

Compromise reached on KCSO pay increase

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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Sheriff Tom Spangler announced a budget compromise agreement Friday morning that includes a starting salary raise to \$51,100 for patrol officers and \$50,100 for corrections officers.

The additional \$3.975 million in additional funds to the Knox County Sheriff's Office will go into the proposed county budget to be considered in today's meeting of the Knox County Commission at 5 p.m. Mayor Glenn Jacobs is proposing the increase without a hike in taxes and some of the additional money will come from the Uniformed Officers Pension Plan retirement funds some county deputies take part in. The pensionable pay will be capped at 3% and the sheriff has agreed to drop 29 unfilled corrections positions.

The pay increase begins when the 2024 budget, if approved by commission, takes effect on July 1. It will apply to patrol and corrections officers ranked captain and below. Chiefs will get a 5% increase and civilian employees in the department will receive a 3% raise. KCSO employees will also receive the same pay increase as all

other Knox County employees.

"More work has to be done," Finance Director Chris Caldwell said of future raises. KCSO Financial Director Allison Rogers said she and Caldwell worked together to hammer out the agreement and added that recruiting new officers is difficult and a higher starting salary may help in the effort.

Patrol officers will start at \$24.57 per hour and correction officers will start at \$24.09 per hour. That's a 12% raise for patrol officers and a 27% raise for corrections officers.

Sheriff Spangler said a \$10 booking and processing fee will be started at the jail and he plans to work with the state and federal governments to increase the reimbursement rates.

Mayor Jacobs called the raises "historic" and Sheriff Spangler thanked Rogers and Caldwell for working out the agreement and said, of his employees, "Knox County deserves the best men and women."

The sheriff had initially requested a 30% raise for his officers and the mayor had offered an 8% increase. Sheriff Spangler had threatened a lawsuit if an agreement could not be reached.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Sheriff Tom Spangler announced a budget compromise on Friday that provides raises to Knox County Sheriff Office employees without cutting services or raising taxes.



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Rep. Tim Burchett, Rhonda Lee, Buddy Coomer, Judy Hill, Angie Hill, Ashley Coomer Taylor, Andrea Coomer Boyer and Dwight Van de Vate prepare to cut the ribbon for Mynatt Funeral Home.

Mynatt Funeral Home Cuts Ribbon on Third Facility in Powell

By Bill Howard

The first Mynatt Funeral Home opened in 1929 in Fountain City. It would be 76 years before the family-owned business opened a second one in 2005, in Halls.

It took only 18 years before the third facility opened in Powell last Friday. The ribbon cutting on the beautiful new 12,000 square-foot facility took place before 150 visitors and friends at 2000 Powell Drive.

In his remarks to the crowd, Director Buddy Coomer emphasized the good fortune in his life.

"I'm very blessed by my staff to be able to do this," Coomer said. "To have people welcome us into the community, it's a



Congressman Tim Burchett speaks to those attending the ribbon cutting of Mynatt Funeral Home in Powell.

bit overwhelming. My dad taught me a lot of tough lessons about life and how to treat people. I'm very blessed to have the staff I have and to be able to stand here today."

Tim Burchett, who

represents Tennessee's Second Congressional District and is a longtime friend of Coomer's, gave the crowd a bit of Mynatt history.

"This funeral home has been around in this family for 123 years," Burchett

said. "It's always been a family-owned business. It was started by Ernest Mynatt and his son Cal back in 1900 when they started selling caskets out of a hardware store. Cal and his wife Wilma eventually passed it along to Bud Coomer, his wife Mary and their son Buddy."

"It's always hard to lose somebody, but when you look across the table at a family-owned business with class like this, it sure makes it easier," Burchett went on. "The staff here does everything they can do to help."

According to Coomer, the facility was set to open sooner, but the pandemic was a major hurdle.

"We bought the property six years ago, but because

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Alternative Response Task Force vote delayed a month

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"The Devil is in the Details" is an old saying that certainly applied to the delay of a vote on the city establishing an Alternative Response Task Force. After a few hours of debate that included thirteen citizens speaking in favor of establishing a non-police response team to answer calls for mental health and nonviolent 911 calls, the sponsor of a new task force resolution postponed any decision until June 27.

Currently, the city's co-responder teams respond to such calls with two people, a mental health worker and a city policeman. The proposed task force would look into the creation of a similar team including a medical professional and a mental health worker. Details about the theoretical team led to some doubts of council members becoming apparent during a discussion that was interrupted now and then by shouts from citizens who attended Tuesday's city council regular meeting.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker told the meeting she wants to establish a task force to look into the number of non-violence calls, not to establish a team yet. She said the task force could

coordinate with other agencies on a one-year pilot program.

Much of the proposal came from Knoxville Heart, an advocacy group promoting a "wide range of mental health-related crises, including conflict resolution, wellness checks, substance use, suicidal ideation, and more." Their three-year effort brought the idea before the city council.

But several city council members had hesitation and voiced questions.

Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto said he is "very supportive" but doesn't support the task force yet.


Mayor Indya Kincannon said the city can't do it alone and said "other partners are essential." The idea of involving state funding and a possible partnership with Knox County and Helen Ross McNabb emerged in the discussion.

Councilwoman Janet Testerman noted the current four-team co-responder program and asked Parker about the proposed cost. Parker said about \$450,000 might be needed for a new vehicle and hiring three people. However, her request to initially establish a task force is for \$50,000 and the task force would report back to the council with

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The U.S. – A World Leader In Borrowing Money

From a distance



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From 1958 to 1991, I was actively involved with the Knoxville Smokies as batboy, scoreboard operator, public address announcer, and part owner. Many times during bad seasons or bad games, some of the regular fans would shout out in frustration or disappointment “Same old Smokies!” As I watched the news about the negotiations over the debt ceiling, I couldn’t help but think they were playing the same old game. In almost every one of my 30 years in Congress, negotiations would go right up to the deadline before an agreement would be reached, and several times the deadline would pass and the government would be shut down. There have been six

federal shutdowns since 1990. The three longest were 21 days in 1995-96 under President Clinton, 16 days in 2013 under President Obama, and 35 days in 2018-19 under President Trump. Every time, the Democrats would try to scare people and tell them they were not going to get their Social Security or veteran’s checks when they knew that was not going to happen. What they didn’t tell people, and what they knew too few would figure out, was that if we kept spending more than was coming in, more money would have to be printed, creating more inflation, and those checks would be worth less every year. The agreement between President Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy will allow the debt ceiling to be raised by as much as \$4.3 trillion until after the election in 2024. As Senator Rand Paul said, there are “no real cuts in spending, only cuts in the increases.” He said any person “who claims to be conservative who votes for this bill should be sent

home.” Senator Mike Lee said, “With Republicans like these, who needs Democrats?” and added that he would use “every procedural tool” to try to defeat this bill in the Senate. However, Senator Paul said he believed all the Democrats in the Senate and about half of the Republicans – what he called “big-government Republicans” – would vote for the agreement. Rep. Andrew Clyde said, “Simply put, this agreement isn’t a win for the American people, it is a win for Washington.” Proving the truth of these statements, two of the biggest government “conservatives,” Senators Mitch McConnell and Mitt Romney both came out strongly for the agreement. Of course, both men have spent more time in Washington over the years than in the states they supposedly represent. Rep. Bob Good said the agreement “maintains all the spending from President Biden’s first two years and does not make any significant cuts.” He added, the deal “further hastens

our fiscal decline.” Rep. Scott Perry said it “totally fails to deliver on conservative priorities,” and Rep. Ralph Norman said, “No Republican in good conscience should vote for this.” Rep. Chip Roy, who led the fight against this agreement, made a similar statement saying, “Not one Republican should vote for this deal.” Dr. Kevin Roberts, president of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, said, “Republicans had a real chance to protect families and fight sky-high inflation and interest rates by cutting government spending,” and added that, “Republicans entered negotiations with a strong hand... Sadly, that leverage was given away in closed-door negotiations.” Adam Brandon, president of Freedom Works, said, “With the national debt nearing \$32 trillion, this legislation will continue to fuel out of control government spending and propel us faster toward the \$50 trillion of debt our nation is expected to reach by 2030.” In 1995, when Newt

Gingrich became Speaker of the House, he did away with the seniority system. He started basing chairmanships on how much money a member raised for the party and whether the member would always vote with him on close votes. Thus, I remember an earlier debt ceiling vote many years ago when I overheard a Republican friend of mine say, “I wouldn’t vote for this bill, but I have to because I’m a chairman.” House leaders of both parties know they can put great pressure on people by making it clear they won’t get some chairmanship they want or something they need for their district unless they vote with their leader. Most Democrats voted for the bill because it increases spending, although not as fast as they would like, and allows much more borrowing. Very few Republicans wanted to vote for this agreement, but most caved in to the pressure because the Speaker already has done something big for them or they hope he will in the future. An organization of CEOs

of the Fortune 200, the nation’s biggest businesses, are for the agreement, showing we will continue to be governed by this duopoly, this partnership of extremely big business with extremely big government. I started this column with an old baseball saying. Another one comes to mind about the always pitiful Washington Senators baseball team. “Washington: first in war, first in peace, last in the American League.” Over the last many years, because defense contractors and the military always wanting and getting more money, we seem to be first in war and last in peace. But this agreement means that we will continue to be the first, by far, in debt. No one can humanly comprehend how much one trillion dollars is, much less \$32 trillion. This agreement means that we will continue to borrow much more than we can afford unless or until our economy goes into total collapse.

