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## CAMPAIGN 2024



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

DJ Corcoran (far right) kicked off his campaign for the 8th District seat on the Knox County Commission Wednesday. Pictured with Corcoran are Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Board of Education Chair Kristi Kristy and Corcoran's wife, Wendy.

# DJ Corcoran kicks off campaign for commission seat

By Ken Lay

DJ Corcoran has always been a public servant. Now, he's seeking political office.

Corcoran recently retired from the Knoxville Fire Department, where he served as its Public Information Officer.

He'll now be seeking a seat on the Knox County Commission and he officially kicked off his campaign late Wednesday afternoon at the New Harvest Park Pavilion.

Corcoran is hoping for the opportunity to represent the 8th District on the commission and looking to replace Richie Beeler,

who is term-limited.

He'll run in 2024. The primary election is March 5, 2024 with early voting set to begin on Feb. 14.

"I've just never been one to sit still and I kind of mesh with these people," said Corcoran, who retired from the fire department approximately a year-and-a-half ago. "I love the 8th District, it's a lot of fun and I'm running to serve those folks."

"I've got the time and I have the desire."

The opportunity to serve the citizens of Corryton and Strawberry Plains isn't one that

Corcoran takes lightly.

"I look and I see Nashville and I see Memphis and I want to make sure that Knoxville doesn't turn in to what they've become," he said. "I want to prevent that."

"I know that we've had great leadership (on the commission) from Dave Wright (now in the Tennessee House of Representatives, serving the 8th District in Nashville) and Richie Beeler."

Corcoran said that he would be accessible to his constituents and work tirelessly for the citizens.

"I'll bring the same work ethic that I brought to the fire

department," he said. "When I was the Public Information Officer at the fire department, all the reporters had my cell phone number and I would take the same call at 3 o'clock in the afternoon that I would take at 3 o'clock in the morning."

"My father never had a 9-5 job and this is not a 9-5, Monday-Friday world and the work's not finished until it's done."

Corcoran also has an admiration for the 8th District.

"It's a roll-up-your-sleeves type of community," he said. "Everybody owns a tractor and everybody chips in."

## Final list of city candidates released

By Mike Steely  
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When the final list of candidates for the August City Primary came out Thursday, it was a bit smaller as several people who picked up petitions didn't drop them off in time.

The final count has five candidates for Knoxville City Mayor, including incumbent Indya Kincannon. She's challenged by Burak Er, Constance Every, R. C. Lawhorn and Jeff Talman.

Four people are in the race for municipal judge including Judge John R. Rosson Jr., who is challenged by Andrew Beamer, Tyler M. Caviness and Mary L. Ward.

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## \$80 million bond approved by commission

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Following a near two-hour discussion with the sheriff last Monday, the Knox County Commission got to work on its regular work session agenda.

The issuance of \$80 million in bonds and \$70 million in general obligation bonds were approved with Finance Director Chris Caldwell explaining the additional \$10 million in the larger bond is to cover the expense of the \$70 million.

Proposed drive-through regulations were sent back to Knoxville-Knox County Planning after much discussion and several questions from the commission. Although the changes, dealing with General Business, Rural Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial, had

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# Sheriff pleads for officer pay increase

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Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler presented a dramatic and emotional appeal for his proposed pay increase for officers during the Knox County Commission's Work Session last Monday. Prior to Mayor Glenn Jacobs' budget presentation earlier this month, Sheriff Spangler had requested 30% raises for law enforcement and corrections officers, captain rank and below; 10% for chiefs; and 5% for civilian employees of the Knox County Sheriff's Office. However, Jacobs' budget proposes an 8% increase in salaries for the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

Spangler's presentation included video of an incident of a corrections officer being attacked by an inmate in 2021 and audio of two deputies being shot at while responding to a domestic violence issue. He presented Sgt. Mattie

Baird and Capt. James Carson from the 1991 recording to the commissioners, pleading for the requested 30% pay increase. He also said the voters would support a necessary tax increase to support the pay increase because, "We have a safety crisis right now."

"We are 86 people short in corrections and 30 short in law enforcement," Spangler said, adding that his initial proposal to Mayor Glenn Jacobs included giving up 58 positions for the 30% raise but that the sheriff may have to come back to the commission in the future to reinstate some of the positions. He said the Knox County Mayor's 8% pay increase included dropping the 58 employees.

"I can't give up those positions and only get an additional 5%," he said, noting that all Knox County employees, including deputies,

will get a 3% pay increase.

"You have the authority to adjust the budget, it's a safety issue," Spangler said.

Spangler's mention of a lawsuit against the mayor and the commission brought some pointed opposition from some commissioners, specifically from Commissioner Gina Oster. Oster, the former chairwoman of the KCSO Merit System Council, questioned Spangler's proposed 10% pay increase for chiefs and the future cost of the officer retirement payments.

Oster also questioned Spangler's proposed elimination of the 58 positions in corrections and patrol officers in a time of high shortages in the department.

"That seems dangerous to me," Oster said.

Commissioners John Schoonmaker, Rhonda Lee and Terry Hill also quizzed the sheriff with

Schoonmaker asking for the actual dollar amount of Spangler's proposal. Lee asked where the department can cut its budget and what the cost of lawyers for both sides would be if Spangler sues.

Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers responded that the law department has funds within its budget for hiring outside attorneys.

Hill questioned why the sheriff has 58 vacancies and Spangler mentioned the Covid pandemic as one reason and salaries as another. He also apologized for becoming irate in a Pension Board hearing when the possibility of freezing pensions was mentioned.

Commissioner Kim Frazier said, "Citizens should have a say over a property tax increase" to pay for higher deputy salaries.

"Should skilled employees make more than other skilled

employees?" she asked, adding, "I'm concerned about a lawsuit."

Spangler said the Fraternal Order of Police supports his proposed pay increase and Chief Debbie Cox, a FOP officer, confirmed the support.

Commissioner Kyle Ward, a combat veteran, referred to the hazardous duties of deputies and suggested a 10-15% increase or a 30% increase over a 3- or 4-year period.

"We should negotiate a path," he said and added even the 8% increase "is the biggest in history."

Chairwoman Courtney Durrett questioned the retirement plan's current cost and what it could cost taxpayers in the future.


The Knox County Budget must be approved prior to July 1st and the Spangler proposal may be discussed further in the commission's regular meeting today.

**Congratulations to all graduating seniors!**



# My Dad Was Sweet And Kind, But No Sissy

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.  
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My father passed away in 1988, but I still think of him at some point almost every day.

I once described him in an article in the News Sentinel as the “sweetest, kindest, toughest, hardest-working man I ever knew.”

I put the “toughest” in there because while he was very sweet and kind, there was nothing sissy about him.

He grew up on a subsistence farm in Scott County in what would be

considered very bitter poverty today.

Daddy was one of ten children, five boys and five girls. He used to laughingly say he was captain of the second team since he was number six of ten.

He hitchhiked into Knoxville in 1939 with five dollars in his pocket to attend UT, not knowing anyone. Twenty years later he was elected as mayor, and six years after that he preceded me in Congress where he served for 23½ years.

When I followed him in Congress, I felt like a football coach following Bear Bryant, the legendary coach at Alabama, or the coach following Adolph Rupp, the famous basketball coach at Kentucky.

Daddy was a very hard act to follow. I don’t believe any son could have loved and respected a father more than I did mine.

The people of East

Tennessee were very good to both him and me. I was given the privilege to serve for 30 years and nearly two months.

Only five men served Tennessee longer in Congress. Senator Kenneth McKellar and Senator Albert Gore Sr., adding their House and Senate service together, were in office for 42 and 32 years respectively.

Representative B. Carroll Reece and Representative Jimmy Quillen both served for 34 years in the House. Rep. Quillen’s service was consecutive, but Rep. Reece was out of office twice – once for two years after a loss in 1930, and again for four years from 1946 to 1950 while he was the Republican National Chairman.

Rep. Jim Cooper, who did not run for re-election, ended his last term having served two different

districts for a total of 32 years. He served a rural Middle Tennessee district from 1983 to 1985 and the Nashville district from 2003 to 2023.

There is much more turnover in the elective office today than people realize, and I served with almost 1,500 other members of the House during my 30 years there.

Senators can get much more publicity than House members if they want it, and you would have to be a political junkie to be able to name more than about 50 of the roughly 1,500 with whom I served in the House.

I decided early on that I wasn’t going to spend my time trying to get publicity – I was going to concentrate on trying to help my constituents.

So I was pleasantly surprised when I read one of the last articles written

about my work in Congress published on Dec. 13, 2018 in the national magazine, The Week, entitled “Jimmy Duncan, the hero America ignored.”

It surprised me because it was written by Ryan Girdusky, a writer I have never met and who never interviewed me, but who summarized my career better than I could have.

Ryan wrote, “Although he never received much media attention, Duncan deserves praise as a stalwart against the Bush administration policy of nation-building at a time when it was considered political suicide.”

He added: “Duncan belongs to a brand of conservatism that dates back to the Eisenhower era, one that regularly opposed both the military-industrial complex and big business. He looked out for the interests of Main Street

instead of Wall Street and voted to protect America’s liberty and security at home instead of traveling the world searching for monsters to destroy.”

While unknown to me, apparently Girdusky followed my work very closely. He wrote: “Other Republicans used to believe in the same things Duncan advocates” and that Congressional conservatives “spent years idolizing Bush’s foreign policy... Instead, they should have been paying attention to Jimmy Duncan. Quietly, and all this time, they had in front of them a man who showed bravery, conviction, and dedication to the idea of limited government at home and abroad.”

I hope my Dad would have been proud of me, but I also believe he would not have opposed the Pentagon as I sometimes did.

## Final list

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In the races for Knoxville City Council seats, District 5’s Charles Thomas will not have an opponent on the primary or general election ballot. At-large Seat A incumbent Lynne Fugate will face challengers Cameron Rooks and Darin Worsham. At-large Seat B has Debbie Helsley facing R. Bentley Marlow. Janet Testerman currently holds that seat and decided not to seek re-election. Incumbent Amelia Parker of at-large Seat C faces Matthew Best and Tim Hill.

May 25 is the last day to withdraw and early voting begins August 9.

## \$80 million bond

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been approved 13-0 at the planning meeting, the commissioners feel some tweaking is needed, especially dealing with the neighborhood classifications.

The commissioners passed along to their regular meeting today a change in building codes to comply with the Tennessee State Fire Marshal’s standards. The commission also moved to pick up a resolution amending the code regarding road improvements imposed on subdivision approval at today’s meeting.

Terry Hill’s resolution to urge the Congress to correct a mistake regarding franchise fees for the Community Media public cable fee passed as did upping the allowable income for senior taxpayers from \$42,440 to \$60,000 to permit an application for a county tax freeze.

## Knox County finally getting another charter school

The fact that there is only one charter school in Knox County is not surprising because the system is set up to minimize the number of charters. The applications must be voted on by the



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local board of education which is akin to asking them to acknowledge their own failure in providing for a quality education. The new charter is patterned after Chattanooga Prep, a successful all-boys school. What is interesting about the vote of the Knox County Board of Education is that all four representatives of the inner city districts voted against the charter while representatives of the five districts outside the city core voted for the charter. Given that the poorest performing schools are within the city’s core, one would have thought that those representatives would have been the most keen on providing promising kids a chance to escape being trapped in terrible schools. Such was not the case.

