available until March 20. The public is encouraged to take the survey to help the project team understand the experience of roadway users, provide an opportunity for locals to share their concerns and perceived risk factors, and to ask for feedback on potential safety strategies.

The plan is expected to be completed this summer. Once the plan is adopted, it will position the TPO and the local governments in the region to be able to apply for federal funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program.

For more information on this project, visit [knoxtpo.org/safety](http://knoxtpo.org/safety) or call Ellen Zavisca at 865-215-4014.

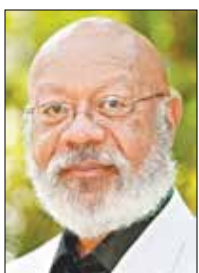
# Do you trust the federal government?

More and more Americans do not trust the federal government.

Since 1960, trust has fallen from an amazing 70 percent to 24 percent in 2022.

The decline started with Watergate, accelerated with the misinformation from the CDC and Dr. Fauci during Covid, the DOJ, IRS and FBI targeting conservatives along with the FDIC and "Justice" Department trying to get banks to cancel the accounts of gun owners and debt collectors. The serial lying coming from this president has lessened trust even more.

Trust varies. Twenty-nine percent of the Democrats mostly trust the government. Only 9 percent of the Republicans are in this category. Interestingly, trust



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amongst minorities is significantly higher than that for whites, Blacks must be suffering from acute memory loss. The progressive Woodrow Wilson was a blatant racist and imposed segregation on the civil service, the military and brought Jim Crow into the federal government. Franklin Roosevelt would not allow blacks to enter the White House through the front door. During his terms, the White House was indeed "the white house." He invited only white athletes to ceremonies celebrating their accomplishments at the Berlin Olympics. It was Dwight Eisenhower, a Republican, who finally gave Jesse Owens his overdue recognition.

Roosevelt's Federal Housing Administration invented redlining by denying the loan guarantees in minority neighborhoods and was the reason my father literally hated that president. Roosevelt's administration was also responsible for the infamous "Tuskegee Experiment" in which the nation's Public Health "Service" conducted a study of syphilis on 600 black men. The men were promised free health care. No treatment was ever given. Although started in 1932, the study was only stopped in 1972 when it was leaked to the press.

Lyndon Johnson opposed civil rights legislation when he was in the Senate and Al Gore's father voted against it. Johnson frequently used the N-word and was quoted as saying about his signing of the Civil Rights bill, "I'll have them [racial

epithet] voting Democrat for 200 years." He was right. But the signing of the bill derailed black economic progress and destroyed the black family – leading to an array of dire social consequences. When he appointed Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court, one of Johnson's biographers quoted him as saying "when I appoint a [deleted] to the bench, I want everybody to know he's a [deleted]." J. Edgar Hoover headed the FBI for nearly 50 years and his FBI targeted blacks and branded the civil rights movement as communist. It was said that he kept his job by blackmailing presidents – having gathered unsavory information on each. He hated Martin Luther King Jr. He tapped King's telephone calls and some think was complicit in King's assassination. He also is thought to be involved in the killing of Bobby Kennedy and the assassination of JFK in order to get Lyndon Johnson the presidency. Jimmy Carter even with a Democrat congress failed to pass the MLK, Jr holiday bill. Ronald Reagan signed the bill.

I've written before

about Biden's racist history (see my Knoxville Focus article of November 10, 2021). Again, the media and prominent blacks give Biden a pass. If he were a Republican, he would have been run out of the Senate (re: Trent Lott). Remember "Latinx" people don't want to get vaccinated because they're worried, they'll be deported."? Or how about when talking about his vaccine mandates, he said, "They (blacks) are used to being experimented on—the Tuskegee Airmen and others" – apparently confusing the black World War II pilots with the infamous experiment. Maybe this "trust" is why you see most people who are still wearing masks are black.

Blacks somehow have glossed over all this and more. I could write volumes on government racism throughout American history up to the present day, Yet blacks still trust the federal government and vote Democrat even though that party from the Civil War to the present has actively stifled black progress. Go figure.



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# Publisher's Position

## When Is Enough, Enough?



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Last week, I received three emails all pointing to the problem created by the homeless inside the City of Knoxville. All of the writers were, to the best of my knowledge, residents of Knoxville and one asked the question, "When is enough, enough?"

It's an excellent question. For those complaining about the problems brought about by the increasing number of homeless roaming throughout Knoxville, City officials seem to have gone deaf or are just plain uninterested. Unfortunately, too many of the current administration and Mayor Indya Kincannon are more

interested in virtue signaling to the woke Left than solving the problem. None of the current members of the city council seem to be interested in doing anything about it, other than making comments carefully crafted not to offend the woke Left.

Homelessness and its solution are certain to be issues in the coming city election and should be. The virtue signaling always begins with no one should be homeless. In an ideal world, that would certainly be true, but in the real world, it's a different story. Of course, the statement doesn't offer the first scrap of detail on just how that would be accomplished, and the reason is very simple: it can't be and won't be.

The truth of the matter is some people on the Knoxville City Council worry more about taking care of the homeless than they do the people who elected them and those who pay for every penny of service and salary paid by Knoxville's government. Amelia Parker suggested carving out "safe spaces" in the out-of-doors

for the homeless like some herd of prized rare buffalo on the plains to be admired from the safety of one's car.

Providing free housing for the homeless isn't financially feasible. Knoxville has already increased its property tax by 40% and seems to have a need for money like an addict, while actually diminishing services to taxpayers. Clearly, taking property off the tax rolls, as the City proposes to do for its \$70 million bridge to Nowhere, and mind you, it's \$9 million worth of property presently being taxed, as well as taxing those who work for those who don't, isn't sustainable.

Obviously, the more "free" services the City of Knoxville provides to the homeless, the more they will be attracted to come here. California, one of the most woke states in the nation, leads the country in cities with homelessness and the problems associated with the homeless population. Los Angeles alone has 63,706 homeless people living on the streets. San Jose, San Diego, and San Francisco

round out the four cities in California with the biggest homeless problems out of six nationally, with the other two being New York City and Seattle. It is a growing problem in big cities, all of which are, coincidentally, governed by Democrats. Some of the problem has to do with the rising inflation, which Democrats insist really isn't that bad. Rising rents have displaced people, but the Kincannon administration refuses to acknowledge raising taxes also raises rents and mortgages and that is a fact.

The issue is complicated by three serious factors that haunt many of the homeless: addiction, mental illness and poverty. For the truly poor, there are government welfare programs in place to help them. Commissioner Kyle Ward has been urging the Knox County Legislative delegation to try and locate a mental health facility in Knox County where those homeless people who are mentally ill can be taken by law enforcement officers. City officials have said nothing.

Were there some city in the United States that has resolved this serious problem, it would be hailed as the accomplishment of the ages and shine like a golden beacon of progress and hope throughout the world. Have you seen it or heard about it? Neither have I, because nobody has resolved the problem, despite pouring literally billions of tax dollars into trying to solve the problem unsuccessfully. All of which is being exacerbated by the national administration keeping our southern borders wide open, making the housing crisis more acute and the drug pipelines flowing with deadly abundance. Drug deaths in every category are up across the country.

A city government must manage between what it wants and what the taxpayers can afford, otherwise people start to leave the jurisdiction. With the increased drug deaths have come rising crime, and ever more homelessness. The defund the police movement, as well as making law enforcement unattractive

to young people as a profession, has taken a terrible toll on American citizens. That too has been inflamed by woke prosecutors who refuse to prosecute criminals, leaving a trail of blood and destruction in their wake. The best recent example is the teenage girl, an athlete with a promising future, who lost both legs after being hit by a driver who was awaiting trial on a very serious charge and who had violated his bail or parole some 104 times altogether. The woke Left will hardly acknowledge that girl is the victim of both the prosecutors who have failed utterly to protect the people who elected them, as well as the criminals who prey upon them.

We have seen American cities in this country deteriorate into modern-day dung heaps. It didn't just happen. Someone led it there and voters installed officeholders who failed them while others merely sat at home, too apathetic to bother to vote. Don't ever believe Knoxville is immune from the same thing.

## Three Rivers Republican Club elects new officers

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District 8 includes the Coryton and Strawberry Plains communities while District 9 is in South Knoxville and South Knox County.

The two clubs joined forces to become more efficient.

Burkhardt, who aspires to be the face of the county's Republican Party as he was during his previous tenure as the party's chairman, began his career toiling in obscurity.

"When I first started, I was anonymous," he said. "I went around hanging signs."

Then, he did an interview with a one-time community newspaper publisher.

"She wanted to do an article on me and she called me the Sign Man," Burkhardt said. "After that, I wasn't anonymous

any more.

"But I never put up as many signs as you all have."

The Three Rivers Country Club also reorganized at Tuesday night's meeting as it installed new officers.

Chuck Frazier was sworn in as the club's new president. Mike Brown is now vice president. Mark Mugford is the new secretary and John Marshall is now treasurer.

Like Burkhardt, Frazier stressed the importance of giving the party back to the people.

"I grew up coming here and learning how to be a Republican and learning how to be conservative," said Frazier, who received the gavel from outgoing club president J. Alan Branch. "I see the people here and I want to bring in more people and I want

to bring in some younger people."

Frazier welcomes Republicans to the new club and he promised to be honest.

"I'm not fancy. I've never been fancy and I don't plan on becoming fancy," he said. "But I'll tell you the truth. If you need something, come to me and if I need something, I'll certainly come to you."

"I want to hear about your community events and your church events."

*Top: Three Rivers Republican Club outgoing President J. Alan Branch, left, handing off the gavel to newly elected President Chuck Frazier, right. Bottom: Newly elected Knox County Republican Party Chairman Buddy Burkhardt addresses Three Rivers Republican Club.*





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# Keck’s grievance against sheriff dismissed by merit board

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In a long and sometimes disagreeable hearing, the Knox County Sheriff’s Office Employees’ Merit System Board voted 4-2 against former Correction Officer Westley Keck’s plea to be returned to duty and receive back pay since he was fired in 2020.

Keck was off duty when he was charged with assaulting his then girlfriend, Kelly Spears. The incident was investigated and Keck arrested after being interviewed. The girlfriend moved out of the area and did not appear during Keck’s trial and the charges were dismissed.

Keck’s attorney, Travis Brasfield, faced off with Deputy Director Houston S. Havasy during the hearing. Brasfield said that Keck never received an internal affairs investigation, that the sheriff didn’t comply with policy and instead relied on a brief report from the arresting officer.

Havasy replied that Keck violated two rules: moral or ethic misbehavior and disgraceful personal conduct. He also said the sheriff was not required to hold an internal investigation considering the report from the investigating officer.

Detective Kenneth Akens told the hearing that despite Keck’s claim that no one spoke

to him about the incident before the arrest that he spoke with Keck for about an hour before the April 1st, 2020, arrest.

Keck told the hearing that the assault charges were dismissed, that he has been unable to find a job, and aside from the initial charge he had a good record as a corrections officer.

Havasy introduced a 65-page report on the case including Keck’s signature on a paper outlining the charges. Brasfield objected when photos of bruises and injuries to Keck’s girlfriend were shown.

Keck said since assault charges were dropped against him he should be reinstated, but Havasy countered that Keck was fired for conduct violations. Chairman Christopher Manning overruled Brasfield’s objection saying that the sheriff didn’t need a conviction to dismiss the officer and had probable cause.

Manning said the sheriff relied on a report from the arresting officer, a veteran of 20 years of service, and the statements made by Ms. Spears prior to the arrest. The assault charge was upheld by a magistrate and a grand jury.

Keck said of the assault “none of that ever happened” prompting Havasy to play a recording of Ms. Spear’s interview. Sheriff Spangler noted

Akens’ report on the assault and said that Keck “paid something” to get the case dismissed.

Merit Vice Chair John Valliant Jr. asked if another punishment lower than being dismissed was available to the sheriff. Brasfield charged that Sheriff Spangler “didn’t know much about Mr. Keck” and based Keck’s firing solely on the report from the investigating officer. Keck said no one interviewed him prior to his arrest but Havasy countered with Keck’s signature on the charges.

Brasfield asked Detective Akens why it took 10 sheriff’s cars to respond to the arrest and the investigator said it was a matter of safety and that most of those responders left prior to the arrest. Akens told the hearing that he interviewed Keck and Ms. Spears prior the arrest.

“I had no reason to disbelieve her,” Akens said. He said he consulted his superiors prior to the action.