Why the minimum wage is racist

When I was growing up, my parents made me and my brother work. In elementary school, they decided to put in a basement by digging out the dirt under the house. My brother and I had to take out so many wheelbarrows of dirt before we could go out to play. In high school, we were made to work during the summers doing menial work for minimum wages. We washed dishes and bussed tables. We didn’t complain—we now had money of our own. I bought books and records. We never thought of those jobs as menial. We knew that we were not going to earn that low wage as adults. We were living at home so any monies earned were disposable and not used for rent or food or utilities. We knew we were going to college. Although my parents went to HBCUs, my brother wanted to be an engineer but was barred from going to Georgia Tech so he went to Purdue. I wanted to follow him to Purdue but was forced to go to the University of Georgia when that university was ordered to desegregate. The state was paying my brother’s out-of-state tuition when Tech was segregated and took away that funding when Georgia was ordered to admit its first black students. Dad could not afford to send us both out of state and told me to find an alternative. I found the University of Georgia. While at Georgia, unbeknownst to my parents I worked to supplement the money they sent me monthly. One of my closest friends was the head waiter at a local restaurant and I waited tables for a couple of years making enough money to buy a motor scooter and later my first car. I never told my parents any of this for they insisted that I devote all of my time to school. When they found out about 20 years later my mother said that she felt like “giving me a whipping.” Working at low-paying jobs proved invaluable. They taught me to be responsible, to get to work on time (Dad used to say that “on time was five minutes late”) and to be disciplined. Today, much of the issues facing our youth, especially our black youth can be traced to the existence of minimum wage laws which limit their employment opportunities. When the first minimum wage law was passed, black youth employment was actually higher than that of white youth. Indeed, the first minimum wages were enacted because black youth were being hired at wages lower than white youth much like illegals will work for lower wages today. The legislation was a success making black youth less competitive with whites at the higher wage. Now for black kids, the unemployment numbers are depression-like. The youth have been rendered unemployable. They have no skills and little prospect for gaining useful skills that are legal. While they would be able to find work at lower wages, the current minimum wage keeps them unemployed. Every now and then a proposal is made to enact a subminimum wage for teenagers. It is argued that this would exploit the youth and would benefit big business. They know better and simply want to maintain the poor as wards of the state. Now Bernie Sanders is pushing an increase in the minimum wage to \$17 per hour even though virtually all studies show that raising the minimum wage increases unemployment. Fewer youth will have the skills necessary to merit the higher wage. Although Sanders argues as if heads of households are working at the current minimum, the truth is that only two percent of heads of households earn the minimum wage. The increases in unemployment will be mostly among young people who reside with their parents (or parent). But Sanders and his ilk do not care about the consequences of their actions. The minimum wage is anti-poor and racist. It was enacted to lessen the competition by blacks for low paying jobs and to create welfare dependency. It worked. Some states have recently increased their minimum to \$15 an hour. The early results show that businesses that employ these workers are forced to automate and replace people with technology. Obviously, sanity is missing in the minimum wage argument.



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Mayor And Sheriff Come Together On Budget

The agreement reached by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Sheriff Tom Spangler is good news for every citizen of our community. At the heart of the issue was Sheriff Spangler's demand for a 30% increase for departmental personnel. The approach of issuing a demand accompanied by a threat of a lawsuit was, at best, ill-considered. This is in no way a criticism of the sheriff personally, as Tom Spangler is genuinely a good and honest man and a great sheriff. It is merely my own appraisal of the situation, as well as having been a public official once upon a time. Ultimatums are generally not well received by recipients. Sheriff Spangler would benefit from some advisors around him

who better understand legislative politics and public perception. Spangler's zeal to better his department is commendable and should be expected, however, the mayor and county commission must balance the needs of the entire government and not a single department, no matter how important. Most Knox Countians are probably unaware two departments of government consume fully three-quarters of the entire county budget. Those two departments are the schools and the sheriff's office. Every other department and agency funded by the county comes out of the remaining quarter. Nor is Knox County's government as threadbare as that of the City of Knoxville, which operates no school system, libraries or health department.

Mayor Jacobs deserves credit for a job well done. First and foremost, Jacobs realized there could hardly be a worse time to raise taxes. Inflation is eating up the savings and buying power of taxpayers across the nation and Knox County residents are suffering just like everybody else. On top of that, the City of Knoxville just raised its own property tax rate by 40%, which raises both rents and mortgages for everyone.

The agreement reached

by Mayor Jacobs and Sheriff Spangler is a good one. Unlike our federal budget, the agreement caps some expenditures that desperately needed to be capped, while also raising salaries for law enforcement personnel. At the same time, the mayor is recommending a 5% raise for all other county employees. While it is modest, especially considering the lifetime pensions and higher salaries paid by the City of Knoxville, it is more than most folks can expect.

Something City of Knoxville officials detest is the fact Knox County government, which is much larger than that of the city, hasn't raised taxes in more than 20 years. By comparison, the City has raised taxes twice in the last five years. The City has to feed its own defined-benefit pension system, which is exceptionally generous. The City of Knoxville under Madeline Rogero and Indya Kincannon has also engaged in heavy spending without much to show for it. Knox County government has encouraged development and business to locate here while the City government has been, if not hostile, less inviting to business. Nor has the development in the City helped to widen the tax base; quite the contrary. The City of Knoxville

government takes property off the tax rolls and funds projects like the Bridge To Nowhere demanded by the University of Tennessee, which will be a nice addition for the Vol Navy but few others. If the students supposed to walk across the bridge daily to attend classes were to pay a toll, the fees wouldn't likely generate \$100 annually, while costing the taxpayers more than \$70 million. The City government invests in "art" monstrosities and subsidized housing.

The county commission wisely received Sheriff Spangler's demand coldly, but Commissioner Kyle Ward urged the sheriff and the mayor to see if they couldn't resolve their differences. The fact Jacobs and Spangler came together and produced an agreement that is as good for the taxpayers as it is for the government reveals they are both fine public servants.

Glenn Jacobs has certainly demonstrated leadership skills with a positive attitude, which is the key ingredient for conciliation. To craft the kind of agreement forged by Mayor Jacobs and Sheriff Spangler takes some ability. Nor should the participation of Chris Caldwell, Knox County's longtime Director of Finance, be overlooked.

Jacobs was very wise to retain the services of Caldwell who knows the budget and financial details of local government like a biblical scholar knows the Bible. Chris Caldwell is one of the folks we are very lucky to have working for local government.

Kudos to Mayor Jacobs and Sheriff Spangler for putting the best interests of the people and taxpayers first!

State Should Fund Minimum Salary Mandate

Republicans in the Tennessee General Assembly need to rethink setting mandatory salaries for teachers and the like, especially if they aren't sending along the money for it. The truth is, and legislators know it as well, that the State of Tennessee doesn't send enough money to cover the salaries of all the teachers employed by many school systems, especially in the urban counties. More rural counties rarely have the advanced programs provided for special ed students offered by the bigger, more urban counties. As a member of the Knox County School Board, I remember how often residents of counties adjacent to us wanted to send their special ed children to Knox

County to take advantage of the programs, while wishing to still live in counties that had much lower tax rates and few, if any, program for needy special ed students.

There aren't a handful of Republicans who don't criticize Democrats for their constant approval and passage of legislation making this or that mandatory, always without sending the funding for it, which drives up the cost of state and local governments, as well as the taxes to pay for them.

Legislators should recognize setting a minimum salary for one special interest group is going to bring pressure from another to do the same thing for them. It is a bad and unwise precedent.

How They Voted

Five of ten members of Tennessee's House congressional delegation voted "no" on the debt ceiling deal last week. Representatives Tim Burchett, Diana Harshbarger, Scott DesJarlais, Andy Ogles and John Rose were all recorded as voting against the deal. Three Republicans voted in favor --- Mark Green, David Kustoff and Chuck Fleischman, as did Democrat Steve Cohen.

Mynatt Funeral Home Cuts Ribbon in Powell

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of covid and health issues it took three years to complete the building," Coomer said. "A lot of my coworkers as well as contractors, we all worked together. And this is the final outcome."

"We outgrew our other two buildings and just needed another building and we landed down here in Powell," said Coomer. "It had no funeral home; we wanted to try to provide better service for them."

Dwight Van de Vate is Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs's Chief Operating Officer.

"A family-owned business with someone taking

an interest in selling caskets out the back door has grown into what you see here today: 57 full and part-time employees in three locations including this beautiful new location," said Van de Vate. "This family and the business have been a cornerstone in Knoxville for 120 years. We are lucky that you continue to expand. This business plays a vital role in Knox Co."

"This is the first new business on new Powell Drive," Van de Vate said. "We're grateful that you're taking the risk."

Van de Vate cited a study that found that 80%

of funeral homes are family-owned and that 27% of them plan to sell or retire within five years. "They tend to sell to corporate entities," Van de Vate said. "Buddy, we're counting on you to stay the course and stay in the game."

Among the event's attendees were County Commissioner Rhonda Lee, County Property Assessor John Whitehead, County Register of Deeds Nick McBride, former Commissioner and City Councilman Ed Shouse, County Clerk Sherry Witt, and Carol Evans, Executive Director of Legacy Parks Foundation.

Alternative Response Task Force vote delayed a month

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a proposal.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie told her fellow council members that while she is not opposed to a task force to conduct more studies, there is already an overpopulation in local hospital emergency rooms. "We've got to have everyone at the table," she said.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider told the meeting there are currently open positions in the co-responder teams and added she is not opposed to a task force.

Mayor Kincannon said that Helen Ross McNabb is "not ready to embark on a response team." She added that establishing

such a team "is outside our budget and expertise."

Councilwoman Seema Singh pointed out that a task force could look at what is needed.

"This is a program that needs to happen," Councilman Tommy Smith said and he thanked Heart for proposing the idea. He was critical of those people that need to be involved in the effort for "not talking with each other" but added, "We need another program to fill the gap."


Councilman Charles Thomas also cited the lack of unity between Heart and the McNabb Center but added, "I have reservations about setting up an



Councilwoman Amelia Parker's suggestion of an Alternative Response Task Force prompted many questions from other city council members.

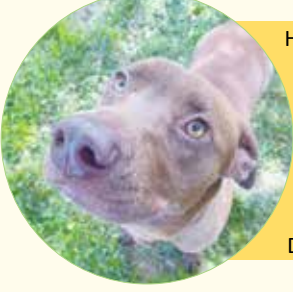
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Parker then moved to delay any decision for a month and Roberto said the one-month delay will open an opportunity to amend the proposal.




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Prior to and after the long discussion about an Alternative Response Task Force the Knoxville City Council passed several zoning changes, the annual funding of city departments and the city employee compensation plan. Zoning changes included a

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Weisgarber Road property that went from Office designation to Industrial Mixed-Use. A Pelham Road and Magnolia Avenue property changed from General Industrial to Highway Commercial, and a change from Neighborhood Commercial to RN-6 Multi-Family Residential for a property on Merchant Drive was approved.

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went from RN-1 Residential to General Commercial and one on South Gallaher View Road went from Office Park to RN-6 Multi-Family Residential. An Old Stage Road property went from RN-1 Residential to General Industrial, a Central Avenue Pike lot went from Agricultural to RN-3 Residential and a property on Cooper Street switched from General Industrial to Industrial

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Mixed-Use.

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The council also voted for two honorary designations: Big John Tate Corner will stretch from Lakeside Street to Magnolia Avenue. "Coach John Major Bridge" was chosen for the name of the new bridge on Topside Road over Alcoa Highway.