When the application for the new charter was filed, the local NAACP and black state representative came out against the new school. Their letters were embarrassing and indicated that they had not sat down with the applicants and discussed the school. Virtually every point made in opposition to the school was addressed in the rejoinder by the applicants. Apparently, those in opposition would have opposed the application regardless. Because it has been shown that parents in poorly performing school districts

favor educational choice, charter schools and/or vouchers, I would hope that those who live in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 will elect representatives that have their children’s best education at heart rather than the status quo. It is time for a change,

I have personally tutored reading to students at one of the poorer performing schools in an afterschool program. We tried unsuccessfully to convince the school system to adopt a reading program called Funnix and demonstrated that kids thought to be poor learners could read if only the method of instruction were changed. By the end of the school year, all our children could read. As a result, the superintendent did not invite us back nor did he change how the students were being taught not to read. I met with several prominent members of the black community and with three different representatives from District 1 where some of the most embarrassingly bad schools reside. None were particularly interested in “rocking the boat” seemingly content to let the status quo continue. It’s truly sad. There is no reason why any child should not be a proficient reader by third grade unless severely impaired. Even in the “best” performing elementary school in Knox County, there are around 20% who do not read at grade level. But at the four poorest performing schools less than 10% are proficient at the third-grade level. Why does the board of “education”

allow this travesty to continue? In the county with the state’s premier public university, Knox County schools should be models of excellence. Instead, they are a pitiful excuse mimicking education. The school board, if it were truly interested in education, would demand from the superintendent that every school should have a proficiency of at least 50% or else there will be consequences such as no pay increases and subsequent firing. Only if the administrators have skin in the game will proficiency levels improve. Until then the board of education is simply bored of education.

The old line black establishment has come out against charter schools and choice in education even though their constituents favor charter schools. There are 1 million kids on waiting lists for charters nationwide. Many parents want better education for their kids and with the overall performance of charters contrasting with that of the public schools, it’s no wonder. However, the establishment favors throwing money at the failed schools affirming the old definition of insanity. Perhaps this is because one of the primary funders of the NAACP is the teachers’ union which vehemently opposes charters. Ironically, the teachers’ union in New York has its own charter with the president of the American Federation of Teachers sitting on its board! Simply amazing. I guess the education establishment which includes the Knox County Board of Education is more interested in not educating children than in teaching kids to read.

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# Publisher's Positions



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## Knox County Vagrancy Laws Must Be Enforced

Folks in northeast Knox County have been worried about an increasing presence of either the homeless or just plain old vagrants along Harris Road, a residential street. Neighbors have complained about fires started just a few steps away from homes to keep the vagrants warm. Some people are living in tents, which has caused two brothers, Rodney and Michael Snow, to contact the Knox County Sheriff's Office repeatedly. The Snow brothers are worried about the safety and well-being of their mother, who is 91 years old. This is becoming

less of an everyday eyesore to a real problem for the folks who live along Harris Road and in the area. The problem has been getting worse over time and it's past time something was done about it.

### Alvin Bragg Is A Disgrace

Alvin Bragg, the district attorney for Manhattan, is nothing less than a disgrace to the office he holds. By charging Daniel Penny, a former Marine who accidentally killed a man who was threatening passengers on the New York subway, Bragg has raised his flag once again. Alvin Bragg seems to have a habit of only charging those New Yorkers who try and defend themselves from criminals. God knows he doesn't seem inclined to charge the actual criminals.

One 66-year-old woman was a witness to the full incident and said she's praying for Penny. The woman said Jordan Neely was saying, "I don't care. I'll take a bullet, I'll go to jail." Neely was telling the passengers he would kill people on the train, the woman recalled. Is anybody surprised to learn that Jordan Neely

had a long arrest record and was wanted on assault charges when the incident on the subway occurred?

Penny courageously put Neely into a chokehold while two other passengers held the crazed man down. Now Alvin Bragg is charging Daniel Penny.

New Yorkers have witnessed several citizens who have been murdered by mentally ill homeless people. Michelle Go was shoved into the path of an oncoming subway train by Simon Martial. When asked if he had killed Ms. Go, Martial replied, "Yeah because I'm God. Yes, I did. I'm God, I can do it." Martial then proceeded to say Ms. Go had stolen his jacket. A woman merely waiting on the tracks to take the subway train had her life ended by a crazy vagrant.

Yadira Arryo, a mother of five and an EMT, was crushed to death under the wheels of her own ambulance. In that instance, a vagrant was entertaining himself by riding along on the bumper of the ambulance. When the ambulance stopped and Ms. Arryo and her partner got out of the vehicle, the man ran past them and got into

the driver's seat to drive off. The two were on their way to a call and Ms. Arryo tried to stop the man from stealing the ambulance and one social media video showed the sickening sight of the vehicle rolling over the 14-year veteran of the New York Fire Department.

Alison Russo-Elling, a police lieutenant and grandmother, was stabbed by a crazed vagrant in an unprovoked attack on the streets more than 20 times. According to the New York Police Department from reports, "He walked toward her, sped up and then stabbed her to death."

Crime in New York has been skyrocketing and prosecutors like Alvin Bragg are one big reason why. People like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez say that the rising tide of crime in New York City is little more than one's own imagination; leftists like AOC claim it is being exaggerated. Tell that to the families of the victims.

Writer Kat Rosenfield wrote an excellent piece reminding readers Mayor Eric Adams was elected, in part, for his pledge to "flood the subway system with uniformed police officers" because of crime.

As Ms. Rosenfield points out, people are wondering "where the tacit agreement to tolerate becomes a duty to intervene." "How do we know when to stand by, when to step in, when to look away, when to be afraid?" Kat Rosenfield wrote.

As Ms. Rosenfield points out, our society, especially the mainstream media, had accepted the notion of not tolerating "male aggression." "If you argue that a woman can be traumatised by bawdy humour in the office or awkward come-ons in a bar, surely you would agree that she's entitled to be fearful when trapped underground on a metal tube with an erratically-behaving stranger twice her size."

Not in Alvin Bragg's New York.

### Who Is The Real Debbie Helsley?

As predicted, City Council candidate Debbie Helsley had nothing to say about stopping the proposed spot rezoning in South Knoxville until the McNabb Center had pulled their request. Demolition Debbie never opened her mouth to

publicly oppose the drug rehab center McNabb wanted to place inside the South High Assisted Living facility, which had drawn heated opposition from area residents. Helsley likes to promote her image as a "fighter," but if she is, she's one of those pillow fighters who kicks the body after somebody else has already won the fight.

### Thank You, Tim

Congressman Tim Burchett has just introduced a bill that would increase the criminal penalty for trafficking fentanyl. Burchett's bill would make the smugglers accountable for their role in the drug epidemic gripping our nation. Under the Burchett Bill, anyone convicted of intentionally trafficking fentanyl would be sentenced to life in prison.

"There are people dying left and right due to fentanyl overdoses, and lots of them are kids or teenagers. We have got to stop this epidemic and I think that making an example out of drug traffickers would be a good start," Burchett said.

# ESAs are needed for Knox County

This coming fall, thousands of families in Davidson, Shelby, and Hamilton Counties will have more options on where to send their kids to school. Sadly, families in Knox County will not because our own State Senators Massey, Briggs, and McNally blocked efforts to empower Knox County families with the same rights.

Education Savings Accounts, commonly called ESAs or vouchers, provide lower-income families with the option to use funds for private school tuition and other education needs. Of course, no family is forced to participate in the program, and families can always choose their local public school. The family, not the government, gets to



GUEST COLUMN  
By David Colquitt

decide.

All five Republican representatives from Knox County co-sponsored a bill giving Knox County parents the same opportunities as families in Nashville and Memphis and passed

it through the House. To the detriment of families across Knox County, but to the delight of their campaign donors from the Tennessee Education Association, our own state senators killed the bill when it reached the Senate.

In explaining his opposition, Senator Briggs told Knox News, "I just don't see a pressing need for vouchers with the quality of schools we have." Such comments are stunning.

According to the Tennessee School Report Card

published online by the Tennessee Department of Education, only 39.6% of Knox County 3rd - 5th grade students are meeting or exceeding proficiency levels in math and English. That means six in every ten children in KCS are not.

As you might imagine, results vary dramatically by school and neighborhood, with those in wealthier areas performing much better. For instance, Senator Briggs' local school, Northshore Elementary, reports a 62.8% proficiency rate.

Not all Knox County families are so fortunate. Despite the best efforts of teachers and families, many schools are underperforming, some tragically so. While some elementary schools have proficiency rates exceeding 65%, such as Sequoyah and Rocky Hill, there are others in

dire need of improvement. For instance, Maynard has a 7.5% proficiency level; Sarah Moore Green, 10.6%; Green Magnet, 12.1%; Pond Gap, 14.8%; and Belle Morris, 17.8%.

Student outcomes should not depend on where a family lives or how wealthy and well-connected they are. With inequities like this, it is astonishing for politicians to claim there is no "pressing need" for more options.

When responding to upset constituents, these state senators have also claimed that our school board is opposed to ESAs. This is simply not true. In early 2022, a majority of the Knox County school board, led by its Republican members, voted to remove opposition to vouchers from its legislative priorities. Daniel Watson and Jennifer Owen were the only two members who voted for the school board to keep opposing efforts to expand education freedom through ESAs.

No single system, or no single school—public or

private—can be all things to all students. While ESAs may not solve all our education woes, they do represent another option for parents to consider. We need elected leaders who will empower parents with more options to do what is right for their children, whether that is sending their child to the local public school, a public charter school, homeschooling, or using ESAs to attend a private school.

At the center of this conversation should always be two questions: What is best for students? And who should have a stronger voice in deciding how a child is educated, parents or politicians?

Improving our local public schools and offering families more options do not have to be mutually exclusive. We can—and should—do both.

But as we work to improve our traditional public schools over time, we should also be giving parents more options today. Families should not have to wait for entire systems

to improve before they are given a real opportunity to help their children thrive.

Including Knox County in the ESA program could have been the difference maker for an untold number of kids who would have otherwise fallen through the cracks of a broken education system.

I remain hopeful that education freedom will sweep more broadly across the state and that ESAs will eventually come to Knox County, but for the families with kids in schools that are not meeting their needs today, it may tragically come too late.

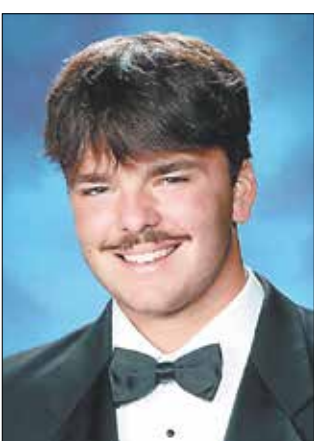
With the ESA program, parents – not politicians – have the choice. Parents – not politicians – get to decide. If our own elected leaders are not willing to trust Knox County parents with the same opportunities afforded to families in Nashville, Memphis, and now Chattanooga, Knox County families should think twice about trusting those politicians to do what is right for our kids.

