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Business parking lot regulations eyed by city council

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A proposal to give smaller businesses a break in landscaping and parking lot restrictions created many questions during Tuesday's city council meeting. Although Scenic Knoxville supported lifting some restrictions, the first reading of the ordinance passed 8-0 with one member abstaining.

Scenic Knoxville's Joyce Feld called the proposed ordinance a step forward and she said Scenic Knoxville is "willing to work for a compromise" in order to encourage reuse of existing properties and allow for different businesses to exist at pre-existing locations.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider said that businesses looking to relocate often can't afford the changes in their parking lot currently required by the city depending on the type of business. In order to meet city regulations possible new owners resist required curb cuts, closing of an entranceway, or making other changes.

The idea is to drop many of those requirements, possibly including new landscaping.

Mayor Indya Kincannon said the city wants "a walkable community but not place a burden on smaller property owners." Vice Mayor Andrew Rober to said he'd support the first reading but asked, "Is there a different way to approach this?"

Peter Ahrens, Director of Plans Review and Inspections, answered Councilwoman Amelia Parker's question about if lowering parking lot regulations for smaller businesses would lead to lower quality property development.

"I don't think so," he said, adding that some lot regulations will still exist and called the proposal "the best of both worlds."

Councilman Lynne Fugate warned the council to "Don't let 'perfect' be the enemy of better" when considering lot requirements.

Changing the parking lot regulations now goes to the June 27 regular meeting.

In other business, Councilman Charles Thomas applauded a vote to rezone 91 acres between Callahan Road and Merchant Drive from Agriculture to RN-6 Multi-Family Residential. The Central Avenue Pike development will include single-family homes,

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Randy and Jenny Boyd of Boyd Sports, center, flanked by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon, officially break ground with elected officials and project partners on a multi-purpose stadium to be built in East Knoxville on the edge of the Old City. The stadium is scheduled to open in 2025. Photos provided by Moxley Carmichael.

Knoxville multi-purpose stadium breaks ground, begins full construction phase

Construction is officially underway following a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$114 million multi-purpose stadium that will bring baseball back to East Knoxville after 25 years.

Community leaders gathered June 13 at the stadium site on the edge of the Old City for a short program with speakers that included City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon; Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs; Dr. Charles Lomax, president and CEO of Knoxville Area Urban League; Rev. Reneé Kesler, president of Beck Cultural Exchange Center; and Randy Boyd, owner of Boyd Sports.

The stadium project reflects the combined efforts of the City of Knoxville; Knox County; the Sports Authority; Boyds Sports; GEM Community Development Group; the Knoxville Area Urban League; the Beck Cultural Exchange Center; Partners Development; the construction team of Denark Construction, Barton Malow and Elite Diversified Construction, Inc.; the design team of BarberMcMurry Architects, DIA and Populous; and Knoxville and Knox County elected officials.

Kincannon praised the collaboration that made the project possible and called it "the epitome of a win-win public-private partnership that truly puts the interests of the community first."

"This venue for professional baseball, soccer, festivals and concerts will greatly enhance the quality of life for Knoxville residents and the experience of visitors to our city," Kincannon said. "Outside the stadium, there will be new public plazas and streets vibrant with new businesses.



Randy and Jenny Boyd represented Boyd Sports at the podium last Tuesday. Boyd Sports, LLC, owned by Randy Boyd, owns or operates the Tennessee Smokies, a Chicago Cubs affiliate in Minor League Baseball, and the Appalachian League's Johnson City Doughboys, Greeneville Flyboys, Kingsport Axmen and Elizabethton River Riders. For more information about Boyd Sports, visit randyboyd.com/sports.

Remember, this is a space that has been dormant for decades. This public-private investment represents new jobs, East Knoxville redevelopment and game-changing wealth-building opportunities. The total economic impact of this project will be close to half a billion dollars over 30 years."

Jacobs, like Kincannon, was an early

supporter of the stadium project because of its overall benefit for the city and county.

