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Spring Fling 30!



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Webb School freshman Carolina Areheart is front and center in the pack of 1600-meter runners at the TSSAA's 30th annual Spring Fling last week in Murfreesboro. Team and individual state champions were crowned in seven sports -- baseball, softball, soccer, boys' and girls' tennis and boys' and girls' track. Knox County had its share of winners too and Areheart was one of them. Please see the results and more pictures in Sports and Recreation, Section C.

Community invited to ribbon cutting for new Mynatt Chapel in Powell

By Focus Staff

Longtime North Knox County establishment Mynatt Funeral Home is cutting the ribbon on its new Powell chapel this Friday, June 2. Congressman Tim Burchett and Dwight Van de Vate from the Knox County Mayor's Office are scheduled to speak at the event which will begin at 10 a.m.

The community is invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and the open house following from 1 – 4 p.m. An additional open house will be held Saturday, June 3 from 10 – 4 p.m.

The new Mynatt Funeral Home Powell Chapel is located at 2000 Powell Drive in Powell. This will be the third location for the family-owned and operated business founded in Halls in 1900 by Ernest Mynatt. The Fountain City Chapel followed in 1929.

Rezoning, honorary names, bulletproof vests on city agenda

By Mike Steely

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The city council meets Tuesday and will vote on the new Knoxville budget that includes a small raise for employees with no new property taxes. The council will also discuss a variety of zoning changes, appointments, contracts for city service providers, and bulletproof vests for the police department.

The council meets every other Tuesday which means they will have met three

times in May. The agenda runs six pages with 13 different topics including the public forum.

An ordinance dealing with the sale of beer to minors is being sponsored by Beer Board Chairperson Janet Testerman and the Public Service Department is requesting amendments to the city charter to transfer duties from the director of Plans Review and Building Inspections to the director of Public Service.

Ijams Nature Center may get a \$50,000 appropriation

to remove trash and debris along the river from Forks of the River to Sequoyah Park. True Grip and Lighting may get about \$ 61,000 to provide a stage, lighting and production equipment and labor for the 4th of July festival.

Rezoning requests involving residential areas include properties at 2400 Merchant Drive for a change from Neighborhood Commercial to Multi-Family Residential Neighborhood, Zero Dresser Road from RN-1 Residential to General

Commercial, and 355 South Gallaher View from OP, Office, to RN-6 Residential.

An RN-1 residential property at Zero Old State Road at 299 Nash Road, may go from RN-1 to General Industrial and 513 Cooper Street may go from IG General Industrial to Industrial Mixed-Use.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie wants an honorary naming of a section of Lakeside Street at Magnolia to be named for Knoxville boxing champion Big John Tate and Councilman

Tommy Smith wants the new bridge at Topside Road over Alcoa Highway to be named for UT Coach John Majors.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker wants the council to approve an Alternative Response Team task force to respond to mental health, homelessness and substance abuse.

The police department is asking the city to apply for \$44,800 from the U.S. Department of Justice for bulletproof vests with a 50% match from the city.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful may receive \$100,000 to provide litter prevention, litter collection and graffiti removal services and awareness.

The agreement with Waste Collections of Tennessee may be altered and extended for household garbage and recycling materials collection for \$468,000 annually.

Mayor Indya Kincannon plans to reappoint Amy Midis and Tim Hill and appoint Miles Biggs to the planning commission.

Commission debates more housing vs controlled growth

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Which is more important: the demand for more housing or the control of growth in Knox County? That was the focus of the zoning hearings held last week during the regular meeting of the Knox County Commission.

The debate followed a presentation by Hancan Sale of the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors, who spoke about the increasing lack of affordable housing, the need for smaller housing units, and the need to house essential workers.

Huber Properties LLC followed with a request to develop property within the Farragut Urban Growth Boundary for low-density residential. The request saw the commission split on the issue.

Attorney John King, representing Huber, noted the planning commission

voted 12-0 in favor of permitting five units per acre on the 12.89 acres and no opposition came forward during that vote. However, Commissioner Kim Frazier said that the Town of Farragut wrote a letter opposing five units that mentioned traffic, hillside protection, a sinkhole and a turn lane, and requested a walking trail and sidewalks.

She said the hilly nature of the land, located on Fretz Road south of Campbell Station Road, would cause the five units per acre to be clustered together. Commissioner Terry Hill then moved to cut the number per acre to 3 1/2 and Commissioner Schoonmaker seconded the motion.

Commissioner Larsen Jay was critical of the cut-back in housing and said, "We need more housing" and made a substitute motion to allow the five units. That motion failed



At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier cited the clustering of houses on the proposed development along Fretz Road during the planning session of the Knox County Commission last week.

in a 4-6-1 vote with Commissioners Jay, Carson Dailey, Kyle Ward and Dasha Lundy voting for the five units and Richie Beeler abstaining.

Hill's motion to restrict the number to 3 1/2 units then was debated. King cited Huber's noted reputation as a developer and

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Audit Committee approves an extension with outside auditor

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The Knox County Audit Committee did some catch-up work last week when it met in Special Session. The annual contract with the county's outside auditor, Pugh and Associates, was supposed to be approved during the committee's first meeting this year.

Somehow the renewal approval wasn't on their first annual meeting agenda as required and Chairman Jim Morrison called for the special session. Present were Morrison, Vice Chair Matthew Warren, and Commissioner John Schoonmaker. Absent were

Commissioners Larsen Jay and Richie Beeler.

Morrison called on Knox County Procurement Director Matt Myers who said the request for an extension of the contract with Pugh was "coming to you late" and said the matters need to be approved by the county, the state and Pugh and Associates.

Representatives of the county and the school system, both audited by Pugh, agreed to the extension which would cover the current audit agreement from April of this year to March of 2024.

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I Hope Commission Will Appreciate The Taxpayers, Too

From a distance



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During my entire 30 years in Washington, I saw two things over and over: 1) The easiest thing in the world to do is to spend other peoples' money, and 2) It was impossible to satisfy the government's appetite for money – they always wanted more, more, more. This nation is a mind-boggling \$31.5 trillion in debt and in a very vulnerable condition financially because for many years most Democrats and a few Republicans seemingly have had no qualms about spending money we do not have. What we really need in this country is more elected officials with the courage to occasionally say no, stand up for the taxpayers, and insist that our government

– at all levels – live within its means. At the national level, Democrats are insisting that not only can nothing be cut, but that we must continue to increase spending on everything. Their solution is to print even more money and inflate our way out of any problem. Throughout history and all over the world countries have tried this with disastrous results. Most African nations and other third-world countries have gone the inflation route. Even many educated and once-prosperous nations have tried this, too. In the late 1980s, inflation got so bad in Argentina that they had to raise prices in the grocery stores every four hours. Inflation got so out of control in Germany in the 1920s that the economy completely shut down, and it gave rise to Hitler. I am not one bit surprised that the Democrats in Washington are still demanding increased spending because they always have. But this will create even more inflation, and inflation has often been called the cruelest

tax of all. I am very surprised, though, that a similar thing is happening at the local level with the Knox County Sheriff demanding a 30% pay raise for deputies. I don't believe I have ever heard of any government agency – federal, state, or local – asking for such a huge one-time raise. I supported the sheriff in both of his elections and even did a TV ad for him. My late wife, who was confined to a wheelchair at the time, called everyone she knew - which was a very long list - to ask everyone to vote for the sheriff in his first campaign. But if we gave every, or even most, government agencies and their employees immediate 30% pay increases, this nation, this state, and/or this country would be in very serious or even worse trouble. I have not talked to Mayor Jacobs about this, but I assume he felt he was being very generous in recommending an 8% pay increase for deputies when all other county employees were being offered 3%. When I was growing up,

my brother and sisters and I were taught to have great respect for law enforcement. During my 16 years as a lawyer and judge, I treated all policemen and deputies with great respect and made sure they were treated that way in my court. Thus, I am still grateful that when I first ran for Congress in 1988 almost every member of the Knoxville City Police Department and the Knox County Sheriff's Office signed ads endorsing me. I have spoken out many times about our law enforcement money being out of whack with some federal officers being paid too much and those who serve at the much more dangerous local level being paid too little. I support the generous 8% pay raise recommended by Mayor Jacobs, and I have supported every raise our deputies have gotten over the years, but 30% is too much. According to information from the mayor's office, if the 8% raise is accepted, then patrol officers would have received an increase

of 25% since he came into office a little over four years ago. Knox County deputies have also received \$6,000 in cash bonuses since then, too. The mayor's proposal would mean that patrol officers would start at \$48,399 (\$63,303 when you include benefits), and experienced officers are paid much more. According to the Chamber of Commerce, the median income in Knox County is \$41,200. I once read a Bible study that said if you were not grateful for your job, think how you would feel if you were fired that day. I like the sheriff personally, and I like and appreciate every Knox County deputy I have ever met. I am sure that most of them are very grateful for their jobs. I don't blame them one bit for trying to get the biggest raise they can. But I hope they will think about the fact that very few people in Knox County are getting 8% raises this year, and I know of none who are getting 30% raises. I have driven by two schools recently that had signs out for Teacher

Appreciation Days. I taught school many years ago. I have had many teachers in my family, and I am married to a teacher now. I am all for Teacher Appreciation Days, but I think we also need "taxpayer appreciation days." I think an 8% pay raise for deputies shows appreciation for them in a significant, meaningful way. It is certainly understandable that the sheriff would play to his main audience – the deputies he works with every day – and want to do as much as possible for them. But once he assumed office, he became obligated to also remember the 490,000-plus Knox Countians who do not work for the sheriff's department, many of whom have a hard time paying all their taxes. I know it will take courage for Knox County Commissioners to not vote for a 30% increase with a room full of deputies present. But I hope the commissioners will show appreciation for the taxpayers, too.

Commission debates

Cont. from page 1 _____ said that without five units, the development "can't go forward." Jay said that fewer housing units mean a higher price per unit. "I don't get it," Jay told his fellow commissioners, reminding them of their past statements about needing higher density. Commissioner Gina Oster spoke about the narrowness of Fretz Road and Hill referred to the letter from Farragut. Dailey mentioned future plans to widen Fretz Road and added, "I don't get this commission, I'm very disappointed we can't come to a reasonable solution." Attorney Mike Moyers called the issue

"debatable" noting the planning commission's recommendation but added the commission could take the Farragut letter into account. King then withdrew the rezoning request. The debate over the number of units per acre came up again during a request by Ben Mullins for 10 units per acre along Ball Camp Pike. Planning Director Jeff Welch noted Knoxville-Knox County Planning's approval for 32 units on the 3.9 acres. Jay said the proposed location is on a "major artery" and is perfect for the area. He moved to permit 8.2 units per acre and the motion passed 8-3.

The NAACP's Travel Advisory

You can tell who the left fears by the hit pieces that suddenly appear in their newspapers, on their networks and their sycophants like Black Lives Matter, Move On and the NAACP. Make no doubt about it, the object of their scorn (and fear) is the governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis. How else do you explain their labeling of his wife as Lady Macbeth while they put Hillary Clinton and Gisele Fetterman on a pedestal? Moreover, Fetterman's husband, who somehow was elected to the U.S. Senate by voters



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in Pennsylvania, is doted on and given loving praise by the left's media outlets. Fetterman, who is speech impaired, wears hoodies and shorts to the Senate and has actually been mentioned as a presidential candidate! His clownish attire has been called "stylish" by those on the left. If Fetterman were a Republican, he would be ridiculed and satirized by Saturday Night Live and late-night comics.