# CLASS OF 2023

## SOUTH-DOYLE



Thomas Greene  
Valedictorian



Maxwell Hull  
Salutatorian

Bobcats to join Pride of the Southland Band  
Six Central High School Bobcat Band members signed for the University of Tennessee's Pride of the Southland Band Friday, May 12. Bobcat Band Director Alex Minx was joined by Dr. Michael Stewart, W.J. Julian Endowed Director of the UT Marching Band, and Sean Greene, Gresham Middle School Band Director. The students are Ian Myers, trombone; Jack Myers, clarinet; Avenlea Alford, color guard; Matthew Mihalic, clarinet; Tayte Belyea, trumpet; and Will Doty, euphonium. Photo by Mike Steely.



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### Deep Fakes

When you want to help people you tell them the truth. When you want to help yourself, you tell them what they want to hear.

Thomas Sowell

These days, is anything real or as portrayed? Most have heard about the long-awaited Durham report which revealed that Hillary Clinton, the FBI leadership, along with social and mainstream media, colluded to promote the false narrative of Russian collusion hoax. Arguably, this was done to obscure Hillary Clinton's use of a private server for classified information and destruction of subpoenaed email and phone records. Hillary's deep fake was a classic Democrat ruse of accusing others of what they, the Democrats, are already doing.

The deep state interference continued throughout the Trump Presidency, contributing to successive impeachments and damage to our country.

Then intelligence agencies (FBI, CIA and "51 intelligence agents") again colluded with Democrat party operatives, the mainstream and social media to suppress the Hunter Biden laptop story and interfere with the 2020 Presidential election. It wasn't Russians interfering with our elections; it was so-called Americans who duped the country and orchestrated the biggest political scandal in the nation's history. It was an American "coup d'état," and gave us an impaired and illegitimate POTUS.

My original question also pertains to every aspect of our culture and country. Our fake border has finally collapsed and the invasion by unvetted hordes of desperate illegal aliens is underway. The fake head of the DHS, Mayorkas, claims the border is secure, but our eyes tell us differently.

But can you even trust your eyes? "Deep fakes"

are everywhere and can put someone's face on a prostitute like Buck Naked, the porn name George Castanza on the TV show "Seinfeld" jokingly imagined for himself.

We hear a lot these days about AI (Artificial Intelligence) like ChatGPT which can generate college term papers. There are computer programs designed to search for plagiarism, such as committed by our titular president. I wonder if AI designers will be able to circumvent the plagiarism programs and aid Ole Joe and college students.

I recently discussed writing and AI with a friend whose wife writes poetry. I assured him the prose of my essays and novels are my own thoughts. I told him, "A machine without a soul cannot write poetry" (JVF) or a clever turn-of-phrase. Emily Dickinson captured this reality when she said, "If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold, no fire can warm it, I know that is poetry." I know what she means. Although I have listened to the adagio from Rodrigo's "Concerto de Aranjuez" 100 times, it still gives me the shivers.

We now live in the era of fake science, made so by filthy politics and the pursuit of research funding. I once respected the odious Tony Fauci. I once recommended the former NIH

Director, Francis Collins' book, "The Language of God," but no more. I now wonder if Collins' writing was fakery. These once reputable scientists were corrupted, their careers and life's work tainted when they sold their souls for "thirty pieces of silver." You better look out Joe; Congress is following the bank records of the \$10,000,000 you garnered through influence peddling.

Some years ago, I found myself in an emergency room and learned a new word. As the doctor and I talked, his amanuensis (scribe) wrote down our conversation and the findings my doctor voiced as he examined me. Recently, I read reports about the use of AI to generate notes from the doctor-patient interview and exams. Apparently, AI reduces a doctor's time to complete the medical record. What could possibly go wrong?

Fake women now seem to be the rage of woksters everywhere. Anheuser Busch tanked Bud Light with Dylan Mulvaney. Nike has Dylan advertising their sports bras. I wonder if the bras are made in America or sweatshops in the far east? I don't use any Nike products, and have no need of a sports bra. However, since fake women seem to be taking over women's sports and sorority houses, perhaps Nike

has found a new market for their undergarments. To seal the deal, Ole Joe just has to go ahead and cancel Title IX with another Executive Order. Funny that no women try to compete as men.

I love the old Frank Capra movie "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." Apparently, they had politicians in 1939 who were fakes, just as we do in the 21st century. Aesop once said, "We hang the petty thieves [George Santos?] and appoint the great ones to public office," even the presidency.

Fact-checkers are also the rage these days. These so-called truth-sayers are ubiquitous in America. It is tragic that so many have been duped by dishonest, ideological charlatans who masquerade as people who verify the facts. All facts are contextual. In other words, you must know the whole story rather than trusting the soundbite. Truth is more than "facts" hawked by media shills.

I like words, and if I come across one, I don't know I look the word up. Admittedly, very obscure terms don't always advance understanding. However, sometimes a mot juste (a perfect word) catches my eye. Recently, I stumbled upon kakistocracy. The word derives from the Greek word Kakos meaning really bad and -cracy meaning a form of government.

We now have a kakistocracy or government by the worst people. The DOJ has been weaponized. The FBI leadership is hopelessly corrupt. Joe Biden and Obama knew about Hillary Clinton's plan to discredit Trump with the infamous "pee-pee" hoax (Steele dossier) and did nothing. The Border czar has never been to the border, nor can she speak coherently. I would not trust the Transportation Secretary to even take dictation. Nor do Congressman Eric Swalwell (the Chinese agent Fang-Fang's paramour), the pitiable John Fetterman and Diane Feinstein or the deceitful Adam Schiff inspire any semblance of competency or virtue. And the citizens of Utah are undoubtedly suffering buyer's remorse with Romney the RINO.

This essay is admittedly harsh, but we are at war and trying to save the country. Mincing words is not appropriate in political trench warfare. Leftists, the leaders of the intelligence agencies and the Democrat party, as well as their media allies, deserve no civility, only justice. And only when this is done, can mercy be extended (Micah 6:8).

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## Historic Pryor Brown Garage is coming down

The historic Pryor Brown downtown parking garage, possibly one of the oldest in the nation, was initially built as a stable in the 1890s. The building was expanded in 1929 to accommodate the growing popularity of automobiles. The multi-story parking garage saw many years of use but has not been used for many years and has deteriorated accordingly. A demolition permit was granted this year and some lanes of Market Street and Church Avenue will close for the teardown project. The old building was not protected by a historic overlay.

- Mike Steely



## City council approves Merchant Drive vacant land for development

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The future of a large portion of wooded land at 1400 Merchant Drive was decided Tuesday. The hilly property, protected from several developments in the past, was approved to go from Neighborhood Commercial and Agricultural to LRN-6 multi-family residential neighborhood zoning.

The Knoxville City Council approved the planning commission's 13-0 recommendation in favor of developer Merchant Holdings

LLC with the promise that 30 acres will be set aside for possible open or park lands under the eye of Legacy Parks.

Councilman Charles Thomas said that talks with the Norwood Neighborhood and Debbie Phillips lead to an agreement with the developer.

"The right one has finally come along," Thomas said of the many efforts to develop the land. He harkened back to the late Lynn Redman's leadership in stopping prior development.

Councilwoman Lynne Fugate recalled the Girl Scout's ownership of the undeveloped land and the sale of the land to a cell tower builder. She said she supports keeping much of the land open to the public.

South Knoxville residents' opposition to South High Senior Living becoming a drug rehabilitation facility won. The rezoning resolution was removed from the city council agenda as McNabb Center pulled out of the deal with facility owner Rick Dover.

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Picture of downtown Knoxville with the beautiful Tennessee River as a focal point, courtesy of Bryce Williams, Meteorologist, National Weather Service.

# The Beautiful Tennessee River

It is one of the state's greatest natural resources---the beautiful Tennessee River. Formed by the merging of the Holston and French Broad rivers, the Tennessee flows through Knoxville south

to Chattanooga before dipping into the northern tip of Alabama, nearing Mississippi, and turning back up into Tennessee toward Kentucky. Tracing



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its course on a map, the Tennessee is almost a natural divide of the state's three distinct regions: West Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, and East Tennessee. So fascinated was I at the U-shaped natural divide that I once used the illustration as a visual aid for a speech class when I was at The University of Tennessee.

A cruise down the Tennessee is spectacular. Among businesses and homes are several landmarks including the historic Blount Mansion that was home to Governor William Blount; the City-County Building that houses several of the local government offices; Calhoun's Restaurant where many boats of the VOL Navy dock during Tennessee's home football games at Neyland Stadium; First Baptist Church; Thompson Boling Arena, the site of Tennessee's home

basketball games; and Calvary Baptist Church.

The vantage point of the picture shown here captures a fantastic view of downtown Knoxville's landscape with the Tennessee River carving its rightful place through the city. The Sunsphere, face of the 1982 World's Fair; the historic Andrew Johnson Building which was built as a hotel and later served as home to the central offices for Knox County Schools; and the former Hyatt Regency on the far right are some of the prominent sites in this photo. The beautiful Tennessee River, a vital piece of Tennessee history that remains a special part of Tennessee today.

*Words of Faith: "But thou, Lord, art most high for evermore." Psalm 92:8 (KJV).*

## Geriatric concert with Keb' Mo'

I had no idea who Keb' Mo' was, not until Covid hit and drove us all inside. Amy and I made a habit of watching "The Opry" every Saturday night, and on one show the man was



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performing with Vince Gill. Since that minute, I've enjoyed Keb' Mo', and he's one of my favorites. So, when he appeared in Knoxville the other Friday night, Amy and I were seated and waiting for his entrance.

Concerts are funny events. This one had unique characteristics. First off, the place was filled with plenty of gray and colored hair and heads with no hair at all. On our side of the Tennessee Theater were four young people. Being the nosy person I am, I made my way down the aisle and tapped one of them on the shoulder. He told me that his dad played in a bluegrass band and had introduced him to Keb' Mo's music. The other three were his friends and said they also liked it.

Another characteristic of this crowd was the way they entered the venue and found their seats. Many waited for one of the helpers to direct them or walk them to the seats. Amy and I figured we knew the alphabet well enough to find Row M, and my poor math skills weren't so bad that I couldn't see numbers 103 and 104. When folks found their seats, the women simply sat down, but men lined up their behinds and plopped wearily into the seats.

A couple of annoying conditions always arise at concerts, especially those attended by old people. The late arrivers or individuals who make several trips in and out would be the first. Rising and sitting aren't so easy for many of us with gimpy limps or worn-out

backs. The up and down wears us out and intensifies the pain. The other thing is that intermissions are always twice the length. I suppose that's for us old guys who've never

passed a bathroom we didn't like. The time for the show to begin surprised me because it was 8:00 p.m. The opening act sang for 45 minutes, and by the time Keb' Mo' stepped on stage, it was after 9:00. No, I won't turn into a pumpkin if I stay out late, but I was plenty tired of the week's activities and fretted that I might fall asleep.

As usual with our age group, the high-pitched voices of women and the grumbling of men were scattered throughout the theater. Also, the management must have calculated the average age of the crowd and assumed we'd be cold. Therefore, they turned the thermometer to bake, and before long, the place was stifling. Folks began to emit that "mamaw/papaw smell" that comes with sweat, the same scent that is in most old peoples' houses.

Keb' Mo' came on stage, and another peculiar thing occurred. The crowd remained seated and listened to this wonderful artist perform blues music, as well as other songs that might be called "light blues." Only one woman down front decided to get up and dance, but only for one verse.