Valliant questioned the quick investigation and arrest, all taking place within 24 hours. He said, “I have some issues with the statements the sheriff made and he did not follow the process.” He noted there was no conviction for the assault charge.

“I believe Mr. Keck should be reinstated with pay.”

Chairman Manning

said a conviction of the assault charge wasn’t needed because of the other charges and that the sheriff complied with the policies

“There was no reason for the detective to lie and no requirement for an internal affairs investigation,” Manning said.

Havasy said Keck and his attorney failed to prove the dismissal was arbitrary. Merit board member John Marshall moved to dismiss Keck’s grievance and Kenny Boatman seconded the motion

The vote to dismiss Keck’s grievance was 4-2 with Manning, Marshall, Boatman and Lindsey Willis voting “Yes.” The two “No” votes came from Valliant and Jim Wright Jr. Board Member Clarence Vaughn was absent from the hearing.

The grievance hearing for current sheriff department employee, Lisa Jarrell, has been set for April 12th.

## Correction

In last week’s “Keck grievance hearing set for KCSO Merit Board,” it was erroneously reported that Lisa Jarrell was a former employee of the Knox County Sheriff’s Office. Jarrell is a long-standing employee of KCSO.

We apologize for the error.

## ‘Home Run Alley’ designation goes to city

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Pond Gap’s David Williams finally has a chance to get his neighborhood some of the recognition he’s been trying to achieve for several years. With unanimous approval by the city’s public property naming committee in his pocket, he can now take his request for adding an honorary name on part of Sutherland Avenue to the full Knoxville City Council.

Williams says the area of what is now the University of Tennessee’s RecSports Complex was the site of the original Knoxville Airport and, for some 30 years, the home of multi-race baseball games.

The request is to name that portion of Sutherland from Jade Road to Kenford Road as “Home Run Alley.”

Williams explained that when Black and White players and teams played together in the field there that Sutherland was in the far outfield and, one day, a long homerun ball flew across the field and landed in the clothes basket of a woman doing her family’s laundry. Red Onion Pizza now occupies that property.

He said that other businesses along the street, like the Dead End Barbeque and Emma’s Restaurant, have special designations to fit into the theme, like “Sutherland Field Dug Out.” He said that the neighborhood and the local businesses are supporting the honorary designation, which will be indicated with a special brown and white street sign.

“Baseball at Pond Gap was more than just a game, it was an example of the way to treat each other. Jackie Robinson came there and people would come with Sunday picnic baskets.”

## Planning Provides Final Draft of One-Year Plan

Knoxville Knox County Planning has provided the final draft of the City of Knoxville’s One-Year Plan, as well as a summary of revisions, which is available on Planning’s website.

The One-Year Plan serves as the foundation for zoning decisions and is based on the land-use goals, objectives, and policies found in the City’s long-range plans.

The plan will be heard by the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission on Thursday, March 9, 1:30 p.m. at the City County Building, 400 Main St., Main Assembly Room.

After that, the plan will go to City Council to be approved.

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

# Cerebral Palsy Center Gifted With New Roof

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became the Cerebral Palsy Center in 1963.

While the roof has been fixed at the Cerebral Palsy Center, there is still significant water damage inside the building that needs to be taken care of. Ongoing needs of the center include personal hygiene products, laundry and cleaning supplies, and kitchen items. Additional needs include bowling sponsors to help pay for a day of bowling and holiday sponsors to help fulfill “wish lists” or items unique to a specific individual such as bubble wrap, Blake Shelton



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**“Will” showing his love for puzzles. He will gladly accept donations to add to his puzzle collection.**

merchandise, and puzzles.

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## The Doctor is in

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### The Awakening

Your best teacher is your last mistake.  
Ralph Nader

Well, they've done it again. Over the weekend of February 24-26, the latest news "bombshell" was released. You realize weekends are when bad news is revealed to John Q. Public and yarns are spun.

Someone in the Department of Energy apparently had a moment of conscience - or decided to cover their backside - and gave a story to the Wall Street Journal about the origin of Covid. The geniuses at the Department of Energy now believe the Covid pandemic originated from a laboratory leak at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Actually, to anyone with a brain, this "bombshell story" is three years old.

In early 2020 President Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said they had information that the Chinese Wuhan Virology lab was doing "gain of function" research on coronaviruses. The "Democracy

Dies in the Darkness" Washington Post, the NYT, MSNBC, CNN, Google, Fake-book, etc. all attacked Trump, Senator Tom Cotton and others who blamed the Chinese for Covid. The mainstream media hates President Trump so they sided with the communists. This hatred overrode the following facts: the Wuhan facility's infamous "bat lady" leading the research at the Chinese military lab; another Wuhan researcher became a whistleblower alleging lax security at the Wuhan lab (he suddenly "disappeared"); and international virologists maintained that a natural occurrence of the deadly Covid 19 was "highly unlikely."

Of course, China was responsible for the Pandemic! But of course, China's joint investigation with the compromised WHO (World Health Organization) concluded that the virus came from the wet meat market next to the lab. So, the media and Fauci told us a dramatic viral mutation occurred in nature,

infected a bat that bit a pangolin which was butchered in the wet market, consumed by a human and Covid was spread to the world! (If you believe this tongue-in-cheek yarn, send me an email because I've got some swampland in Florida, I'd like to sell you.) Our media bought that ridiculous scenario "hook, line and sinker." So, why would anyone believe anything our politically driven "moon bat" media or our duplicitous government says?

Self-proclaimed Dr. Science and media rockstar Tony Fauci repeatedly lied to us. He reportedly had vested interests in the gain of function research in China through his association with the EcoHealth Alliance and the Wuhan lab. It is plausible the Chinese military was doing bioweapon research at the lab, but I do not believe the virus was purposely released. However, China did try to cover up their dangerous research and sloppy security which leaked the virus. The Chinese were driven by national pride and military considerations. Americans were motivated by money. And millions died.

But there are other guilty parties. Since President Trump said China did it, the media, who viscerally hates Trump, embraced the wet market "bat soup" story to discredit and destroy Trump. They succeeded and we are paying a terrible price.

Of course, I'm painting with a broad brush. There

are good and principled people in the media and the government. However, their track record with the salacious Hillary "pee-pee hoax," the suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop story and just about everything we've been told about Covid leads me to be highly skeptical.

Despite what Fauci, government officials and the media say, studies have shown that masks, including N95s, do not protect against respiratory illness or Covid. Furthermore, natural immunity after infection has been proven equal to or superior to vaccines. Social distancing, which was based on 100-year-old poor science, doesn't work. And shutting down schools and the economy were terrible mistakes. We should have been vaccinating the elderly and those with cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, etc., but not children and healthy young adults. Now, myocarditis has "spiked" and young people like Damar Hamlin are keeling over. We are all part of the greatest experiment in human history: the government-pharma experimental Covid vaccine trial.

I don't watch SNL (Saturday Night Live) anymore. The days of Dan Aykroyd and Rosanne Rosannadanna are gone. Nor do I care much for Woody Harrelson, who nonetheless recently called out the perverted relationship between the government and big pharma. He

should have added the CDC and pediatric organizations who mandate experimental jabs for children to his indictment. Serious Covid infection is rare in children. But then these same organizations recommend gender reassignment surgery and castrating medications for confused children. Liberal Bill Maher said it best: "I wanted to be a pirate. Thank God, nobody took me seriously and scheduled me for eye removal and pegleg surgery."

So why are we now hearing so much about China's chronic theft of intellectual property, their purchase of American farmland and food industries and the bribing of Universities like the University of Pennsylvania and Delaware? Perhaps Biden's handlers are preparing us for war with China, who is now supporting Putin in Ukraine.

However, despite my skepticism and pessimism, I do see glimmers of hope. Perhaps it's necessary to experience bad or wrong to appreciate the good. The last two years have shown us bad, and what happens when hatred overrules reason. We've seen the results of a dishonest media and corrupt leadership in the White House, FBI and the DOJ. And we've seen how dysfunctional our government has become, sending billions to Ukraine, millions to Palestine, but a pittance to East Palestine, Ohio.

The Great Awakening was

a religious movement which swept across the American colonies in the early 1700s. I see analogies in our present situation. The abject absurdity and breathtaking lunacy of the left have produced disastrous results; hopefully America is beginning to wake up. My church is packed on Sunday, and hundreds of high schoolers participate in church events. The movie Jesus Revolution has defied the critics and has become wildly successful. Woke companies like Capital One, Amazon and Target are dismissing their diversity directors who just harass employees. The Pentagon will no longer punish servicemen who have refused Covid vaccines. Chicago's odious Mayor Lori Lightfoot was defeated.

I recently learned that 53% of doctors are employed by health organizations. Many of these promote the DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) lunacy ahead of competency or surgical skill. Yet some doctors are courageously pushing back despite risking their jobs.

At this point in my life, I can't be fired and I can handle a paradox of contrasting perspectives. I can balance science and religion. But I will not accept woke, racist insanity. Be courageous. Refuse to be manipulated or shamed. Speak out for your country and the Master!

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Tickets to Night at the Museum are limited and some may be available at the door. Purchase tickets at [www.mabryhazen.com/natm](http://www.mabryhazen.com/natm). In the event of rain, Night at the Museum will be rescheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 and all tickets will transfer to new date. Refunds will be offered by request.

## Mabry-Hazen House comes to life after-hours for Night at the Museum

Mabry-Hazen House is hosting its first Night at the Museum of 2023 on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.! Attend for a chance to visit the house museum after-hours on a weekday and drink up a little history. Explore the 1858 historic house in an entirely different light as twilight falls upon Mabry's Hill, watch the sun set behind Sharp's Ridge and North Knoxville flicker alight, all

while enjoying drinks provided by a local brewery.

The historic home will be open for self-guided tours and there will be behind-the-scenes access to the bottom floor at 7:30 p.m. Mabry-Hazen House also will continue its history series where we share an artifact or objects that normally are not on display.

Outdoor seating will be set-up on the front porch and lawn for groups to

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# Hugs and cuddles

I looked over the other night, and our dog Sadie was asleep beside Amy. When I half-asleep walked into the bedroom, Sadie had managed to lie so close to my wife that the poor woman was hanging on for dear life.

No doubt about it, Sadie is a cuddler. Evenings at home find the three of us sitting on the couch. One night, the dog will lie beside Amy; the next night, she'll curl between my legs when I raise the recliner. If she's in an especially needy mood, she stretches



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her upper body up my torso and places her head on my chest.

Some nights, my lovable mutt warms my side of the bed. She sprawls her long body there and falls into a sleep that resembles a coma. I roll her over on her back

with her legs straightened and locked. At least, I have enough room to get into the bed, even if the covers are trapped under the canine's butt.

When our children were toddlers, they loved to wake up in the mornings and run down the hall to our room. They'd climb on

the bed and flop between us. Sometimes they would fall back to sleep, but most often they lay there and jabbered about all the things on their minds. When both children piled into our full-size bed, we were cramped in a tiny space, and I quickly decided the time to rise had come.

The best cuddles came when Lacey or Dallas finished bathing and came pajama-clad to sit by us. They leaned in and found comfortable places. Before long, their heads began bobbing, and we'd lead them to bed.

Before long, the cuddles all but ended. Teens aren't likely to hug their parents, and they are much too busy and cool to do something

like that. However, if one of those young'uns wants something special or has committed an offense that is likely to bring on punishment, she'll cuddle as a means of getting what she wants or avoiding punishments. The only other time when a cuddle might come is when a heart is broken. Losing a boyfriend or girlfriend feels as if the world is coming to an end, and assurance comes best at the side of a mom or dad.

I've never been much of a cuddler. Mother always said that Jim and I were too full of energy to sit still for any time. I do know when I had the mumps and measles, I'd have welcomed her hugs, but the poor woman was bedridden with

the mumps herself. We did fall into each other when Daddy died. During her illness, we sat together and patted her to ease the pain she endured.

Amy has always liked sitting together and cuddling as we watch a movie on television. I always seemed to hurt in the exact places where her head lay on my shoulder or where her arm crossed mine. During these older years, I find the benefits of cuddling with my sweet wife. She reassures me that our life together is good and that our future is bright.

This world could use plenty more hugs and cuddles. We need to let others in our lives know how special they are. It does

require a bit of time. These days, so many distractions require our attention, but the relationships between people make those unimportant things in life easier to handle. Figuratively, the folks who represent us in our government need to stop and give each other a hug. Maybe the best way for them to run the country is by starting each session by giving multiple hugs to those on the other side of the aisle.