"It is exciting to be breaking ground on something that will be transformative for an area that has been in dire need of investment and development," Jacobs said. "I have no doubt the stadium will easily become the centerpiece of

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AMR rate hike approved by Review Board

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A rate increase for Knox County's contracted ambulance service, American Medical Response, was approved by the EMS Medical Services Cost Review Board recently. The five-member board held its second meeting on the requested service rate increase and voted to approve the bump in cost for responses with the matter now going to the Knox County Commission.

The commission forgave fines last year for delayed responses by the company due to the pandemic and voted to open the bidding for any emergency service provider, including AMR, to assume the

service in February 2024. The new rates will apparently last through the end of the current contract and then a new rate system would be set.

Knox County Chief Operating Officer Dwight Van de Vate said in an earlier meeting that the Cost Review Board has the "sole authority" to approve call rate charges. AMR asked to increase their basic rates from \$326.20 to \$803.88 and up the "advanced lifesaving service" that includes a paramedic and medical technician from \$755.25 to \$983.57. Special Care Transportation, currently set at \$936.34, will go to \$1,320.90. The transport charge will also increase from \$8.73 to \$15.45 per mile.

AMR's Josh Spencer told the review

board that AMR is currently losing money or is "barely breaking even."

A Request for Proposal is open for a provider and apparently, AMR or another bidder will be selected in September for ambulance service next year.

Members of the EMS Medical Services Cost Review Board include Vice Chair Randal Dabbs MD, FACEP, FAAFP and healthcare representative; Courtney Durrett, Knox County Commission representative; Dottie Lyvers, citizen representative; Brad Phillips, EMS representative; and Chair Rick Valentine, EMS representative.

Does the Review Board have the power to approve the rate increase?

"The authority of the Ambulance Rate

Review Committee is established by the contract. They have exclusive authority and their decisions are final," Van de Vate told The Focus.

"The composition of the committee is also established by the contract, in the sense that there are specific requirements associated with several of the positions.

"Two members are to have expertise in emergency medical services but have no current relationship with the provider under contract; one member is to have expertise in health care finance; one is to be a citizen representative; one is to be a county commissioner.

"The mayor nominates and commission confirms," Van de Vate said.

Most Universities Are Now Leftist Brainwashing Factories

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr. duncanj@knoxfocus.com

I and many others have said it is unfortunate, but most of our major universities have become little more than leftist brainwashing factories.

As the old saying goes, the proof is in the pudding, and one proof is shown by four recent hirings.

Hillary Clinton, still bitter over her loss for president, will at least become a "Presidential Fellow" and will help spread the leftist gospel as a professor at Columbia.

Lori Lightfoot, who was called "America's Worst Mayor," has been hired to teach a "leadership" course at Harvard after running a poor third in her campaign to be re-elected as Mayor of Chicago.

Another very unpopular

former mayor, Bill de Blasio, has just finished teaching at Harvard. He will now teach at New York University and I am sure gloss over his failures as mayor of New York and explain away his less than one percent in his far-left campaign for president.

Then there is Chesa Boudin. After George Soros poured in huge money to get him elected as district attorney in San Francisco, Boudin made a decision, among others, to not prosecute shoplifting crimes of less than \$950 in value.

Boudin was too extreme even for that very liberal city and after so many stores left San Francisco, the people voted in a landslide to recall him (kick him out of office). No worry. He has now been hired to teach at the University of California at Berkeley Law School.

This is probably just a very partial list of losing or retired liberal or left-wing Democrats who have been hired to teach (brainwash) students at universities all across the country.

It is amazing how fast the term (fad) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion spread to almost

every college and university in this nation.

The longtime African-American columnist and author Thomas Sowell once wrote that if a university brags about its diversity, ask the school how many conservatives are on its faculty.

Students usually parrot back either consciously or subconsciously what they believe or know their professors want to hear. They know almost all the professors are very liberal, very politically correct, very woke.