Unfortunately, the heat and my bad back got the best of me. I was nauseated and writhing in pain. We left before the encore. Still, it was a fabulous night listening to one of the best blues singers of our time, and what made him even better is the fact that he was the same age as the audience. Thank you, Keb' Mo', for a night to remember.

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# William H. Smathers of New Jersey

Pages from the Past



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There was a time when people engaged in voting a straight ticket, meaning they voted for every candidate of one political party or the other. There have also been election cycles where a tidal wave of support empowered one party or the other. 1920 was such a year for the Republicans and 1936 was the same kind of year for the Democrats. Warren G. Harding rode that wave into the White House in 1920, while Franklin D. Roosevelt carried every state in the nation in 1936 but two, Vermont and Maine. One result of those straight-ticket voting habits was the men and women were elected to office that likely would not have been elected under other circumstances. Some began long careers by being elected in a good year for their party and deftly utilizing the tools of incumbency to become entrenched in office.

William H. Smathers never succeeded in entrenching himself in office, which was a more difficult feat in a state like New Jersey. Tall and lanky, and well-dressed, Smathers was twice married and the father of eight children. Smathers' second marriage, to a woman twenty years his junior, likely did him some political harm. Smathers had five children with his first wife and added three more with his second wife. When his first child with his second wife was born, Smathers said, "I feel as if I were just starting life over again."

Clearly not very diplomatic, William Smathers spoke with a distinct Southern drawl, which is not at all what one expected to hear come out of the mouth of a United States senator from New Jersey. Smathers was also the uncle of three-term U.S. Senator George A. Smathers of Florida. A dog fancier, Smathers was known for raising champion English setters. Like any Southern squire, William Smathers was a devoted fisherman and hunter.

Smathers was a loyal Democrat and in New Jersey, it meant adherence, or at the very least, close cooperation with the big city machine of Jersey City Mayor Frank Hague. Smathers delayed taking the oath of office as United States senator for thirteen weeks to assist Hague. When he was first elected to the U.S. Senate, William H. Smathers was a member of the New Jersey state Senate. Following the 1936 election, the Republicans controlled that body by only a single vote while one seat was being disputed between the two political parties.

When William Smathers finally arrived in

Washington, D.C. he was decked out in a morning coat (a cutaway with tails), shirt with a bat-wing collar, and took the oath as his five children peered down from the Senate Gallery.

As is usual with a new member of the United States Senate, newsmen pondered just how that senator would vote on the issues facing Congress. Smathers was not at all reticent about speaking to the press and reporters quickly noted some of his utterances were at variance with one another. "I personally believe, it is time for the New Deal to taper off a bit," Smathers had intoned. Yet Smathers also said, "Understand I am for President Roosevelt and his policies, absolutely." If that confused veteran observers of Capitol Hill, William Smathers made it even more bewildering. "My ideal of a U.S. Senator is Carter Glass of Virginia," Smathers stated. Carter Glass, a veteran member of Congress who had also served as Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of the Treasury was a deeply conservative senator whom Smathers was twice married to as "an unreconstructed rebel." Smathers added, "All of the people of the nation will be best served by adding new and younger members to the Supreme Court," as Roosevelt kicked off his bid to pack the highest court in the country. Smathers' statement was diametrically opposed to the position taken by New Jersey's other United States senator, A. Harry Moore, who was also a Democrat.

One political reporter for TIME magazine chortled, "New Jersey is ready to go whichever way the political cat jumps."

A beneficiary of a wave election, William Howell Smathers was not a native of New Jersey, having been born in North Carolina. Indeed, Smathers was about as Southern as could be at the time, the scion of a well-to-do family and had actually been born in what would have been known as a plantation home. It was only after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, that William Smathers moved to the Garden State. Smathers was barely thirty-one years old when he first became a judge of the common pleas court in Atlantic City. That was the political domain of Enoch "Nucky" Johnson as depicted in the HBO series Boardwalk Empire. Johnson was a Republican while Smathers was a Democrat.

William Smathers was at least always on the periphery of politics in his adopted state, if not directly involved. While serving as



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Signed portrait of Senator William Howell Smathers of New Jersey.

a judge, Smathers was considered to be tough in dispensing justice to those who appeared before him. Judge Smathers was especially hard in his judicial pronouncements and sentencing of racketeers, of which there was a large number in New Jersey. Not surprisingly, Judge Smathers was the frequent recipient of death threats. The judge habitually carried a loaded pistol. After serving as an assistant state attorney general, Smathers won an ordinarily strongly Republican seat in the state Senate from Atlantic County. William H. Smathers was the first Democrat to hold that particular seat in the New Jersey state Senate in sixty years. Naturally, political bosses, at least those with good instincts, look for candidates who have demonstrated the ability to garner votes and have proven to be popular, especially in those areas where their party is weak. Frank Hague selected Smathers to challenge incumbent Senator Warren Barbour.

Barbour, a Republican, was a wealthy businessman who had at one time been the amateur boxing champion of the United States. Warren Barbour had been appointed to the United States Senate in 1931 following the death of Senator Dwight Morrow, the father-in-law of famed aviator Charles Lindberg. A year later, Barbour had to face the people of New Jersey in a special election to serve out the remainder of the late Dwight Morrow's term of office. Barbour only narrowly won and had the misfortune of running again in yet another great year for Democratic candidates in 1936. Smathers won a decisive victory over Senator Barbour. Warren Barbour would return to the United States Senate and serve alongside Smathers when A. Harry Moore

resigned in 1938.

William Smathers was one of the younger members of the United States Senate, only forty-five years old at the time of his election. As a member of the Senate, Smathers tried to ease the plight of European refugees in 1939 when he sponsored legislation to assist those seeking religious and political freedom. Senator Smathers also tried to incorporate Cuba as a state in the United States, an idea that pleased no one, including the Cubans who pointedly said they weren't interested.

Senator Smathers caused something of a stir when the Senate was considering the Lend-Lease Bill and the New Jersey solon commented the delay in approving the legislation quite nearly proved Adolf Hitler was right inasmuch as "a little band of evil men could gang up to defeat democracy." The fight over the Lend-Lease Bill was fought between the powerful isolationist bloc in Congress, which was profoundly opposed to American participation in another foreign war and the internationalists who believed the United States faced peril by simply sitting off by itself. A group of women who styled themselves as the "Mothers' Crusade Against Bill 1776," lobbied hard against the Lend-Lease Bill. Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Dilling, the leader of the Mothers' Crusade, lobbed an insult against Senator Smathers' senatorial idol, the peppery Carter Glass of Virginia, who favored declaring war immediately. Mrs. Dilling snapped that Glass, who was the father of four children, was "an overage destroyer of American youth." Mrs. Dilling had tangled with the wrong U.S. senator. Noted for his diminutive size and fighting spirit, which

invited frequent comparisons to a bantam rooster, Glass retorted the mothers should be investigated by federal authorities. "It would be pertinent to inquire whether they are mothers. For the sake of the race, I devoutly hope not."

Senator William Smathers ran for reelection in 1942, which turned out to be a bad year for Democrats in general and Smathers in particular. Perhaps no senatorial race in the nation offered voters a more clear-cut choice between the candidates than that of William H. Smathers versus Albert W. Hawkes. Hawkes was a very wealthy business executive and former president of the National Chamber of Commerce who was as deeply opposed to the New Deal as Smathers was supportive of it. Nor did A. W. Hawkes attempt to sidestep or soft-peddle his political views; Hawkes was an outspoken conservative while Smathers was a loud liberal.

Newspapers in New Jersey offered their assessments of the two candidates. The Plainfield Courier News dismissed Senator Smathers as having "a mediocre record of fence-straddling on national issues." In contrast, the Courier News believed Albert Hawkes was a man of "intellectual honesty, unselfish purpose, courage" who possessed a genuine "understanding of the needs of the American people."

The Senate race in New Jersey was not an especially civil affair in 1942; both candidates lambasted the other. Senator Smathers denounced Hawkes as a "lobbyist for the industrial interests" as well as a "Roosevelt hater." Smathers tossed a variety of epithets at Hawkes, at various times referring to the Republican as

a "prohibitionist," "isolationist," "labor baiter," and "economic imperialist."

"Are the people of New Jersey willing to entrust the writing of the next peace to a man whose primary interest is in the profits of international big business?" Smathers asked.

Hawkes gave as good as he got. The GOP challenger pointed to what he thought Senator Smathers' "adolescent pronouncements on foreign policy to the embarrassment of the administration." Albert Hawkes ticked off several examples and reminded voters Secretary of State Cordell Hull had once pointedly noted the foreign policy of the United States was still conducted through the State Department and not the boardwalks of Atlantic City. Hawkes sighed about Smathers having tried to make Cuba the forty-ninth state without bothering to consult the Cuban people about the matter. Hawkes summed up Smathers' time in the U.S. Senate as a "cumulative record of delinquencies" as he had been recorded as having missed 41% of roll calls in six years.

For once, William Smathers did not defy the odds and lost to Albert W. Hawkes. When the former senator was considered for a new federal judgeship, Hawkes served notice he would fight any effort to nominate Smathers.

Six years after Smathers' defeat, the bitterness between the two men had not improved. As Hawkes was attempting to be renominated, Smathers fired off a letter he made public demanding the senator "come out and tell the truth of exactly how much you paid for your nomination and election." Senator Hawkes promptly retorted he had received no communication of any kind from his predecessor. Hawkes sniffed he was looking for the support of those who were "looking forward, not backward six years."

Smathers had hoped to make a triumphant return to the United States Senate by reclaiming his seat in the 1948 election. The Democratic nomination was dictated less by popular will than the whim of party bosses who feared the former senator would not be the strongest candidate they could nominate. The party bosses gave the senatorial nomination to another, who lost to the GOP candidate in the general election. William Smathers was never again a candidate for public office.

William Smathers continued practicing law until he retired and moved back to North Carolina. When the end came, Smathers was in a hospital in Asheville. Only sixty-four years old, William Smathers passed away having suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

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One of the speakers supporting city council's plea to the state for tightening gun laws Tuesday was Jo Nicely. The council voted to do so with two abstentions.

## Legislation support passes city council in split vote

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A resolution sponsored by Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and the Mayor's Youth Council supporting the adoption of state legislation dealing with violence involving firearms and supporting a stronger "order of protection law" passed city council Tuesday.

The resolution passed with Councilwoman Lynne Fugate urging people to contact their state representatives. Then she abstained from the vote because she said she opposes one elected body giving advice to another elected body. Councilwoman Janet Testerman also abstained from voting.

Several members of the Mayor's Youth Council spoke in support of the resolution and Knoxville resident David Conway spoke in opposition. He said that "red flag laws" never protected anyone and that "guns are the greatest deterrent."

Councilwoman Lauren

Rider recalled sheltering drills in schools when she attended and referred to the current active shooter drills, adding, "Something is broken."

"It doesn't have to be that way," Mayor Kincannon told the meeting. The resolution now goes to the state where a special called meeting by Governor Bill Lee is planned for August.

The council also passed, with one "No" vote from Amelia Parker, the classification and compensation final report. Council unanimously voted to contract with Crosslin PLLC to audit city accounts for this fiscal year and approved applying for a grant for deploying electric vehicle charging stations in the city.