Next time you see someone struggling, put an arm around that individual or take a seat next to him and offer support, understanding, and a little love. It'll go a long way.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

## The Battle of Blue Springs

By Jadon Gibson

Captain Charles Davis commented on September 28, 1863, that his 21st U.S. regiment had "marched 200 miles without scarcely a man applying to the surgeon for a seat in an ambulance."

"The tough, contented 21st regiment stood it nobly and enjoyed the strange, romantic scenery that was encountered in southeastern Kentucky and east Tennessee," according to 1st Lt. Ira Goodrich.

The regiment remained encamped near Knoxville until October 4th when they responded to a large force of rebels from Virginia that was threatening the left flank of Gen. Burnside's army. They marched immediately to the station of the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad and rode to Morristown and found it bustling with refugees who had been driven from their homes by rebel marauders. Soon members of the 21st traveled on to Bull's Gap.

They left Knoxville so hastily their tents were left behind. Heavy rain on October 7th kept them cold and soaked as it lasted throughout the day. They waited at Blue Lick Creek for the remainder of the army, apprehensive about meeting the marauding rebels but ready for the fight.

General Burnside's force was present and made their advance on the morning of October 10 with Shackleford's cavalry taking the lead, followed by Burnside's entire command. After marching five

miles they met the enemy at the village of Blue Springs and a brisk skirmish followed, leading to much bloodshed.

The rebels held a better position and many of Burnside's men fell even though they had superior numbers. The rebels retired slowly to a strip of woods across the road and maintained a firm front line. Gen. Burnside sent Colonel Foster and a brigade of cavalry around to get a firm position at the enemy's rear in order to prevent a retreat. Meanwhile, no attempt was made to pressure the rebel force until past mid-afternoon.

The 21st along with the 2nd Maryland battery awaited the conflict in an eminent position overlooking the woods where the rebels lay.

Gen. Ferrero's 1st Division charged the rebels with great spirit at 5 o'clock when the Yankees felt Colonel Foster's cavalry would be in position at the rebel's rear. The assault drove them from their cover and back to some field-works they had erected that day. The battle continued at great cost until Burnside's force postponed further action against the dug-in force as nightfall came.

The Union had about 90 killed and wounded, the rebels much less as they had fought from the cover of woods and field-works.

With the coming of the day, it was found the rebels retreated during the night. Immediately, Burnside had his forces begin a full pursuit with

General Shackleford's cavalry in advance. They soon encountered abandoned wagons, wounded rebels and dead horses along the way, an indication that the rebels were making a hasty flight.

Burnside admonished his forces to move more swiftly in order to be in striking distance when the retreating rebel force came upon Col. Foster's cavalry command. After chasing the rebels in a severe march of 20 miles to Rheatown it was learned that Foster's horsemen had never gained their position.

The infantry abandoned their pursuit at this point but Gen. Shackleford's men chased the rebels back into Virginia.

One hundred and fifty rebels were taken prisoner during the pursuit and approximately the same number were killed or wounded.

Gen. Burnside's army suffered very little loss. They rested the following day.

The 21st regiment marched 37 total miles the next two days, October 13th and 14th. An additional march of nine miles on the 15th brought them to Morristown where they took railroad cars to their former camp in Knoxville at 5 p.m.

They remained there the next week.

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Picture from the Valentine's Day Banquet at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church provided by Chelsea Murphy.

## Widows' Ministry Lifting Spirits at Wallace Memorial

They arrived at the church dressed in festive pinks and reds. The pastoral staff escorted them to their seats. The occasion was a Valentine's Day Banquet in the atrium at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church.

But this was a different kind of celebration thanks to the Spirit Lifters, a Love Community Ministry to widows of Wallace Memorial and the surrounding area.

There are over 50 widows in the Spirit Lifters group which meets monthly in support of each other. While they share in each



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other's losses, the gatherings provide a constant reminder that God still has a purpose and a plan for their lives. On February 14, the Spirit Lifters came together and enjoyed a delicious lunch

and listened to stories by humorist Alan Cottrell. "It certainly was a blessing seeing the room filled with smiles knowing this was overall a challenging day for many," Carolyn Jensen said. Carolyn is the director and founder of the ministry. The special day called for a special gift. Each widow was given a red felt envelope

decorated, of course, with hearts. Inside was a love letter from God reminding the widows of His great love for them. The shared love, the lunch, the laughter, and the love letter from God--what a memorable Valentine's Day! To learn more about the Spirit Lifters Ministry, call Kent Williams or Laura Simpson at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, at 865-688-4343, or e-mail wallacewomen320@gmail.com.

*Words of Faith: The Spirit Lifters claim the verse from Psalm 62:2 (NIV): "Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will never be shaken."*

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# The Professor in Politics: Ken Hechler of West Virginia

Pages from the Past



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It is truly rare for a politician to be a fixture of the politics of his or her community, state or nation. It does happen, but those political figures whose influence and or service span generations are rare. Ken Hechler was one of those scarce individuals. It is all the more remarkable because Hechler was not a likely political figure to begin with; Ken Hechler did not radiate charisma, quite the contrary. Hechler was not a spellbinding orator, nor an especially attractive and compelling figure. Indeed, Ken Hechler was balding, bespectacled, bookish, and seemed exactly like what he was: a professor. Yet, Ken Hechler was anything but ordinary. Hechler's long political career was filled with seemingly inexplicable decisions and quixotic campaigns for public office, several of which were spectacular failures. Yet there was an immovable feature of every campaign waged by Ken Hechler, which was also a trait of the candidate's personality: complete sincerity.

Ken Hechler's agenda in Congress seemed contrary to much of what one would have expected from a representative from West Virginia. Once in the House, Hechler championed regulations on strip mining and civil rights. Congressman Hechler also fought hard for coal mine safety and compensation for those suffering from black lung disease. Ken Hechler was one of the few congressmen who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in Selma, Alabama.

Before World War II, Hechler had been a member of the faculties of Princeton and Columbia Universities, as well as Barnard College. During the Second World War, Ken Hechler was drafted into the Army where he graduated from the Armored Force Officer candidate school. Assigned to the European Theater of the war, Hechler was designated as a combat historian, a role which came naturally to him. As the armed forces of the United States landed at Normandy Beach and swarmed through France, he fought the bloody Battle of the Bulge, and liberated France, Ken Hechler documented American progress and fighting men. Out of Ken Hechler's notes came a bestselling book, "The Bridge at Remagen," which was also turned into a movie by Hollywood. Another interesting sidelight to Ken Hechler's military career was the fact he was assigned to interview several of the top Nazis prior to the opening of the Nuremberg Trials. One of those Hechler interviewed was the top Nazi in Allied custody, Hermann Goring, the Reich Marshall

of Hitler's Germany and the head of the once-feared Luftwaffe.

In addition to Goring, Hechler interviewed Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and General Alfred Jodl, as well as Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, all of whom were found guilty of war crimes and subsequently executed by hanging. Hechler liked to recall Goring's boast that he could lead the German armies alongside the Allies and "knock hell out of the Russians."

It had been writing that had sent Hechler's career in the Army in a different direction from what he had originally intended. Hechler told an interviewer for the Harry Truman Presidential Library an officer caught him writing an autobiography "after lights' out."

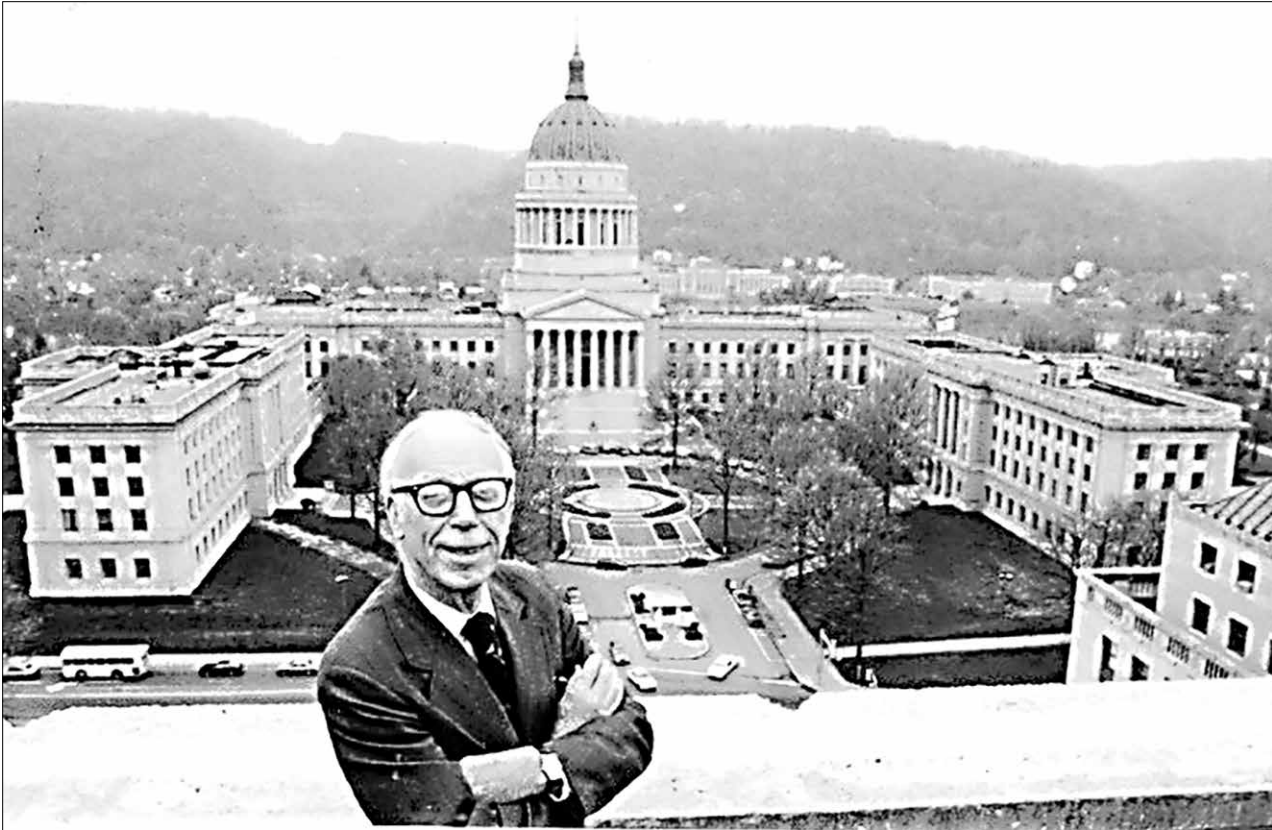
"I was using a flashlight under my blanket in bed," Hechler told the interviewer. "He said, 'This is the most remarkable autobiography. I don't think you ought to be a tank commander. I think we ought to assign you to something a little bit more useful in the Army.'"

Upon returning to the United States following the war, Hechler ended up in one of the most unlikely places for any former soldier who wasn't Dwight D. Eisenhower: the White House. After briefly having returned to teaching at Princeton, Hechler became a special assistant to President Harry Truman from 1949 - 1953. Hechler served as a special research assistant for Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson in the 1956 campaign.

Among Ken Hechler's duties in the Truman White House was helping with speeches for the President. Hechler was especially helpful in tailoring remarks for Truman's famous 1948 reelection campaign whistle-stop tour by train.

Following a stint as director of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D. C., Hechler was named to the faculty of West Virginia's Marshall University in 1957. A year later, Professor Hechler announced he was running for Congress. Hechler dispatched two candidates in the Democratic primary, winning the nomination of his party with a plurality of the vote.

West Virginia's Fourth Congressional District included the City of Huntington and several towns where organized labor was strong, yet the incumbent was a Republican. Dr. Will E. Neal was no ordinary Republican. Neal had been the oldest man ever to be elected as a freshman legislator when he first defeated Congressman M. G. "Burnie" Burnside (who had also been a college professor) in 1952. Burnside



Former Congressman & Secretary of State Ken Hechler in front of the West Virginia Capitol in Charleston in 1986.

made a comeback in the 1954 election, only narrowly eking out a 500-vote victory over Will Neal. Former congressman Neal ran again in 1956 at eighty-one and beat Burnside by more than 8,000 votes.

Even at eighty-three years of age, Congressman Neal proved to be a formidable candidate, but 1958 was a terrible year for GOP candidates across the country because of an economic recession. The recession was especially brutal in West Virginia and Ken Hechler won the general election with just over 51% of the vote.