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The police department may get bullet-resistant vests from an approved application with the

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U.S. Department of Justice for \$44,800 with a 50% city match. Keep Knoxville Beautiful received \$100,000 for litter prevention, collection and graffiti removal.

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Waste Connections' garbage and recycling agreement got a \$468,000 extension and Clean Earth Alabama was given \$56,664 for recycling of hazardous household waste.

County may do street improvements in agreement with developers

Croom takes over as PARC Director

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The Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department has a new idea for street improvements for new housing projects.

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Knox County Engineering Director Jim Snowden asked the county commission for a change to the county code that would have the county do the necessary improvements with the developer footing the bill for the needed changes. That request's second and final reading passed in the commission's meeting last month.

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Snowden told The Knoxville Focus that an agreement on the cost would be made with the developer to cover things like turn lanes, utility improvements, front sidewalks, road widening and other

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Jered Croom, who served two terms as a member of the Knoxville Police Advisor and Review Committee, chaired his first meeting as its executive director last week. Croom has a history as one of the most active members of the overseeing body, often asking questions of former Chief Eve Thomas and now Chief Paul Noel.

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Croom spoke of PARC and said that "advisory is the secret sauce" adding that PARC is a "very special entity in the state." Last year PARC and the Knoxville Police Department signed a mutual agreement of cooperation and, despite state legislature limiting the power of most law enforcement oversight groups, PARC's duties remain unchanged and the group has become an example of such organizations in the state.

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He spoke of the group working with other agencies and noted that PARC "is not to be adversarial." He added that PARC

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represents the people and "how we want to be policed."

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PARC's review of the first quarter of the year saw 28 cases including three from the previous quarter. Five were referred to agencies for action and two cases are pending. PARC reported incidents where either body cameras were turned off, audio turned off or video and audio not working. Police department regulations state that recordings "shall always be on" when contacting citizens.

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Chief Noel reported to the committee on the new "Active Bystander" policy regarding officers. He said the policy, dealing with how officers act when another officer is involved with a citizen, will be extended to the entire department "probably by the end of the year."

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He also said the police department will be starting monthly district meetings with the public and said that recruiting 18-year-olds and higher will begin. Officers must be 21 years old but the program will give future recruits a head

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start and pay the potential recruits \$35,000 until they become an officer.

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The new deputy chief of professional standards, Brooklyn Sawyers Belk, was introduced and addressed the meeting as the first person to head that new department. Belk told the meeting she has 16 years in law enforcement and will oversee the policies and procedures of the department, officer conduct and review the rules of conduct. She will also head the office of internal affairs, now called the Office of Professional Standards.

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At one point Croom asked Chief Noel about the policy involving officers who resign rather than face charges or investigation. He asked if those former officers could move to other jurisdictions and be hired. Noel replied that the officer's records would remain on file with the city police and added that any law enforcement officer would "have to be certified" by the state before they can serve.

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Croom followed up and Noel said the department "can tell someone they can't quit."

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Several citizens spoke at the end of the meeting, some very critical of the police chief and the review committee. Two citizens continued to yell comments and questions after their time to speak. Noel replied to a question about who is investigating one case by saying the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is looking into the case.

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"We're not here to try cases," Croom commented, adding, "We're here to communicate. I appreciate your passion," he told the speakers.

Engineering and Public Works' Jim Snowden has an idea for the county to do necessary work on road improvements in an agreement with developers.

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Culture War

Where there is no law, there is no liberty.
Benjamin Rush

Benjamin Rush was a civic leader and physician in colonial Philadelphia who signed the Declaration of Independence. And he was also a student of history who understood that in Ancient Greece, where democracy arose, “mob” rule of the majority led to terrible abuses of the minority. Our Founders, who read and studied history, crafted a representative republic for us which is predicated on the rule of law and when applied affords equality and freedom for everyone.

Apparently, our leaders today have forgotten the lessons of history. A friend recently sent me a meme of an angry Biden with the caption: “The left impeached President Trump for trying to expose crimes, and then replaced him with the person who committed crimes.” But,

don’t expect the corrupt mainstream media, the Deep State, the leaders of the intelligence agencies and the DOJ, the Democrat Party leadership or the Tech Lords to admit they were complicit in the greatest crime of our republic. Furthermore, if you believe interfering with two presidential election cycles was “justified,” the country is on the right track and plan to vote for Biden and Democrats in 2024, you might be, as comedian Jeff Foxworthy once said, “part of the problem.”

I obey the law, even though I have lost confidence in the legal system along with virtually every Federal institution. I am not a leftist-anarchist (ANTIFA) or a Marxist (BLM). I am a conservative American who doesn’t march, burn, lie or loot. I do what I can: I vote in every election cycle, I write and try to educate, I push back against “useful idiots” when I’m confronted and I boycott. And my boycott list

is expanding and includes Anheuser-Busch products and now Miller beer. We will not buy anything from Target or Kohls, nor will we purchase any Nike or North Face merchandise. I realize I am but one voice, but advertisers should be aware that I am boycotting all baseball games associated with the Los Angeles Dodgers. And I have removed all BlackRock investments from my retirement portfolio. Leftists call boycotts “economic terrorism.” But apparently these “truth-sayers” do not object to burning and looting businesses. We must push back against wokesters, Progressive-leftists and Democrat leaders like Biden and Obama who turned a blind eye to the truth. “When truth is replaced by silence, the silence is a lie.” (Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushko)

We found a new Sunday school class recently. We started attending a neighborhood church during the pandemic because my Methodist church and Sunday School class shut down. However, the transition to a new church began long ago as Methodist leadership became fixated on the complicated subject of human sexuality. The same Progressives now browbeat everyone, everywhere with their ridiculous LGBTQ+ demands.

Philosophically, I remain a Wesleyan-Methodist, but

now consider myself a non-denominational Christian. John Wesley founded Methodism, although he never left the Church of England. He believed that scripture, tradition, experience and reason were foundational. Imagine a three-legged stool where you sit on scripture, with each of the three legs representing the modifying perspectives. Obviously, trying to “sit” without a seat is problematic, and removing a leg will pitch you to the floor. The Methodist Church is no longer united and in my opinion, is ignoring multiple tenants of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral.

I’m reading a book by Christian apologist Alisa Childers who introduced me to the theological term “progressive revelation.” In other words, through progress (archaeology, science, etc.) we understand more than people did 2000 or even 100 years ago. However, Childers in her book, “Another Gospel?” the differentiates progressive revelation from Progressive Christianity/religion which is reinterpreting scripture in modern terms, often ignoring reason, experience and tradition. I’m not a theological Luddite nor am I a Biblical literalist, but in my opinion, the Methodists and Progressives have gone way too far. Progressives have sundered my church and they’re destroying America.

My wife and editress, Becky, recently paid me a supreme compliment when she referred to me as “Little Vic.” Obviously, my prose and commentary are not the stature of Victor Davis Hanson, a professor, classicist, historian, writer and farmer. His recent essay on the culture war (The Left Has Pushed the Envelope) is a must-read. I reference “Big” Vic, because he should be read and because I too am a farmer of sorts. However, I could not feed myself, let alone my family, from my garden, orchard and vineyard. In fact, the last big storm destroyed 2/3 of this year’s peach crop.

I appreciate farmers whose job is 24/7 and 365. By comparison, doctors are used to sharing weekends and night-call with other doctors. I once had six doctors in my on-call group which decreased to four, then three, and finally two. I decided I could not practice medicine in the office and make rounds in the hospital every other night and every other weekend for the rest of my life. So, I retired.

There are consequences for our choices; at least there used to be. The ever-expanding nanny state is removing all responsibility from their children on the big plantation. The notion of giving a hand up is being replaced by giving hand-outs. Many will not work.

Virtually every business has signs advertising available positions. A family member as well as a friend recently spent nights in local ERs because the hospitals were unable to hire enough staff to care for patients or clean the empty hospital rooms. It may sound cruel, but if you don’t feed someone they will work.

Welfare states always fail miserably. The charade of helping people is being done to consolidate power in the hands of an elitist few. An example is the leftist policy of equity which mandates equal outcomes. Ability, work ethic and merit are irrelevant. With equity I should be playing for the NY Yankees. (Read Thomas Sowell’s book, “The Quest for Cosmic Justice.”) On the other hand, equality is equal opportunity as guaranteed by law. Beware of Progressive-leftist euphemisms designed to hide their true intentions.

Real life has consequences. I’m not as strong as I used to be, but I’m wiser. I’m not confused by Progressive euphemistic blather, nor am I conflicted about what is right or wrong. I pray daily for courage and strength, insight and wisdom of the Spirit because I am far from perfect. And because I trust in God, not government.

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South Knox officials combine efforts

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A few years ago construction on Chapman Highway slowed South Knoxville to a crawl. Skeptics thought the increased difficulty of access to the commerce and housing across the Tennessee River might ruin growth there.

But the businesses and neighborhoods in South Knoxville persisted and today the area has recovered and is growing. City and county efforts helped to promote and develop the area with park improvements, school access, new businesses and thriving

neighborhoods.

Two people represent South Knoxville and South Knox County and their duties, on Knoxville City Council and the Knox County Commission, often overlap and sometimes both local representatives combine their efforts together.

County Commissioner Carson Dailey, a Republican, is in his second term and leaves office in 2024. Dailey was elected to replace 9th District’s Mike Brown. City Councilman Tommy Smith, a Democrat, was selected to replace resigning

1st District Councilwoman Stephanie Welch in 2020 and was elected in 2021.

The Knoxville Focus caught up with both local elected officials and asked several questions.

What are some of the projects or concerns you have both worked on?

Dailey: We have worked on litter and signs in right of ways that are illegal in the city and county. Roads and right of way are cleaner due to working together.

Smith: We both understand how design and cleanliness impact everyone’s quality of life.



Councilman Tommy Smith and Commissioner Carson Dailey represent South Knoxville and South Knox County and work together on projects and for the interests of their area.

Litter and waste reduction is something we collaborate on often. That has led to

less illegal roadway signs, new waste bins at bus shelters, and an official

County Environmental Officer. We want to make

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The Class Ring

Mine was made of a gold setting. On top was a beautiful gold "G" in Old English lettering against a sparkling blue background. The "G" stood for Gibbs, the name of our high school. My initials were engraved inside the ring. The cost of the ring assured that it was more than just a piece of costume jewelry. As I recall, in 1970s dollars, the price of the class ring was \$35! It was a special day when the rings arrived.