The application for \$500,000 in federal grants for the Knoxville Police Department's Forensic Unit was also passed as well as the authorization of KPD to participate in the National Public Safety Partnership for combating violent crime.

# The Rate of Pay for Appointed Attorneys

In TV shows and movies, when they are arresting the bad guy (or occasionally, the wrongfully arrested good guy), the officer putting the handcuffs on will read the person their rights. As part of those rights they will say, "If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you."

I am not sure we realize how often an appointed attorney is the one representing someone on a case. If I had to guess, 70% of all criminal defendants in Knox County are represented by an appointed attorney. In some of the neighboring rural counties, I bet that number can be as high as 90-95%.

How does this work exactly? The defendant appears before a judge and fills out an affidavit of indigency where they list



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The first option for a criminal defendant is to be represented by the Public Defender's Office. Public Defenders are salaried state employees paid by the state to represent people in criminal cases. However, if the Public Defender's office cannot represent a defendant (one example would be that a defendant is accused of assaulting someone who the Public Defender's office represented on a different criminal charge), then the Court will appoint a private attorney, who has agreed to accept

their income and assets. Typically, if the defendant makes below the poverty line, then they qualify to have an attorney appointed to represent them.

But who pays these appointed attorneys?

appointed clients, to represent the defendant. This attorney will also get paid by the state of Tennessee as a contractor at the rate of \$50.00 an hour.

That may sound like a lot of money, but it is about the lowest rate of compensation for appointed attorneys in the entire country. The most recent numbers I have been able to find come from 2013 which reflects Wisconsin compensating appointed attorneys at \$40.00 an hour and Oregon compensating attorneys at \$45.00 an hour on the low end, and the high end shows California, Nevada and Kentucky paying around \$100.00 an hour, depending on the charge.

In Tennessee these rates not only apply to criminal cases, but they also apply on cases for attorneys appointed on matters involving juvenile cases and the Public Defender's office is not involved. When a case is opened by the

Department of Children's Services against a parent where they believe a child is at risk, the attorneys appointed to represent the parents and the attorney appointed to represent the child's best interest (called a guardian ad litem) are also compensated at \$50.00 an hour.

This stands in stark contrast to what occurs if an attorney is actually hired and paid by someone. Typically, the lowest hourly rate an attorney will charge to represent someone is around \$150.00 an hour. Appointed attorneys are working at \$100.00 below that number.

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## Merchant Drive vacant land

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The former high school building at 825 Tipton Street was too close to Dogwood Elementary School to become a residential rehab center.

South Knoxville Councilman Tommy Smith moved to strike the request.

Other zoning changes included a property at McCalla and Pelham Road going from General Industrial to Highway Commercial District. A property at 1301 East Weisgarber Road went

from the Office designation to Industrial Mixed Use and three properties on Nash Road were approved to change from Light Industrial to Mixed Use.

A residential property on Dresser Road was approved to switch from Low Density Residential to Mixed Use General Commercial and a lot at 355 South Gallaher View Road went from Office Park to RN-6, multi-family residential.

Another residential lot, at 299 Nash Road, was



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The large wooded hillside in Norwood along Merchant Drive got a "Yes" vote by Knoxville City Council Tuesday with the developer promising to set aside 30 acres for public use and possibly a park.

approved to become general industrial from RN-1 residential and an agricultural

zone on Central Avenue became an RN-3 residential neighborhood.

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PHOTO JJ SPEARS

No wonder they're being kinda goofy! ... Gibbs softball players celebrate their Region 2-3A championship after a 2-1 win over Halls in 11 innings.

## Defense shines in Gibbs' marathon region title win

By Steve Williams

Gibbs right fielder Dakota Large was among several players who played key roles on defense in the Lady Eagles' 2-1 win at Halls in the Region 2-3A softball championship game Wednesday night (May 17).

The marathon contest took 2½ hours and 11 innings to play. It tasked the emotions of many fans on both sides along the way.

When the international

rule went into effect in the 10th inning with the scored tied 1-1, each team was allowed to start the inning with a baserunner on second base to increase the chances of scoring.

But Gibbs failed to score in the top of the 10th, stranding runners on second and third.

In Halls' bottom of the 10th, the Lady Devils had the potential winning run on third base with two outs when Large caught Cam Roberts' line shot down

the right field line.

Gibbs took the lead in the top of the 11th inning when Taylor Selby advanced to third base on Malyiah Smith's infield groundout and came in for the go-ahead run on Large's grounder to second.

Halls still had its chance in the bottom of the 11th. Roberts moved to third on Brenna Hunley's sacrifice bunt. But Large provided the stopper when she caught Vaught's shallow fly ball on the right field line

and Roberts didn't risk trying to score. With two outs, Sami Kirk grounded out to second baseman Emma Kick to end it.

After this type of game, Gibbs Coach Carol Mitchell was asked what won the game, offense or defense?

"Well," laughed Mitchell. "Offensively, we scored more runs than they did. Defensively, I thought we played a heck of a game."

"Our second baseman, right fielder, shortstop (Malyiah Smith), third baseman (Jade Bell) late

in the game fielding the bunts ... I just thought we played a really sound game on defense. Lacey (Keck) pitched well. Jordan (Reagan) was good (at catcher). There were innings that we had opportunities that we couldn't take advantage of. But at the end of the game, we got what we needed to get."

Halls took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when lead-off batter Staley Vaught doubled to left center and

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## Sectional softball

# Local teams get mixed results

By Ken Lay

It was a night of mixed results for area softball teams Friday in the sectional round of the state playoffs. Local teams had to go to extra innings with Farragut earning a shot at a third consecutive state title. Halls, however, was eliminated with a loss on the road.

The Lady Admirals (32-5) notched a 7-4 victory over Morristown West in a Class 4A state sectional at Bellamy Field in Farragut.

But a third consecutive trip to Murfreesboro didn't come easily as Farragut, which won the 2021 Class 3A state championship in 2021 and nabbed the Class 4A title in 2022, was trailing the Lady Trojans throughout the contest and faced a 4-2 deficit with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Lady Admirals were also down to their final

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## Halls pitcher's Grade A performance ousts Carter

By Steve Williams

Everybody calls her 'T'.

For her pitching performance in the Region 2-3A softball tournament last week, she deserved an 'A'.

And her favorite letter may very well be a 'K'.

Atiana Stamper, Halls High's sophomore right-hander, hurled a no-hitter and recorded 15 strikeouts in the host Lady Red Devils' 2-0 semifinal win over Carter Monday (May 15).

In the first three innings, 'T' struck out eight of the nine batters she faced. She finished strong too, whiffing the final three batters in the top of the seventh.

"We pitched well

enough to win, just didn't do enough at the plate," said Carter Coach Ryan Burkhart. "Hat's off to number 11 (Stamper). She was unbelievable."

Carter freshman Malanie Etherton, who limited Halls to five hits, took the loss.

"We got a couple of timely hits to scratch out a couple of runs," said Halls Coach Bryan Gordon. "T was outstanding again in the circle."

"It's a win. This time of the year, that's all you can ask for."

Halls scored its first run in second inning. Gracie Gregory got aboard on an infield hit to shortstop and advanced to third base on

a single to right center by Brianna Smith. After the Carter pitcher got two outs, Brenna Hunley's bloop single inside the left field line brought in Gregory.

Halls' second run in the fourth was unearned. Etherton retired the first two batters she faced, but freshman second baseman Jenna Wilson dropped a pop up off the bat of Hunley. A single by Staley Vaught advanced Hunley to second and she scored on senior Sami Kirk's clutch single to right center.

"Sami's a gritty kid," said Coach Gordon. "You want all of them to be like her. She just grinds."

Kirk and Carter's Gracie

Miller, both third basemen, gave all-out efforts to track down balls hit into foul territory during the contest.

Carter came its closest to scoring in the fifth inning. Wilson drew a leadoff base on balls and was moved to second on Ivey Jones' sacrifice bunt, but could get no farther, as Stamper struck out two of the last three batters.

"It (the no-hitter) means a lot for me that I can help my teammates," said Stamper. "And I like how they were behind me. They got hits. They did their job. And they played behind me."

And on this day, hits were scarce ... and none at all for one team, thanks to 'T'.



PHOTO BY STEVE FORREST

Halls pitcher Atiana Stamper delivers a pitch against Carter in the Region 2-3A semifinals. The sophomore standout hurled a no-hitter and struck out 15 in the Lady Red Devils' 2-0 victory.

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# Greenville sweeps Eagles despite mound gem from Byers

By Ken Lay

Reilly Byers deserved a better fate on what turned out to be his final start on the mound for Gibbs High School Friday night. Byers went 6.1 innings and didn't give up a hit. He also finished with 17 strikeouts.

All the senior left-hander and Mississippi State signee had to show for it was a 4-0 loss to Greenville in Game 1 of a Class 3A state sectional at Steve Hunley Field in Corryton. Byers struck out the side in the first, second, fourth and fifth innings, while walking five and hitting a batter.

He and Greene Devils starter Carson Quillen were locked in a classic pitcher's duel as Quillen had a perfect game through five innings.

Quillen, who finished the game with nine strikeouts, surrendered a leadoff single to Tanner Love in the bottom of the fifth inning. Love, who was the Eagles' first baserunner of the game, advanced to second two outs later when Braden Graves drew an intentional walk before Mason Melton lifted a deep fly ball to center field to end the innings.

"We had a chance in the fifth

and when you have two great pitchers like that going at it, going at each other, you have to take advantage of the chances when you have them," Gibbs coach Geff Davis said. "Reilly did what Reilly does. He kept us in the game."

"Hats off to Greenville for getting this one. They competed at the plate."

The Greene Devils scored four runs in the seventh.

Byers returned to the mound in the seventh. He issued back-to-back walks to Carson Norris and Kobe Mundy before getting Eli House to rap into a fielder's

choice, retiring Norris at third.

Byers left the game after throwing 120 pitches, in accordance with TSSAA guidelines.

"Reilly had 19 pitches left going into the seventh and we used all of them," Davis said.

Will Sharp, who started at first base for the Eagles, relieved Byers on the mound.

Sharp walked Noah Murray to load the bases before Greenville got its first hit of the game, a two-run single by designated hitter Corbin Cannon, who occupied the No. 9 spot in the Greene Devils batting order.

One out later, Parker Shipley came up with a two-run single to make it 4-0 before Sharp retired Quillen to end the frame.

Quillen then retired Gibbs in order in the bottom of the frame to end the game.

The Greene Devils would go on to sweep the best-of-3 sectional series as they took Game 2 late Friday night, claiming a 7-3 victory in the second game.

The Eagles scored all three of their runs in the top of the first as Sharp had a two-run double and Gibbs added another run in the frame before the Greene Devils scored seven unanswered runs.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Knoxville Catholic's girls' tennis team is ranked No. 1 in the nation and will be playing for its third state championship in a row at the Spring Fling this week. Left front to back: Karennia Thurman, Pauline Schneider, Eleni Liakonis, Lillie Murphy. Right front to back: Gigi Sompayrac, Marianna Hurley, Maeve Thornton, Payton Carroll. Center: Head Coach Rusty Morris (left) and Assistant Coach Karen Lorino. (Not pictured: Logan Connatser and Lauren Murphy).