The biggest electoral test of Hechler's hold on his constituency came following redistricting in 1972. During the decade of the 1950s West Virginia boasted six seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. As the state's population continued to decline, by 1970 the state was down to four House seats. James Kee, who had followed both his father and mother into the House of Representatives, was considered to be the heavy favorite in the 1972 Democratic primary. A Kee had represented West Virginia's Fifth Congressional District since 1933; the family held on for forty years. Although he had been in Congress for eighteen years, Ken Hechler still remained a political outsider to the good ol' boy network in his adopted state. While it remained designated as West Virginia's Fourth District, it was mostly composed of the remnants of James Kee's old Fifth District.

Two other candidates entered the Democratic primary for Congress that year including the two incumbent congressmen. Yet Hechler astonished virtually everyone when he emerged the winner. Hechler won 52% while Jim Kee polled only 25% of the ballots cast. The remainder was divided between the two other candidates.

Ken Hechler won the general election handily in 1972 and was unopposed in 1974. In 1976, Congressman Ken Hechler voluntarily gave up his seat in the House of Representatives to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor. It was a crowded primary with two former gubernatorial nominees running again,

former Secretary of State John D. "Jay" Rockefeller IV and James Sprouse. Both Sprouse and Rockefeller had lost general elections to Republican Arch Moore, in 1968 and 1972 respectively. Moore was barred from seeking a third term in 1976 and Democrats felt certain the statehouse would once again be held by a Democrat. Rockefeller's bid was fueled by his free spending from his large personal fortune. Hechler, who was not a prodigious fundraiser, ran a very poor third, winning less than 13% of the votes cast.

Realizing the enormity of his political mistake, Hechler quickly announced he would wage a write-in campaign for his seat in the House against the regular Democratic nominee, Nick Joe Rahall. Rahall had been an aide to the most popular officeholder in West Virginia, Senator Robert Byrd. Rahall also came from a prominent and wealthy family and once again money made a difference. It is a tribute to Hechler's personal popularity that he carried two counties running as a write-in candidate. Rahall won 45% of the vote, followed by Hechler with quite nearly 37%. The GOP candidate ran third in the general election.

In 1978, Hechler resolved to try and win back his seat in Congress and filed to run inside the Democratic primary, believing he could upset the young incumbent by being on the ballot. Hechler ran a strong race, polling quite nearly 44% of the vote inside the primary, but he lost to Nick Joe Rahall.

After his unsuccessful campaigns, Hechler returned to teaching at Marshall University and also taught at West Virginia State University and the University of Charleston. Yet Hechler was not finished with politics. In 1984, Hechler filed to run for statewide office once again. This time, Hechler aimed for the Secretary of State's office and in a field of six Democrats competing for the nomination, the former congressman won easily, garnering 54% of the vote.

West Virginia was beginning to see some political changes which were becoming more apparent in the 1984 election. President Ronald Reagan won the Mountain State

that year and former governor Arch Moore was retaking the statehouse. Even Jay Rockefeller quite nearly lost his race to succeed U. S. Senator Jennings Randolph. At the same time, Ken Hechler was winning the Secretary of State's office with almost 64% of the vote. In his later years, Hechler was a familiar sight in his bright red Jeep, going from meeting to meeting.

As West Virginia's Secretary of State, Hechler remained a foe of political corruption. The Secretary of State is also the chief election officer and it was Hechler's office that uncovered evidence that Sheriff Johnnie Owens of Mingo County was selling influence for \$100,000. Owens was convicted in 1988.

The seventy-four-year-old Hechler was reelected without opposition in either the primary of general elections in 1988. Two years later, Hechler yet again entered the primary in another attempt to take back his old seat in the House of Representatives from Nick Joe Rahall. The incumbent won the primary contest handily.

Undeterred, Hechler ran for reelection as Secretary of State in 1992, winning the primary easily and the general election with quite nearly 70% of the vote. At age eighty-two, Ken Hechler repeated the feat in the 1996 general election.

Evidently, Ken Hechler never gave up his desire to return to Congress. The eighty-four-year-old Secretary of State entered the Democratic primary for West Virginia's Second Congressional District and ran third, well behind the eventual winner. Four years later, Hechler made history when he won the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State at age ninety in a field of seven candidates. Still, the former congressman only scraped by runner-up Natalie Tennant by 1,118 votes.

Ken Hechler lost the 2004 general election narrowly to Republican Betty Ireland. Hechler's last

political hurrah came at age ninety-six when he ran for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in the special election to fill the vacancy left by the death of Senator Robert Byrd. The nomination was won by then-Governor Joe Manchin. Hechler had no illusions he could win the primary, but ran so that those folks opposed to mining by mountaintop removal would have a candidate to support.

A bachelor for virtually all his life, Hechler finally married his longtime companion Carol shortly before he died at age 102. When Hechler died, then-Governor Earl Ray Tomblin referred to the late congressman as "a true West Virginia treasure." Former opponent Senator Joe Manchin paid his own tribute to the old political warrior.

"Ken was a man of his word - - a fierce advocate for West Virginians who was always willing to help any person in need," Manchin said.

I had my own conversation with Ken Hechler after he was out of office to interview him for a biography of Tennessee's Senator Kenneth McKellar. The former congressman was bright and alert and his memory seemed remarkably sharp. Hechler was kind, helpful and interested. All of those adjectives make for one very fine public servant. Ken Hechler exemplified service to others and lived his life accordingly and was a truly extraordinary person.

Every so often, some person comes along and when that person's life is over, others marvel he or she was "one of a kind." Ken Hechler really was one of a kind.

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# The Mystery of Being an Image Bearer of God

"So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). In Genesis, we learn that humans were created in God's own image. Over time, humans



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decided to put their own image on things as well. This is called branding. Donald Trump might come to mind. He has built casinos and hotels and put his name on them in lights. You might think of Mount Rushmore where you see the four faces of past presidents or the various images of presidents printed on our money. These images are a reminder of the image maker's power and authority.

When you look at the ancient world, they were no different. In Jesus' day, Caesar Augustus put his image on everything. You can find his image engraved on statues, buildings, documents, and coins. Augustus wanted to get his name out into the world and brand all he could with his imperial stamp. While you might think this is just another example of narcissism, it was more than that. It was about expanding territory. Historians will tell you that you can tell how much of an impact an emperor made by tracking how far the coins that had his image on them reached. These coins

led back to those in power and showed how much territory they had conquered. God did not put his image on lifeless coins; He put His image on us. God chose to make us in His image. You could say that we are the living currency of God. We are God's coins carrying the influence of God wherever we go. Where humans are, God is: "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us" (1 John 4:12). When humans fail to love, we destroy God's image.

The image of God is too amazing and powerful to be stamped onto a piece of metal or a stone. I'm reminded of a scene in the movie, The Raiders of the Lost Ark. The ark of God is opened and as God's presence comes out of the ark, the skin of everyone present melts off their bones and their eyes pop out of their sockets. Perhaps this scene was motivated by a

verse in the Bible. Moses wanted to see the glory of God, but God told him, "You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live" (Exodus 33:20). God shielded Moses in the cleft of a rock and then passed by so Moses could see God's back. It would be the equivalent of wearing welders' goggles to keep one from going blind.

Yet despite His magnificent glory and power, God wants to be known and has appeared in mysterious ways: in a burning bush to Moses (Exodus 3:1-5), a gentle whisper to Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13), in the form of three strangers to

Abraham (Genesis 18:1-2), with flesh and bones in the life of Jesus. And Jesus tells us that God now lives in us through His Spirit (John 14:16-17). Paul said, "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands" (Acts 17:24). "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Caesar was able to reproduce his image in lifeless objects, but God reproduces His image in living beings. God wants us to fill the world with love. Where you find people loving each other, God is seen by the world.

# Signing by Permission as an Officer of the Court

There are so many things about being a lawyer you have no idea about until you actually become a lawyer and experience it for the first time.

For me, one of those occurred when I was trying to get an order signed by a judge and the other lawyer worked in a different county.

Normally, when a case is going on, there are two lawyers (if not more) on the case. If the lawyers agree on something, for example, the date the trial will occur, they type up when the trial will occur, both lawyers review and sign the order, and then the judge signs it. When the lawyers have approved the order, and the judge has signed it, it is confirmed that something



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will occur.

The first time I needed to submit an agreed order, and the other lawyer did not have a nearby office, I was left with a dilemma, what is the fastest way to get the order signed by the other lawyer and then the

judge?

With some amusement, my boss explained that lawyers are considered, "officers of the court," and are given more leeway in submitting documents to the court without a lawyer's actual signature on a document. As long as we had confirmation (through a letter or email) that a lawyer or person had agreed to something, an "officer of the court" could sign someone's name with their permission.

I am not sure how this got implemented or became a thing that was commonplace, but it is an absolute time-saver.

Can individuals who are not lawyers submit orders by signing the other person's name with their permission? My experience is that they cannot. Whether warranted or not, Courts trust that lawyers will not sign others' names to Court documents unless they receive actual permission to do so, and they do not necessarily have that same level of trust for non-lawyers.

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# Halls claims traditional wrestling title to close out magical season

By Ken Lay

A magical 2022-23 season came to an end with the Halls High School's boys wrestling team as the state's top squad in Class A.

The Red Devils won the traditional state meet on Saturday, February 25 at the Williamson County Ag Exposition Center in Franklin.

It was the first traditional state title for Halls, which also won the Class A Duals Championship at the Mid-state earlier in February.

The Red Devils had eight athletes medal to close the

season.

Harlen Hunley claimed an individual crown in the 138-pound weight class and Sam Hutchison was runner-up in the 138-pound division while Briar Whaley (160) took third in his weight class in Franklin.

The Red Devils, who sent 13 wrestlers on its 14-man team to the state's grand stage, had three grapplers place fourth in their respective brackets as Jordan Sexton (126), Barrett Whaley (152) and Bull Goodman (220) all posted fourth-place finishes.

Heavyweight Caleb

Turner came in fifth and David Cook (120 pounds) took sixth in his division.

Longtime Halls coach Shannon Sayne, a two-time state champion for the Red Devils during his high school days, said he knew that this team could be special late last season.

"We knew after the sectional duals that we could be pretty good," he said. "We didn't graduate anybody, but that being said we had to have a little luck as far as keeping guys healthy."

"We had a lot of injuries and some illness. We had

some people get hurt and get sick. But it all happened to work out in our favor."

Sayne added that every athlete who took the mat in Franklin contributed to the team's success.

"We took 13 of our 14 guys down there and that gave us an advantage right there," he said. "Everybody contributed."

"I told them when we went down there that everybody had to contribute, and everybody made a contribution, even those who didn't win a medal. If we don't have all of them, we don't win."

## FirstBank spearheads campaign for Halls wrestling championship rings

By Ken Lay

Halls High School's wrestling team recently culminated its 2022-23 season with a Class A traditional state championship.

Now, a fundraising effort is underway to get all 27 athletes in the program a state championship ring thanks to the effort of FirstBank.

The Red Devils, who also won the state dual meet championship in

early February, had eight medalists at the Class A State Championships that concluded Saturday, Feb 25, at the Williamson County Ag Exposition Center in Franklin. The Red Devils represent Knox County's oldest high school wrestling programs as Halls first fielded a team in 1968.

It was Halls High's first state title and the Red Devils had 13 wrestlers

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

# Seymour's third quarter shutout leads to region title

By Steve Williams

The Halls vs. Seymour Region 2-3A girls title game was rocking along nip and tuck like most fans expected last week.

Then the third quarter happened.

Halls was shut out and the host Lady Eagles pulled away for a 51-32 victory and their second straight region championship.

"I think the third quarter we got in our heads," said Halls Coach Savannah Harrison after the game.

"Having some key players that got in foul trouble and had to sit the bench for most of that second half really hurt us. And not just because we didn't have them in the game; it got in the other girls' heads as well. I think the difference in the game was that third quarter to be honest."

Trailing only 21-19 at halftime, the Lady Red Devils had six turnovers in the third quarter, including a charging foul and three traveling violations, and that combined with missed field goal attempts led to Seymour taking the quarter by an 11-0 margin.

Seymour Coach Greg Hernandez said: "We used that energy of executing offensively on the defensive end. That allowed us to lock in and then just contain the dribble. I was proud of the way we did that. We just forced them to take tough shots."

Halls' Raegan Corvette hit a 3-pointer from the left wing at the start of the final period to finally end the scoring drought and cut Seymour's lead to 10 (32-22) but had to take a seat on the bench due to being in foul trouble.

A 17-foot jump shot by Bailey Roberts again

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Seymour Coach Greg Hernandez, with the net around his neck, and the Lady Eagles celebrate their Region 2-3A championship win over Halls. Photo by Julee Schultz.