But Fetterman is the type of politician that the left loves. It can control him which explains why they fear DeSantis. They cannot control him and he revels in that knowledge. The left desperately wants Donald Trump to be the nominee of the Republican Party because Trump is the only Republican they think they can beat. While the left occasionally makes snide remarks at Nikki Haley, Tim Scott and Mike Pence, they look upon the Florida governor as the largest danger to their power. Thus, they sicced the NAACP on him issuing a "travel advisory" cautioning blacks to not travel to Florida which the NAACP says is hostile to people of color (and LGPTQ+). When

I first saw the travel advisory, I wondered why the NAACP would do something this stupid. Are they saying that the 3 million black and 6 million Latino residents are in danger living in such a hostile environment? That is probably news to those Floridians of color. Are black tourists being attacked when they cross the state line? I go to Florida three or four times a year and have yet to be attacked by anything other than mosquitoes, black flies and love bugs. I have not been denied service, cursed at or treated with anything but respect. Maybe I should get the chairman of the NAACP who lives in Tampa to show me where he has suffered from living in such a hostile state.

Is Florida more dangerous to blacks than Chicago, New York or Los Angeles? Do blacks in Florida suffer more discrimination than in Democrat-controlled states? Florida's blacks have lower unemployment rates than in California and higher median incomes than blacks in Illinois. Are there more hate crimes against people of color in Florida? The data say otherwise. The advisory also said that DeSantis has tried to erase Black history and restrict diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in Florida schools. I've written on this before. What DeSantis did was to have the courage to not allow the AP course on black history to be part of the Florida curricula. That course was less about history than it was about Critical Race Theory, "queer" black history and the distortions

of the 1619 Project. Florida does teach black history. DeSantis gives an award for the best essays on black history by public school students. The state's education department says that "Students shall develop an understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping on individual freedoms." Indeed, the 1920 Ocoee massacre, in which blacks were killed by a mob, is a part of the state's curriculum. No, DeSantis is not trying to erase black history. He also has willingly incurred the ire of the left by taking over Florida's leftist New College and ending funding for diversity, equity and inclusion programs that tout segregation and pit races against each other.

DeSantis called the travel advisory a stunt. It is not a stunt. It is worse than that. It is the NAACP being made a fool of by its bosses on the left. The NAACP has long since ceased to be a civil rights organization and has become another organ of the left. It claims to want to enhance black education, yet it strongly condemns school choice which has been able to improve the educational achievement of minorities. Not surprisingly, one of the major contributors to the organization is the teachers' unions. If the NAACP were serious about black progress, it would favor right-to-work laws, oppose increases in minimum wages and support school choice. But then, the NAACP is more interested in pleasing its funding sources than in advancing the well-being of black folks.



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Publisher's Positions



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Ten Pounds Of Lard In A Five-Gallon Bucket

Realtors are being polled by their own association asking some questions that have raised eyebrows amongst homeowners. A few of those are:

“Do you support removing the special use requirement for duplexes and triplexes in the RN-2 and RN-3 zoning districts AND for townhomes and multi-family dwellings in the RN-3 and RN-4 zoning districts?”

“Generally speaking, do you support zoning amendments to make it easier for property owners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their property? Examples include removing the owner occupancy requirement, amending gross square footage standards, and removing off-street parking requirements.”

“Do you support eliminating (or substantially

reducing) minimum off-street parking requirements for new residential development in the City?”

The questionnaire also points out “only single-family homes are allowed by right in nearly 80% of residential land in the city (i.e. RN-1 and RN-2).” The questionnaire goes on to ask Realtors, “Generally speaking do you think having such a large percentage of residential land zoned this way is in the best interests of the city and its residents?”

This comes as Hancan Sale, a 25-year-old who is the Government Affairs and Policy Director for the Knoxville Association of REALTORS, is appearing before the Knox County Commission to give what has imperiously been referred to as the “State of Housing Report.” Basically, Sale is the real estate industry’s chief lobbyist, to put it simply. There was a time when lobbyists were not invited to lecture the commission as if they were experts.

Let me be clear that I have nothing but respect for the bulk of the hard-working people who comprise the core of Realtors in our community. I don’t have the same kind of respect for those who are trying to pack 10 pounds of lard into a 5-gallon bucket. That seems to be the gist of what the questionnaire sent out under the guise of the Knoxville Association of

Realtors is advocating. The goal seems to be to pack the City of Knoxville with another 50,000 or even 100,000 new residents. Of course, to accomplish that, many neighborhoods would have to be demolished and the process of building “up” would have to begin. The goal would be, as suggested in the questionnaire, to build multifamily housing throughout the city.

Much of what the city government likes to call “affordable” housing is actually subsidized housing. Nor is the blueprint being pushed by the real estate lobby good for the individual Realtors, who sell single-family homes. The blueprint, however, is very good for developers and landlords. Only empty-headed leftists actually believe those developments would be built for little or nothing. That’s never going to happen. If they are built, they will cost a great deal of money, as would the demolition of neighborhoods. Unless the city government proposes the general taxpayers underwrite the rents, they will go at the market rate.

Politically speaking, the real estate lobby doesn’t seem to be very bright. Last year the Realtor’s political arm endorsed Stuart Hohl over Gina Oster for the county commission. Oster is a Realtor. This year, the real estate lobby is backing Councilwoman

Lynne Fugate over Cameron Brooks, who is also a Realtor.

Nor does the real estate lobby acknowledge the effect on housing in local communities caused by the open border. With millions of illegal aliens coming into the country and being allowed to be parsed all across the nation, they must be housed somewhere. All of those people must be accommodated and it will drive up local tax rates as every aspect of local infrastructure will be affected. Schools will have to be enlarged, more teachers hired, or new buildings built. It will also increase the demand for housing and prices will rise accordingly.

Thank You, Mr. Bernstein

Bernard “Bernie” Bernstein passed away on May 19, 2023. In the interest of full disclosure, Bernie Bernstein was the lawyer for my businesses. I was quite fortunate in my choice of lawyers and even more fortunate in that Bernie took me on as a client.

The son of immigrants from Hungary, the life of Bernie Bernstein was the very definition of an American success story. Bernie earned a scholarship to one of the most prestigious colleges in the country: the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Bernie fought for his country, serving as a lieutenant in the Air Force and was an intelligence officer during the Korean War.

One of the best business lawyers in the country, Bernie Bernstein demonstrated repeatedly his legal ability in just about every field. Bernie was also a leader in the civil rights movement at a time when it wasn’t always popular to take up the cause.

Bernie’s firm encompassed his partnership with the late Charles Susano Jr., who went on to be appointed to a seat on the Tennessee State Court of Appeals. Bernie Bernstein’s legal career could very well serve as a road map to the growth and development of Knoxville and Knox County. Bernstein was the lawyer for Proffitt’s Department Store, Clayton Homes and Whittle Communications.

Bernie’s expertise as an attorney was not confined solely to business; he was equally adept at criminal matters and even what is politely referred to as “domestic relations.” Bernie was a tiger in the courtroom and a formidable advocate on behalf of any client, whether it was a Fortune 500 company or a party to a divorce battle. For his oftentimes fierce fighting for his clients, Bernie was an able and experienced mediator and was able to resolve conflicts between adversaries.

Throughout his career, Bernie Bernstein was recognized by the members of his chosen profession and peers in just about every way possible. He was also recognized by his friends and neighbors, who elected him as a delegate to Tennessee’s 1977 Constitutional Convention. Then-Mayor Victor Ashe called on Bernstein to head a commission to facilitate conflicts between citizens and the Knoxville Police Department.

Bernie served as an adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee Law School and was one of the founders of the College of Law’s Legal Clinic.

Bernie Bernstein was probably one of the most prominent members of Knoxville’s Jewish community. Then-Governor Lamar Alexander appointed Bernstein to head Tennessee’s Holocaust Commission.

Bernie was devoted to his family, religion, profession, friends and community. Bernie Bernstein’s life was a monument to a life well lived. For those who knew Bernie Bernstein, we will truly miss him and continue to cherish the memory of his friendship. So, too, will our community miss someone who constantly gave of himself. While successful in every aspect of life and work, Bernie Bernstein gave back far more than he ever received.

My Life in the Party

What is it like being married to the Knox County GOP Chairman? That is a loaded question. This is Buddy’s third time serving the GOP in this capacity and I have seen him

in this role every time. This time is a little different because I am living it with him. I was never previously involved other than showing up to the polls to cast my Republican vote. This go-round is quite different. We are busy! Our weeks are filled with anywhere from two to four meetings every week. When we are not attending meetings, we are preparing for the next one or discussing the last one.

It has been an interesting



GUEST COLUMN
By Amy Faucette

ride thus far. Something as simple as trying to remember the names and faces of the countless people I have met in the last few months has been challenging. I never thought that I would enjoy the work that I am now doing alongside my husband, but it has grabbed my interest and I feel that I am helping to make a difference. There was no easing into my role. I jumped in and have been at a constant sprint since I started this journey with him.

Some of the things on Buddy’s priority list right now are fundraising and precinct organization. Two fundraising efforts are the

Lincoln Day Dinner and the Sporting Clays Event at Iron Mountain Sporting Clays. Both fundraising and precinct organization are important for Republican candidates in Knox County. Fundraising will bring in money to the party to help them and precinct organization will help the candidates with grassroots efforts during campaigns. Vice Chair Janis Crye is working to get the GOP website and Facebook page back online so that we can easily distribute information to everyone who wants to be a part of the growth of the Republican party in Knox County.

The Lincoln Day Dinner will most likely be held sometime in late June or early July. We will be able to set that date in stone once

we have confirmed the speaker. The 1st Annual Sporting Clays Event is Friday, August 11, 2023. If you would like any further information on the Sporting Clays Event, please reach out to Janis Crye at janiscrye@gmail.com or 865-705-0855 or Buddy Burkhardt at buddyb9021@gmail.com or 865-356-5050. We are looking for sponsors and participants for the event. We are hopeful for great success in both fundraisers.

I never understood the amount of dedication and work that was going on behind the scenes until I became actively involved. We are excited to find new residents, young people, minorities and anyone else who wants to help us grow. We want to see people get

excited and understand the importance of voting, knocking on doors, supporting Republican candidates, making phone calls to get others involved, and making sure that Knox County stays RED!

So, to answer the question, “What is it like being married to the Knox County GOP Chairman”; it’s exhilarating, exhausting, and exciting and I wouldn’t have it any other way. I still have much to learn, but I’m always up for a challenge. I will still go to the polls to cast my Republican vote, but that vote means so much more to me now that I am understanding the importance of the Republican conservative values.

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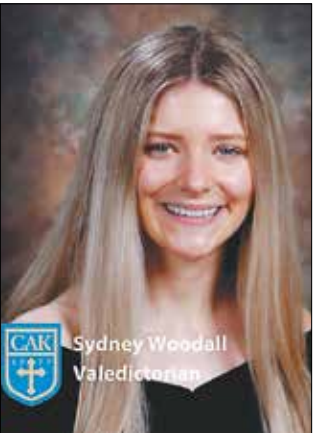
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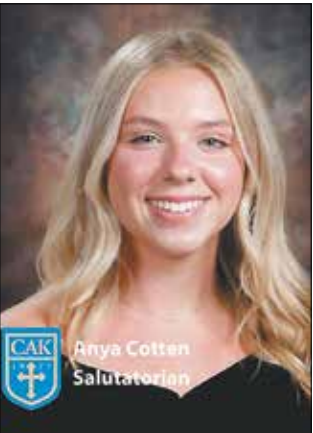
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Connections

You can lead someone to knowledge, but you can't make him think.
Anonymous

You can teach an old dog new tricks, and I offer myself as an example. Since my retirement, I have added doing wash, vacuuming and cleaning toilets to my resume which has always included taking out the trash and busing the dinner dishes. However, Becky's fancy dishwasher scares me just like the furnace in the basement scared Kevin in "Home Alone."