## Lady Irish, No. 1 in nation, eyeing a tennis three-peat

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic High School girls' tennis is on a three-year roll since the pandemic sidelined high school spring sports in 2020.

Not only have the Lady Irish won back-to-back state titles, they were announced as the No. 1 team in the nation this past December in the Universal Tennis Rankings and remain undefeated this season.

Catholic hopes to continue the good times this week at Spring Fling 30 in Murfreesboro.

Rusty Morris, who has been coaching at Catholic since 2007, thinks "the key to success" for the girls' tennis program is "the leadership on the team. When you have your best player as your hardest worker and the one that's always early and staying late ..."

Morris was referring to senior Maeve Thornton, the team's No. 1 player and a Furman signee.

"She's also very supportive of her teammates," said Morris. "And Gigi (Sompayrac) is also a senior leader who does the same things. I think that's the key to it. Everyone wants to follow suit."

Other top players on the team are junior Eleni Liakonis and sophomore Lillie Murphy.

Thornton and Sompayrac team up in doubles play as well as Liakonis and Murphy.

As a team, the Catholic girls are in their third straight season being unbeaten. They defeated Girls Preparatory School 4-0 in the Division II-AA state quarterfinal round Monday (May 15).

When Thornton was

asked what she thought was the key to the Catholic girls' success, she said: "I think it's really just the relationships we've formed with each other. This team is truly like a family. We've all laughed together and cried together and we've all been through so much together. It's made us stronger. It's like when we are out there competing; we're really competing as a team together. I think that's the key."

Team competition this week is scheduled for Tuesday (semifinals) and Wednesday (finals). State singles and doubles play will be Thursday and Friday.

Having won back to back state titles, Maeve said she thinks "it would be really special if we cap it off with a 3-peat. That's our goal. That's what we've been striving for. And yes, I

think especially for me and Gigi as seniors, it would be great to end our high school careers with a state championship."

It's not all competition on the court during the Spring Fling week for the Catholic girls.

"Our team likes to eat, so we go to fun restaurants," said Maeve. "We always find ice cream places and dessert places to eat. We play and practice during the days. At night, we all just get together in our hotel room. One year we went shopping at Barnes & Noble, so just little things like that."

Other members on the Lady Irish team are juniors Payton Carroll and Marianna Hurley, sophomores Karennia Thurman and Pauline Schneider, and freshmen Logan Connatser and Lauren Murphy.

## Farragut, HVA, CAK, Catholic punch tickets to Murfreesboro

By Ken Lay

A new format for Division I state sectional baseball playoffs left a longer road for teams to reach the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

But that didn't matter to the Farragut Admirals, who will head to the Midstate in search of a second consecutive Class 4A state championship.

The Admirals, who are regulars in Murfreesboro in late May, punched their most recent ticket to the state tournament with a sweep of Jefferson County in a best-of-three series at John Heatherly Field.

The Admirals clinched the series Thursday with a 15-0 victory over the Patriots and it was Jett Johnston, a Texas A&M commitment, who carried the big bat for Farragut (32-8).

He hit two home runs, including a two-run shot that cleared 400 feet and gave the Admirals a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

He had another round-tripper in the fourth. That

was the start of an 11-run barrage that gave Farragut a 13-0 advantage.

From there, Farragut would cruise as pitchers Michael Delph and Cole Draper would combine on the shutout.

The Admirals won Game 1 on Wednesday, claiming a 16-3 victory.

**Also in Class 4A:** Farragut will be joined in Murfreesboro by a familiar foe, Hardin Valley Academy, its District 4-4A rival.

The Hawks made it back to the state tournament for the first time since winning the Class 3A state title in 2015. Ty Denton helped the Hawks make a return trip when his walk-off home run netted

Hardin Valley an 8-7 victory and a two-game sweep in the sectional series against Science Hill in Johnson City.

The Hawks, who won both the District 4-4A regular-season title and tournament championship, won Game 1 on Wednesday, claiming a 4-1 victory over the

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## Notes from the scorecard: Region Championship wrap-up

By Ken Lay

A pair of local high school boys soccer teams won region championships Thursday night.

For one school, it was just another title to add to its already large collection of championships.

Another team made a little program history when the final whistle sounded on the area regional tournaments.

In Region 2-3A, Bearden High School claimed another region crown with a 3-1 victory over Hardin Valley Academy at Turner-Allender Field in a rematch of the District 4-3A championship game, won by the Bulldogs, 1-0, in overtime.

In the region title match last week, Lucas Nordin scored twice and dished out an assist to record a brace against the Hawks to help the Bulldogs (17-0-3) remain unbeaten in 2023.

Nordin, a senior forward and East Tennessee State commitment, propelled Bearden to a district title when he scored on a penalty kick in overtime.

From there, the Bulldogs trounced Oak Ridge 6-0 Tuesday night

in an elimination semifinal match, setting the stage for last week's region championship match.

This time, however, the Bulldogs had to come from behind as HVA took a 1-0 lead in the third minute on a marker by Marques Powers.

But it wouldn't take the Bulldogs too long to respond against the Hawks (12-3-6) and notch a third win this season against their district rivals.

Nordin picked up the equalizer late in the first half when he scored off an assist from Hayden Tate, who fed Nordin with a bicycle kick.

Bearden pulled ahead just after halftime when Cole Stropka took a corner kick and headed the ball into the back of the net.

Nordin added an insurance tally in the 74th minute. It was his 26th goal of the 2023 campaign.

In the Region 2-3A semifinals: HVA eliminated West High with a 3-1 win Tuesday at Bill Wilson Field. The loss ended the season for the Rebels, who finished 15-2-1 with their only losses coming to Bearden and the Hawks.

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# Sartorially Challenged

There have been times, through the years, when combatants have come out to play football in uniforms that were, shall we say, sartorially challenged.

For the 1977 Vandy game, in John Majors' first year as head coach, Tennessee for the first time showed up all in orange, orange shirts, orange pants and even orange stripes at the top of their socks. The Commodores were dressed in black.

Fans were understandably confused. It had been a month since Halloween. There have been other classic examples of distracting attire. Tennessee was again dressed all in orange for the 1980 Virginia game. The Cavaliers chose white shirts and orange pants. Of course, they were not the correct shade.

The color coordinator was absent without leave for the 1969 Vanderbilt game. The Vols wore orange jerseys and Vandy came out in some gosh-awful version of tarnished gold. They called it "old gold." That sounded better than it looked.

It was a sunny late November day and fans couldn't tell which players were which, with or without a program. Just think what that mix would have done to new color TV screens. That was a good game to not be on television even though it was Doug Dickey's last and Tennessee won, 40-27.

In 1967 when Dickey was recruiting soon-to-be Vol fullback Curt Watson of Crossville, he finished his spiel by looking him straight in the eye and saying, "Curt, you'd look terrible in black and gold."

There was a time uniforms were practical and not a part of showtime. Old Vol Breezy Wynn manufactured some heavyweights for the Volunteers way back when. I do believe the pants were made of canvas so they wouldn't get waterlogged in foul weather.

Coach Robert R. Neyland worried about any little thing that might handicap, distract, or slow his running backs.

A little later, Neyland called on Wynn to manufacture lighter jerseys, pants, and pads. A little later than that, the General came up with the idea of tear-away jerseys, made of cloth so flimsy it became part of Tennessee's winning edge.

Many times, rival defensive backs ended up with a handful of what looked like orange rags as the Tennessee runner continued toward the goal. Wynn, a good fullback, was famous beyond football. He may have been Knoxville's leading industrialist of his time. He was a big-time operator during World War II. His factories produced more than nine million duffle bags and maybe half that many military jackets.

In the 1950s, the Wynns owned 21 plants. Breezy was a founder and leader of the Knoxville Quarterback Club. In his spare time, he was president of the Knoxville Symphony Society.

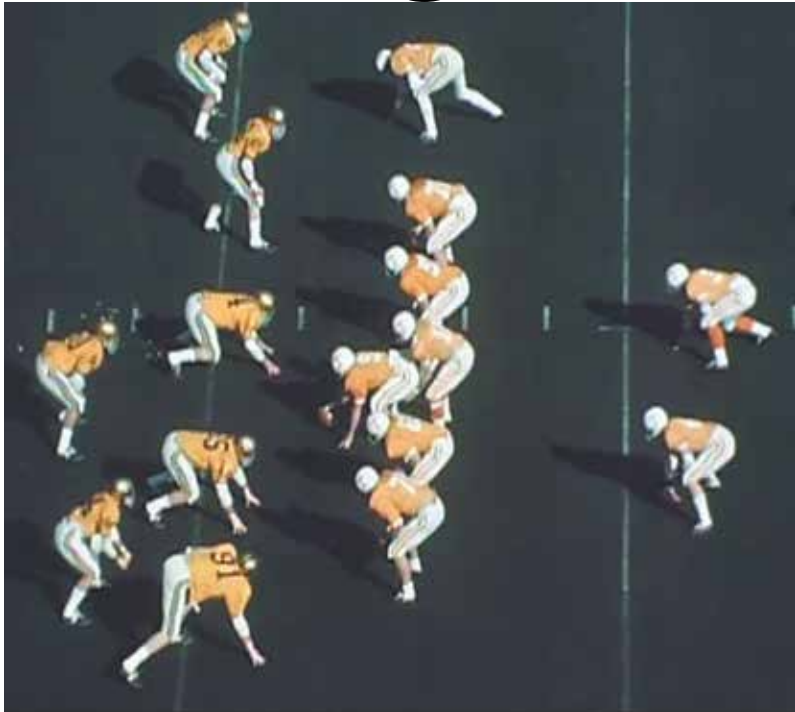
Yes, the Vol Historian remembers more than scores and what year Robbie Franklin played right guard...

I remember now, we were talking about uniforms.

They matter most seriously to two groups – traditionalists and the players who wear them.

There are fans who shudder when the Vols come out to play in anything different than orange shirts and white pants. That combo is Tennessee.

Players, often given a choice, have come up with



Vol fans had trouble telling which players were which during the 1969 Vanderbilt game.

gun-metal gray and solid black and fretted because they were stuck with white helmets. Some said they found the varied color schemes exciting.

Coaches are pleased when players react positively to uniform "adjustments."

Players are pleased when they win a game in different color combinations. Come to think of it, players and fans are pleased when they win.

Coaches use uniform reactions as conversation pieces in recruiting.

"Just think how you would look in THAT!"

Dr. Daniel J. White, vice

chancellor and director of athletics, applauds the occasional change of jerseys. He'll sell thousands of souvenirs to fans who insist on staying in touch.

One uniform change backfired. In 1963, Jim McDonald's one season, somebody ventured where Tennessee had never been. In 1963 the Vols unveiled orange jerseys trimmed in black at home. At least twice they played in white shirts trimmed in orange and black on the road. They weren't called the "Halloween jerseys" for nothing. Vol fans hoped they were shipped to some

far-away place where they were better-received than in Knoxville.

There are other examples of problems with uniforms worn by Vol opponents. In 1997 Northwestern showed up in purple jerseys and black pants (or was it black jerseys and purple pants?). In 1962 Tulane arrived for the kickoff in green jerseys and green pants.