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The class ring is a symbol of accomplishment. It represents the completion of years of education building up to the senior year of high school. Throughout the senior year, the class ring is a reminder that the end of high school is approaching. After the graduation ceremony, seniors often enroll in colleges, universities, trade schools, or vocational schools. Many enter the workforce. Over time, the class ring may be worn or may even end up in a drawer full of keepsakes—a reminder of bygone school days. As other life events



Picture of this writer's class ring, Gibbs High School, 1972, by Ralphine Major.

take place, the ring's importance may diminish somewhat. But even after many years have passed, the class ring signifies a great accomplishment in a young life. Congratulations to all the 2023 graduates! May you be blessed with a life filled with success, health, and happiness.

Words of Faith: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV).

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Messing with Companies

All of us usually admire dogged determination. However, when that characteristic is displayed by some companies, it makes our blood pressures rise to stroke levels. I've run into several of those

annoying situations lately, and airing my grievances about them might make me feel better.

I immediately ask reps on the phone to slow down because I can't understand a word that is being spoken. Quiet overtakes the line for a few seconds before the individual begins the spiel with the same garbled language coming over the phone. Eventually, I convince the caller to slow down so I can understand what they want. The man or woman on the line wants to know if I would like to sell my property in Gallatin, Tennessee. I explain that I have already sold the condo and ask that their records be updated and my name be removed from their call sheet. Their response comes with a quick hanging up. A year later, these goofballs are still calling and asking about the condo; however, now I receive emails from some other outfits that ask if I want to sell my property or even just a lot. Again, the answer is "no," but the calls continue.

I was a customer of a certain cable company for more than 40 years. I'd



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receive an occasional reduction in price, but the bill would creep higher in no time. So, I finally cut the cord, and chose a new provider who offered fiber optic internet connection. Then I found a cheaper television service. My costs have been reduced by over \$100. The original provider has been calling me and emailing me with "special savings" packages, but I won't go back to them. Why didn't they offer money-saving programs to me while I was a customer? I reckon all cable companies are ready to make a deal when you tell them you're leaving. At any rate, a daily call from a different number comes from some place across the ocean. A man who still struggles with English reads a script to me. All the while I am trying to stop him so that I can tell him that I am not interested. Eventually, I hang up, even though I know tomorrow will bring another call.

The contact that gets me most comes from a place called Hiawatha Manor. My mother decided at some point prior to 1996 to buy a timeshare week at this place in Crossville. She thought a good time to go would be a week in February. No, I don't get the thinking behind that at all.

In June of 1996, my mother passed after a long

battle with cancer. As the executor, I followed all the rules, and one was that I publicly announce via a newspaper her death so anyone who had an outstanding debt could file against the estate. No company did.

A year later, I got a call from an agent to inform me that the maintenance fee for the place was overdue. I explained to him that my mother's estate was already closed and that no new claims could be filed. He insisted so rudely that the bill be paid that I finally told the agent that he'd have to talk to my mother. I ended by asking if he would have her call me if he got through.

Two months ago, I received a letter from this same place, and it stated that the outstanding bill was now nearly \$12,000. Because I had time to "mess" with them, I wrote back a reply and explained past communications I'd had with the company. I stressed the fact that what they were complaining about was a 27-year-old account that became moot when the estate was closed by the courts. My parting words came again as a request to have my mother call me if they reached her.

It's best to just ignore such ridiculous calls and letters that come. However, I still have enough "smart-ass" in me that I find giving such inefficient companies a hard time comes naturally.

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Politician from the Prairie

Harlan Bushfield of South Dakota

Pages from the Past



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Harlan John Bushfield served only a single term in the United States Senate, but he made quite an impression on his home state of South Dakota in a relatively short period of time. Bushfield rose from a printer's devil to serve as his state's governor and United States Senator.

Allen Drury, a best-selling author and journalist, recalled when covering the U.S. Senate as a young reporter for the Associated Press Bushfield strongly resembled Tennessee's Andrew Jackson. Standing erect like General Jackson, Bushfield possessed a square jaw and was a commanding figure on the political platform. Trim and tall, Harlan J. Bushfield for a time was highly popular in South Dakota.

Bushfield was a dedicated Republican, a member of the conservative bloc in the Senate who had been labeled as an outright reactionary by the more liberal members of the news media of the day. Bushfield was considered to be a rugged individualist who had pursued a strict economy as governor of South Dakota.

Political opponents described Bushfield as "ruthless" and accused him of heading one of the strongest political machines ever seen in the Mount Rushmore State. Yet the genesis of Bushfield's own political success came from his having been chairman of South Dakota's state Republican party, where he organized down to the precinct level. Those same contacts served him well when he ran for public office, forming a statewide network he could tap into at election time. For all his attributes as a politician, Harland Bushfield was neither colorful nor a showman.

Those who knew Harland Bushfield described him as having a strong character and perhaps an equally strong personality. Governor George Mickelson thought his predecessor was a very frank person who never evaded questions. Congressman Francis Case recalled Bushfield never considered whether an issue was popular, but rather whether he thought it was the right course to follow.

Harland Bushfield was not the kind of man to be bullied. The South Dakota senator was one of those public figures who hurled the charge "liar" at muck-raking columnist Drew Pearson when the Senate considered the nomination of Aubrey Williams to serve as administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration.

Bushfield had first come to high office as a proponent of economy

in government as South Dakota, like every state in the nation, was doing its best to claw its way out of the deprivations, financial ruin and suffering of the Great Depression. While campaigning for governor in 1938, Bushfield pointed to the state's rural credit debt as "South Dakota's white elephant for a generation." Once elected governor, Harlan Bushfield was not fearful of bragging about his accomplishments. Speaking before South Dakota's state legislature, Governor Bushfield told legislators, "We have done the most outstanding job of reorganization and liquidation ever accomplished by any state in the union."

One of the hallmarks of Bushfield's reorganization of state government was eliminating duplication of services and moving most special funds into the general fund so that the legislature could make direct appropriations. Before Harlan Bushfield had taken office, South Dakota had a deficit; when he left office in 1943, the state treasury had a surplus of \$4 million.

Nor did Bushfield shy away from a fight. While governor, Harlan Bushfield engaged in a bitter struggle with legislators who supported a homestead tax exemption and succeeded in restoring the state's retail sales tax to 2%. That same tax had been 3% during the years South Dakota had suffered through a serious drought and other revenue had dried up with the water. The state's economy was buoyed by the Second World War with farm prices soaring and retail purchases likewise rising. Critics were astonished that in spite of Bushfield's tax cuts, the state treasury remained filled. That certainly did nothing to diminish Bushfield's popularity in South Dakota.

Governor Bushfield took his desire to cut taxes and drive for economy in government with him to the United States Senate where he became a persistent critic of big government spending. Bushfield's last message as governor to South Dakota's state legislature decried "stupendous federal taxes," which he predicted "will bring disaster to many and will lay a burden upon everyone which will bow their backs in endless toil

to liquidate it." Prior to leaving the state capitol in Pierre, Governor Bushfield had once again asked the legislature to repeal the net income tax, which it did in the 1943 session.

As Governor Harlan Bushfield left Pierre for Washington, D.C., the newly elected senator took with him a fierce opposition to the notion of government bureaus issuing regulations and/or orders which had the effect of law. Bushfield steadfastly believed only Congress had the power to make laws. In one of the South Dakota senator's first exchanges with Capitol Hill reporters, Bushfield said, "I feel that the bureaucrats so freely making regulations on this and that affecting the daily lives of the American people should get off the pavement around Washington and get about the country where people really live."

An attorney by vocation, Bushfield's first attempts at seeking elected office did not portend a successful political career, much less one that would take him to the highest offices within the gift of his people. Bushfield failed in his attempt to win the state attorney general's office in 1918 when he lost the Republican primary. In 1923, Bushfield presided over the South Dakota Republican state convention. Bushfield announced as a candidate for a seat on the South Dakota State Supreme Court but later withdrew.

Bushfield's rise to power began with the death of Charles S. McDonald, chairman of the South Dakota Republican Party. McDonald was killed in a car crash in 1934 and Bushfield was elected to succeed him in October 1935. Like much of the rest of the country, the Great Depression had been a boon to the Democratic Party in South Dakota. Tom Berry had been elected governor in 1932 and was reelected in 1934. William J. Bulow had been elected to the United States Senate in 1930 and reelected in 1936. When GOP U.S. Senator Peter Norbeck died on December 20, 1936, Governor Berry appointed fellow Democrat Herbert Hitchcock to serve until the next regular election.

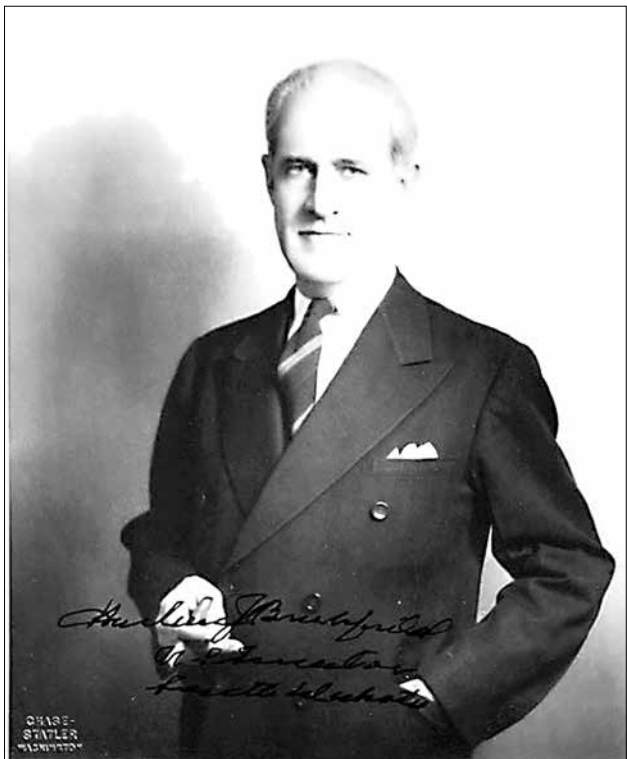
With Bushfield as GOP state chairman, Republican fortunes began to improve almost immediately. Republican gubernatorial candidate Leslie Jensen defeated Tom Berry, who was seeking a third term. Jensen did not seek reelection as governor in 1938, but rather ran for the GOP nomination for the United States Senate. Tom Berry ran against and defeated his own appointee in the Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate. Jensen lost the Republican

primary to businessman Chan Gurney. With Jensen running for the Senate, Bushfield became a candidate for governor.