## Fulton girls stop Red Bank, but fall in region semifinals

By Steve Williams

The Fulton girls basketball team's first game after it was put on probation by the TSSAA ended in a 41-38 win over Red Bank in the Region 3-3A quarterfinals Friday, Feb. 24.

Even though three Lady Falcons were suspended in their District 5-3A title win over Lenoir City in overtime on Feb. 20, Fulton wasn't at a disadvantage number-wise against Red Bank as both teams started the game with eight players dressed out.

Fulton, however, lost Tiona Mcalpin to an injury in the opening two minutes of the contest and played the remainder of the game with seven players.

Despite the early misfortune, the Lady Falcons built a 14-0 lead before Red Bank scored its first basket with 1:53 left in the opening quarter and then closed the deficit to 14-7 by the time the period was over.

Na Na Harshaw drilled a 3-pointer from the left corner to extend the lead to 17-8. Fulton led 20-13 at halftime and appeared

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# Lady Warriors bow to MTCS in OT at state

By Steve Williams

Christian Academy of Knoxville got down early but never quit in its 63-59 loss to Middle Tennessee Christian School in the TSSAA Division II-A girls state semifinal game at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville Thursday.

Coach Abby Williams' Lady Warriors overcame a seven-point deficit at the end of the first period and were seconds away from a victory in regulation play.

Madison Jones' two free throws gave CAK a 50-49 lead with 44 seconds remaining. After a turnover by MTCS standout Jailyn Banks, Chatham Ibach's layup extended CAK's lead to 52-49 with 27 seconds to go.

But Banks made a 3-point shot to tie the game at 52-all with 14 seconds left and send the contest into overtime.

Ibach gave CAK its only lead (54-52) in the four-minute OT period when she made a layup with 2:52 to go. The remainder of the overtime was close all the way.

Banks finished with a game-high 31 points for MTCS (27-10).

Keira Leffew led CAK with 19 points and 18 rebounds. Izzy Proffitt added 15 points and Emily Wilson 11 for the Lady Warriors, who ended the season with a 29-6 record.

In the other semifinal game, The Kings Academy girls lost to Webb (Bell Buckle) 69-21.

REGION BOYS FINALS: Karns defeated William Blount 74-69 in Region 2-4A Thursday, while Halls won at Carter 63-61 in Region 2-3A and Fulton toppled Austin-East 73-62 in Region 3-3A.

Tonight's sectionals involving local teams will match Sevier County at Karns and William Blount at Dobyns-Bennett in Class 4A. Class 3A games will pit Volunteer at Halls, Carter at Unicoi County, Stone Memorial at Fulton and Austin-East at White County.

All sectional games tip off at 7.

# When leader fouled out, Bearden girls bonded together

By Steve Williams

No matter how this season plays out, the night the Bearden girls hung on to win with their top player having fouled out will be one to remember.

"I think that's what we want to take away from this game," said Coach Justin Underwood after Bearden's 50-44 victory over Farragut in last week's Region 2-4A elimination semifinals at BHS.

"She (Avery Treadwell) is our leader, but I can't say enough for our kids with our backs against the wall, and the ability for those other ones to basically bond together. To finish that last six minutes together, I thought that was absolutely huge."

It had to be a boost to the confidence of every Lady Bulldog that played in the final 6 minutes and 22 seconds.

During that nerve-racking time, all Treadwell, the 6-foot-3 senior post, could do was watch and cheer on her team.

When Treadwell went to the bench after being assessed questionable back-to-back fouls (personal and technical), Bearden led by two (38-36).

Farragut senior Maelyn McNealy made one of the two technical foul shots, but the Lady Admirals never caught up.

Farragut also was awarded possession of the ball at half-court following the technical foul shots but never got a chance to score as sophomore reserve Kendall Anne Murphy's deflection put the ball in the hands of freshman Natalya Hodge.

Bearden outscored its arch-rival 12-8 over the final 6:22.

Hodge and Murphy scored four each the rest of the way. Sophomore reserve wing/post Lainey Cox tallied two points on a rebound basket. Junior post Amanda Parker swished in two clutch free throws to give Bearden a six-point advantage (48-42) with 14.4 seconds to go.

Hodge finished it off by making both ends of a double bonus with 2.1 ticks left.

Coach Underwood said it was the first time this season that his team didn't have its senior leader to rely on. "I just couldn't be prouder of our girls and finding a way to deal with the adversity we had and a situation we hadn't dealt with all season."

The win for Bearden (33-0) was its 55th in a row, dating back to last year.

Treadwell said she was "super proud" of (post players) Amanda and Lainey. "They really picked up and made some big plays while I was out. I felt faith that they could pull it out.

"It was in my team's hands," added Avery, who cheered them on from the bench "because that's all I could do."

Treadwell totaled a game-high 16 points, while Hodge had 11 and Murphy 10. Maelyn McNealy led Farragut (22-11) with 11 points. K.J. McNealy and Annalise Bishop chipped in eight each.

After leading 35-34 after three quarters, Farragut did not play well after Treadwell fouled out. The Lady Admirals made only 6 of 11 free throws and one shot from the field and committed three turnovers.

"We gave a great effort," said Farragut Coach Jason Mayfield.

"We did some things well for about 3½ quarters, but down the stretch we just couldn't finish it off."

Avery Treadwell cheers her teammates on from the sideline after fouling out of the region semifinal game against Farragut. "It was in my team's hands," said Avery after the game.

PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Bearden streaks to region crown

Bearden's girls defeated Heritage 68-55 in the Region 2-4A championship game Wednesday night at Bearden. It was the Lady Bulldogs' fourth win over Heritage this season.

With that win, Bearden (34-0) advanced to the Sectional round and was scheduled to host Daniel Boone Saturday night. The Lady Bulldogs also went into that contest with a 56-game win streak.

The Region 2-4A All-Tournament team included Bearden's Avery Treadwell (MVP), Natalya Hodge, Kendall Anne Murphy and Lainey Cox; Heritage's Chloe Heath, Bekah Gardner and Carsyn Swaney; Farragut's Maelyn McNealy and K.J. McNealy; Maryville's Jada Edwards and Zoe Harrison; Powell's Alaina Schroeder; Campbell County's Carley Kitts; Karns' Rylee Roberts; and Oak Ridge's Ze'Yana Stewart.

# Seymour's third quarter shutout leads to region title



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pulled the Lady Red Devils within 10 points (38-28) midway into the quarter, but Halls would never get any closer.

Bailey McCoy, a Milligan University commit, led Seymour's balanced attack with 13 points. Jaden Cummings also was in double figures with 11. Caiden Russell added eight, Brielle Turner seven and Kaylen Schultz six.

Senior Sophie Tharpe and junior Megan Biliter led Halls with nine and eight points, respectively.

Total errors by the two teams in the game were about even as Halls had 12 turnovers and Seymour 13.

The Lady Eagles' offensive play and execution contributed significantly to the outcome.

Seymour held the ball for the last shot of the first quarter and got a layup right before the buzzer by Schultz to take a 9-8 lead.

In the second quarter, a pretty bounce pass from McCoy to Russell gave the Lady Eagles' a five-point lead.

Tharpe answered with a 3-pointer from the top of the circle, but a hustle play by Seymour got the lead back to five. After McCoy made her first free throw, she missed her second. Turner quickly chased down the rebound and passed to McCoy, who scored inside.

A 3-pointer by Keira Everette pulled Halls within two just before the half ended.

An in-bounds play produced a basket by McCoy in the third quarter for Seymour and a fast-break layup by Kelsey Cruze extended the Lady Eagles' advantage to 11 points (30-19).

Seymour again ran off time late in the quarter before McCoy's 17-footer gave the Lady Eagles a 32-19 advantage heading into the final period.

Seymour was scheduled to host Greeneville in Saturday's Sectionals, while Halls traveled to Elizabethton.



The "experts" say tie games aren't memorable, to the point the powers-that-be at the NCAA abolished the tie as a viable ending to a game, starting in 1996. Now the collegians play overtime, the game awarded to the last man standing.

You remember overtime from a 6-extra period affair against Arkansas in 2002 (Tennessee winning 41-38), a 5-overtime deal at Alabama in 2003 (the Vols winning 51-43), and a 4-extra period game at Kentucky (the Vols winning 52-50).

The pros have overtime, so someone reasoned that the college game would also be better off having it.

In many cases throughout collegiate football history, ties seemed a better alternative. In Tennessee's case, for example, consider the 1964 LSU game (3-3), the 1965 Auburn (13-13) and Alabama (7-7) games, and the 1968 Georgia game (17-17), maybe even the 1990 Colorado game (31-31). Or, conversely, reflect on the 1985 UCLA game (26-26) or the 1990 Auburn game (26-26). What ties give; they also take away.

The 1974 Vanderbilt-Tennessee game was one of the best (or worst) deadlocks, depending on your team loyalties. Neither side has forgotten this one.

Tennessee and



Larry Seivers and Gus Manning celebrate Larry's game-winning pass reception against Clemson in October 1974.

Vanderbilt fought their way to a 21-21 tie on a miserably cold and rainy afternoon in Nashville, much like you'd expect in a late November contest.

With the stadium's artificial turf covered with precipitation and the stadium lights beaming at full power, the two teams went at it hot and heavy.

Early in the game, Condredge Holloway hit an 81-yard pass to tight end Tommy West on a play that is still the longest non-scoring pass in Tennessee history. The ensuing touchdown gave the Vols an early 6-0 lead.

Vandy, however, recovered from the early deficit, dominated the game, and led well into the final minutes. Just when you thought the Commodores, leading 21-13, had the game in hand. Punter Barry Burton dropped a punt snap, and, in the scramble for the elusive pigskin, the Vols got it at the VU 12. Stanley Morgan scored seconds later, and the Vols were faced with coming up with a do-or-die two-point conversion to tie the game.

The two-pointer came on a pass under the north goal post from Holloway to All-American Larry Seivers, the

wide receiver from Clinton who could catch anything he could touch. For the record, Seivers was a 2013 inductee into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. He was on the 2023 College Football Hall of Fame ballot.

The question remains: Did he catch it? After all, he touched it. You have to see the game videotape to make an informed judgment.

Here's what Marvin West wrote in "Legends of the Tennessee Vols": "Holloway threw the two-pointer, and Seivers went high for the ball in the back of the end

zone. Maybe he caught it. Maybe he didn't. The back judge threw up his hands to signal success. Tie game! Vanderbilts threw up their arms, too. In protest. In amazement. In a plea, as in Heaven help us."

There was no divine intervention forthcoming.

This was Tennessee and Vanderbilt, a "rivalry" game in which all kinds of weird things have happened over the years. Many defy rational explanation. More often than not, the tide of events has turned Tennessee's way.

Here's Seivers' take. "The ball hit me right in

the hands. It was raining and freezing cold. I couldn't feel my hands. And the ball rolled down my body so nice that it probably looked like I was tucking it in. But I didn't catch it. After the play was over, I was on the sidelines with my head down."

There was no replay official high above Dudley Field that day. No one strode to the center of the field and said, "The previous play is under further review." The game wasn't on television, so there wasn't the ability to replay the play in question. Moreover, everybody was probably too cold to wait on the decision.

Seivers continued. "I saw the controversy on the field and said to myself, 'Well, I didn't catch it, and they caught me.' The Vanderbilt people were really fussing about it. Meanwhile, Tommy West had started a fight out there, and there's a lot of commotion. I just figured they were confering about the catch, but the referee said, 'It's good.' I guess all's well that ends well."

During those long-ago days ties were plentiful and an intriguing part of the game, sportswriters often wrote about teams "stealing a tie," coming from behind to knot the count in the waning seconds, helped occasionally (and often immeasurably) by a bad call, maybe even a "non-call" here and there.

This one was one of those games, a game for the ages. Who says a tie can't be exciting?

## FirstBank spearheads campaign for Halls wrestling championship rings

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qualify for the state's grand stage, with Harlen Hunley winning a state title in the 138-pound class.

As a community business, FirstBank is a supporter of high school athletics in Knoxville. The bank is also a title sponsor statewide for the Tennessee Secondary Sports Athletic Association.

"We're a community bank and as a community bank, we want to support student-athletes for a once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment," said FirstBank Regional Marketing

Director Chris Arrott. "We're a community bank, so celebrating a state championship is what we're all about.

"We're also a supporting sponsor for the TSSAA and we've been a sponsor for four years."

Powell High School won the 2021 Class 5A state football championship and FirstBank helped the Panthers celebrate their title.