Becky remains the undisputed manager of our home and never ceases to surprise me. Years ago, as she was "driving Mr. Jim" she asked me to search for her sunglasses in her handbag. The contents of women's purses mystify me. I found her glasses as well as a 25-foot steel tape measure and a ball peen hammer! Her explanation was we were building our

retirement home and said she "might need them."

Becky is my "Handy Ma'am." She is the practical one allowing her bookish husband time for contemplation. However, I'm not a slug because I take care of the yard, garden, orchard and vineyard and help with household chores. Last week I was cleaning out the freezer ice bucket and came across an unusual item, a frozen paintbrush in a sandwich bag. When I showed this to Becky, she matter-of-factly told me that a paintbrush can be reused if it's wrapped properly and put in the freezer. Like me, Becky is conservative and frugal. We were taking care of the environment and recycling before it was cool.

A liberal friend recently confessed she was unaware of the rampant homelessness, crime wave and drug crisis in Portland, Oregon. Obviously, I keep up with Portland news because my daughter and

her family live there. And I am aware because I peruse news sites other than the mainstream media. We are bombarded with liberal messaging. Tennessee is a more conservative state than those in New England and the "left coast." And yet, of the 80-plus news outlets in Tennessee, only three offer a conservative perspective like The Knoxville Focus. Perhaps my liberal friend does not get the full story from MSNBC's Rachael Maddow or The View. "You should read widely, consider carefully and sift everything through your conscience and common sense" (JVF). As I read about Whoopi Goldberg doing a lap dance on a View co-host, I wonder what kind of person watches The View or MSNBC? Apparently, a lot do because there are a bunch of useful idiots who plan to again vote for the decrepit, demented and deceitful Democrat.

Those of us who consider perspectives other than the mainstream media's are aware of the biggest scandal in the history of our country. The mainstream media called the 5-year investigation and Durham Report a "nothing burger." The media's talking heads all chirped the same phrase after years of squawking that the Mueller investigation would destroy President Trump. It didn't because

Mueller's investigation, as well as the DOJ Inspector General's report and now Durham, found no evidence of Trump-Russia collusion/conspiracy.

Now that Durham has traced the discredited and infamous Steele Dossier and the Russian collusion lies to Hillary Clinton, one wonders how the intelligence agencies were enlisted to promote the salacious lies to their media co-conspirators since Hillary did not have the power to do so. Enter Obama, who had the power, and both he and Biden knew about Hillary's ruse to distract from her unsecured private server use and the destruction of her unsecured communications with Obama. Apparently, the Democrat darling is nothing but a cheap politician like Biden and "crooked" Hillary. And the slavish mainstream media, Tech Lords and useful idiots followed right along with the slander and election tampering scheme.

Although I am retired from being responsible for people's care, I am often asked medical questions by friends and family. And I'm happy to oblige; it's what I can do. There is a huge difference between being responsible for someone's medical care, and just interpreting medical-eze or offering explanations of complex medical conditions.

Recently, a friend who

previously suffered a stroke called me about rehab and brain recovery. The issue is one of "brain plasticity," defined as "any change in neuron structure or functions that is observed either directly from measures of individual neurons or inferred from measures taken across populations of neurons."

We are born with roughly 100 billion nerve cells (neurons) in the brain - about the same number of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. The brain weighs approximately one pound at birth and increases to three pounds as an adult. Most of the growth is in early life, with maturity occurring around 25 years.

For a long time, we have known that brain cells can form new connections with other brain cells. Think of learning to ride a bicycle where new connections are formed (learned). However, doctors once thought that adult brains couldn't generate any new brain cells. It is now thought that people have the capacity to develop new cells as well as learn new tasks. Stroke rehabilitation involves stimulating work-around pathways and perhaps the generation of new brain cells and connections.

If stroke victims can learn new pathways and grow new brain cells, perhaps liberals or even enslaved useful idiots can be enlightened and rescued from

their indoctrination. This is even possible for the audience of MSNBC and The View, but I doubt Maude Behar or the CEO of soon-to-be "Bud-lighted" Target can be saved in my lifetime.

So, in the spirit of enlightenment of those who desire to hear the other side of the argument before making up their minds, consider the following "connections" which have come to light from investigative reporters like Andy McCarthy, the Durham report and others:

Obama knew about Hillary Clinton's non-secure and illegal email account; in fact, he communicated with her using an alias. (While Secretary of State, was Clinton selling access for donations to The Clinton Foundation?)

Obama (and Biden) knew that "crooked" Hillary paid for and promoted the scurrilous Russian Collusion hoax.

Obama must have authorized the intelligence agencies' cover-up because Crooked Hillary did not have the power to do so.

And did Obama authorize FBI Comey to exonerate Clinton to cover up Obama's unsecured communications with her?

We may never know. But unless we demand the truth and justice, We the People can never again trust the government or our leaders, and America is done.

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Remembering Corryton's Hero on Memorial Day

The memorial is beautiful and so well deserved. It is a lasting tribute to Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss, the last one of the thirteen American heroes killed in Afghanistan



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and a graduate of Gibbs High School. It seems appropriate that the memorial is only a short distance from the school. The touching tribute serves as a reminder of the sacrifice that Staff Sergeant Knauss made for our coun-

try. Sections of Tazewell Pike and Emory Road have already been named in his honor. The 2023 Memorial Day holiday is already upon us, the day our nation sets aside to pause and remember those service members who, like Staff Sergeant Knauss, willingly made the ultimate sacrifice. Words of Faith: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 (KJV).

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Picture of the beautiful memorial to Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss at Weigel's near Harbison's Crossroads in the Gibbs Community, by Ralphine Major.

Young-Williams Animal Center celebrates \$200,000 investment from Petco Love

Young-Williams Animal Center has received \$200,000 from national nonprofit Petco Love in support of the shelter's lifesaving work for pets in Knoxville. Shelter representatives and adoptable animals celebrated the grant with check presentations at the Kingston Pike and Farragut Petco locations on Wednesday.

"A lifesaving investment of this value will allow us to assist even more vulnerable animals in our community," says Janet Testerman, CEO of Young-Williams Animal Center. "The funds will help us provide low-cost spay/neuter services, animal enrichment and behavioral training, continued learning for employees and more, improving outcomes for more pets."

Young-Williams Animal Center's vision is "A Home for Every Pet," and grants like the one from Petco Love helped the nonprofit achieve a 93.53% save rate in 2022, when more than 11,000 animals entered the shelter. Young-Williams Animal Center also assists pet owners in need with programs including Pets for Life and the Pet Resource Center.

"Our investment in Young-Williams Animal Center is part of more than \$15M in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized," said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love.

My Rebel Life

The picture with my column is several years old. I'm not sure anyone would recognize me now, although I don't think I've changed one bit. Readers don't much care what a writer looks like as long as the man or woman has something interesting to say. I'm as bland as unbuttered



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toast, but I do like to talk. Little do most people know that in my early days, I was somewhat of a rebel. In some areas, I just didn't want to follow the norm. Our high school had many rules about dress.

Boys weren't permitted to go sockless. Shirt tails had to be tucked in at all times. Belts weren't optional. Hair had to be above the ears, and no sideburns or beards were allowed, even though most of us couldn't grow a beard if our lives depended on doing so. Pants were banned for girls. They could wear skirts and blouses or dresses. That particular rule for females seemed ironic since the dress code tried to prevent individuals from drawing attention to themselves during the era when miniskirts were in style.

My first minor step toward being a rebel was growing sideburns. I didn't have enough facial hair for a whole beard, but the sideburns allowed me to thumb my nose at those in authority. Such an act seems so insignificant now, but back then, I was raging against "imagined" oppressors.

When I left for college, my looks changed even more. I grew my hair long and worked on a mustache and goatee. Contrary to this, I wore clothes that I thought would make me look stylish. Wide-collared shirts, flared slacks, and brown and white dress shoes (that hurt and blistered my feet) were everyday attire. A "cool" Bush jacket, complete with a belt, was in order on cold days. I hung out with people who despised fraternities and sororities. One fellow who was popular with others appeared to be older than the rest of us. He turned out to be the local

dope dealer, and although I wanted to be a rebel, I wanted no part of that stuff. My so-called rebel college years ended with my graduation and only two people I could call friends. Not even they lasted, and I haven't heard from them since that day that I walked across the stage to receive my diploma.

At the school where I taught, the principal, who happened to be the same man who had been my principal in high school, maintained the same kind of dress code as the earlier one. A fellow teacher and I decided to ignore it, and we put on our jeans. The principal called me to the office and asked about them. I told him two pairs of slacks had already been ruined by the gunk at school and that I was going to continue to wear jeans until the place was cleaned up. During that time, I also grew a full beard with a white streak down the middle of my chin. My rebel life came to an end when students called me "Skunky" and Amy told me the hairy face had to go. Not long after that, I shaved the mustache as well. It had turned white and couldn't be seen.

For most of my life, I've been an independent voter. In local politics, my votes have gone to Republicans. Nationally, I've favored Democratic candidates. That last statement alone makes me a rebel in these parts. Good-natured arguments with Republican friends are no longer possible in such a polarized country. The "either/or" mentality seems to have hit too many of us these days. I'm too old to waste energy on fighting and arguing about such things. I just want a government that works for all of us equally.

After having read this piece, I sound more like a "wanna-be" than a rebel, at least in my early years. These days my wardrobe is usually a t-shirt and shorts or sweatpants, with an occasional pair of jeans if I want to dress up. I just want to live and let live and get along with everyone. I don't need anyone other than my wife telling me what I should do. Maybe I'm a wimp instead of a rebel.

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The Educator in Politics

Joseph Rosier of West Virginia

Pages from the Past



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Joseph Rosier was an unlikely United States senator and only reached that body because of his personal friendship with Matthew Neely. Matthew Mansfield Neely held sway for decades as both a perennial candidate for public office and unlike most perennial candidates, he was usually a perennial winner. Neely was also the most powerful individual and Democrat in West Virginia after the Mountain State had gone from being dominated by Republicans to becoming devoutly Democratic in its voting habits. The people of West Virginia had endured more than most during the hardships and sufferings inflicted upon the American people during the Great Depression. While there had always been a core of Democratic voters, the arrival of the Depression and Franklin Delano Roosevelt changed the political nature of the state.

Joseph Rosier was at the heart of a controversy that had to be decided by the United States Senate itself. While West Virginia had become a Democratic state, it had been seriously divided into two warring factions. Matt Neely headed the "federal" faction, which was heavily supported by organized labor, one of the most important and potent political forces in the state. The other faction was the "statehouse" faction, usually headed by the governor. H. Guy Kump had been elected governor in 1932 and left office (West Virginia governors could not then seek a second consecutive term) highly regarded for his response to the Depression and was personally popular. Kump's successor was Homer Holt, who had been West Virginia's elected state attorney general. Both Kump and Holt were considered more conservative than Neely and his federal faction. Neely largely controlled the vast political patronage that flowed into the state through the New Deal. Likewise, Governors Kump and Holt controlled the substantial political jobs held by the state government. By 1940, Neely was openly seeking a candidate to support for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Matthew Mansfield Neely enjoyed a remarkable political career and frequently lost one office, only to come back and win another in the next election cycle. Neely had served in Congress until being swept out of office in the 1920 GOP tidal wave. Two years later, Neely ousted GOP United States Senator Howard Sutherland. In 1928, Neely was beaten by Governor Henry D. Hatfield for reelection to the Senate. Two years later, Neely ran for and won

West Virginia's other seat in the United States Senate by the largest majority ever given to any candidate for the Senate in the Mountain State.