The pendulum swung back toward the Republicans in South Dakota in 1938 with both Harlan Bushfield and Chan Gurney winning the general election. Bushfield was reelected to a second two-year term as governor in 1940 and became a candidate for the United States Senate in 1942. The incumbent, William J. Bulow, was one of the most conservative Democrats in the Senate and had been opposed to most of the New Deal. Bulow, himself a former governor, was past seventy and his failure to support the Roosevelt administration was a huge political liability amongst South Dakota Democrats. Former Governor Tom Berry was running for the Senate yet again and thrashed Bulow in the Democratic primary; Senator Bulow failed to win even 30% of the votes cast.

Facing the best vote-getter South Dakota Democrats could possibly nominate for the U.S. Senate, Bushfield campaigned as an unabashed Republican and reiterated his fiscal conservatism as he campaigned across the state. Speaking in Yankton at his campaign opener in October of 1942, Bushfield told his audience it was "necessary for the people to select public officials who will do that job efficiently and intelligently and not as rubber stamps or play boys." Bushfield reminded South Dakotans his gubernatorial service had benefitted the public and boasted of his accomplishments as governor. "I have restored the credit of our state so that it is no longer listed as the blackest spot in the nation. I have restored the confidence of our people in the strength and fertility and the dependability of South Dakota. I have helped to restore the faith and confidence and the interest of the people of other states in our own state."

Bushfield pointed to his success in reorganizing state government to make it more efficient and emphasized the honesty and economy of his administration. "We have eliminated waste, reduced the payroll, reduced taxes, and lowered the cost of running the government 20 per cent. . ." Governor Bushfield also made certain voters remembered his having put the state government into the black with the largest balance in South Dakota's history. Bushfield noted he



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Autographed photo of Senator Harlan Bushfield of South Dakota.

had been able to "aid the common schools" while at the same time "lightened the farmer's tax burden." Nor did Harlan Bushfield ignore the biggest concern of Americans during 1942; the governor said the single most important issue was winning the war. Yet Tom Berry begged to differ, if only slightly. "Of course everybody is for that," Berry drawled, "because nobody in this country wants to be Hitler's slave."

"An even bigger issue is the winning of the peace afterward," Berry said, "against politicians such as Bushfield. Our soldiers won the other war (World War I) and ten United States senators prevented a peace that would end war, as was promised the soldiers."

Berry noted it took two-thirds of the U. S. Senate to approve a peace treaty, which the former governor believed would help to avert a third world war. "In 1919, 37 senators voted against the peace treaty," Berry thundered, "just six more than one-third of those voting. Those six are responsible for the war today."

Tom Berry said he wasn't at all surprised Bushfield had brought Ohio U.S. Senator Robert A. Taft into South Dakota to campaign on his behalf. Referring to Taft as "the multimillionaire senator" who Berry claimed was "an outspoken opponent" of peace. Berry said that whoever the people of South Dakota elected would vote on any peace treaty following the conclusion of the Second World War in the Senate. "I am everlastingly in favor of stopping these world wars, but Governor Bushfield doesn't think enough of the babies of today to say that the big issue is to provide that they shall not be

fighting in another world war when they become young men."

"As for the winning of the war, if Bushfield should do no more as senator than he has as governor, we won't get very far," Berry scoffed.

The people of South Dakota disagreed and Harlan Bushfield beat Tom Berry easily in the general election.

Much of Bushfield's time in the Senate was compromised by his increasing high blood pressure. For the last two years of his six years in the Senate, Harlan Bushfield had trouble controlling his high blood pressure. That was much more of an issue then than it is now. Bushfield apparently had five serious episodes or strokes from July 1945 until he died in office. Initially, Senator Bushfield had announced he would seek reelection to a second term in 1948, but announced in January of that year he would retire due to his failing health. Bushfield's pronouncement was due to yet another stroke. The sixty-six-year-old senator was in a hospital in Miller, South Dakota when he suffered a fatal cerebral hemorrhage on September 27, 1948.

Senator Bushfield was succeeded in office, at least for the interim, by his wife, Vera, who was highly popular with South Dakotans in her own right. When Governor George Mickelson appointed Mrs. Bushfield, the Senate was not then in session. Rather than go to Washington, Mrs. Bushfield contented herself with remaining in Pierre with a small staff where she concentrated on helping constituents with their problems. Vera Bushfield outlived her husband by almost thirty years.

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South Knoxville officials combine efforts

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ensure the visual appeal of South Knoxville aligns with the desire of its residents.

How is South Knoxville growing and where?

Dailey: County is growing along Governor John Sevier Highway, Chapman Highway and Alcoa Highway in residential. Some business growth around Mountain Grove area with the new Covenant Health Care and a new strip mall at Mountain Grove.

Smith: South Knoxville has as much growth, and unique types of developments, as any part of our community. The good news is that we both agree on the need for balance. We encourage new developments that replace abandoned and blighted properties, but we also value preserving what makes South Knoxville special, including the Urban Wilderness, local restaurants, and connections between neighborhoods.

Where is cooperation between the city and county working in South Knoxville?

Dailey: Mostly working on better education with

shared program resources — Knox Ed and PTAs.

Smith: When there is a need, we try to listen to the people raising the issue. We are both responsive and try to find practical solutions that improve the daily life of South Knoxville residents.

Name an event that you are both involved in.

Dailey: Both of us are board members of Vestal and Ijams Nature Center.

Smith: Vestal, Keep Knoxville Beautiful and the South Knoxville Cleanup (annual).

Ijams Nature Center (board)

Is Seymour actually a part of South Knoxville?

Dailey: Not so much as business or residential goes. If you add recreational, Bower Field has more Seymour residents playing sports than Knox County residents. How? Future plans for residential, commercial and an expanded sports area will bring Seymour South Knoxville as a destination.

Smith: Having split my youth between South Knoxville and Seymour, I realize the desire to group

them together, but they are very different communities within our region.

How do differences in political parties hinder your cooperation with each other?

Dailey: Hardly at all. We may disagree on national issues but both agree that South Knoxville communities' betterment comes first.

Smith: I think we both realize that finding our differences is not as important as finding our agreements. We both disagree well and appreciate the need for that. If you speak with anyone long enough, you will find a path of disagreement. But if you stop at disagreement,

nothing happens. No one's life is better. So, we both intentionally aim for the intersections where we agree. To be frank, we don't talk about political parties much. We talk more about ideas to improve South Knoxville. That may sound trite, but it is reality.

You are both term-limited. What are your plans when your

term ends?

Dailey: Playing with my grandchildren but still active in my Bonny Kate Community.

Smith: I've tried to become an expert in helping people. That will never stop. But after City Council, I'll spend more time on my most important role, husband and dad.

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L&N Stem honors Helen Rothfuss and Hyme Benson with Student-Athlete of the Year 2022-2023.

Wilson was a contributor to Carter's success in basketball, too. He was named to the All-District 3-3A

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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2022-23

Dunn and Walker earn CCS 'Lion award'

Concord Christian's Mr. and Miss Lion award winners for 2022-23, Jacob Dunn and Raleigh Jack Walker, are the school's Student-Athletes of the Year.

The student-athletes not only excelled in athletics, but also in academics as well as community service.

Walker is a multi-sport athlete, having played girls soccer, basketball and softball. She also was

very involved in the school community with SGA and the National Honor Society and was the Homecoming Queen this past year. She recently signed with Covenant College to play basketball.

Dunn also is a multi-sport athlete, having played football, basketball and soccer and is highly committed to his service in the Worship area of the Kids Ministry at First Baptist Concord.



Concord Christian School Athletic Director Lincoln Thomas presents the "Lion award" to Raleigh Jack Walker (left) and Jacob Dunn. They are the CCS female and male Student-Athletes of the Year.

Leffew: a big-time scorer and rebounder at CAK

Etherton was a great teammate and leader

By Steve Williams

Keira Leffew made her mark on the Christian Academy of Knoxville girls' basketball program.

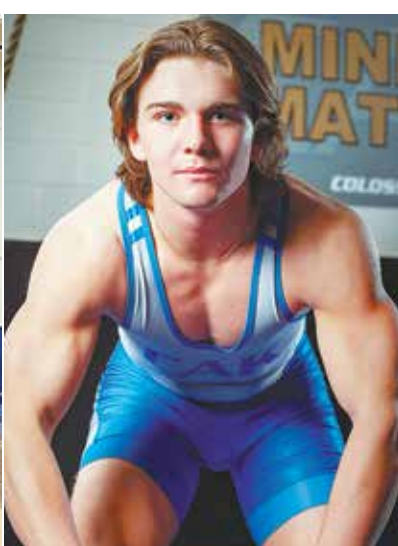
A four-year starter, the 5-foot-11 forward totaled over 1,750 points and 990 rebounds and will leave CAK as the second leading scorer in school history and the leading rebounder.

Some of her accolades included being selected Division II Class A District and Region MVPs, making the TSSAA Division II-A State All-Tournament Team and twice being named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association's All-State team in her classification.

"Keira was one of the best to ever come through the CAK basketball program," said CAK Head Coach Abby Williams. "Her presence on and off the court will be missed next



CAK honors Keira Leffew and Eli Etherton with Student-Athlete of the Year 2022-2023.



Career Magnet honors Tucker Riley and Destiny Ellis with Student-Athlete of the Year 2022-2023.

year, but there is no doubt that she laid the foundation for those to follow in her footsteps."

Leffew, who has signed to play basketball at Lee University, also leaves CAK having been chosen the female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Eli Etherton is the male honoree. He has been a three-sport athlete all four years of high school at CAK, having competed

in football, wrestling and lacrosse.

"Eli has a servant's heart and is a great teammate both on and off the field," said Williams, CAK's Assistant Athletic Director. "He will be remembered for his leadership and willingness to do for others before himself."

Travis Mazingo, who coached Etherton in football, said: "Eli's leadership has been demonstrated

in how he's influenced his teammates. It was abundantly clear throughout football, wrestling and even in lacrosse that his peers respect his leadership – because he models the behavior that he expects. He lives the standard."

Riley and Ellis are CMA honorees

Tucker Riley and Destiny Ellis are Career Magnet

Academy's male and female Student-Athletes of the Year.

Riley, a senior, played golf for the Grey Wolves.

"Tucker showed immense leadership and poise while playing golf this year," said CMA Athletic Director Doug James. "He was not only there for his teammates but for his competitors as well. His absence will be felt on the golf course next season."

Ellis was a junior on Career Magnet's track and bowling teams.

"Destiny was a leader on and off the field, constantly showing grit and dedication when it came to training, studying and competing," said James. "She finished her track season strong by setting a PR (personal record) of almost a full second at the KIL meet in the 200-meter dash after a fantastic breakout season."