"We celebrated when Powell won a state championship in football and it's an honor for us to help Halls celebrate its wrestling championship," Arrott said. "We want to support our schools.

"This is spectacular and we're glad that we can play a small part."

The Halls High wrestling program has a special place in FirstBank Relationship Manager in the Halls/Powell Area Robin Harp's heart.

"My sons wrestled for (coach) Shannon (Sayne). They've graduated and my husband, Tim, volunteered in the program," Harp said.

With the fundraising campaign underway, anyone interested in donating to help Halls get its rings should contact Sayne via e-mail at shannonsayne@gmail.com.

## Fulton girls stop Red Bank, but fall in region semifinals

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to be in full command with a 36-17 advantage at

the end of the third quarter. But Red Bank started chipping away and

scored the game's final 10 points with a furious rally to make it close.

Jaciah Stewart's clean block of a 3-point attempt by Journey Holloway with two seconds remaining preserved the victory.

Maiya Moore and Dee Williams led the Lady Falcons in scoring with 18 points each. Holloway (18) and Malika Odum (13) were best for Red Bank.

The win put Fulton in the region quarterfinals against Soddy Daisy, but the Lady Falcons were eliminated in that game 44-26 and finished the season 14-19.

## A weekend watching hockey in D.C.

By Mark Nagi

Love is a complicated emotion. You can't see it. You can't feel it. You can't taste it nor hear it. But you know it when it's real.

I love my daughters. I love my dog, Bailey.

And I love the New York Rangers.

This article might seem like its being written for a very limited audience. How many fellow Rangers fans can there be in the greater Knoxville area? My friends Craig Bates and Andrew Long will certainly enjoy reading the next 600 words or so... but I think that fans of any team will know what I'm talking about.

I've spent more time and money than I'd like to admit watching them play on television and in person. Is it worth it? Depending on the day or the outcome of a game... yes. Or no. Or sort of.

Last weekend I met two of my friends from college in Washington, D.C. to watch our Rangers play the Capitals. This is an annual trip that we started in Detroit back in 2020. The plan was to see the Rangers play in a different city once a year. Then the pandemic hit, causing a three-year break.

More than anything, it gives us a reason to get together. We each live in different parts of the nation, and it gets tough to stay connected. Hockey serves as the catalyst.

I made the nearly eight-hour drive north, passing the Washington Monument and White House before settling in at the downtown hotel.

Over dinner and drinks one of my friends simply said, "They better win tomorrow."

This should simply be a perfect weekend for each of us. A couple of days away from work, in one of America's most important and historical places. We saw the Capitol Building, the Washington Monument, and the White House.

And don't get me wrong. No matter what the results of the game the trip would be well worth the trouble.

But a victory would really be nice.

Saturday morning was a bit of a struggle bus. We are each now in our 50s and

it's funny how a night out is tougher to recover from in your 50s. But we rallied, grabbed lunch, and walked to the Arena.

One of the great things about being a New York Rangers fan is that when you see them play on the road, there are most often a lot of Rangers fans in the building.

On this day it was no different with tons of white and blue jerseys present. Born and bred New Yorkers have found other places across the country to live but stuck with the teams that they grew up with. In this case, it was an easy three-hour train ride from the city.

Every Rangers fan was in good spirits... until the second period began. A 1-1 game turned into a 5-1 deficit. The Rangers looked slow and uninspired. The Capitals looked like the 1984 Edmonton Oilers on their win to a 6-3 win. It was one of the ugliest performances of the season for the Rangers.

There's nothing worse as a fan than sitting in an opposing team's building and watching your team get throttled. Tennessee fans that watched the Vols in Gainesville or Tuscaloosa the last 15+ years know this well.

This was indeed a terrific trip. We grabbed dinner and drinks after the game. We talked about our kids and our jobs.

But that trip home the next day was a lot longer because New York lost.

I love the New York Rangers.

They just don't love me back.

Barring a complete collapse, the Rangers will once again be in the playoffs. But they haven't won the Stanley Cup since 1994. In fact, they've only won that championship once the last 83 years.

My record watching the Rangers in person over the last 30 years is not great. I have seen more losses than wins. But I keep going and will be in Boston or Chicago or Winnipeg or wherever a year from now when I once again get together with my college friends, and I can't wait for that trip.

Let's hope for a better result on the scoreboard next time.

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# Webb's Walls: a scorer, defender and leader

By Steve Williams

Versatile may be the best word to describe Lukas Walls as a basketball player.

The 6-4 Webb School shooting guard is The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County boys' Player of the Year.

Walls received the most votes for the award, which was based on regular season play. Other vote-getters were Shane Cherry, Austin-East guard; JJ Faulkner, Karns guard; Tyler Lee, Fulton shooting forward; and Dondrea Lindsey, Knoxville Catholic power forward.

Bearden's 6-3 senior post Avery Treadwell was earlier announced as the girls' Player of the Year.

Statistically, Walls averaged 22 points, six rebounds and three assists per game during the regular season, shooting 45 percent from 3-point range and 81 percent at the free throw line.

"Lukas is really hard to match up with because of his offensive versatility," said Ricky Norris, Webb's head coach. "He can score the ball inside and outside. He also does a tremendous job of making those around him better players."

Walls is a Mr. Basketball Finalist in Division II-AA and a Samford University signee.

"I believe he plays the game with an edge on both ends of the floor," said Far-ragut's J.P. Burris, who was one of the coaches to vote for Walls. "He is a 3-level threat on the offensive

end and defends with a physicality and tenacity you don't see from most defenders. He is also the unquestioned leader of one of the best teams in the area."

In his two seasons as an assistant at Hardin Valley Academy, Burris got to see Walls in scrimmages against HVA.

Jody Wright of Fulton, one the state's most successful coaches, also voted for Walls.

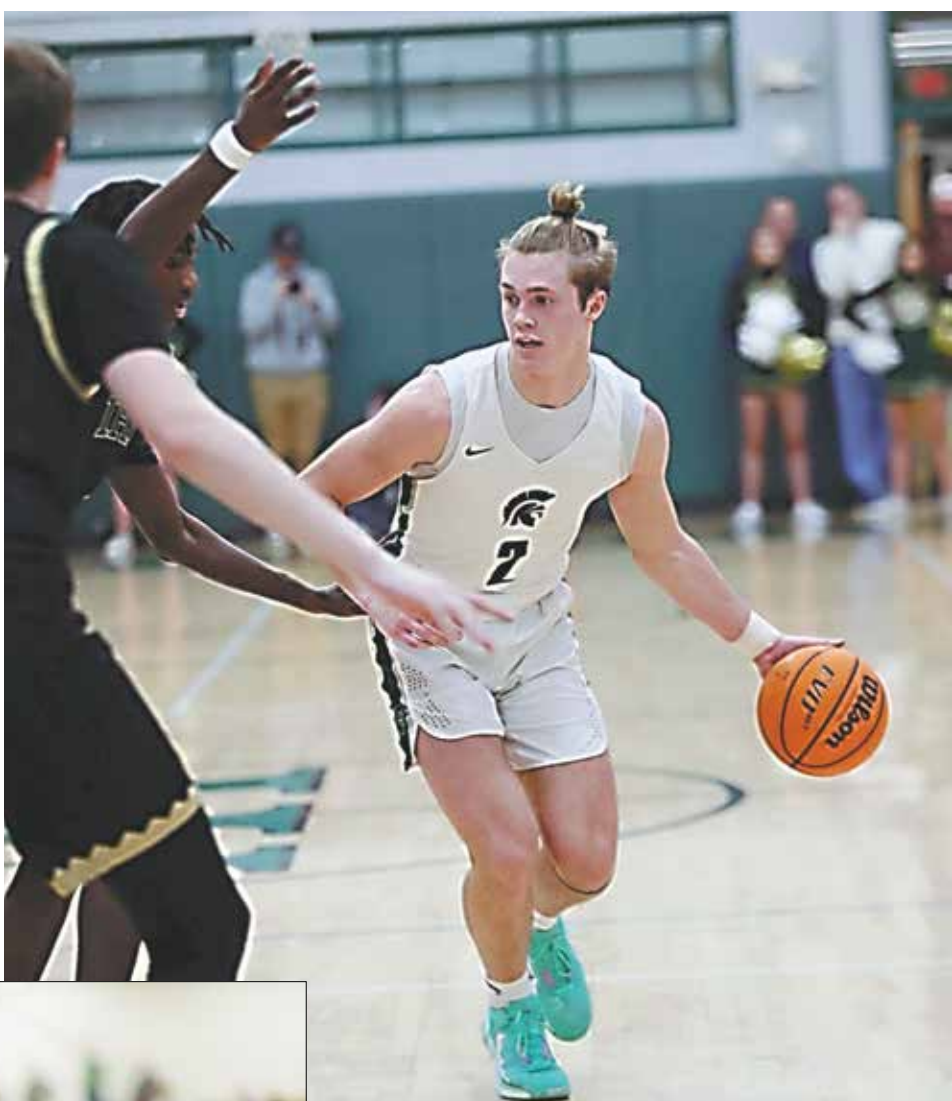
"Lukas has had an outstanding season," said Wright, who has coached against Walls in games and scrimmages during his prep career. "He is the best player on a very good team and rarely has a bad night. He can score inside and outside and makes Webb really good."

## Karns' Henson is Coach of the Year

Lee Henson is in his 22nd year as head coach at Karns High and this season could be one of his best, if not the best.

Henson's Beavers knocked off Oak Ridge in last week's Region 2-3A semifinal game and were scheduled to play highly regarded William Blount in Thursday's title game. Win or lose, his team will be playing in tonight's (March 6) Sectional round, with a trip to Murfreesboro and the state tournament on the line.

Henson has been selected The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' boys Coach of the Year, which was based on the regular season. His Beavers finished in second place behind Oak Ridge with an 8-2 district record.



Webb senior guard Lukas Walls leads the Spartans to a win over Knoxville Catholic in the two rivals' first match-up of the season.



PHOTOS BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Lee Henson coaches his Karns team to a win over Oak Ridge in the Region 2-4A semifinals.

Henson, 51, was an All-State player at Karns and the school's basketball court was named in his honor during the 2019 season.

His coaching record going into the region title game last week was 379-240.

Other vote-getters in this category were Austin-East's Denard Bertram,

Carter's Tyler Cate and Halls' Clint Sharp.

Carter and Halls won district regular season titles. A-E has been one of the county's most improved teams under Bertram in his first season coaching the Roadrunners. Each of these three teams will be playing in the Sectional round.

# Keeping 'composure' helps Carter deal with Dragon fire



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Carter's Dalton McNew goes up high for a basket in the Hornets' Region 2-3A win over Clinton.

By Steve Williams

It was bubbling hot in the Jim Williams Gymnasium in Strawberry Plains last Tuesday night, but that's not unusual for region semifinal games where winners advance and losers pack it up.

In the Region 2-3A boys tournament at Carter High that matched Knox County teams versus Anderson County teams, the host Hornets and Halls Red Devils took another step forward on the tourney trail.

The 1-2 punch of Nick Ellis (21 points) and Dalton McNew (18) led Carter to a 59-42 win over Clinton, after Halls held off the Anderson County Mavericks 66-54 with Caleb Shaffer (19 points) and Chandler Gamble (17) leading the way.

Qualifying for the region championship game guaranteed the Hornets and Red Devils would be playing in the sectional round tonight (March 6).

Emotions ran high at times on the court and in the stands, but McNew said he felt the key to the win was the Hornets keeping their "composure."

Also "playing as a team, moving the ball and hitting big shots" contributed to the victory, said Dalton. "But mostly keeping our heads in a tough

game like that. Clinton is a tough team."

Ellis echoed McNew's comments and also said when he and Dalton are not scoring, "We can trust in everybody else and that helps us a lot."

It is a veteran Carter team with seven seniors. "We knew Clinton (10-21) would slow the pace down a little and that's exactly what they did," said Carter Coach Tyler Cate. "They had a game plan that was really good."

Cate added that "our composure offensively and our ability to just stay at home defensively" were keys to the win. "Throughout the course of the game that's what we talked to our guys about."

After leading by only 21-17 at halftime, the Hornets shot a sizzling 71 percent from the field (15 of 21) in the second half and pulled away.

Zane Brown contributed eight points, three assists and five steals to the victory.

Halls jumped out to a 22-7 lead in the first eight minutes and led Anderson County 38-17 at halftime.