As a result, George Will wrote a column in the Washington Post entitled "Colleges Have Free Speech On The Run." He wrote there is less diversity and free speech on college and university campuses than any place else in this country.

Brilliant professor, columnist and TV commentator Victor Davis Hanson wrote a recent column in which he said it is "tragic" that Dr. Martin Luther King's "plea for an integrated, assimilated society, in which race became incidental... has mostly been abandoned

by the Left in favor of racial stereotyping, collective guilt, and scapegoating by race and gender."

He added: "'White' followed by a string of subsequent oppressive nouns — 'rage,' 'supremacy,' 'privilege' — has become a twitch on campus. Diversity, equity, and inclusion deans and provosts cannot write a memo, issue a communique, or sign a directive without a reference to 'white' something or other."

Black students are now not only treated as they should be, admitted to every college and university but they are also sought after, recruited and often given big scholarships.

I think it is a fair statement to say that conservative white students have clearly become the new minority on most college and university campuses.

Conservative students know it is probably better to remain silent or at least not become too outspoken in challenging liberal or left-wing professors.

Conservative students have become the new pariahs in higher education

today, and they are really the ones most in need of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Conservative leaders are not only not hired to teach at most universities or asked to give commencement speeches, but they also have to have extra security if a conservative student organization asks them to speak on campus.

A federal court of appeals judge was recently not even allowed to give his full speech at the Stanford Law School, being rudely and arrogantly shouted down by students there.

Left-wing students apparently feel that they are the only ones who should be allowed to have free speech in this country and possibly will be more popular with the faculty if they become known as radical activists.

I hope those who are making huge contributions to colleges and universities will start demanding that more than just a token conservative professor be hired every now and then and that conservative students be treated more humanely on campuses.

Many years ago, I had an uncle (long deceased) who was a very proud Duke graduate. He even served for a period of time on the Duke Board.

A few years ago, his grandson came to my Washington office to volunteer to work for free for one month just to get the experience of working in a Congressional office.

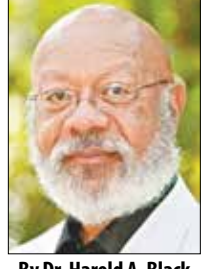
The young man was a student at Wake Forest. I expressed my surprise that his grandfather had not encouraged him to go to Duke. He said, "Oh, Granddad thinks Duke has gone way too liberal." He was right.

The most far-left students today often come from very wealthy families, attend very expensive schools like Duke, Stanford and Harvard, and can very accurately be described as spoiled brats.

I am proud that conservative students do not scream and shout at left-wing speakers and are not filled with as much hate as leftist students seem to have.

The Left's Effort to Resegregate America

I do not understand the continuing effort of the "progressive" left to pit blacks against whites. California's committee on reparations has recommended paying the descendants of slaves up to



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\$1.2 million. Never mind that California was not a slave state and fought for the North. Japanese Americans are excluded as are Chinese Americans even though both suffered years of discrimination. Black immigrants are also excluded. Those groups and whites should be rightly resentful

of having to pay for the actions of long-dead white southern slavers. Apparently, the California left wants to ignite race hatred in their state.

When I was growing up in Atlanta, white segregationists enacted laws that openly discriminated against blacks. We could not eat in their restaurants, join their unions, attend their schools, live in their neighborhoods, go to their parks, swim in their pools, or be partners in their firms. We had to be content to remain in our

own silos. My parents told my brother and me that we were every bit as smart as whites and every bit as qualified. If we weren't then there would be no need for such laws. My brother was not allowed admission to Georgia Tech and instead went to Purdue, a much better school. Not qualified? Perhaps he was overqualified. Two years later when the courts ordered the University of Georgia integrated and I was admitted as one of four black freshmen, white students contended that the only reason we were there was because of a court order, otherwise we would have been rejected. The university had argued

that it wasn't segregated, only that no qualified blacks had applied. Never mind that the first two blacks admitted were respectively a Phi Beta Kappa graduate in chemistry and a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and the first black awarded a PhD was in mathematics. As to the freshmen, one dropped out but of the other three, one has a Ph.D. in French, the other a Ph.D. in Economics and the other majored in math. Not qualified, eh? When I was admitted, my father, who despite all his grace and Christian love, said, "Go show those Crackers who's not qualified." So every class I walked into, my objective was to be the smartest person in the room. The result was not that whites thought they were wrong about blacks not being qualified; it was that all the blacks going to Georgia were "exceptions."