Ramsey House hosting Vintage Base Ball Triple Header Saturday

By Ken Lay

Baseball fans can take a trip back in time this weekend as Knoxville's Historic Ramsey House hosts a Vintage Base Ball Triple Header on Saturday, June 10.

The games begin at 11 a.m. and involve the city's two vintage baseball teams, the Knoxville Holstons and the Emmett Machinists.

The 11 a.m. contest features the Holstons taking on the Lightfoot Club of Chattanooga.

Knoxville will also play the Cumberland Club of Nashville at 1:30 p.m. The final game of the day will feature the Machinists against the Quicksteps of Spring Hill. That game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Vintage baseball is played by 1864 rules. Players do not wear gloves and the games are officiated by an arbiter.

The June 10 games will be one of the final four dates of vintage baseball at the Ramsey House for the 2023 season.

"We will have three more dates after this one," said Ramsey House Executive Director Mark Sledziewski. "Each of them will have different themes."

The Ramsey House will host vintage baseball contests on June 24, July 8 and Aug. 5.

On June 24, teams will honor fathers with Greatest Dad's Day as that date follows Father's Day weekend.

At the games on July 8, the Holstons and Machinists will host Veterans Appreciation Day, honoring those who served in the military.

The Ramsey House will host Historic Blacksmithing Day at the season finale during the first weekend of August.

"On Blacksmithing Day we will have as many blacksmiths as we can," Sledziewski said. "Our shop is usually open on days when we have games."

Vintage baseball has been in Tennessee for several years and the games are history lessons for fans. But the games are also fun.

Admission to the games is free.

"It's a fun afternoon for the whole family," Sledziewski said. "Admission to the games is free and there's plenty of parking and we have concessions available."

Fans can also schedule a tour of the Ramsey House on game days. Tours are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children 17 and under.

BHS had nation's best and a 'rare throwback'

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on our team the past two years and an integral part of our success since joining the team her freshmen season," said L&N STEM Athletic Director Mark Waxmonsky. "Her tenacious attitude paired with her great tennis skill has made her a force in the district."

Rothfuss finished as the Class A District 2 tournament runner-up in singles.

Helen will be attending UT-Knoxville in the fall, majoring in Accounting and Finance.

Benson served as the captain of the Gryphons'

tennis team this year and has been a "consistent force" on the roster for the past several years, noted Waxmonsky.

"This season Hyme embodied a team-first mentality, going out of his way to make new team members feel welcome," added the L&N AD.

Benson led the boys' team to the Class A Region 1 championship and also was in line to represent L&N at the region tournament on a doubles team.

Following graduation, Hyme will be enlisting in the Air Force, noted Waxmonsky.

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Highly decorated Carter QB headed to Tusculum

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second-team and the District 3-3A all-tournament team.

"Chandler is a great young man with a work ethic that will allow him to be successful in whatever career path he chooses," said Tyler Cate, the Hornets' head basketball coach. "He is enjoyable to be around and had a great athletic career at Carter High School, and I'm glad I got to be a part of it."

Wilson, who graduated with a 4.2 grade point average, will continue his education and athletic career at Tusculum University, where he signed with the Pioneers' football program, a member of the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Conference.

Carter's female Student-Athlete of the Year is Delaney Griffin, who stood out in soccer the past two years and signed with Mars Hill (N.C.) University.



Delaney Griffin is Carter High's Student-Athlete of the Year 2022-2023.

Griffin, who had a 3.38 GPA, made the Class AA All-District 3 and All-Region 2 teams and twice was named the District 3 Midfielder of the Year.

"In my seven years coaching at Carter, Delaney was our best all-round player with the ability to defend, score and pass the ball," said William Ball. "Delaney was also our team captain and team leader her senior year."

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In 1973-74, Tennessee's basketball recruiting class included Ernie Grunfeld of Forest Hills, N.Y., Nashville's Mike Jackson, and a youngster from Ringgold, Georgia, named David Moss. You instinctively recognize the contributions Grunfeld and Jackson made, but Moss provided one of the most inspiring stories in the history of the Tennessee basketball program.

David came to Knoxville at age 16 as a leaper supreme, possessed with a 40-inch vertical leap. Chattanooga sportswriter Sam Woolwine once called him the "David Thompson of Georgia."

"He could jump higher as a freshman than anybody 6-4 and above many bigger," wrote former Knoxville News Sentinel sportswriter Marvin West, "but he wasn't a great shooter. I could see he'd contribute, but I never thought he'd be a star."

Marvin probably thought



By Tom Mattingly

a moment and then wrote: "No, that wasn't how David did it. He made it as a man."

He played on the junior varsity team his freshman season, averaging 12 points and 11 rebounds, while also seeing limited varsity service. He had an impressive JV game against Auburn in which he pulled down 20 rebounds. His potential seemed unlimited.

Then, in March 1974, after Moss had complained of a dull ache in his right leg, the news came, doctors diagnosing the malady as the dreaded "C" word.

Cancer.

They amputated the leg shortly thereafter, but Moss didn't blink. He was able to finish his education and become an assistant on Ray Mears' staff. Not too many years later, they found a similar cancer in his lung.

He died Dec. 17, 1980, four months past his 24th birthday.

The mind's eye can still visualize David, leaning forward ever so slightly on his cane, standing at center court in an orange blazer and those checker-board pants the Vols wore in those days, receiving the plaudits of a capacity crowd

at Stokely Center on "Senior Night," March 7, 1977.

Even with Grunfeld and Jackson standing with him and the SEC title within reach, it was his night, a time Vol fans rose to pay him a much-deserved tribute.

"David Moss walked out to mid-court at Stokely Center," West wrote, "stood in the spotlight and soaked up a thunderous ovation. Smokey stood with him, as if on holy ground. David Moss was that special."

For many in the audience, the tears arrived before anybody realized they were coming.

The David Moss story is a study of character and courage in the face of adversity. It's the story of a love that bound a family, of a tenacious desire to make the most out of life, even when circumstances flooded him more than once. The passage of time hasn't diminished his impact on the Vol basketball program.

Ray Mears remembered how Moss coped with the apparent tragedy.

"It didn't seem to get him down that much," Ray recalled. "He seemed to hang on better than a

than a lot of people would expect. Despite it all, he still had a lot of composure and showed a lot of strength. He could have quit and probably died a lot earlier, but he didn't."

The funeral was at the First Baptist Church, Nashville Street, in Ringgold. The place was overflowing. It was not unusual for David Moss to play hoops before a packed house. This was one last capacity crowd. Marvin wrote that, "'Amens' far outnumbered tears."

Mears told a story that still resonates with everyone who knew David.

David was going home to tell his parent about his health problems... and the forthcoming loss of his leg.

"He wanted to tell them himself," Ray said. "Mr. and Mrs. Moss got in the back seat of my car. David sat beside me."

Then David asked a very specific question.

"He wanted to know how to adjust his seat forward so his mother, behind him, would have more room. At a time like this, he wasn't concerned if his legs were cramped. He wanted his mother to be comfortable."

David Moss was the



Ernie Grunfeld and Mike Jackson join David Moss on Senior Night 1977.

Tennessee winner of the "Spirit of the SEC" Alumni Award, honoring athletes who have persevered through adversity, presented at the 1989 SEC Tournament.

Former Vol Chuck Threeths, who came to Tennessee from upstate New York, had a definitive memory.

"This man touched lives and changed a few, too. Me, I'd rather be a David Moss than a Dr. J."

Sports does not develop character, the saying goes. It reveals it.

No one remembers who said that, but nowhere is this statement truer than in the life of David Moss.

Catholic hires Blair as boys basketball coach

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School has named Gabriel Blair as its new boys basketball coach.

Blair, a native of Gastonia, North Carolina, was tapped last week to replace Luke Smith.

Smith, a former standout point guard at Catholic, left his alma mater after one season to take a job as an assistant coach with Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville.

Smith coached the Irish for one season, guiding Catholic to a 20-8 record and an appearance in the Division II-AA State Quarterfinals.

Blair was most recently the head coach of Gaston Christian School, leading the team to a 23-10 record, a league title and an appearance in the state tournament.

The 23 wins represent a single-season record at Gaston Christian.

Prior to his stint at Gaston Christian, Blair served as director of player development for the AAU Select Tour from 2015-21. He also worked in the front office for Miami Heat and the Portland Trail Blazers in the NBA.

He played college basketball for East Carolina for two seasons before transferring

to Wichita State where he helped the Shockers to an NIT National Championship in 2011.

Following his college days, Blair played professionally for five seasons. He had stints as a player in Israel, Argentina and Uruguay.

Blair said that he's looking forward to coaching the Irish.

"I'm excited to join the Fighting Irish family and grateful for the opportunity," Blair said. "I am dedicated to my craft and take great pride in making young men better, both on and off the court."

In other coaching news: Concord Christian School has hired Brad Cochran as its new girls basketball coach.

Cochran spent the past two seasons as girls coach at Lenoir City High School. In 2022-23 Cochran guided the Lady Panthers to a 25-4 record and a regional tournament berth.

At Grace Christian Academy: the Lady Rams have hired the husband and wife tandem of Dominic James Wright and Angela Phillips Wright to take the reins of their basketball program.

Football Season Draws Near for Vols

By Mark Nagi

Last week the Southeastern Conference held its annual Spring meetings in Destin, Florida. It gave coaches and administrators a chance to unwind before preparations really get into full swing for the upcoming football season, which is now less than three months away.

We've learned that Tennessee's opening game will get a noon kick-off (11 a.m. Central) in Nashville when the Vols face off with Virginia. Nissan Stadium will likely feel like sitting on the surface of the sun but hey, what TV wants (hello, ESPN), TV gets. The Vols game two weeks later in Gainesville will have a more reasonable start of 7 p.m.

But back to the meetings. Josh Heupel met with reporters and spoke about his program as he enters his third season as Tennessee's head coach. Coming off an 11-win season in which UT beat Florida, Alabama, and LSU, Heupel knows that UT won't be able to sneak up on opponents anymore, and that appears to be fine with him.

"Expectations will never be higher (outside) than they are in the building," Heupel said. "It's a great time to be a Vol. It's been fun building this. When we first arrived (there was) a lot of uncertainty surrounding the program with so many things that we were trying to navigate. The foundation that we've laid, how we've competed, (and the) players what they've done,

what they've continued to do... there's a lot of excitement."

Following the Vols' impressive win in the Orange Bowl against Clemson, Heupel has been pleased with the way that his team has stayed consistently motivated.