"We got a big lead by playing solid defense, moving the ball and knocking down shots," said Halls Coach Clint Sharp. "My big man (Gamble) was a monster on the boards and cleaned it up whenever we did miss."

The 6-6 sophomore had 14 rebounds as Halls controlled the boards by a 40-24 margin.

Jake Lane had a full stat sheet for the Red Devils with 10 points, four assists and three steals.

Anderson County warmed up from long range and took advantage of some turnovers to get back in the game in the third period. After going 0 for 8 on 3-pointers in the first half, the Mavs made 5 of 10 after intermission.

AC finished with a 17-15 record, making it to the region semifinals for the first time in 15 years.

"We knew Clinton would slow the pace down a little and that's exactly what they did. They had a game plan that was really good."  
- Carter Coach Tyler Cate



# Karns hangs on in wild OT win over Oak Ridge in Region 2-4A semi, 78-72

**By Bill Howard**

It was a game that seemed to have as many lead and momentum changes as points scored. In the end, Karns High School's boys' basketball team held on for a wild, 78-72 overtime win over Oak Ridge High School in a Region 2-4A semifinal at Karns High School.

The Beavers advanced to play William Blount - a 54-51 winner over Bearden in another nailbiter - Thursday night for the regional title. Both those teams will move on to Sectionals.

"Great game," said Karns coach Lee Henson. "They beat us twice this year. I knew this was a good year for us to win (the region) and for our seniors. Our guys fought through it. I'm very proud of them."

Wildcats' coach Aaron Green was gracious in defeat.

"Congrats to Karns," Green said. "Tough to swallow ... I felt like we had it won in regulation. In overtime they made more plays than we did. They deserved

to win. I felt like we turned it over way too much."

Karns trailed 63-60 with 41 seconds to go in regulation, when Bubba Faulkner was fouled attempting a trey. He made all three free throws, forcing the extra period.

In the overtime, the Beavers scored the first five, only to see OR cut it to one. Five straight by Karns made it 73-67 with 1:19 left. A three by OR's Brennen Scott pulled the Wildcats to within three, 73-30 with 1:07 left.

The Beavers then scored five straight on free throws, while getting a couple of crucial steals on defense. It had its biggest lead of the game with 17 seconds left, 78-70. Oak Ridge's Shamar Greene's layup at the end of the game completed the scoring.

Oak Ridge jumped out to a 9-5 lead early, but the Beavers then ran off six in a row on the way to a 14-12 lead after one period.

KHS's JJ Faulkner's trey with 4:41 left in the half gave the Beavers a 22-16



Karns' Aiden Goins puts up a shot against Oak Ridge in the Region 2-4A semifinal game. The Beavers won in overtime.

lead. But the Wildcats then ran off seven straight to lead 23-22 with 2:42 left. Jaylen Roberts's jumper with 11 seconds left put Karns back on top at the half, 29-28.

Oak Ridge led 55-53 after three. In that period, ties and lead changes occurred on almost every basket.

"That happens," Henson said, of the innumerable lead changes. "They're gonna make a run, so are we. We had other guys step up when it counted. You have to at tournament time."

Mini-runs by both teams was the story in the final quarter. OR's Ray Quan Watson's two free throws

with 1:10 left gave the Wildcats a 63-60 lead. Faulkner then sent the game into OT with his three free throws.

'Cats' Kaden Brightharp led Oak Ridge with 20. Scott got 13 and Greene added 10. KHS's JJ Faulkner led all scorers with 21. Roberts got 17, Aiden Goins 14, and

Bubba Faulkner 11.

"We were playing hard the whole game," said JJ Faulkner. "We fought through it, fought through adversity. Coach told us to lock in. We finally got over the hump this year, finally at the end we got the win."

# Blount defeats Bearden in Boys' Region 2-4A semi

**Controversial call at the end possibly changes outcome**

**By Bill Howard**

In District 4-4A this year in boys' basketball, William Blount High School finished first with an 8-2 record. Bearden High, meanwhile, finished fifth among six teams with a 4-6 record.

When the two squared off last Tuesday night in the semifinal round of the TSSAA Region 2-4A Tournament at Karns High School, you wouldn't have known how far apart they were in the regular season standings..

Constant lead changes, scoring streaks, and momentum swings dominated the game that resulted in a wild 54-51 win by Blount.

The Governors advanced to play Karns - a 78-72 victor over Oak Ridge in an equally dramatic, and overtime, fashion - on Thursday night for the Region championship.

A controversial call near the end of the game was pivotal. Down 51-50 with under 20 seconds to go, Bearden inbounded the ball and threw it to big-man senior Tyson Pirtle.

Pirtle, in typical style, put the ball on the floor, spun around, and went to the basket. There was contact with a Blount defender, and Pirtle was called for an offensive foul.

The Bulldogs had to foul intentionally, and put Caden Windle at the line who made one of two free

throws, putting the score 52-50, Blount.

The 'Dogs' Drew Brillhart was then fouled and went to the line to shoot two with a chance to tie with 2.4 seconds left. The second free throw was no good, Windle was immediately fouled, and Blount held on.

Bearden coach Jeremy Parrott wasn't ambivalent in his assessment of the call against Pirtle at the end.

"That was a terrible call at the end of the game," Parrott said. "That cost us the basketball game. It was the perfect execution by us. He (Pirtle) turned and made the layup; the kid had no way to go and he fell on the ground."

"I think he flopped," said Pirtle. "He (Parrott) drew it up for me to set a screen then post up, then when I did that I dropped-step. I think it was a bad call in the end."

The first quarter ended in a 10-all tie. Down five early in the second, Blount ran off 11 straight to lead 21-15 with 3:15 left in the half. An 8-0 run by Bearden to end the half gave the Bulldogs a 23-21 halftime lead.

A 7-0 run by BHS put the 'Dogs up 34-29 with 3:56 left in the third. Bearden built the lead after three to 41-33. An upset seemed likely.

Eight straight to open the fourth by WB knotted it at 41. The teams then traded

baskets until Bearden's Nelson Karnowski's layup with 1:12 left brought Bearden to within one, 51-50.

Bearden then got the ball back for the possession that led to the offensive call against Pirtle.

"It was a war zone; we both fought hard and gave it our all," said Governors' coach Kevin Windle. "It was a battle. The kids overcame a lot of adversity. Eventually we were able to make some shots and get some buckets."

Jake Poole was Bearden's only double-digit scorer, with 10. Blount's Brady Robertson led all scorers with 18. Caden Windle added 16.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## COURT NOTICES

### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

**SHERRY 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:

- That the current whereabouts of the Respondent, Ethan Dean (hereinafter "Respondent"), are unknown.
  - That the Petitioner, Sherry Martinez, has made diligent efforts to locate the Respondent.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - That The Knoxville Focus, IS the proper media forums for Service by Publication.
  - That Service by Publication through The Knoxville Focus, for four (4) consecutive weeks, satisfies all of the Service requirements set forth by Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.
- IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:**
- That the Respondent shall be served with proper notice by Publication through The Knoxville Focus.
  - That notice shall run one (1) time per week for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, ending no later than six (6) days prior to the Hearing as set forth in this Order, thereby satisfying the Service requirements set forth by Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-203 and 21-1-204.
  - That if Respondent does not file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Union County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' 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.

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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

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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

ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION  
UPON UNKNOWN  
HEIRS OF THE  
ESTATE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Nancy Leona Carr,  
Deceased.  
Docket No. 81508-3  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
UPON UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE  
T.C.A. §21-1-204

This cause came to be heard on January 12, 2023, upon the Petition to Sell and Confirm the Sale of Real Property filed by Cindee H. Lambo, Administrator of the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr, deceased, by and through counsel, Fiona F. Hill, filed on December 8, 2022, and an Amended Petition to Sell and Confirm the Sale of Real Property filed on January 11, 2023. Pursuant to T.C.A. §21-1-204, it appearing from the allegations in the Petition and Amended Petition, being duly sworn to, that all identified heirs listed below, any unknown heirs of the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr, and any other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property described in the Petition and Amended Petition, cannot be served with ordinary process of law as their whereabouts cannot with due diligence be ascertained. The Court found the Petition to be well taken, but determined that prior to granting the relief sought to sell the real property identified therein, that Service by Publication was necessary in order divest all right, title, and interest, legal and equitable, in the property to be sold and to vest clean title and interest in each purchaser identified therein. The identified heirs whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained are as follows: Denise Medved Burton, Darrien Gideon, Darlene Keener Fierle, Helen Pope Strausbaugh, Mary Agne Pope Khavari, Shirley Pope Wilson, Jenice Cox Hicks, Sheila Cox, Barbara Ann Williams Ward, Carol Janice Williams Collier Wills, Jack Raymond Williams, Jr., Jacqueline (Jackie) Williams Hicks, Gracie Ellen Williams Blisard Greenway, Katie Marie Sanders, John Phillip Sanders, Steven R. Parsons, Tracy Tyler Parsons, Dorothy Faye Parsons Ellis, Dennis Parsons, Brenda Parsons White, Mark Parsons, Rhoda Marie Parsons, and Rev. James T. Turner.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus newspaper to give the opportunity for all identified heirs and any unknown heirs to 1) enter an appearance and provide name, relationship, residence, and contact information, and 2) to file an answer or otherwise defend against the relief sought in the Petition and Amended Petition, within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication by contacting the Clerk & Master of the Knox County Chancery Court, Probate Division, 400 Main St., Room 125, Knoxville, 1N 37902 and to send a copy of the same to Fiona F. Hill, Esq., Attorney for the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr, 550 W. Main St., Ste. 310, Knoxville, 1N 37902.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the failure of any unknown heirs not identified in the Petition and Amended Petition, and any other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property described in the Petition and Amended Petition, to file an appearance and provide proof of heirship or interest in the real property will result in a finding by the Court of negating any interest of such unknown heir, person, or party, in the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr and the real property identified in the Petition and Amended Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the failure to file an answer shall result in the granting of the relief sought in the Amended Petition to sell the real property of the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr and to vest clean title and interest to each purchaser identified therein.

THIS THE 20TH DAY OF January, 2023

Christopher D. Heagerty  
Chancellor

Approved for Entry:  
Fiona F. Hill (BPR #014840)  
Tom R. Ramsey, III (BPR #013926)  
Attorneys for the Estate of Nancy  
Leona Carr Ramsey Hill, LLC  
550 W. Main Street, Suite 310  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902  
(865) 291-1551  
(865) 291-1552 (fax)

NON-RESIDENT  
NOTICE

TO: DANIEL WAYNE NORTHCUTT  
IN RE: JENNIFER NORTHCUTT  
NO. 205977-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DANIEL WAYNE NORTHCUTT, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DANIEL WAYNE NORTHCUTT, it is ordered that said defendant, DANIEL WAYNE NORTHCUTT, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with John D. Haines, an Attorney whose address is 109 S. Northshore Drive, Suite 401 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 Richard Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This

notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 10th of February, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT  
NOTICE

TO: SHAUNTAY R WATSON  
IN RE: MAHAYLA D LLOYD -- BARBARA  
D. WATSON v SHAUNTAY R  
WATSON and BRYAN D LLOYD  
NO. 206077-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHAUNTAY R WATSON, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SHAUNTAY R WATSON, it is ordered that said defendant, SHAUNTAY R WATSON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Curtis W Isbell, an Attorney whose address is 251 Short Street, Clinton, TN 37716 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 13th of February, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF  
UNCLAIMED  
PROPERTY

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY  
OF TONYA JUSTICE FELTS LEFT AT  
THE HOME OF DECEDENT, LOIS JUSTICE  
OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS JUSTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX  
COUNTY, PROBATE DIVISION

TO: All Unknown heir(s) and unknown  
Child(ren) of Tonya Justice Felts and known  
heirs of Tonya Justice Felts, her adult child,  
Kaitlyn Felts, and her minor children: J.F., E.F.,  
C. F., and J.D.

IN RE: Estate of: Lois Justice

Docket Number: 87016-3

In this cause, it appearing that Tonya Justice Felts left some personal property, i.e. furniture and other items at the residence of the decedent, Lois Justice, several years ago. The personal representative of Lois Justice's estate is now faced with the task of cleaning out the residence of Lois Justice in an effort to complete the probate process.