We southern blacks fought to desegregate society and eradicate all barriers between the races. When I first went to the bookstore at Georgia, they wouldn't sell me textbooks unless I could prove I was a student and the first time I went swimming in the student pool, they kicked everyone out and drained the pool. Now times are completely different. My granddaughter is a senior at Georgia and her life is blissfully boring. But there is a movement afoot at many universities to resegregate and erase what my generation worked so hard to accomplish. Some universities have separate graduation exercises for their

black students. Georgia has the "Rite of Sankofa" which is a ceremony celebrating its black graduating class. I can imagine the furor if the university had a similar ceremony for its white students.

Other universities have segregated dormitories, black student unions, recreational facilities and programs exclusively for black students. Most of the DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) impact on campuses is part of the movement away from integration. Acting in the name of diversity is resulting in anti-diverse outcomes. Yet isn't it interesting that athletic teams seem to be exempt from DEI? Just as troubling has been the movement to lessen qualifications in the name of diversity. Dropping programs for the talented and gifted and lessening admission requirements are re-labelling black students as being otherwise unqualified. One prestigious medical school is now admitting black students based strictly on GPAs. Some are now lobbying for proficiency exams to be eliminated as well for medical students and for new attorneys. This not only labels black graduates as unqualified but because also builds resentment amongst other racial groups toward blacks. I do not understand why the progressives are doing this. Segregation sought to undermine the economic well-being of blacks. Its very existence was repugnant. Today's resegregation is equally repugnant.

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apartments and townhouses. Thomas said that about 17 acres of the hillside will be set aside for public use with a request for Legacy Parks to become involved. Crescent Bend Development LLC requested the zoning change.

A property along Frank Gardner Lane was rezoned from General Commercial to Office.

The council also voted to shift building inspections to the Public Service Division from Plans and Review. Also approved was the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget.

The council approved several housing-related grant requests using city, state and COVID funding to go to the Community Development Corporation, CARES, Community Action Committee, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Five Points and the East Tennessee Community Design Center.

Three resolutions for acquiring \$15.93 million in state and federal grant money for Knoxville Area Transit were approved with matches from the city.



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Publisher's Positions



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Give Some Credit Where Credit Is Due

The Knox County Democratic Party has latched onto the Juneteenth holiday by turning it into a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King. I wonder if the Democrats have taken pains to invite those responsible for making Juneteenth a holiday here in Knox County? Commissioner Kyle Ward, a Republican, was the original sponsor of making Juneteenth a holiday in Knox County. No Democrat on the county commission had uttered a single word or even a sound about making Juneteenth a holiday. Commissioner Dasha Lundy had to run like the dickens to jump on board the train as a cosponsor at the invitation of Kyle Ward. Lundy took off her high heels and ran after the train as it was

leaving the station. Probably no other member of the Knox County Commission could have managed to make Juneteenth a county holiday with less fanfare or trouble. Ward was the chair of the commission's redistricting committee and did a fine job in that respect. Commissioner Ward has a knack for putting together enough votes to pass a measure.

Another key figure in making Juneteenth a county holiday was Mayor Glenn Jacobs. County employees have the day off this Monday so folks can celebrate it.

Most folks probably don't realize it was the county government who made Juneteenth an official holiday, well in advance of the supposed progressive Indya Kincannon and her city council minions. The City government followed suit a year later.