When the statehouse faction attempted to impose its own candidate in the 1934 Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate, Neely responded by backing his own candidate, Rush D. Holt, a twenty-nine-year-old state legislator who was almost entirely unknown. With Neely's support came the backing of the powerful United Mine Worker's Union. Holt won the nomination and defeated Senator Hatfield in the general election. Holt had to wait six months to take office, as he had not yet turned thirty, the minimum age required by the Constitution. Subsequently, Neely was easily reelected in 1936.

The friendship between Neely and his protégé quickly soured and was replaced by a bitter enmity between the two men. One of the nicer things Neely said about his junior colleague was to refer to him as a "sewer rat." Senator Neely backed a local judge, Harley Kilgore, against Holt, while the statehouse faction strongly supported the candidacy of former governor Guy Kump for the Democratic nomination for the Senate. Several prospective gubernatorial candidates presented themselves to Neely for consideration as the federal faction's backing to become governor and each was summarily rejected by the senator. Eventually, Neely announced he would run himself.

Neely won the gubernatorial nomination of his party while Harley Kilgore won the senatorial nomination. Both were easy winners in the 1940 general election. That was when things got really interesting. Neely had to resign his seat in the United States Senate to become governor of West Virginia. Both the incoming and outgoing governors of the state-appointed men to serve the state in the U. S. Senate.

Outgoing Governor Homer Holt appointed Clarence E. Martin, a prominent attorney and one-time president of the American Bar Association, a moment after midnight. Matthew Neely took the oath of office as governor three times in order to stake his own claim to the right to name his own successor in the Senate. Neely appointed Dr. Joseph Rosier.

Rosier was a professional educator and lived in the same town of Fairmont as Matthew Neely. At the time of his appointment, Rosier was the president of the Fairmont State Teacher's College. In his chosen profession, Rosier



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Senator Joseph Rosier of West Virginia.

was described as a "teacher's teacher." Rosier knew Matt Neely quite well and for a time, Rosier served as an education consultant to the Works Progress Administration, an appointment almost certainly secured for him by Senator Neely.

As colorful as Matt Neely was, so was Joseph Rosier colorless. Rosier looked like a teacher, modestly attired with glasses and his white hair neatly combed. Neely was known for his powerful and flowery oratory on the campaign stump, while Rosier was not known for regaling audiences with his own speech-making prowess. Throughout West Virginia's history, senatorial appointees had little luck staying in office. Yet just about nobody in West Virginia thought for a moment Joseph Rosier would be a candidate to succeed himself in the 1942 election. It was an open secret Matthew Neely intended to run for his old seat in the United States Senate after he had fired all of the old statehouse crowd and replaced them with his own followers. Rosier was to be a placeholder, a distinguished and credible one, but a placeholder nonetheless.

First, Rosier had to win the pitched battle being fought inside the U.S. Senate to be seated. The Senate is the sole determiner of its own membership, and an intense fight was waged over whether Rosier or Clarence Martin was entitled to hold the seat. The Roosevelt administration quietly worked hard behind the scenes to push for Rosier to be seated, as the college president was known to be a strong supporter of the president and his policies. Likewise, the Roosevelt administration feared the seating of Clarence Martin, who was

almost surely far more conservative in his political outlook despite being a Democrat.

Eventually, the Senate voted only narrowly to seat Rosier instead of Martin by a vote of 40-38. Rosier was given a leave of absence by the Fairmont State Teacher's College to serve in the United States Senate. Rosier took the oath of office from Vice President Henry A. Wallace, who also served as the Senate's presiding officer. Matthew Neely came from the governor's mansion in Charleston to the Senate to watch Rosier take the oath of office.

Once seated by the Senate, Rosier was assigned to the committee where he could likely do the most good: the Education and Labor Committee. When George S. Benson, president of Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, appeared before that committee to appeal for the abolition and dissolution of the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps, it was Senator Rosier who promptly challenged his fellow college president's testimony. Rosier questioned Benson's "ethics" and snapped, "We have a right to challenge your motives!" Senator Rosier wondered why Benson would request funding from the National Youth Administration when he didn't believe in the program. Benson retorted he believed in the government providing aid to education but thought all available funds should be used to win the war. The twenty students attending Harding College who were part of the NYA had written to WPA Director Aubrey Williams they were willing to turn over funds to help with the war effort. Williams had said it was not possible.

Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah, chairman of the Senate's Education and Labor Committee, posed the question should the government have spent money to educate General Douglas MacArthur at West Point. Senator Rosier pointed out Dr. George Benson did not belong to the professional educational organization of which he had long been a member.

"From personal experience and observation," Benson said, "I know that NYA and the CCC are financially wasteful. They are retaining a large number of bureaucrats needed in other fields. They contribute to the shortage of manpower by duplication of work offered in our regular school system."

That was the same attitude held by the sponsor of the legislation to dissolve the CCC and NYA, Tennessee's senior United States Senator Kenneth McKellar. McKellar had been one of the New Deal's strongest supporters inside the Senate, but with the war raging globally, the Tennessean believed both organizations had served their purpose to help provide jobs and opportunities for young people during the Depression. With young men needed as soldiers, pilots and seamen and young women needed as factory workers and support personnel for numerous agencies and entities, the need for the NYA and the CCC was far less, McKellar reasoned.

Nobody was surprised when West Virginia Governor Matthew M. Neely announced in 1942 he was running to return to the United States Senate. There would be two elections for the same seat in the Senate; the first being for the full six-year term beginning January 3, 1943; and the short term, to fill

the remainder of the term from the November election through January 3, 1943. Dr. Joseph Rosier declared his own candidacy to continue serving in the Senate seat to which he had been appointed by Governor Neely.

1942 was likely the darkest time of the Second World War for the Allies fighting against Germany, Japan and Italy, who comprised the Axis powers. The Allies reeled from defeat after disappointment. The war caused intense anxiety for just about everyone with the flower of America's youth and manhood fighting all over the world. Parents worried about their sons and daughters, while wives and children had their own anxiety about their husbands and fathers. At home, everything was dedicated to winning the war and sacrifices were made on the part of the public with rationing of goods and soon certain items became scarce; items ranging from silk hosiery to tires for automobiles became as rare as hen's teeth. Everything from gas to sugar was rationed and "meatless" meals were common.

The high tide of the Roosevelt administration was ebbing, and Republicans won stunning victories in both houses of Congress. Republicans picked up nine seats in the Senate and forty-seven in the House of Representatives. For the first time since the 1932 election, Republicans in West Virginia made substantial gains. Governor Matthew Neely was defeated by Republican Chapman Revercomb, 55% - 45%. Neely carried only eleven of West Virginia's fifty-five counties. In Kanawha County, where the state capitol of Charleston is located, Revercomb won with better than 60% of the ballots cast.

The Republicans had offered former Congressman Hugh Ike Shott of Bluefield as their candidate to serve out the remainder of the term. Interestingly, Dr. Joseph Rosier fared much better than Neely. Rosier won roughly 48% of the vote while losing to Hugh Ike Shott.

After leaving the Senate, Joseph Rosier returned to his duties at Fairmont State Teacher's College. Rosier retired from his post in 1945 and ran for the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1946 and was elected. In January of 1947, Senator Harley Kilgore, a personal friend of Harry Truman, accompanied Dr. Rosier to the White House to pay a visit to the president. Kilgore explained it was purely a social call and had no political significance whatsoever. Rosier was the vice president of the National Education Association at the time.

Nor was Joseph Rosier the only former United States senator to serve in the West Virginia House of Delegates; Rush D. Holt was routinely reelected to serve his own home county.

Representing his county in West Virginia's state legislature was Dr. Joseph Rosier's last public service. The former senator's health began to fail and he died in 1951 at age eighty-one.

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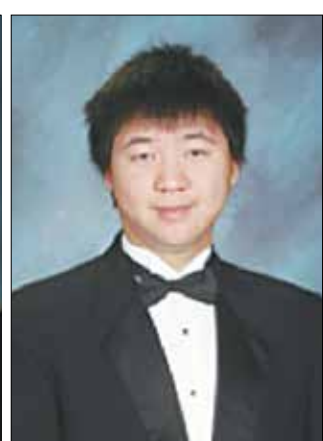
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Spring Fling 30: BASEBALL

Admirals blank Hardin Valley to notch repeat state title

By Ken Lay

For the second consecutive year, the Farragut Admirals finished on top of the Class 4A baseball world --- at least in Tennessee. The Admirals claimed their 12th state championship in school history with a victory over a very

familiar opponent, one that had been a thorn in their sides throughout the 2023 season. Farragut shut out District 4-4A rival Hardin Valley Academy 6-0 in the Class 4A State Championship Friday night at Middle Tennessee State University's Reese Wood

Jr. Field. The Admirals (37-8) and Hawks (39-7) met five times during the 2023 campaign and Hardin Valley had won three of the previous four contests in the battle for Turkey Creek bragging rights. The Hawks swept the

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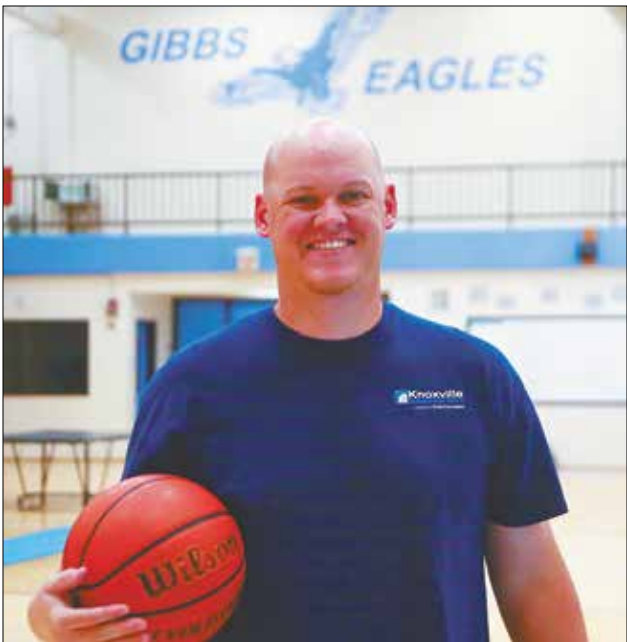


PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS

The official start of the 2023-24 high school basketball season is months away, but Aaron Large, Gibbs' new boys head coach, already is on the job and in the process of putting his staff together. One attribute Large brings to the program is leadership. He was a captain on the Gibbs football and basketball teams in 2006-07 and also a captain on the Carson-Newman football team in 2011.

Looking ahead to a new era of Gibbs basketball

By Steve Williams

Aaron Large may be taking on his first head coach position, but he's not short on coaching experience.

The new Gibbs High boys basketball coach was an assistant football coach for the Eagles for 11 years and elevated to defensive coordinator on Brad Turner's staff in 2022. Having been a position coach on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball, he took on more of a leadership role as the DC.

He also was an assistant basketball coach for six years under former Gibbs head coach Timmy Meade.

Large, a 2007 Gibbs grad, was a two-sport player in high school, playing basketball for Coach Geff Davis his first three years and then his senior season under Rick Anderson.

Aaron was a quarterback in high school and continued to play football in college at Carson-Newman for legendary coach Ken Sparks. He graduated from C-N in 2011 and came back home to coach at Gibbs.

With his background in two sports, Large was asked if he had more of an interest in either one. His reply was whatever "was the season," and added he would rather see today's

kids competing in multiple sports too rather than specializing in one.

An EFL through and through

Born in 1989 and now 34 years old, Large is definitely an Eagle for Life.