"We got back in January and this group's been very purposeful in the way that it's worked," said Heupel. "How they're doing everything outside of football has continued to heighten and doing it at a better level. What they're doing inside of the game is really good. Spring ball, I thought was as physical, as competitive as we've had."

Tennessee gets a big-time boost out of the gate with 6th-year quarterback Joe Milton replacing Hendon Hooker, who is now with the Detroit Lions.

"Really excited about what he's (Milton) done, man," said Heupel. "He had a great spring. I think he's continued to refine himself as a quarterback, his fundamentals. Really impressed with what he did as far as pocket movement during the spring, really accurate with the football. Got to have a great summer. Anticipate him doing that and helping us go win some ball games in the fall."

One of the big topics of conversation in SEC circles is future scheduling. With the inclusion of Texas and Oklahoma in 2024, the SEC needs to decide whether to stay at eight in conference games or bump that up to nine.

Heupel said, "There's so many

things that everybody's trying to balance, you know what I mean? From schedules that are already preset to how we navigate that space. At the end of the day in this conference, you come to this conference because you want to compete and play against the best every Saturday. You love those big games. Certainly, when you're playing a conference opponent, you're playing that type of game."

Should the SEC stay at eight games, it is likely that would mean that teams have one permanent rival and play the other seven teams every other year. The Vols would no longer play Alabama on an annual basis, as the Tide would be matched up with Auburn.

"The Alabama game... it's a huge game. It's an historic rival for our program," Heupel said. "I think one of the things that's unique at Tennessee, from probably my playing career, is the number of opponents that different generations of fans will point to as the game. We don't have a trophy game. In-state, Vandy. Kentucky, border war. Georgia, Florida, Alabama. Those are all big games for our fan base. But the Alabama game's been the one that's probably been as longstanding as any of them, and it's a huge part of our schedule and the tradition of Tennessee football... I want to play the best games that we possibly can every single year, you know what I mean? The biggest and best brands."



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GIBBS TAKES THIRD IN UNIFIED STATE TRACK

Gibbs High School placed third in the Spring Fling's Unified Track and Field State Championships May 25 at MTSU.

Bartlett won the state title with 48 points, edging runner-up Northwest (47) by one point in the Division 1 and Unified meet. Gibbs totaled 33 points, followed by Franklin (24) and Hixson (18).

Powell also competed in the meet and scored 14 points.

Gibbs' Aliyah Mullins and Cheyenne Henson teamed up to score six points in the Girls' 100-meter Dash Relay Unified and picked up five more points in the Girls' Long Jump Relay Unified.

Evan Hall and Marcos Dominguez scored four points for the Eagles in the Boys' 100 Dash Relay Unified.

In the Boys' Long Jump Relay Unified, the Eagles' Bryson Walker and Landon Debose combined to rack up eight points.

Gibbs' Braxton Beeler and Jason Goin tallied five points in the Mixed Shot Put Relay Unified.

Powell placed second and scored eight points in the Mixed 4x100 Relay Unified, while Gibbs placed fourth in that event for five points.

The Panthers' Keyan Downs and Johnathan Dennis also combined for six points in the Boys' 100 Dash Relay Unified.

STEVE WILLIAMS

SPRING FLING 30 Losing stings, but Lady Admirals 'competed'

By Steve Williams

Farragut's softball team had won back-to-back Class 4A state titles, so it wasn't surprising when Coach Nick Green said the Lady Admirals were "sad" after being eliminated from this year's tournament.

Green said his team wasn't at its best on offense or defense, but it wasn't because of a lack of effort. "We had some miscues that cost us some runs and we were having trouble generating runs at times. Unfortunately, we had to play from behind in all three games. Two of them we couldn't overcome.

"But they came out and competed and they were determined," added Coach Green. "You know, they gave the best effort they had. They played with energy and that's really all you can ask at that point. Everybody's good in a state tournament; there's nobody bad, no off games.

"I'm not disappointed. We made it to the state tournament. It's hard to be disappointed."

Farragut finished 33-7.

"We had a hard-fought season," said Green. "I don't think a lot of people expected us to make it to the state tournament this year after graduating our six seniors from last season.

"We had a lot of new faces, playing new roles, going from role players to everyday starters and just having new responsibilities



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JACK TATE

Riley Cassity of Farragut wears her gold TSSAA medal after winning the Division I Class AA singles title for the second year in a row May 26 at Adams Tennis Complex in Murfreesboro. Cassity, a junior, got past two seniors in the quarterfinals and semifinals before defeating Walker Valley junior Ensley Collins 6-2, 6-4 in the championship match.

and the pressure that goes along with those things. I thought they handled them pretty well."

The Lady Admirals lose one starter from this year's team, shortstop Ava Guzowski, and pitching

depth. But starting pitcher Emma MacTavish will return for her senior season.

BASEBALL STREAK: With Catholic, Farragut and Hardin Valley reaching the TSSAA state finals in baseball at this year's Spring Fling, Knox County extended its streak of having at least one team in a state championship game to 18 years. Farragut started the streak in 2006.

TRUSS BEATS JALONI: Chloe Truss' state win in the 100-meter dash for Catholic came against Ensworth basketball star Jaloni Cambridge. Truss crossed the finish line in 12.0 seconds, while Cambridge placed second with a time of 12.19.

Earlier this year, the Lady Irish basketball team defeated Ensworth in the Division II-AA state finals. Cambridge, a junior and the No. 1 player in the ESPN Top 50, scored 41 points in the 64-59 loss to Catholic at Cookeville on March 4.

UNION CO. SHINES: Nearby Union County High School in Maynardville had a Spring Fling to remember. The Patriots won the Class 2A baseball title and also got state track titles from sophomore Callie Wetzel in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles and senior Alden Wetzel in the 200-meter dash. Alden also placed second in the 400 and third in the 100.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust of record as Instrument No. 201609300020977, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, dated September 13, 2016, and recorded on September 30, 2016, Melanie W. Herron and Billy Wayne Herron, a married couple, trustor, conveyed to 21st Mortgage Corporation, beneficiary, the hereinafter described real property to secure the payment of a Note dated September 13, 2016 (the "Note") and other indebtedness as described in said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, Tim Williams resigned as Trustee under said Deed of Trust; and Philip L. Robertson was appointed as Substitute Trustee pursuant to a certain Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record as Instrument No. 202305110060484, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire balance of which having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Note and Deed of Trust, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, 21st Mortgage Corporation, has directed me, the undersigned, Substitute Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust and to advertise and sell the real property in satisfaction of said debt and the cost of foreclosure, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Deed of Trust, I or my duly appointed agent, will on the **16th day of June 2023**, offer for sale and sell the following described real property — **2516 West Gallaher Ferry Road, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee**, at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, beginning at or about 2:00 p.m., to the last, highest, and best bidder for cash, in hand, and free from all rights and equities of redemption, homestead, dower, marital share and all other exemptions and other rights of every kind, including the statutory right of redemption, all of which were expressly waived by the terms of said Deed of Trust. This sale is subject to, however, such prior encumbrances and priority tax liens as may appear of record in said Register's Office.

The property herein to be foreclosed is described as follows:

Land in Knox County, Tennessee, being all of Lot 1R2, as shown on the map of the Resubdivision of Lot 1, of the William Herron Property, dated July 19, 2006 and filed of record in Instrument No. 200610160032759, Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Being a portion of the same property conveyed to William Herron and wife, Alberta Herron, by Warranty Deed from Blanche Herron, dated June 8, 1950, and recorded in Deed Book 834, page 193, Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

William Herron having died on or about March 30, 1992; see Affidavit of record by Alberta Herron in Instrument No. 200606150105601, said Register's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Billy Wayne Herron by Quitclaim Deed from Alberta Herron, dated October 24, 2006 and recorded October 24, 2006 in Instrument No. 200610240035487, Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

This is improved property with mailing and street addresses of **2516 W. Gallaher Ferry Rd., Knoxville, Tennessee, 37932**.

Pursuant to T.C.A. 47-9-604 this sale shall

also include a manufactured home described as one (1) 2000 Fleetwood Manufactured Home, with a Serial No. of TNFLY26A57227AV12.

The sale will be for cash without warranty of any kind including the location, condition or set back of improvements on the property. Undersigned reserves the right to sell the property in individual parcels and / or in a group, in the sole discretion of Undersigned. The property is subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments, and any all restrictive covenants or easements of record with the Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and any and all other liens having priority over the Deed of Trust. The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Trust. If the highest bidder is unable to comply with the terms of sale, undersigned reserves the right to sell the property to the next highest bidder able to comply or to readvertise the sale if he chooses. Undersigned reserves the right to postpone the date and time of sale upon announcement at the time and place specified above.

THIS IS FOR THE COLLECTION OF A DEBT AND ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Interested parties: Melanie W. Herron, Billy Wayne Herron
Philip L. Robertson
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(615) 823-1862

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **July 13, 2023 at 11:00AM local time**, at the north door, Knox County Courthouse, City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Joshua Leonard and Eric Lykins, to Wesley D. Turner, Trustee, as trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Company on May 12, 2006 at Instrument No. 200605220097718; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Knox County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for registered Holders of Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-6, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-6, its successors and assigns.

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

Street Address: 2308 Woodbine Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917
Parcel Number: 082J-S-003.00
Current Owner(s) of Property: Joshua Leonard

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

The following parties may claim an interest

in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, though, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: None.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LLG Trustee TN LLC
Substitute Trustee
10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400
Charlotte, NC 28216
Phone (704) 333-8107
Fax (704) 333-8156

File No. 12-037300

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

STEVEN BALLEW -Vs- DONNA KAY BALLEW
Docket# 156186

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DONNA KAY BALLEW is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DONNA KAY BALLEW.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by STEVEN BALLEW, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee,

and with LUKE SHIPLEY, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY ST SUITE 700 KNOXVILLE, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 14TH day of APRIL, 2023.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

SUMMONS AND NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE (PROBATE DIVISION)

IN RE:
THE ESTATE OF SCOTT THOMAS GARRARD DECEASED
DOCKET #: 87237-2

CHARLES I. HOUSTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

SUMMONS AND NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: HEIRS OF SCOTT THOMAS GARRARD

On the 26th day of January, 2023, Charles I. Houston, Petitioner, filed a Petition for Letters of Administration asking for his appointment as the Personal Representative of the Estate and authorization to sell the real property of the decedent in order to raise sufficient funds to pay creditors and expenses of administration of the estate of which Charles I. Houston is a creditor. Charles I. Houston has been so appointed as the Personal Representative of this estate. The above identified Respondents are summoned and required to serve upon Charles I. Houston, 408 Bantry Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37934, any defense to the Petition within thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice. If you fail to so do, judgement by default will be taken against you in order to authorize the sale of the decedent's real property located at 412 Bantry Lane, Knoxville, TN 37934.