Fans may or may not cringe at various color combinations and "alternate" uniforms, but it's all part of the ever-evolving player/fan experience.

## The New Neyland Experience

By Mark Nagi

Time waits for none of us, and progress is inevitable. So it shouldn't be that much of a surprise to learn about the latest plans for Neyland Stadium.

Well, this doesn't have as much to do with the stadium itself, but the land surrounding it.

They are calling it the "Neyland Entertainment District," and it is the brainchild of Tennessee Athletics Director Danny White. The University of Tennessee is examining a public-private partnership for a development that would span the Tennessee River waterfront near Neyland Stadium.

"Innovation is at the forefront of everything we do," said White in a statement released by the University of Tennessee. "The ideation of this new Neyland Entertainment District exemplifies that mindset. This is a massive project that has the potential to positively impact our entire city. We're eager to see what world-class developers dream up to creatively maximize this extraordinary market opportunity. We have the capacity for constructing an entertainment ecosystem that doesn't presently exist anywhere across the collegiate landscape."

The District could potentially include a full-service hotel with for-sale condominiums and enough space for conferences and different events. (I'm assuming that wedding receptions would be a constant.) The popular tailgating spot known at the G-10 parking garage could potentially get a roof. That "tabletop" would support more tailgating spots, plus restaurants, retail, and family-friendly entertainment activities. "Neyland Stadium has

always been known for having one of the best gameday environments in college football," said University of Tennessee Chancellor Donde Plowman. "We love to welcome Vol Nation to campus on Saturdays in the fall. This project has the potential to create a year-round destination that engages the Tennessee River waterfront and enhances the campus and our community."

White added, "This is far greater than an activation on seven or eight days a year. This is a year-round destination that not only enhances our gamedays but also elevates the everyday academic experience of our entire student body and campus community year-round."

Tennessee is already trying to finance the ongoing facelift of Neyland Stadium, with some of those improvements already complete. Getting this venture to see the light of day wouldn't rely as heavily on traditional revenue streams.

University of Tennessee President Randy Boyd said, "This public-private partnership opportunity will enhance the look and atmosphere of Neyland

Stadium and the Knoxville campus while creating an additional destination for the city of Knoxville, all without state funding."

Far too often Tennessee was reactive when it came to its athletics department. Yes, tradition is one thing and UT has so much of that which should not be forgotten. But Tennessee was stuck in a rut. The hiring of White moved Tennessee into the modern day. This idea is yet another example of why White was a program-changing hire.

UT is hoping that the "Neyland Entertainment District" would make the UT campus a place to be, and not just on Fall Saturdays. If you are looking for a comparison, "The Battery" in Atlanta is a good place to start. When the MLB's Braves built their new stadium in the suburbs, they wanted to make the area surrounding the ballpark a destination, and not only during baseball season.

The "Neyland Entertainment District" could be a major revenue stream for the University of Tennessee, and the city of Knoxville.

We'll see if it happens.

## Local teams get mixed results

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strike when Laney Shrader delivered an RBI single. Farragut took advantage of a Morristown East error and plated the tying run to make the score 4-4.

Farragut got another clutch hit with two outs in extra innings. With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, junior third baseman Anna French hit a three-run home run to extend the Lady Admirals' 2023 season and send them back to Murfreesboro.

In the pitcher's circle,

Emma MacTavish overcame a rocky start to retire the last 14 Lady Trojans she faced. She finished the contest with nine strikeouts.

Farragut will begin its run at a third state championship Tuesday night at the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

**In Class 3A:** The Lady Devils saw their 2023 campaign come to an end with a 1-0, 11-inning loss to Volunteer High on the road.

Atiana Stamper started and pitched 9.1 scoreless innings for Halls before giving way to reliever Emery Bates.

Halls outthit the Lady Falcons, 5-3, in the game. Staley Vaught, Cameron Roberts, Brenna Hunley, Brielle Johnson and Sami Kirk all had hits for the Lady Devils.

**Also in Class 3A:** Gibbs played its state sectional against Tennessee High in Corryton Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

## Gibbs' marathon region title win

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Kirk followed with a RBI single to the left field gap. Vaught finished with two of Halls' four hits.

Winning pitcher Lacey Keck helped herself when she got a RBI single to tie the game in the sixth inning.

Smith, Gibbs' leadoff batter, finished 2 for 5. Gibbs totaled five hits and Halls four.

In the circle, both starters went the distance. Lefthander Lacey Keck struck out 10, walked two and hit one batsman. Emery Bales, Halls' sophomore

righthander, struck out six and did not walk a batter.

"Honestly, I believe we are two of the best teams in the state," said Mitchell." If we are fortunate to make it there, I expect them to make it there and we do this all over again in Murfreesboro. But we've got to finish (in sectional) just like they do."

Halls was scheduled to play at Volunteer Friday night, while the Tennessee High at Gibbs game was rescheduled for Saturday due to the Bristol team having graduation Friday.

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# Seven Farragut student-athletes sign National Letters of Intent

By Ken Lay

Just days before walking across the stage for graduation, seven student-athletes from Farragut High School finalized their respective college plans.

They signed their National Letters of Intent to continue their academic pursuits and academic endeavors.

Five of the seven signees were from the Admirals' baseball team, which will soon defend its Class 4A

State Championship in Murfreesboro this week. The baseball players that signed Wednesday morning at the Farragut High auditorium included Ashton Sulack (a left-handed pitcher, who will play for the University of Tennessee); Ellis Gleed (who will go the junior college route and play for Golden West College in Huntington Beach, California); Mark Underwood (who signed with Lee University); Eli

Miler (who will play at Roane State Community College) and Matthew Kilbey (who will continue his career at Alabama-Huntsville).

Farragut basketball player Dallas Carbaugh, a four-year varsity player and three-year starter, will play at Johnson University. Lady Admirals track standout Emma Miller signed with Lincoln Memorial University.



Seven Farragut High School athletes signed National Letters of intent Wednesday at the school's auditorium. The athletes included (top row): Dallas Carbaugh, Emma Miller, Ashton Sulack, (bottom row) Ellis Gleed, Mark Underwood, Eli Miller and Matthew Kilbey.

## Four Gibbs girls' wrestlers sign college scholarships

By Steve Williams

It was a historic day for Gibbs High girls wrestling.

For the first time ever, the school had a female wrestler to sign a college scholarship and Gibbs didn't have just one signee; it had four.

Haley Redmond and Kristyn Harr signed with King University; and Aaliyah Presley and Rubie Lett signed with the University of the Cumberlands.

"We are super excited about this," said Gibbs Coach Tim Pittman. "I can't say that enough. This is something that sets precedence for the rest of our girls."

Some of the signees' highlights included Redmond



PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS

Gibbs High's first girls' wrestlers to sign college scholarships are (l-r) Rubie Lett, Haley Redmond, Kristyn Harr and Aaliyah Presley.

finishing All-American in the AAU Nationals, said Pittman. "She is our first four-time state place winner. This past season was the first time they made it to the state and they finished

fourth in the state tournament as a team.

"This group of girls is really special. I'm really proud of them."

Pittman noted that girls' wrestling is currently the

fastest growing college sport.

In high school, Redmond wrestled in the 132-pound weight class; Harr at 126; Lett at 152 and Presley at 185 and heavyweight.

## Powell's Wood signs with Roane State in softball

By Steve Williams

Powell High softball player Gracyn Wood signed scholarship papers with Roane State Community College last week.

Wood took up a new position at third base for the Lady Panthers this past season and was impressed by Roane State Coach Jessie Hackworth, who also played third base in high school at Oliver Springs and at East Tennessee State University.

"Gracyn's got some strength as a power lefty hitter," said Hackworth after the signing. "She attended a camp of ours and we got to spend some time with her and work with her and get to know her. We really liked what we saw in Gracyn and she has a lot of ability to help us in the infield and at the plate next year for sure."

Roane State is a member of the 10-team Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA). Hackworth said Roane



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

It's a happy and proud moment as Powell High's Gracyn Wood finishes signing a scholarship to play softball with Roane State Community College May 16 in the PHS library. Front row: Parents Angela and Pug Wood with Gracyn. Back row (l-r): Powell Head Coach Jeff Inman, Roane State Assistant Coach Brittney Franse and Roane State Head Coach Jessie Hackworth.

State has added a \$1.2M indoor facility for baseball and softball, which will help those programs grow. Wood played outfield her first three seasons at Powell.

"This year we had a need

at third base," said Powell Coach Jeff Inman. "I knew she had played infield in summer ball, so it was a natural switch for her to come to the dirt and play at third."

"She's matured a lot this

year," added Inman. "I feel she has grown up a lot as an athlete. She has taken her day to day (duties) more serious and has been more competitive on the field. I'm proud of her. She had a really good season for us."

Batting in the second and third position of the Powell lineup, she finished the season with a .381 batting average, six doubles, six triples and 24 RBI. Gracyn comes from a sports family. Her dad, Pug Wood, was a standout high school player in Knoxville, and her grandfather, Randy Wood, coached at Knoxville Catholic High.

"I think her aunt also played some ball, so she gets a little bit of coaching from everybody," said Inman.

Gracyn is planning to major in Criminology.

## Region Championship wrap-up

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**Halls takes Region 2-2A Championship:** Meanwhile in Seymour, the Halls Red Devils claimed their first region title in school history, notching a 3-1 victory over the Eagles.

Diego Sabino scored his 12<sup>th</sup> goal and dished out his 15<sup>th</sup> assist of the season for the Red Devils. Austin Brown, a freshman, scored twice and has 10 markers in the 2023 campaign.

Jacob Eubanks had an assist.

Halls advanced to the regional final with a 10-0 victory over Cocke County at home on Monday, May 15.

Ish Frauston scored a hat trick. Sabino scored

twice. Eubanks notched his 31<sup>st</sup> goal of the season. Jesus Hernandez and Ben Ritchie each found the back of the net while Grey Fiveash knocked in his first career goal and Nathan Morgan came up with his first varsity marker.

Also in the semifinals Wednesday, Seymour eliminated Fulton via a penalty kicks shootout.

The match was tied 2-2 after 100 minutes of play.

All region finalists advanced to Saturday's state sectionals. Results were not available at press time.

Saturday's winners qualified for the state championships in Murfreesboro.

## Farragut, HVA, CAK, Catholic punch tickets to Murfreesboro

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Hilltoppers.

**In Class 3A:** Halls High saw its season come to an end in Bristol Friday at Tennessee High School.

The Vikings swept the Red Devils, claiming a 10-1 victory Thursday and a 9-7 win Friday.

The end of Halls' 2023 season also marks the retirement of longtime coach Doug Polston, who spent 35 years and won more than 700 games as the Red Devils' head man.

**In Division II-A:** Christian Academy of Knoxville will return to the Midstate after winning two out of three in its state quarterfinal series against

University School of Nashville.

The Warriors lost the opener 1-0 on Wednesday before storming back to sweep a doubleheader Thursday, winning 13-3 and 9-3.

**In Division II-AA:** Catholic, which finished third at the state tournament in 2022, is headed back to the Midstate after shocking Baylor in Chattanooga on Wednesday.

The Irish had to win their final regular-season series to make the state playoffs and defeated the Red Raiders 5-2 and 2-1 to move on to the Spring Fling.