That tagline probably has more to do with the Gibbs Eagles, than C-N's Eagles, but the latter was a nice bonus.

"I grew up here," he said. "I played baseball and football at Ruritan (Park). I played GYA basketball. I know this community. I know the kids we have here and hopefully I can bring some success."

He met his wife, Sarah, who is from Lincoln County in Middle Tennessee, at Carson-Newman. They have twin boys, Asher and Brady, who are 2½ years old. "They are going to be here running around the gym like crazy," said dad.

Coach Large has interest in Gibbs' past as well as the present and future. An opening comment on his Twitter account testifies to that: "As an alumnus of Gibbs High School, I love to know and hear the history of the players and teams that came before me and after me."

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Spring Fling 30: GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Truss sweeps sprints in state track debut

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic freshman Chloe Truss brought her talent to the TSSAA State Track and Field Championships for the first time last week and left Murfreesboro with first place medals in the Division II Class AA 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes.

Truss's eye-opening sweep on the MTSU track included these times: 12.0 seconds in the 100, 24.90 in the 200 and 56.95 in the 400.

Catholic senior Elly Jones ran second to Truss in the 200 with a time of 25.69.

Coach Sean O'Neil also saw his Lady Irish take second in the 4x200 relay



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUGHIN

Chloe Truss wears a first place medal at the TSSAA State Track and Field meet last week at MTSU. The Knoxville Catholic freshman made an impressive showing with wins in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes.

(1:45.68) and third in the 4x400 (4:06.49).

In the field events,

Catholic sophomore Maggie Frana hurled the discus 104 feet and 6 inches for runner-up honors.

Webb School's girls also had their golden moments, starting with sophomore Lennox Langham triple jumping 39-1. She earned a second place medal too with an 18-4½ effort in the long jump.

The Lady Spartans' KIL record-setting 4x800 relay also prevailed at the state meet with a time of 9:23.37.

Webb freshman Carolina Areheart earned the highest position on the awards' podium after running the 1600 in 5:06.45.

The Lady Spartans'

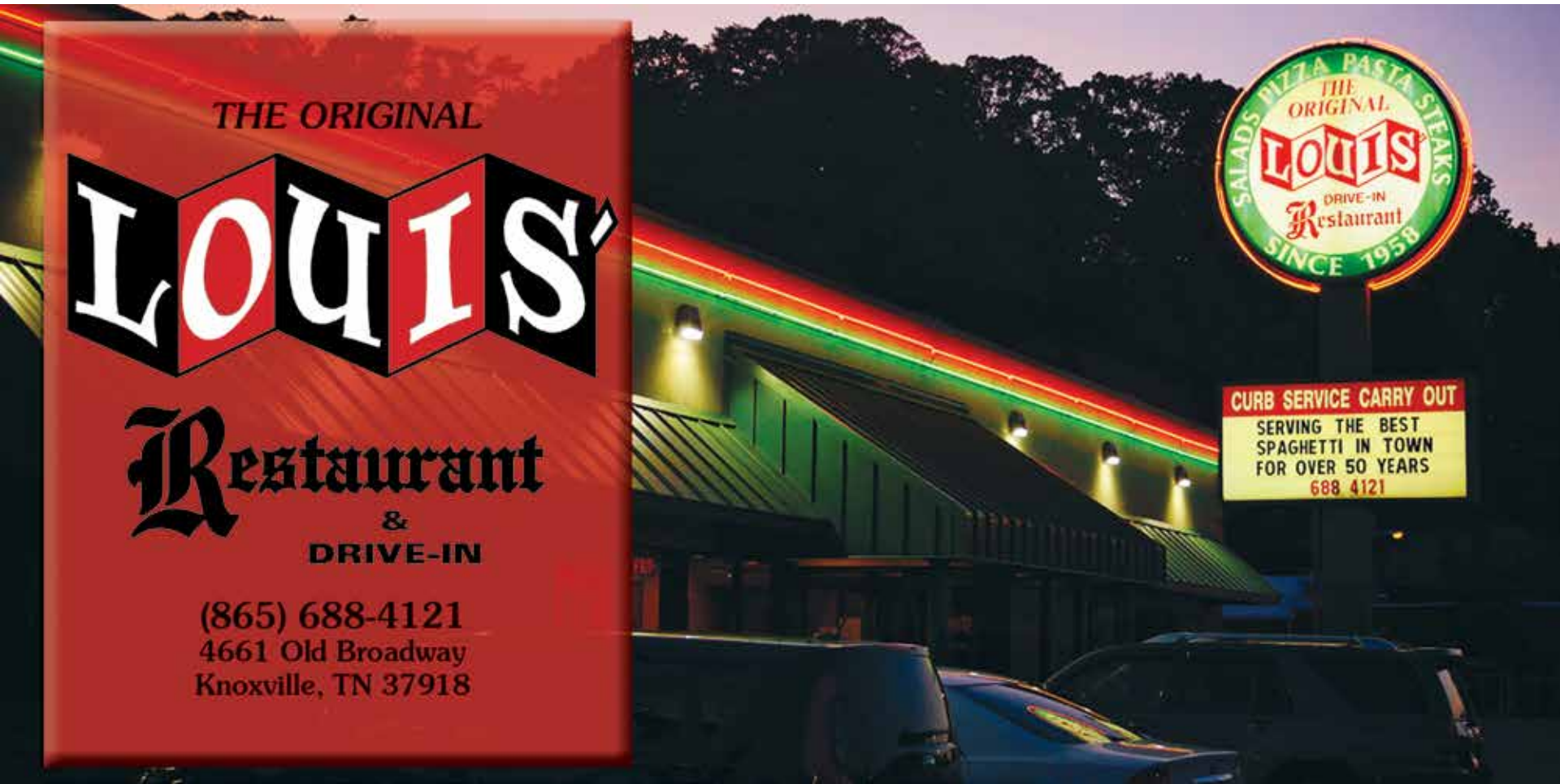
Baker's versatility shows in pentathlon

Brianna Baker has been a proven hurdler throughout her prep career and this spring showed her versatility in track and field by placing second in the state in the TSSAA Division II Class A girls pentathlon.

In a field of 17, Baker totaled 3,143 points in the five-sport competition.

Brianna, of course, placed first in the 100-meter hurdles, but she also tied for first in the long jump, finished second in the shot put event, tied for fourth in the high jump and came in sixth in the 800 run.

Gibbs senior McKenzie Morton competed in the Division I Class AA pentathlon and placed seventh with 2,409 points. Although known for her speed, McKenzie's best event was a third place showing in the shot put.



Spring Fling 30: GIRLS TENNIS

Lady Irish nab state championship sweep

By Ken Lay

Another trip to the Spring Fling and the Division II-AA girls tennis state championships produced more hardware for Catholic High School.

For starters, the Lady Irish won their third consecutive team championship when they defeated region rival Chattanooga Baylor 4-1 Wednesday at the Adams Tennis Complex at Old Fort Park.

It was the third consecutive year that Catholic and the Lady Raiders met in the state title match.

At No. 1 Singles, Maeve Thornton defeated Helen Guerry 6-3, 6-1. At No. 2, Lillian Murphy picked up a victory over Margaretta Berdy 6-1, 6-1.

At No. 4 Singles, Gigi Sompayrac toppled Gabby



Knoxville Catholic's girls tennis team added a third straight TSSAA Division II-AA state title to its list of accomplishments at the Spring Fling last week. Kneeling (l-r): Pauline Schneider and Logan Connatser. Standing (l-r): Coach Michelle White, Coach Karen Lorino, Marianna Hurley, Payton Carroll, Eleni Liakonis, Gigi Sompayrac, Maeve Thornton, Lillie Murphy, Karenn Thurman, Lauren Murphy, Coach Jacob Lorino and Coach Rusty Morris.

Czamski 6-0, 6-2.

At No. 1 Doubles, Thornton and Sompayrac downed Guerry 8-5. The Lady Irish also won at

No. 2 Doubles as Murphy

teamed with Eleni Lankonis to defeat Amelia Chissom and Sloane Proffitt 8-1.

In Tuesday's semifinals, Catholic won 4-0 over Ensworth as the Lady Irish

actually won five completed matches.

In singles: Lankonis, Sompayrac and Payton Carroll claimed victories.

In doubles, Thornton and

Sompayrac won as did Murphy and Lankonis.

The Lady Irish culminated their stay at the Midstate Friday as Thornton won the individual singles title and Murphy and Lankonis won the doubles championship.

In Division II-A: Christian Academy of Knoxville made the state team championships but lost in the first round to Lausanne 4-2. The Lady Warriors got wins from Allie Faulkner and Larkin Bristow.

The Warriors also had success in the singles and doubles tournaments. In the singles championship, as Faulkner, a senior at CAK, defeated Franklin Road Academy's Shelby Franklin 6-1, 6-0.

Faulkner posted a win over University School of

Jackson's Brilee Davis in the semifinals and toppled Anna Adams (Clarksville Academy) in the quarterfinals.

In Division II-A Doubles, the Lady Warriors' tandem of Bristow and Aiden Stalcup won a quarterfinal match with a victory over Webb-Bell Buckle's duo of Sarai Clark and Alysha Hosum (7-6, 2-6, 6-2).

In Class AA: Farragut High School junior Riley Cassity won a second consecutive state championship when she defeated Walker Valley's Ensley Collins 6-2, 6-4.

Cassity topped Clarksville's Ella DeJesus 6-2, 6-1 in the semifinals and downed Ravenwood's Grace Stout in the quarterfinals 6-4, 6-2.

Spring Fling 30: BOYS TENNIS

CAK boys post runner-up finish in state tennis championships

By Ken Lay

Area high school boys tennis players and teams culminated their 2023 season last week at the Adams Tennis Complex at Old Fort Park in Murfreesboro.

One local team, Christian Academy of Knoxville, finished as the state runner-up on Tuesday.

The Warriors lost the Division II-A championship match to Lausanne 4-0 Wednesday morning.

But CAK captured a dramatic victory in the semifinals as it outlasted University School of Nashville Tuesday.

After dropping matches at both No. 1 and No. 2 Singles, the Warriors stormed back to win at No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5.

At No. 3 Singles, Caleb Climer defeated USN's Jude Eskind 6-0, 6-0. Sam Duzan toppled Collin Chan 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 Singles.

At No. 5 Singles, CAK's Jayden Torry won a three-set thriller 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 over Simon Fox.

The Warriors also picked up a victory at No. 2 Doubles as Climer and Duzan teamed up to defeat USN's tandem of Eskind and Fox 8-1.

In Division II-A Singles: Climer lost to Jackson Christian's Jack Veazey in straight sets, falling 6-2, 6-1 in the state quarterfinals.

The King's Academy's Jonah Webber qualified for the state championships but he lost to Tristan Scallion of University School of Jackson 6-1, 6-1.

In Division II-A Doubles: CAK had a pair of doubles teams qualify to compete on the state's grand stage.

The tandem of Hayden Brady and Quinn Campbell won a quarterfinals match as they outlasted Franklin Grace's duo of Jake Barton and Ryan Breland 6-4, 6-1.

That duo would fall in the semifinals to Preston Miller and Jack Wilkerson (University School of Jackson) 6-0, 6-2.

Miller and Wilkerson defeated the Warriors' doubles team of Duzan and Torry in the quarterfinals, posting a 6-0, 6-2 victory.

In Division I Class AA: Hardin Valley Academy's Ryan Leckrone made a trip to the state championships. But he lost a first-round match to Science Hill's Daniel Haddadin 6-1, 6-0.