In this cause, it appearing that a Motion for Instruction has been filed by the personal representative regarding the disposition of said property left by Tonya Justice Felts at the home of the decedent, Lois Justice, and it further appearing that the following beneficiary(ies) and unknown heir(s) whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, to wit: All Unknown heir(s) and unknown Child(ren) of Tonya Justice Felts and known heirs of Tonya Justice Felts, her adult child, Kaitlyn Felts, and her minor children: J.F., E.F., C. F., and J.D., pursuant to TCA § 30-2-603 this notice is published to advise the above beneficiary(ies) and all interested parties that the Clerk and Master will hear the Motion for instruction as filed by the personal representative on the 13th day of April, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Room 352 City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902. This matter may be continued from time to time as provided by TCA § 30-2-605.

This the 23 day of February, 2023

ROGER L. JUSTICE  
Personal Representative  
BY Rebecca Bell Jenkins  
Rebecca Bell Jenkins, BPR 017249  
For further information contact:  
Rebecca Bell Jenkins  
Attorney for the Estate  
Franklin Square  
9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 202  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
(865) 691-2211

NON-RESIDENT  
NOTICE

TO: SHARON L BAILEY NON-RESIDENT  
OF STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND ALL  
PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY  
LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHTS, TITLE,  
ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE  
PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION  
IN RE: SEAN M WILES, JR AND WIFE  
NANCY MARIE WILES v SHARON L BAILEY,  
NON-RESIDENT OF STATE OF TENNESSEE,  
AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING  
ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHTS,  
TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE  
PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION.  
NO. 206328-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHARON L BAILEY, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SHARON L BAILEY, it is ordered that said defendant, SHARON L BAILEY, 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 Richard B Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 28th day of February, 2022.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

PUBLIC NOTICE

COURT ORDERED AUCTION - 6704  
Stone Mill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.  
Property to be sold by auction with bids to be accepted in accordance with the Auction Terms and Conditions from March 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. EDT to March 31, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. EDT. Auction governed by Order of the Knox County Chancery Court. For Auction Terms and Conditions and Orders affecting this property, please see www.bondhousesale.com or call (865) 235-1632

ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR  
ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

ASHLEY JOHNSON,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
JUSTIN PAULK,  
Respondent.

No. 2022-CV-815

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter came to be heard before the Honorable Terry Stevens, Roane County General Sessions Judge, upon Petitioner's oral Motion for Service by Publication as to Respondent, which was filed on the 9th day of February, 2023.

WHEREAS, upon the inability to effect personal service of process on Respondent, whose whereabouts are unknown, the Court finds that it is in the best interests of the minor child to serve Respondent by way of publication in a local newspaper of his last-known address.

Accordingly, it is therefore ORDERED that:

1. Respondent, Justin Paulk, is ordered to file an Answer to the Complaint in this matter within thirty (30) days, if he intends to contest this matter;

2. A copy of this Order shall be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee; and,

3. Respondent, Justin Paulk, you are put on notice that failure to file an Answer may result in a default judgment being entered against you that modifies your parenting time.

ENTERED this 13 day of February, 2023.

Judge Terry Stevens

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Tyler Davis  
Petitioner's Counsel  
804 West Race Street  
Kingston, Tennessee 37763  
865-354-3333

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NAOMI ANN BENNETT  
DOCKET NUMBER 87315-2

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF NAOMI ANN BENNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARY ANN WHITE; ADMINISTRATRIX  
905 ARTISAN WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

WILLIAM D EDWARDS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1111 N NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE S-700  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN BOWMAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87101-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY ANN BOWMAN who died Jun 27, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN BOWMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GIBBY BOWMAN; EXECUTRIX  
3668 CAMELOT DRIVE  
MARVILLE TN 37803

DAMEL F WILKINS ESQ ATTORNEY AT LAW  
7632 GLEASON DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA S DAVIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87308-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA S DAVIS who died Dec 18, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BARBARA S DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RUSSELL J DAVIS; CO EXECUTOR  
5526 MEADOW RUE TR  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

LOIS ANN SMITHERS; CO EXECUTOR  
8269 ELM HILL CR  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

JOEL D ROETTGER ATTORNEY AT LAW  
900 S GAY ST SUITE 2300  
KNOXVILLE TN 37902

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIFFANY MARIE FLETCHER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87301-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TIFFANY MARIE FLETCHER who died Nov 30, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 15 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF TIFFANY MARIE FLETCHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TANYA YVONNE SMITH; ADMINSTRATRIX  
16020 EL CAMINO LANE  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN MARIE GRIMM  
DOCKET NUMBER 87300-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HELEN MARIE GRIMM who died Sep 4, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF HELEN MARIE GRIMM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL WAYNE NORMAN;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
1448 BUXTON DRIVE  
KNOX TN 37922

JOHN W ROUTH ATTORNEY AT LAW  
3232 TAZEWEILL PIKE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK DYER HUFF  
DOCKET NUMBER 87309-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JACK DYER HUFF who died Nov 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.

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

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

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

This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JACK DYER HUFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JODY T HUFF; ADMINISTRATRIX  
6720 NUBERT SPRINGS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37920

JOEL D ROETTGER ATTORNEY AT LAW  
900 S GAY STREET  
KNOXVILLE TN 37902

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDGAR JASON HUTCHISON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87204-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDGAR JASON HUTCHISON who died Oct 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 18 day of JANUARY, 2023

ESTATE OF EDGAR JASON HUTCHISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANNY RAY HUTCHISON; EXECUTOR  
4602 HALL ROAD  
LOUDON, TN. 37774

JOHN MCMURRAY JOHNSON  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH KARNS III  
DOCKET NUMBER 87310-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES JOSEPH KARNS III who died OCT 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.

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

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

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

This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH KARNS III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NICOLE KARNS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
10806 MODESTO LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

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

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOANN M LEE  
DOCKET NUMBER 87303-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOANN M LEE who died Dec 4, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOANN M LEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANNE E WOODRUFF; EXECUTRIX  
2925 CUNNINGHAM DRIVE  
FORY WAYNE IN 46804

JOEL D ROETTGER ATTORNEY AT LAW  
900 S GAY STREET SUITE 2300  
KNOXVILLE 37902

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT ALDRIDGE  
MONTGOMERY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87306-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEROY WEAVER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87316-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH LEROY WEAVER who died Oct 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:

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

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

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

This the 17 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEROY WEAVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PHYLLIS ROCHELLE COTTEN  
WEAVER; EXECUTRIX  
1031 ROYAL MEW CT  
KNOXVILLE TN 37922

PHILIP R CRYE JR ATTORNEY AT LAW  
125 N MAIN ST  
CLINTON TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY NOTTINGHAM AYERS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87332-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY NOTTINGHAM AYERS who died Dec 9, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 23 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARY NOTTINGHAM AYERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACQUELINE LOU AYERS; EXECUTRIX  
12215 MOSSY POINT WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

PATRICK NOEL ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1001 E BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN STELK BARRON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87069-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN STELK BARRON who died Jul 1, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN STELK BARRON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LAURA R BARRON; EXECUTRIX  
8316 HUNTER HILL DR  
KNOX TN 37923

GRADY HUGHES ATTORNEY AT LAW  
3337 SOUTH CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLES DAVIS JR  
DOCKET NUMBER 86436-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES DAVIS JR who died Apr 26, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLES DAVIS JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOYCE HANSFORD DAVIS;

ADMINISTRATRIX  
1208 PICKWICK RD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37914

ARNOLD COHEN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
606 W MAIN STREET SUITE 225  
KNOXVILLE TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MATT THOMAS OWENS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87010-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MATT THOMAS OWENS 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MATT THOMAS OWENS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MELINDA OWENS; EXECUTRIX  
5110 BURKHART RD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY UNDERWOOD  
DOCKET NUMBER 87075-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY UNDERWOOD who died Aug 5, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 23 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY UNDERWOOD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEANNA MICHELLE JOSLYN; EXECUTRIX  
12777 CHETS CREEK DRIVE  
JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32224

CHRISTOPHER CAPPS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1004 W FIRST N STREET  
MORRISTOWN, TN. 37814

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEROME  
CHRISTOPHER ABLES JR  
DOCKET NUMBER 87327-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEROME CHRISTOPHER ABLES JR who died Aug 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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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 23 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JEROME  
CHRISTOPHER ABLES JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUSAN JANE SMITH; ADMINISTRATRIX  
5129 WEBBER ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

M SAMANTHA PARRIS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE SUITE G  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RICHARD ARMSTRONG  
DOCKET NUMBER 87345-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD ARMSTRONG who died May 13, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RICHARD ARMSTRONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAROLYN FAYE ARMSTRONG; EXECUTRIX  
109 IVY MILL COURT  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARTHA AUXIER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87045-2**

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARTHA AUXIER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHERINE AUXIER RAZOR; EXECUTRIX  
12720 PROVIDENCE GLEN LANE  
FARRAGUT TN 37934

JASON ROSE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
611 SMITH VIEW DRIVE  
MARYVILLE TN 37803

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CLYDE WAYNE BRADLEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 86987-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CLYDE WAYNE BRADLEY who died Aug 18, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLYDE WAYNE BRADLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MATTHEW LYNN BRADLEY;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
2252 DEERWOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA T BRUNER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87349-3**

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

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

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

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

This the 1 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA T BRUNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES C BRUNER; EXECUTOR  
2009 RUDDER LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

ANNE M MCKINNEY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RUTH CAULEY BUSSARD  
DOCKET NUMBER 87089-1**

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

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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less

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

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

This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RUTH CAULEY BUSSARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACQUELINE RAE BUSSARD  
BERTUCCI; EXECUTRIX  
9914 CEDAR CROFT CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

STEPHEN C WALLING ATTORNEY AT LAW  
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROY LEE CAR, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87000-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROY LEE CAR, JR. who died May 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:

(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 FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROY LEE CAR, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHERRY A WAGNER; ADMINISTRATRIX  
161 TANGLEWOOD ROAD  
HARRIMAN, TN. 37748

BRYCE M HARDIN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10413 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLES FOSTER CART, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87321-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES FOSTER CART, JR. who died Jul 6, 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 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLES FOSTER CART, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ANDREW CHARLES CART;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
7832 JEFFERSON OAKS DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DENNIS CLARENCE CHILDRESS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87343-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DENNIS CLARENCE CHILDRESS who died Nov 24, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DENNIS CLARENCE CHILDRESS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NICHOLAS IRWIN CHILDRESS; EXECUTOR  
6221 RUGGLES DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

ROBERT GOODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
4611 OLD BROADWAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CAROL T COFFEY JR  
DOCKET NUMBER 86986-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL T COFFEY JR who died Aug 26, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CAROL T COFFEY JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CINDY SKAGGS; EXECUTRIX  
200 ASHFORD CENTER NORTH SUITE 400  
ATLANTA GA 30338-2669

DAN W HOLBROOK ATTORNEY AT LAW  
PO BOX 2047  
KNOXVILLE TN 37901

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
KNOX COUNTY, TN  
HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

Notice is hereby given that Knox County, TN (County) has prepared its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This Plan describes how the County intends to allocate \$1,555,950 in HOME-ARP funds, authorized by the American Rescue Plan in April 2021.

In order to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties, the County has placed its proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on public display at Knox County Grants and Community Development 400 West Main Street, Suite 364; Knoxville, TN 37902 and online at [https://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/public\\_documents.php](https://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/public_documents.php) beginning March 7, 2023 and ending March 24, 2023.

Notice is also given that Knox County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, virtually at 10:30 a.m. and in person at 11 a.m. at the Fountain City Branch Library. Persons wishing to participate virtually may join via Microsoft Teams. Instructions on joining the meeting will be made available at [https://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/public\\_documents.php](https://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/public_documents.php).

Knox County will make reasonable accommodations and services necessary for sensory-impaired and disabled citizens. Additionally, translation services may be offered upon request and availability. Persons requiring such accommodations/ services should contact the County at least 72 hours in advance by calling 865-215-3980.

Written comments can either be mailed or hand delivered to Knox County Community Development; 400 West Main Street, Suite 364; Knoxville, TN 37902 or emailed to Zachary Waggoner at [zachary.waggoner@knoxcounty.org](mailto:zachary.waggoner@knoxcounty.org) and must be received by 4:00 p.m. March 24, 2023. Comments will also be accepted at the public hearing on March 21, 2023.

Comments received before 4:00 p.m. March 24, 2023, will be considered. Knox County Commission is expected to act on the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan at the regularly scheduled Commission meeting 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 27, 2023. The County's HOME ARP Allocation Plan will be submitted to HUD on or before March 31, 2023.

Publication date: March 6, 2023

“Si usted necesitara asistencia para este aviso en otro idioma, por favor llame al 694-8880 para mayor información y mencione del Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Knox.”