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DOCKET NUMBER 87431-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAMUEL YOUNG MAYO who died Jan 12, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF SAMUEL YOUNG MAYO**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHERINE BELLE MAYO; CO-EXECUTRIX  
2 COLLIER ROAD NW, UNIT 5  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

ALICE ANN MAYO BERGER; CO-EXECUTRIX  
103 CEDAR AVENUE  
CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES ARTHUR MCKINNEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87574-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES ARTHUR MCKINNEY who died Mar 11, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 4 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JAMES ARTHUR MCKINNEY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LUANN SANTELLI; ADMINISTRATRIX  
49 THOMSON ROAD  
WEST HARTFORD, CT 06107

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HARRY ERNEST MCKINNEY JR  
DOCKET NUMBER 87695-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HARRY ERNEST MCKINNEY JR who died Jan 3, 2023, 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 8 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF HARRY ERNEST MCKINNEY JR**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LISA MCKINNEY MCNABB; ADMINISTRATRIX  
105 RIDGEBARK LANE  
LENIOR CITY, TN 37772

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RAY EDWARD MCNEIL  
DOCKET NO. 87618-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of May 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAY EDWARD MCNEIL who died January 18, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 5 day of May 2023.

**ESTATE OF RAY EDWARD MCNEIL**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PHILIP EDWARD MCNEIL  
3608 TREVI ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

GAIL F WORTLEY ATTORNEY  
3715 POWERS STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RHONDA J MINOR  
DOCKET NUMBER 87537-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RHONDA J MINOR who died Dec 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 1 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF RHONDA J MINOR**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NACIRA HALL; CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
3100 LAKE BROOK BLVD, APT 142  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

DARYL MINOR; CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
8414 CARL VALENTINE CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARGARET JANA ORTSTADT  
DOCKET NO. 87630-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of May, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MARGARET JANA ORTSTADT who died November 29, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 8 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF MARGARET JANA ORTSTADT**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BARBARA ELLEN COLLINS  
2604 KELLER BEND RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

WAYNE WYKOFF, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 31526  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KENNETH RAY RUSSELL, II  
DOCKET NO 87563-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of May, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect to the estate of KENNETH RUSSELL, II, who died on 12-20- 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, 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 the first publication, or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date of the creditor actually received a 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 if four (4) months from the date of the first publication as described in (1) (A), or

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

**ESTATE OF KENNETH RAY RUSSELL, II**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICKEY S. UNDERWOOD  
155 CROSS CREEK ROAD  
MARYVILLE, TN 37807

WILLIAM R. RAY, ATTORNEY  
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTYE CAROL SISCO  
DOCKET NO. 86748-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of May 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BETTYE CAROL SISCO who died February 19, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 4 day of May 2023.

**ESTATE OF BETTYE CAROL SISCO**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
MARGARET PERKINS  
213 HOMEWOOD AVENUE  
GREENSBORO, NC 27403

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLES LESTER SISK, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87750-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES LESTER SISK, JR. who died Apr 5, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

**ESTATE OF CHARLES LESTER SISK, JR.**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAYME OWNBY; EXECUTOR  
7113 ROCKINGHAM DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A SLIMP  
DOCKET NUMBER 87731-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY A SLIMP who died Jan 28, 2023, 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 8 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A SLIMP**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOSHUA SPANGLER; EXECUTOR  
2061 MALONE ROAD  
LOUDON, TN. 37774

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF INGE MEYRING SMITH  
DOCKET NO. 87659-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of INGE MEYRING SMITH who died November 5, 2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 10 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF INGE MEYRING SMITH**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
INGEILIN SMITH MYERS  
1800 RUDDER LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

SARAH E.C. MALIA ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 12395  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HARRY LEE SPENCER JR  
DOCKET NUMBER 87486-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2023,



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RAYMOND EDGAR BERRY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87756-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RAYMOND EDGAR BERRY who died Feb 4, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 10 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF RAYMOND EDGAR BERRY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TONY BERRY; ADMINISTRATOR  
2544 TRUMAN AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM RUSSELL BREEDING  
DOCKET NUMBER 87764-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM RUSSELL BREEDING who died Mar 16, 2023, 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 11 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM RUSSELL BREEDING**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ORPHA L BRINK; EXECUTRIX  
2016 BELCARO DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LARRY LYNN BUCKNER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87733-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of May 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LARRY LYNN BUCKNER who died March 26, 2023, 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 22 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF LARRY LYNN BUCKNER**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
REGINA GWEN BUCKNER; EXECUTRIX  
8311 EAST EMORY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37221

FRED T. BELL ATTORNEY AT LAW  
648 LOGWOOD BRIAR CIRCLE  
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF J. MORTON CAMPBELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 87696-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of J. MORTON CAMPBELL who died April 12, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 18 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF J. MORTON CAMPBELL**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JULIEANNE MCCAMY FOY; EXECUTOR  
9401 GLADIATOR LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

EDWARD A. COX, JR ATTORNEY  
1111 N. NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PAMELA SUSAN FOSS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87599-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of May, 2023, letters of administration in respect

of the Estate of PAMEL SUSAN FOSS who died January 24, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 15 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF PAMELA SUSAN FOSS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANDREA CLEM  
7600 JESSICA LANE  
CORYYTON, TN 37721

M. CATHERINE WARBROD ATTORNEY  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PAULA CHRISTINE FRISKELL  
DOCKET NO. 87579-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PAULA CHRISTINE FRISKELL who died on March 15, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 11 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF PAULA CHRISTINE FRJSKELL**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PHILLIP TESSIER  
129 W. JACKSON AVENUE, APT #203  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902

LAWRENCE P. LEIBOWITZ ATTORNEY  
BRANDON J. TINDLE ATTORNEY  
608 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HILDA HUGHES GUTHRIE  
DOCKET NUMBER 87691-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 Day of May, 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HILDA HUGHES GUTHRIE who died on March 16, 2023, were issued to 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 dated prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) month 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 15 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF HILDA HUGHES GUTHRIE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES(S)  
ANITA SCHATZLE  
1870 LAFITTE BROTHERS LANE  
PRAIRIEVILLE, LA 70769

HEATHER A. QUINNBADER ATTORNEY  
408 WINDHAM HILL ROAD  
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALMA WITT HARRISON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87708-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of May, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALMA WITT HARRISON who died February 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and 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 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 16 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF ALMA WITT HARRISON**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VICKY CARDWELL  
484 VINEYARD FARM LANE  
BLAINE, TN 37709

GAIL F. WORTLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
3715 POWERS STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HAL C. HORNER, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87547-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of

administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of HAL C. HORNER, JR. who died February 23, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 16 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF HAL C. HORNER, JR.**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GREGORY A. HORNER  
2875 STOCK CREEK ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH FAYE HUFFAKER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87676-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH FAYE HUFFAKER who died February 1, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 15 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH FAYE HUFFAKER**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
REBECCA LYNN HAYWOOD  
1553 HUNT CLUB DRIVE  
MILFORD, OH 45150

MELINDA BUCK BROWN ATTORNEY  
136 S. ILLINOIS AVE., SUITE 206  
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MINDY JACKSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87690-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of May, 2023, Letters of Testamentary (or of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of Mindy Jackson who died on February 28, 2023, issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 (or posting, as the case may be) 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 posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

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

Dated this 11 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF MINDY ANN JACKSON**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
CINDY CLEMMONS  
18 SECRETARIAT ROAD SE  
ROME, GA 30161

ADAM STRACHN ATTORNEY  
11124 KINGSTON PIKE STE 119-317  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN D JOHNSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87815-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN D JOHNSON who died Nov 14, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JOHN D JOHNSON**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANN H JOHNSON; EXECUTRIX  
1512 ARROW WOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PHILIP RHOADES LAYMAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87672-2**

Notice is hereby given that in the 12 day of May 2023, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHILIP RHOADES LAYMAN who died on

October 9, 2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 if 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 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 12 day of MAY, 2023

**ESTATE OF PHILIP RHOADES LAYMAN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROGER WILLIAM LAYMAN  
3431 WATTS LANE  
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE 37127

CARIN C. BRIO ATTORNEY  
3217 GARDEN DRIVE, SUITE 1  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JUAN C. MCKINNEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87709-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of May, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of Juan C. McKinney, who died March 22, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and 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 publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

Claims filed with the Clerk are subject to applicable defenses and limitations that may be asserted.

This 15 day of May 2023.

**ESTATE OF JUAN C. MCKINNEY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
LAURA L. DALTON  
744 STOWERS DRIVE  
CORYYTON, TN 37721

GAIL F. WORTLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
3715 POWERS STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JESSIE CAMPBELL MILLER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87712-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JESSIE CAMPBELL MILLER who died Jan 8, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 17 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JESSIE CAMPBELL MILLER**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KEITH MELVIN CAMPBELL; EXECUTOR  
455 IMPERIAL HEIGHTS LANE  
LAFOLLETTE TN 37766

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P.O BOX 436  
JACKSBORO TN 37757

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOAN LINCOLN MURRAY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87814-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOAN LINCOLN MURRAY who died Feb 12, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JOAN LINCOLN MURRAY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROBERT MURRAY; EXECUTOR  
5051 HIDDEN HAVEN WAY  
BLAINE, TN. 37709

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CYNTHIA LOUISE NABLE  
DOCKET NUMBER 87586-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of May 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CYNTHIA LOUISE NABLE who died Dec 31, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF CYNTHIA LOUISE NABLE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GEORGE T NABLE; ADMINISTRATOR  
1506 SAN CHARLES DRIVE  
DUNEDIN, FL 34698

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHRISTIN ALICEA PUETTMAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87679-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHRISTIN ALICEA PUETTMAN who died Dec 3, 2021, were issued to all the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim 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 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 11 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF CHRISTIN ALICEA PUETTMAN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARY PUETTMAN  
8717 FARMINGTON DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF AMON EDWARD REED  
DOCKET NUMBER 87582-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of AMON EDWARD REED were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 11 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF AMON EDWARD REED**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
TRACY D. REED  
2400 HONEYGROVE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

CAMELLIA SAUNDERS BLAIR ATTORNEY  
5401 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 260  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JUANITA Y REED  
DOCKET NUMBER 87721-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUANITA Y REED who died December 20, 2022 were issued on the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JUANITA Y REED**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JEFFREY B. REED  
1023 KILE LAKE ROAD  
CLEVELAND, TN 37323

EDWARD A. COX, JR  
1111 N. NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH V. ROUSE  
DOCKET NUMBER 87602-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH V. ROUSE who died December 13, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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

(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 May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH V. ROUSE  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOY M. PAYNE  
6504 WILMOUTH RUN RD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**

**BRADLEY C. SAGRAVES ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 32631  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELSIE BRYANT SHEPARD  
DOCKET NUMBER 87723-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of May, 2023 letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELSIE BRYANT SHEPARD, who March 11, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 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 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 is the 16 day of May, 2023.

**ESTATE OF ELSIE BRYANT SHEPARD**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JUDY L. BRYANT  
9405 WESTLAND CROSSING WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

STEVEN K. BOWLING ATTORNEY  
9202 S. NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE 301  
P.O. BOX 11125  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37939

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DEBRA ANN THOMPSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87741-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DEBRA ANN THOMPSON who died Jan 14, 2023, 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