Spring Fling 30: BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Smith's strategic plan nets two wins at state

By Steve Williams

Keegan Smith's strategy at last week's TSSAA State Track and Field Championships resulted in two victories.

The Knoxville Catholic High sophomore distance runner just wanted to win and began his 'kick' at the right times in the Division II Class AA 1600 and 3200-meter races at Dean A. Hayes Stadium on the MTSU campus in Murfreesboro.

Smith won the 1600 with a time of 4:17.18, just a little under two-tenths of a second ahead of Luke Thompson, a Brentwood Academy junior. Keegan overtook Thompson with a 56.625 split on the last lap, while Thompson finished with a 56.900 split.

In the 3200, Keegan prevailed with a time of 9:12.35, again edging Thompson, who was clocked in 9:13.56.

Michael Conley placed third in the long jump for Webb School, with a mark of 22 feet, 6¾ inches in the event.



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUCHEIN

Knoxville Catholic's Keegan Smith smiles and pumps his fists after one of his two wins in the TSSAA State Track and Field Championships. Smith won close races in the distance events.

Christian Brothers took home the first place trophy after piling up 128 points. Catholic came in 10th with its 26 points.

CAK takes third place in II-A: Led by sophomore Silas Fulford's pole vault title, Christian Academy of Knoxville placed third in the Division II Class A team

rankings with 56 points.

Top point-getters for the Warriors also included junior Austin Delp, who took third place in the shot put with a toss of 48 feet, 10 inches.

CAK also got a third place finish on the track from Joshua Cross, who posted a time of 4:30.88 in the 1600 run.

Franklin Road Academy captured the team title with 118.50 points.

Farragut finishes third in Class AAA: KIL champion Farragut, powered by its strength in the distance and field events, scored 58 points to take third place in the Division I Class AAA team scoring.

Brentwood (83 points) and Memphis Central (76) finished first and second.

Sophomore Bryce Thompson got Coach Vic Wharton's Admirals off to a strong start in the field events by taking first place in the shot put with a heave of 57 feet, 11¾ inches. Senior teammate Tyson Jackson added a second

place showing in the discus event with a throw of 156-04.

Farragut senior Trevor Coggin ran a 4:16.93 to take second in the 1600 run and junior teammate Matteo Tonnos was runner-up in the 3200 at 9:15.70.

The Admirals' 4x800 relay also earned silver with a time of 7:54.43.

Hardin Valley sophomore McKale Hayes covered the 300 hurdles in 39.26 seconds to take third place.

Burse is second in Class AA shot put: Austin-East senior Camden Burse took second place in the Division I Class AA shot put event with a toss of 50 feet and ¼ inch.

Two Knox County relay teams placed third, with Fulton's 4x100 combo posting a time of 43.86 and South-Doyle's 4x800 turning in at 8:16.64.

Page High took top team honors with 73 points. A-E placed 13th with 23 points.

Truss sweeps sprints in state track debut

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In the Division II Class A team scoring, Webb School of Bell Buckle captured the state title with 83 points. CAK (47.5) placed sixth and GCA (38) eighth.

S-D repeats as 4x100 champs in Class AA: South-Doyle's girls took first place at the state in the 4x100

relay for the second year in a row.

Competing in Division I Class AA, the Lady Cherokees were clocked in 49.91 seconds as they handed off the baton and covered the one lap around the track.

South-Doyle also took second place in the 4x200

relay with a time of 1:45.86.

The Lady Cherokees' Ka'Shauna Dyer placed second in the open 200 with a 25.78 time.

Nashville MLK earned the Class AA team title with 117 points. South-Doyle totaled 30 points for eighth place.

Archdale second in Class AAA 800: Maddie Archdale

had the top performance for Knox County girls in Division I Class AAA. The Lady Hawks' junior took second place in the 800 run with a time of 2:15.58.

Memphis Central won the state title with 87 points. Hardin Valley finished in a three-way tie for 13th place with 18 points.

Looking ahead to a new era of Gibbs basketball

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Large wants an 'exciting' style of play

"I want to put an exciting product on the floor," said Large. "I don't want my kids to hesitate.

They need to be full-go. Up tempo, confident, wreaking havoc but in a controlled environment on the defensive side, and offensively, we are going to be moving the ball and we are going to be moving on offense. It's not going to be very stagnant. It's a pass and cut offense with a lot of screens. If the ball gets to a certain spot, we are going to be moving."

Large said he probably learned the most about the game of basketball from his two high school coaches (Davis and Anderson), and there were others too that he learned

from along the way.

"My dad (Tim Large) was a player here at Gibbs. I learned a lot from him growing up. He pushed me as a player and taught me a lot.

"Obviously, having Coach (Randy) Carroll in football (played a part)," added Aaron. "He's a great man and taught me a lot too when it comes to having that leadership role."

Large also said he benefitted from being able to work for some of the best coaches in the community as well.

"I'm a constant researcher and constant

learner, so I'm never satisfied in my knowledge; I want to know more," he said.

"That's kind of what I've told my (candidates) for the assistant coaching positions. 'If I hire you, I want you to push me. I don't just want it to be me pushing you; I want you guys to push me. I'm not always going to be right. I don't know everything. I'm still learning, so we can learn together.'"

Large wants to hire three new assistants: a freshman coach, junior varsity coach and an assistant varsity coach.

He's excited about the opportunity

"One of my big things is I want our kids to serve our community," said Coach Large. "I want them to be out and seen in local businesses, churches and schools. I want us to help them. They help us enough; we want to help them as well."

Although it's been almost 60 years ago, Aaron has heard about the school's great basketball season in 1964-65, and he mentioned the '82 team, the '87 team, and the 2013

team that reached the state tournament in the classification era.

"Now those are big-time teams in the Gibbs community," he said. "A lot of those players still come around. I want them to be up here as much as they can."

Large also pointed out there are "a lot of resources on the current staff" at Gibbs.

"We've got state championship coaches here at this school," he said. And if needed in his first season as a head coach, Large said, "I'm going to be leaning on those people."

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Setting the stage

Most Tennessee fans see visiting teams at Neyland Stadium trot onto the field to a scattered chorus of boos, but that's just part of the

story. There's drama underneath the south end after each game precious few people get to witness.

The current visiting team area dates to the 1948 stadium expansion, with a couple of additions, including a new media room, in the more than 70 years since. This area is a continuous hub of activity on a number of fronts after the game, the corridor often being crowded with training supplies as well as food for the post-game trip to the airport and the plane home.

There's the sound of cleats on carpet laid down over concrete. There's the uniquely football sight and smell of blood, sweat, and grass stains, and ice packs on sore joints, occasionally slings or crutches for a wounded appendage. Trainers dole out pills of one kind or another, making notes as to who

received what. Players grumble to themselves over missed tackles, dropped passes, and bad calls. If the opponent is Alabama, Georgia, or Vanderbilt, there are occasional obscenity-laced tirades directed their way by "fans" exiting the stadium through a maze of ramps.

After the 2006 LSU game, I remember walking into the media room and spotting someone being interviewed who looked suspiciously like an offensive tackle. "Which one of the linemen is that?" I queried. The LSU rep said it wasn't a lineman; he just looked like one. Actually, it was quarterback JaMarcus Russell.

Often it was a shock when the inside door opened and a coach such as Steve Spurrier or Mark Richt strode into the room. Spurrier always had a one-liner at the ready, something about "God looking after the Gators," particularly after the finish of the 2000 game. One media cynic said afterwards it wasn't really the Almighty who had aided Florida. It was the SEC official who ruled Jabar Gaffney had actually caught the

game-winning TD pass. On the other hand, Richt was generally more restrained, considering every word, speaking in measured, "coach speak" type tones. Media reps generally got better "copy" from Spurrier. After the 1990 Notre Dame game, Lou Holtz talked to Dick Vitale and Regis Philbin in the tunnel before doing his post-game interview. A gaggle of priests greeted Fighting Irish players as they entered the dressing room, regardless of the game's outcome. After the 2001 South Carolina game, when there was a malfunction with the clock, Holtz told the media how easy it was to keep the time: "One thousand one, one thousand two," he said. Two years before, when the game ball had been delivered to midfield by a paratrooper, Holtz reminded everyone that he had also jumped out of a plane, one of the 100 or so things on his adult life to-do list, e.g., eating dinner at the White House, being coach at Notre Dame, winning a national championship, etc.

UNLV head coach John Robinson was holding court after his team lost in the 2004 season opener. In the midst of his remarks, Anthony Munoz tried to "ease into" the room, as if someone his size could do so anywhere. After spotting him, Robinson stopped in mid-sentence and told the assembled media, "There's the greatest offensive lineman ever to play this game." Occasionally, coaches' comments are more for local media consumption. In 1999, when Memphis lost a 17-16 decision, Rip Scherer, the only Tiger coach to defeat Tennessee (21-17 in 1996), tore into Tiger beat writers for doubting the courage and



There's a great deal of activity on the field, setting the stage for the game ahead.

Spring Fling 30: BASEBALL

Hubbard's walk-off hit lifts Catholic to state championship

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School culminated its journey on the baseball diamond with a state championship Thursday. In a season-long trip, the Irish claimed the Division II-AA State Championship in dramatic fashion as it took a walk-off hit with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning as Ian Hubbard came up with a clutch single to help Catholic nab a 4-3 victory over Christ Presbyterian Academy at Middle Tennessee State University's Reese Smith Jr. Field. Hubbard's two-out single with the

bases loaded helped Catholic claim the title that had eluded them five times in the past. The Irish also clinched a spot in the championship tilt with some late-inning heroics from University of Tennessee signee Daniel Parris, who hit a two-run home run Wednesday in the top of the seventh inning to break a 4-4 tie and give Catholic a 6-4 victory over Lipscomb Academy. The Irish (30-9) had been in postseason mode since early May when they had to win a three-game regular-season series over Cedar Bluff Area rival Webb, to earn a spot in the state

playoffs to clinch third place in the region series. Catholic swept that series against the Spartans to begin a long ride. It earned the Irish the shot to play in the postseason. "Winning that series was big," Catholic coach Caleb Moore said in a phone interview Friday morning. "We didn't have the biggest team and we probably weren't the best team but we played as a team and we have a great group of leaders, both on and off the field. They will succeed in society." **Continue on page 4**

Warriors have short stay in Murfreesboro

By Ken Lay

After missing the 2022 Division II-A state baseball tournament in 2022, Christian Academy of Knoxville made a return trip to the Spring Fling this season. The Warriors, however, had a short stay at the Midstate. CAK, which has won multiple state titles since Tommy Pharr took the reins of the program in 2010 after a long and successful tenure at Farragut, finished the 2023 campaign with a 27-11 after dropping two consecutive games in the Division II-A State Tournament at Middle Tennessee Christian School. The Warriors came up on the short end of a 12-3 decision against eventual state champion Northpoint Christian Tuesday. CAK shortstop and leadoff hitter Wes Alig singled and scored twice against the Trojans, who hail from Southaven, Mississippi in the Memphis Metropolitan Area. Bennett Rymer also had a hit and drove in two runs for the Warriors. CAK was eliminated Wednesday with a 4-0 loss to Silverdale Academy. The Warriors, who won state championships in 2014, 2017, 2018 and 2019, were held to just four hits against the Seahawks in their 2023 season finale. Alig went 1-for-3 with a double. Simon Keener. Sam Cecil and Josh Pearson each also had hits for the Warriors.