A hearing in this cause shall be set for the 10th day of August, 2023 at 9:30 A.M., at which time the Petitioner may obtain an order authorizing the sale of the decedent's real property and instructing the Personal Representative as to the procedure to use to determine the heirs of the decedent so that proper distribution and settlement of this Estate can be completed.

Attorney for Personal Representative Matthew B. Frere
1001 E. Broadway
Lenoir City, TN 37771
(865) 694-0373

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY
Wavy Jean Wooliver, Plaintiff,
v.
Estate of Mary Jane Wooliver, Dennis Patty, Melissa Webb, Phillip Jason Patty, Michael Patty Jr., Jessica Patty, Tara Beth Patty, Mary Joslyn Weed, and Debbie Wooliver, Defendants.

No. 193649-1

LOCATION: SITUATE in the Ninth (9th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 25th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being located on the north side of West Trent Avenue, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in the north line of West Trent Avenue at Luther King's southwest corner; thence North 51 deg. 28 min. West, 354 feet, more or less, to the original low water mark of the Tennessee River; thence westerly with the meanderings of said river, 41 feet to a stake; thence on an approximate bearing South 48 deg. East, 350 feet, more or less, to a stake in the north line of West Trent Avenue; thence with the north line of West Trent Avenue, North 55 deg. 14 min. East, 63 feet to the BEGINNING.

BEING the same property conveyed to Wavy Jean Wooliver, by Quitclaim Deed dated March 2, 2017, of record in Instrument 201703140055846 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office. For further reference to title, see Quitclaim Deed dated July 18, 1985, conveying property to Paul Daniel Wooliver, of record in Deed Book 1854, page 842 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

This parcel is commonly known as 2903 Scottish Pike, Knoxville, TN 37920

PARCEL NUMBER: 1081A 011

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: Friday, June 23, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

TERMS: The sale will be for cash. The purchaser may either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within 30 days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid. The Clerk and Master is further authorized to accept an advanced bid and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:
865-215-2555;
J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JUDY WALLACE
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHAD PRESSWOOD, SHIRLEY ROGERS, KERRI ANN LEWIS, EDNA BENNETT, AUDRY HENSLEY, COLENE RITCHIE, JAMES HARRISON, GENE HARRISON, MICHAEL HARRISON, BILLY HARRISON, EVELYN HARRISON, JOE HARRISON, SR., ROY CONLEY HARRISON, JR., JOYCE SAYLOR, SHERRI GENTRY, JERRY HARRISON, ANNA DAVIS, and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, Defendants(s).

No. 206844-2

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

This cause came to be heard on the prayer by Plaintiff seeking service of process by publication on the above-named defendants and/or their

heirs or successors (collectively, the "Potentially Interested Defendants"), and other potential yet unknown heirs/devisees of Martha's Children 1 or other Heirs who may claim an interest regarding the Property (herein collectively, and together with their respective legal heirs/assigns, referred to as the "Unknown Heir Defendants"), as well as those defendants identified herein as "all unknown persons who may claim any interest in the subject matter of this action" (the "Unknown Defendants") (hereinafter, the Potentially Interested Defendants together with said Unknown Heir Defendants and the Unknown Defendants shall be referenced collectively as the "Defendants").

Based on the sworn Affidavit and related Motion for Service by Publication, statements of counsel, and for other good cause shown, service of process upon said Defendants by publication is hereby ORDERED, and Defendants are hereby required to appear and Answer or otherwise defend against the Verified Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and to Quiet Title (the "Complaint") filed herein by the above-named Plaintiff, Judy Wallace ("Plaintiff"), whose attorney is E. Richards Brabham, III, Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, 550 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, exclusive of said last date of publication; otherwise, default judgment may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint. It is further ORDERED that this notice shall be published in the manner prescribed by T.C.A. Section 21-1-203 and Section 21-1-204, in The Knoxville Focus, a daily newspaper of general circulation, once weekly for four consecutive weeks beginning June 5, 2023.

Richard B Armstrong Jr.
Chancellor

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
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LENIOR CITY TN 37771

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 actual copy of the notice to creditors 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON KAY BEAN
DOCKET NUMBER 87412-3

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

(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 SHARON KAY BEAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONALD DWAYNE LIGHT; EXECUTOR
7450 WILLOW TRACE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

STEPHEN K GARRETT ATTORNEY AT LAW
7838 BARKER ROAD
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MAYBELLE COCHRAN BEVERS
DOCKET NUMBER 87923-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MAYBELLE COCHRAN BEVERS who died Feb 1, 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 26 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MAYBELLE COCHRAN BEVERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANDREW J BEVERS; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
1053 MORROW ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

ANN L YADWISIAK; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
5137 SEVIERVILLE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AMBERLY BRASHER
DOCKET NUMBER 87916-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of AMBERLY BRASHER who died Nov 29, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF AMBERLY BRASHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ANNALY H BRASHER; ADMINISTRATRIX
222 A WILLOW ROAD
CLINTON, TN. 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUZANNE MARIE JENSEN COFFEY
DOCKET NUMBER 87396-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUZANNE MARIE JENSEN COFFEY who died Nov 21, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SUZANNE MARIE JENSEN COFFEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANNA MARIE WELLS; EXECUTRIX
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN HAMILTON COFFEY
DOCKET NUMBER 87397-3

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

(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 25 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF STEVEN HAMILTON COFFEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANNA MARIE WELLS; EXECUTRIX
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE CRAIG
DOCKET NUMBER 87781-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LINDA SUE CRAIG who died Jun 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE CRAIG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID CRAIG; ADMINISTRATOR
7740 KINGSMEADE RD
POWELL TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICKIE M EDNEY
DOCKET NUMBER 87817-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VICKIE M EDNEY who died Oct 18, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 30 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF VICKIE M EDNEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA M DELOZIER; EXECUTRIX

403 DOUBLEHEAD LANE
KNOXVIEW, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY JUNIOR GILLAND
DOCKET NUMBER 87637-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MAY, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of LARRY JUNIOR GILLAND who died September 9, 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 fast publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LARRY JUNIOR GILLAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
OLLIE GREEN
541 LOVERS LANE
TOWNSEND, TN 37882

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217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANNA LYNN HARTMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 87871-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of May 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DIANNA LYNN HARTMAN who died on February 8, 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 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 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DIANNA LYNN HARTMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JESSE HARTMAN
4752 OLD GINNIN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

ROBERT LEWIS STRAIGHT III, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GREGORY ANDREW HENDERLIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 87620-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 of MAY, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of GREGORY ANDREW HENDERLIGHT, who died March 8, 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 his 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 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GREGORY ANDREW HENDERLIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TARA A. HENDERLIGHT
2940 E. BULL RUN DRIVE
POWELL, TN 37849

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE DENTON HODGE
DOCKET NUMBER 87462-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE DENTON HODGE who died Aug 10, 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 25 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE DENTON HODGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FELICIA COALSON; ADMINISTRATRIX
900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 800
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

MATT JARBOE ATTORNEY AT LAW
310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD 3 WEST
NASHVILLE, TN. 37243

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DENNIS D. HUFF
DOCKET NUMBER 87713-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MAY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DENNIS D. HUFF who died April 10, 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 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DENNIS D. HUFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
REBECCA HUFF MINK, ADMINISTRATRIX
2513 LAKEWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37849

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NIKOLINA JOVANOVA
DOCKET NUMBER 87870-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of May 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NIKOLINA JOVANOVA who died on February 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 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 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF NIKOLINA JOVANOVA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
OLIVERA KOTEVSKA KUSNE
10228 POPLAR GLEN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

ROBERT L. STRAIGHT III, ATTORNEY
1341 BRANTON BLVD. STE. 105
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE T. KING
Docket Number 87868-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MAY, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JANICE T. KING, who died on January 30, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned 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 paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JANICE T. KING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MR. LARRY M. KING
220 TWINLEAF LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

STEPHEN K. GARRETT, ATTORNEY
7838 BARKER ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH JOANNA KONOPKA
DOCKET NUMBER 87555-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MAY, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH JOANNA KONOPKA, who died on December 24, 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 31 day of MAY 31, 2023.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH JOANNA KONOPKA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEANUE GEISSBERGER
1623 BREEZY RIDGE TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE OF SALE CONCERNING COUNTY PROPERTY

Knox County has entered into a contract to sell the parcel of surplus real property below acquired by Knox County in Tax Sale 22. The parcel number is associated with a property description on file at Knox County Procurement.

This property will be sold by Knox County (pending approval of County Commission) absent a bid received from another party within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice which increases the price to be paid for the property by 10% or more. Any such increased bids must be submitted to the Knox County Procurement Division, 1000 North Central Street, Suite 100, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917 in writing in a sealed envelope identified on the outside referencing a supplemental offer and the parcel number/address of the property by Friday, June 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Rebids must be signed and include the bidder's contact information with mailing address, phone number, and current email address. Bidders acknowledge by submission of their bid that they are current in their respective Federal, State, County, and City taxes. Bids from bidders who are found to be delinquent will not be considered.

In the case of an increased bid, the original purchaser and any party making an increased bid will be notified to make a final offer. For more information, contact Ben Sharbel, Supervisor of Property Development and Asset Management, at (865) 215-5765 or ben.sharbel@knoxcountyt.org.

Parcel	Purchaser	Amount
12308019	Williams	\$1,000.00

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112 GLENLEIGH CT., SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REBECCA ANN MINNICH
DOCKET NUMBER 87745-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of REBECCA ANN MINNICH 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 dated prescribed in (1) and (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 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF REBECCA ANN MINNICH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUZANNE REBECCA MINNICH
3524 COUNTRY WAY ROAD
ANTIOCH, TN 37013

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAUREL POHTO MORSE
DOCKET NUMBER 87635-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAUREL POHTO MORSE who died Nov 16, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 21 day of APRIL, 2023.

ESTATE OF LAUREL POHTO MORSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT MILES SAFIER; EXECUTOR
311 GREENHILL DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY LINDA JUSTICE PARROTT
DOCKET NUMBER 87877-3

Notice is hereby given that on the day of 31 MAY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of file Estate of SHIRLEY LINDA JUSTICE PARROTT who died on March 1, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed 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 31 day of MAY, 2023

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY LINDA JUSTICE PARROTT

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