Admirals blank Hardin Valley

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regular-season series on their way to winning the league championship. Farragut won the first of two games between the teams in the District 4-4A postseason team at Tennessee's Lindsey Nelson Stadium to force an if-necessary championship game won by the Hawks. Farragut avoided the Hawks in the Region 2-4A Tournament as it won the region championship while the Hawks lost their first game at regionals, falling to Oak Ridge 10-6. HVA had to come through the loser's bracket to post a runner-up finish. The Hawks held the upper hand against the Admirals all season but Friday night on the big stage belonged to the Admirals, who swept three games to make the state title tilt. Farragut wasted little time seizing control in the final high school game of the season. The Admirals scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning as Jett Johnston came up with a two-run single and Brennon Seigler, a University of Tennessee commitment, had a sacrifice fly. Farragut, which pounded out 11 hits in the game, with every starter in the lineup getting a hit, scored another run in the second on an RBI double by

Landis Davila, his second extra-base hit of the game. The Admirals added single runs in the fifth and sixth frames. Seigler doubled home a run in the fifth and Davila had an RBI on a sacrifice fly one inning later. Davila was 2-for-3 with two doubles, a run scored and an RBI while Seigler went 1-for-2 and drove in a pair. Johnston drove in two runs and Jake Merrick came up with a pair of hits. But perhaps the biggest hero for the Admirals was a sophomore pitcher, who was making his first career start. Cole Draper tossed a three-hit shutout as he hurled seven innings and struck out four and walked one. Jacob Dillon, Austin Bolding and Henry Ferguson had hits for the Hawks, who after losing their tournament opener to Walker Valley (8-3) had to battle their way through the loser's bracket, posting a win over Centennial and sweeping a pair of wins over Collierville Thursday at Oakland High School. Farragut, meanwhile, won three straight preliminary games at Siegel. The Admirals erased a 4-0 deficit in their tournament opener, bouncing back to beat Independence 7-4. Farragut edged Clarksville 1-0 on Wednesday and won over Stewarts Creek 6-4 on Thursday.

Tennessee Athletics Ascending

By Mark Nagi

Is this a good time to be a fan of athletics at the University of Tennessee? Yes, my friend, it most certainly is. Following the firing of Phillip Fulmer as the Vols head coach in 2008, Tennessee was in the darkness for over a decade. Football was a mess, but there was ineptitude throughout the Athletics Department. But things finally began to change with the hiring of Danny White as Tennessee's Athletics Director in January 2021. That was a big boy hire, and a sign that UT was finally ready to join the modern age of college sports. White's hiring of Josh Heupel was an unexpected success story. Under Heupel, the Vols are 18-8 over the last two years. Football drives the engine, but that is not the only team having success on The Hill. Tennessee has just won its second straight SEC All-Sports title as the Vols, and Lady Vols finished first in both the men's and women's standings for the first time. "I'm so proud of our student-athletes, coaches, staff and all the fans and donors who support us," said White. "This is a team accomplishment, and everyone plays an important role. We are just getting started on Rocky Top, but this early success gives us the confidence to keep building!" The Lady Vols softball team swept both the regular season and tournament titles. Teams like women's swimming and diving placed second in the conference, while men's tennis ended up tied for third. That's just a sampling. Pretty much across the board, Tennessee

teams in just about every sport are in the mix for championships. Last year it was the men's basketball team snapping a 43-year tournament title drought while the baseball team swept the regular season and tournament titles. Folks, these are the good times. Back to football. The Vols placed second in the Eastern Division this year. They snapped a 15-year losing streak to Alabama. They also beat rivals Florida and LSU, while winning 11 games, including the Orange Bowl. It was the first time the Vols won 10 or more games since 2001, and their first New Year's Six Bowl win since 2004. They also finished the 2022 season ranked 6th in the nation. So, it should come as no surprise that Tennessee sold out its allotment of 70,500 season tickets for the upcoming season. "Vol Nation continues to show the entire nation why they are the best fan base in college sports," said White. "To be sold out of season tickets for the 2023 season is a testament to their unbridled passion and support of Tennessee Football. We can't wait to see all our loyal fans on Rocky Top this fall!" 96% of season ticket holders renewed, and 9,000 more season tickets were sold this year. And while Georgia, Texas A&M and South Carolina will come to Knoxville, there won't be Alabama or Florida. That helps prove that fans are desperate to be a part of the excitement of football Saturdays at Neyland Stadium. Every empire falls. Good times never last so enjoy them while they are here. Can't wait for September.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION



Coach Kaylee Pulvirenti and her Hardin Valley Academy dancers mix and have fun with the Hawkettes as they pose for a picture at their dance camp in January.

HVA dance team helps kids put on a show

By Steve Williams

The Hardin Valley Academy's dance team had a dance "camp" for youngsters in the HVA auditorium in January followed by performances during halftime of the high school girls' and boys' basketball games against Maryville.

"This annual event is still one of our favorites we do as a dance team and we can't wait to continue it this year!" said Coach Kaylee Pulvirenti when contacted in April regarding community service provided by local high school student-athletes in the second semester of the school year.

"The performance was on Jan. 17 at the HVA basketball games in the gym," said Pulvirenti. "The camp was held a weekend before in our auditorium. The routine was to 'Good Feeling.' The majority of the Hawkettes are

from Hardin Valley Elementary School.

"I was the only coach and the following high school dancers were present: Kelci Shands, Alexandria Wells, Te'sharuia Akinleye, Erianna Summerville, Jackie Pizzi, Lucy Blair, Ellie Locke, Kaitlyn Keim, Kelsey Hawkins, Jovie Raddon and Riley Beemer."

Farragut cheerleaders assist with traffic flow

Farragut High School cheerleaders opened car doors at Farragut Primary School Thursday morning (May 11) from 7 to 7:45 to assist with the traffic flow.

"This is a fun way to volunteer in our community that is done by many sports teams from Farragut," said FHS Cheer Coach Dana Jacobs.

The banner behind the Farragut High cheerleaders read: "Spread Cheer Today. Love, FHS Cheerleaders." Front row (l-r): Mackenna Pease, Rachel Drummond, Kate Bruce, Olivia Karich, Julia Daurity. Middle row (l-r): Kinley Bothman, Bradyn Johnson, Loryn Good, Nicole Kulisek, Harper King, Madison Lakel, Ellison Wilson, Ava Kincaid, and Caity Penn. Back row (l-r): Laura Guinn, Ella Shuster, Graison Halouma, Camden Kraemer, Natalie Borton, Emelia Bellmore, Khloe Capps. Not pictured: Carsyn Arden and Madyn Williams.



Hubbard's walk-off hit lifts Catholic to state championship

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"I think I aged about five years in the last two days, but it's all worth it when you win it."

Thursday's game against the Lions, marked the Irish's fourth appearance in a state championship game. Catholic played for a state title and came up empty in 2009, 20014 and 2015.

Moore, a 2001 Catholic High graduate took the job after the Irish lost the Class 2A state championship game to CPA.

In Thursday afternoon's contest, the Irish took a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the first inning after the Lions took a 1-0 lead in the top of the frame.

Hubbard had an RBI double in the first and he would later score on a hit by Joey Lamanttina.

The Lions pulled even in the third as they drew a walk, had a batter hit by a pitch and another hitter reach on a defensive miscue.

After being virtually silenced for the next few innings, the Irish bats came alive in the seventh.

Ben Sompayrac began the rally as he was hit by a pitch. Two outs later, Hudson Lutterman singled. Both Sompayrac and

Lutterman advanced on a wild pitch sending Parris to the plate with first base open.

Parris, who pitched six innings for the Irish against the Lions, drew an intentional walk to load the bases, setting the stage for Hubbard's heroics and a massive celebration.

Parris, who was riddled by injuries late in the season, had pitched sparingly. But he did what Moore and the Irish needed as he gave up three runs (two earned), six hits and five walks and had five strikeouts.

"I don't think he pitched as well as he wanted to but he kept us in it," Moore said. "And at this point in the tournament, that's what you need and it's the best you can hope for."

Jacob Camfield pitched the seventh and captured the win on the mound.

Moore lauded the Lions for their effort in the tournament.

"CPA is a great team and they're well-coached," he said. "I'm sure he'll have them back in the Final Four next year."

The Irish opened play at the Midstate with a 2-0 victory over the Lions Tuesday at Wilson Central High School in Lebanon.

By Ken Lay

Three area high school soccer teams closed out their respective 2023 seasons on the Volunteer State's grand stage last week.

None, however, came home with a state championship trophy.

One team did make history at the Spring Fling in the Midstate.

Halls High School made its first-ever trip to the Spring Fling and wasted no time writing another chapter in what is one of Tennessee's most compelling stories as they won their first-ever state tournament match. It was a shutout, too.

Halls defeated Crockett County 2-0 at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex.

Senior Jacob Eubanks tallied a marker and dished out an assist in the game.

Diego Sabino gave the Red Devils a 1-0 lead in the 46th minute as he took a feed from Eubanks (who scored more than 30 goals and recorded more than 10 assists in 2023) and promptly put the ball in the back of the

net.

Eubanks gave Halls an insurance goal when he scored off an assist from Chase Burnett in the 57th minute against the team from Alamo, which was making its second consecutive state tournament appearance. The Cavaliers dropped a 5-0 decision to Greeneville in the 2022 state quarterfinals.

The Red Devils, however, saw their historic season come to an end in Wednesday night's semifinals against Valor College Prep as they dropped a 5-1 decision.

Halls finished the season with a 19-4 record, winning both the District 4-3A regular-season title and tournament championships before capturing the Region 2-3A crown for the first time in school history.

The Red Devils started fast against the Wildcats, firing four early shots and tallying the first marker of the match as Burnett found the back of the net, converting a breakaway scoring chance in the game's opening minute. Burnette scored an

unassisted goal 43

seconds into the match. But things quickly came unraveled for the Red Devils as the Wildcats scored five unanswered goals and outshot Halls, 25-4, in the match.

Garrett Davis tied the game for the Wildcats in the 21st minute and Valor would go on to capture a lopsided victory as David Jimenez Rodriguez posted a hat trick and Brandon Padilla added a goal.

In Class 3A: Hardin Valley Academy was eliminated in the semifinals as it fell to 4-0 to Station Camp. It was the final game for head coach Jessica Stephens Burkhardt, who took the boys coaching job following the 2020 season, which was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

She was already the girls coach and she led the Lady Hawks to success.

She'll now head to her alma mater, Farragut High School, to replace Kristen Lyons as the Lady Admirals' head coach. The Hawks

(13-4-6) advanced to the semifinals with a 3-2 victory over Collierville in the opening round Tuesday night.

HVA scored twice in the first half against the Dragons as Ishmael Torres-Palacios scored in the 21st minute and Nathan Holbrook found the back of the net in the 29th minute.

The Dragons answered with a pair of makers in the second half before the Hawks regained the lead on a tally by Duwayne Powers in the 75th minute.

Brady Hammer had a pair of assists in the match and was credited with a helper on the game-winning marker, while Ben Brophy picked up an assist on the game's first tally.

Also in Class 3A: Bearden dropped a 1-0 decision against defending state champion Brentwood on Tuesday in the quarterfinals.

The Bruins also defeated the Bulldogs (18-1-3) in last year's championship match.

Spring Fling 30: SOFTBALL

Lexington 'slams' door on Gibbs' comeback charge

By Steve Williams

Gibbs High's softball team lost its first game in the TSSAA Class 3A state softball tournament in Murfreesboro last week, but almost dug itself out of the losers' bracket.

After falling to East Hamilton 10-9 in their tournament opener Tuesday, the Lady Eagles responded with three straight wins, including a 7-3 win over East Hamilton, and were one victory away from making it to the finals.

Lexington slugger Mykenzi Duke, however, stopped Gibbs' comeback charge with a grand slam home run in the top of the seventh inning to break a 3-3 tie and the defending state champion Tigers held on to win 7-3 to claim the title berth against McNairy Central.

Gibbs senior Jordann Reagan, who bats in the No. 3 hole like Duke, had belted a three-run homer in the fifth inning to even the score at 3-all.

"I am extremely proud of the players," said Gibbs Coach Carol Mitchell Saturday. "After losing the first game, they could have quit. Instead, they battled to win three games and almost a fourth, which would have put us back in the championship game. Even though third place was not the goal the team had set at the beginning of the season, we are proud of our accomplishments this season."

Gibbs began its march in the losers' bracket on Wednesday with an 8-2 win over Munford and a 7-6

victory over Soddy Daisy.

The Lady Eagles eliminated East Hamilton 7-3 on Thursday before bowing to Lexington. Gibbs finished with a 39-6 record.

On Friday, Lexington handed McNairy Central its first loss in the tournament, 9-6, to set up an "if necessary" game. McNairy Central won that one 5-3 to take the title.

FARRAGUT FALLS: Two-time defending state champion Farragut managed to win only one game in the Class 4A state tournament before being ousted. The Lady Admirals lost their tournament opener to Arlington 6-3, and then defeated Coffee County 4-3 in their first game in the losers' bracket before suffering their second loss 8-6 to Henry County.

"We could have played better to be honest," said Farragut Coach Nick Green, whose team finished 33-7. "We could have played a little bit better defensively and couldn't quite get the big hit with runners on base. We hit six home runs in three games, but they were all solo home runs, so that was a big thing."

Green Hill ended up beating Daniel Boone 8-7 for this year's Class 4A title.

GCA EXITS EARLY: Grace Christian Academy earned a berth in the Division II Class A state tourney, but lost to Columbia Academy 10-2 and Jackson Christian 17-8. The Lady Rams ended the season 22-18-1.

Spring Fling 30: SOCCER

Notes from the Scorecard State tournament wrap-up

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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 this first publication (or posting); or

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(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
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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:

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(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
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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:

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(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
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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
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GAIL F. WORTLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW
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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:

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(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)
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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:

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(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:

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(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:

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This the 11 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHRISTIN ALICEA PUETTMAN

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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:

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(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
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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:

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(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)
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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:

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This the 15 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH V. ROUSE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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:

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(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)
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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 be forever barred.

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This the 12 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DEBRA ANN THOMPSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA HALL; ADMINISTRATRIX
1137 GARRISON RIDGE BLVD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA S. TREWHITT
DOCKET NUMBER 87639-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of May, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA S. TREWHITT, who died on March 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:

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

This the 12 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF LINDA S. TREWHITT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MARYVILLE, TN 37803

KEVIN A. DEAN ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT JULIAN BASSETT
DOCKET NUMBER 87578-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT JULIAN BASSETT who died Mar 17, 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 19 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT JULIAN BASSETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID K OWENS; EXECUTOR
203 LITTLE BRUSHY ROAD
OLIVER SPRINGS TN 37840

MATTHEW FRERE ATTORNEY AT LAW
1001 E BROADWAY
LENIOR CITY TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NIKKOS JOEY BIERWIRTH
DOCKET NUMBER 87729-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the state of NIKKOS JOEY BIERWIRTH who died DECEMBER 12, 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 18 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF NIKKOS JOEY BIERWIRTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AVERELL HARNAGE
924 PICKENS GAP DRIVE, APT. 4103
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

KELSEY R. REILLY, ATTORNEY
1518 N. BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MAZEL D BOOKER
DOCKET NUMBER 87843-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of

the Estate of MAZEL D BOOKER who died Oct 4, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 17 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MAZEL D BOOKER DOCKET

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL WAYNE BOOKER; EXECUTOR
5510 E EMORY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANN L. CAREY
DOCKET NUMBER 87653-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of ANN L. CAREY who died February 22, 2023 were issued 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:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANE P. GRABEEL
DOCKET NUMBER 87769-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MAY, 2023, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of JANE P. GRABEEL who died March 1, 2023 were issued 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 25 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JANE P. GRABEEL PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MATTHEW LYNN GRABEEL
2408 CASPIAN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

MACK A. GENTRY, ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS E. HAULSEE
AKA MONTA PHYLLIS HAULSEE
DOCKET NUMBER 87611-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of May 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the ESTATE OF PHYLLIS E. HAULSEE AKA MONTA PHYLLIS HAULSEE who died March 5, 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 foe 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 PHYLLIS E. HAULSEE
AKA MONTA PHYLLIS HAULSEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NICOLE LYNN WATERS
8302 BIRCH RUN LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BREANNA MARIE LONG
DOCKET NUMBER 87810-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of May, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BREANNA MARIE LONG who died May 30, 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 18 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF BREANNA MARIE LONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHANIE R. SMITH
1545 BRUCE GAP ROAD
CARYVILLE, TN 37714

MICHAEL S. LATTIER ATTORNEY
1212 N. EASTMAN ROAD
PO BOX 3740
KINGSPORT, TN 37664

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLADYS E. MATAS
DOCKET NUMBER 87649-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY, 2023, letters of administration, in respect of the Estate of GLADYS E. MATAS, who died February 9, 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 19 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GLADYS E. MATAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NICHOLAS FERRO
1000 BUCKTHORN DRIVE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

ELIZABETH BURRELL ATTORNEY
SAL W. VARSALONA ATTORNEY
PO BOX 398
CLINTON, TN 37717

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SYLVIA MCFARLAND
DOCKET NUMBER 87903-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SYLVIA MCFARLAND who died Dec 22, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 23 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SYLVIA MCFARLAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KENDRA MCFARLAND:
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
2725 BORIGHT PLACE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

KENDRALL MCFARLAND:
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
2725 BORIGHT PLACE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLENE DUNCAN MOBLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 87730-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHARLENE DUNCAN MOBLEY who died DECEMBER 23, 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 19 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLENE DUNCAN MOBLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAUL C. MOBLEY
512 DEVON STREET
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

KELSEY R REILLY ATTORNEY
1518 N. BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM FRANK PHILLIPS
DOCKET NUMBER 87855-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM FRANK PHILLIPS who died Jun 13, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 18 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM FRANK PHILLIPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM FRANK PHILLIPS,
JR.; CO-EXECUTOR
5520 W BEAVER CREEK DRIVE
POWELL, TN. 37849

SHERRI PHILLIPS WAMPLER;
CO-EXECUTOR
5530 W BEAVER CREEK DRIVE
POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LYNN RATCLIFF
DOCKET NUMBER 87650-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2023, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of MARY LYNN RATCLIFF, who died February 26, 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 and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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

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 MARY LYNN RATCLIFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRY LYNN HURSEY
8601 SANDHURST DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DUDLEY W. TAYLOR, ATTORNEY
800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 600
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOANNE A. SCHALLER
DOCKET NUMBER 87614-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOANNE A SCHALLER who died January 25, 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 ar1 actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 18 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOANNE A SCHALLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT A. SCHALLER
9801 ST. GERMAINE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR
PO BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACQUOLYN SUE SMARTT
DOCKET NUMBER 87549-2

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 JACQUOLYN SUE SMARTT, 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 decedent's date of death.

This the 16 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF JACQUOLYN SUE SMARTT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENT SMARTT
1110 GAMBLE DRIVE
HEISKELL, TN 37754

J. BRENT NOLAN, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 217
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE HAYES SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 87632-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of George Hayes Smith, who died on December 12, 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 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 GEORGE HAYES SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CARLA JONES SMITH
8040 SCHROEDER ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY
125 N. MAIN STREET
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATSY ANN SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 87735-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of May, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATSY ANN SMITH who died October 7, 2022, 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:

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 18 day of May 2023.

ESTATE OF PATSY ANN SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA R. TAYLOR
415 CREEKVIEW LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

TOM R. RAMSEY, III ATTORNEY
550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES CALVIN STUMPPFF
DOCKET NUMBER 87754-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MAY 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of James Calvin Stump who died on December 28, 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 date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 25 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES CALVIN STUMPPFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RYAN MATHEW STUMPPFF
6757 A. STEWART STREET
FORT POLK SOUTH, LA 71459

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY ANN SUMMEY
DOCKET NUMBER 87523-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY ANN SUMMEY who died Dec 6, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 24 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BETTY ANN SUMMEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LESLIE RENEE SPARROW; ADMINISTRATRIX
2905 BROWNING AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LLOYD ELON WALL
DOCKET NUMBER 87839-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LLOYD ELON WALL who died Oct 20, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 18 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LLOYD ELON WALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MATT LEE WALL; EXECUTOR
4404 THORPE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEILLA JUNE WHITE
DOCKET NUMBER 87811-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LEILLA JUNE WHITE who died February 17, 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 25 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LEILLA JUNE WHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA LYNN LUTZ
2313 CRAIG COVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

ELISA JUNE WHITE
1308 LIVE OAK CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

WAYNE R. KRAMER ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M. (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING) IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

- Call to order.
- Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, establishing a General County Budget and making appropriations from the several funds for departments, institutions, offices and agencies of Knox County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. *(County Mayor and Finance) R-23-6-101-SS*
- Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, establishing the Knox County Tax Rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. *(County Mayor and Finance) R-23-6-102-SS*
- Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, adopting the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2024-2028 and appropriating funds for the first year of the plan in accordance with said plan. *(County Mayor and Finance) R-23-6-103-SS*
- Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appropriating the amount of \$7,437,750.00 to non-profit organizations of Knox County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. *(County Mayor and Finance) R-23-6-104-SS*
- Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Organizational Chart of the Executive Branch of Knox County Government. *(County Mayor) R-23-6-105-SS*
- Adjournment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL CONDUCT A BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE.

AGENDA

- Call to Order / Roll Call
- Public Forum *(deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, June 4, 2023)*
- Discussion of the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Knox County Budget
- Adjournment

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

- Bid 3430, Medical Supplies, due 6/27/23;
- Bid 3431, Hydraulic Lift Repair and Inspection Services, due 6/29/23;
- Bid 3432, Portable Classroom Buildings (Rebid), due 6/28/23;
- Bid 3433, Construction of Hardin Valley Academy Addition, due 6/29/23

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

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on June 16, 2023 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Rd Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2008 Chrysler PT Cruiser 3A8FY48B18T138430 (William Murray/ TMX Finance)

2003 Hyundai Sonata KMHWF35H63A773297 (Christopher Andies/ Check Into Cash)

1992 International 4700 1HTSCNKM7NH401795 (Roy Finch)

2012 Nissan Altima 1N4AL2AP4CC167852 (Tiffany Loveday)

2016 Dodge Ram 1C6RR7NM9GS251932 (Mark Maples/ Santander Consumer)

1997 Chevy Blazer 1GNMT13W72209351 (Kenneth Oswalt)

2013 Ford Edge 2FMDK3G90DBA95886 (Steven Heath/ Elite Motors)

2009 Hyundai Sonata 5NPEU46C99H566547 (Christopher Rogers)

2002 Chevy S10 1GCDT19W328204057 (Permanent General Assur Corp)

2011 Toyota Prius JTDKN3DU2B0311408 (Glenna Twitty/ Greenlight Auto)

2005 Nissan Titan 1N6AA07A05N502546 (Hugo Miquel)

2014 Chevy Equinox 2GNALBEK1E6295147 (James Moody/ TD Auto)

1999 Ford Explorer 1FMDU34EXXZA33599 (Nikkeeta Webb/ Advance America)

2014 Hyundai Veloster KMHTC6AD7EU209840 (Alexi Hilario/ Broadway Auto)

2011 Kia Optima KNAGRA462B5140553 (Miranda Branson/ 1 Auto Finance)

2002 Toyota Rav4 JTEGHD20