The local Democrats have organized their march to celebrate Dr. King, preferring to parade in the heat rather than the cold when the rest of the country celebrates MLK Day in January. It is well to remember not a single Democrat raised his/her voice to make Juneteenth a holiday here, aside from Dasha Lundy and Courtney Durrett AFTER Kyle Ward was

already carrying the ball across the finish line. To my knowledge, the leadership of the local Democratic Party didn't have a thing to say about it.

And while we're on the subject of Juneteenth, it is as good a time as any to remember that it was Abraham Lincoln, a Republican, who freed the slaves, ending a heinous practice.

The march will be a bunch of people who never lifted up their voices to make Juneteenth a holiday here in Knox County, waving American flags. Rather than giving credit where it is due, the celebrants apparently prefer credit amnesia.

The truth is some credit ought to go to Kyle Ward and Glenn Jacobs.

Liberals Won't Answer Questions

Congressman Dan Crenshaw of Texas put Meredith McNamara, an assistant professor at the Yale School of Medicine, on the spot during a congressional hearing about his bill to withdraw federal funding from some hospitals that provide "surgeries, puberty blockers or cross-sex hormones to transgender minors." Crenshaw posed a question to McNamara that was as simple as it was direct: "You've said that we cherry-picked data. How do

you mean that?"

The answer was worthy of Malibu Barbie. "So, it is very unscientific and flawed to pick a single study or a single statistic and discuss it in isolation," McNamara replied. "Medical experts are able to talk about all the evidence as a whole."

Crenshaw said he totally agreed with that statement. The Texas congressman went on to quote the British Journal of Medicine, which examined 61 systemic reviews and concluded, "There is great uncertainty about the effects of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgeries in young people." Crenshaw told Professor McNamara the Journal of the Endocrine Society had reached the very same conclusion, as did the American Academy of Pediatrics. "They all cite the lack of evidence," Crenshaw said. Crenshaw stated, "If you're doing therapy, and it's, you know, temporary, fine, whatever, maybe let's try it and see if it works. But when you're talking about permanent physiological changes, do you not agree, just from an ethical standpoint, that you might want extremely strong evidence of the benefits? There's no systemic review that states there's strong evidence of benefits."

"Sir, are you aware of

how the quality of evidence grading system works and how it's applied," Professor McNamara asked, condescension dripping from her voice.

Congressman Crenshaw assured her that he did, which is why he cited the journals he did. Crenshaw asked McNamara, "Which journal says something different? Tell me a journal that has done systematic reviews that cites different evidence, that cites strong evidence of benefits for these therapies."

The professor, smugly assuming an air of superiority, started with, "The standards of care were developed based on extensive . . ."

Crenshaw interrupted, "You're not telling me any study, don't say 'standards of care.'" McNamara sat there for a moment and the Texas congressman demanded, "Tell me one."

Malibu Barbie was back. "So, um, the standards of care," the professor said.

"The standards of care," Crenshaw reminded her. "That's not a journal, that's not a study. That's not an organization. That's not an institution. You're just saying words. Name one study."

Malibu Barbie, the assistant professor at Yale Medical School, couldn't cite a single source to support her

contention. Her smug and self-righteous expression had faded a little. She must have been a diversity hire.

Bob Booker, A Great Columnist

Robert J. Booker publishes the best column in the Knoxville News Sentinel. I think it is fair to say there is nothing printed in the daily newspaper that surpasses anything Bob Booker sees fit to print. Booker's column is always informative, interesting and entertaining. If every newspaper in this country followed those same standards, they would be thriving instead of dying off. The Sentinel is too busy shoveling its daily heaping helping of wokeism instead.

Booker's last column was about the wooden Gay Street Bridge that spanned the river into downtown Knoxville. As Booker detailed, the bridge was struck by a wind storm on May 1, 1875, and came crashing down into the river.

It was a great column. I'm just surprised the Sentinel didn't attribute the disaster to climate change.

Tennessee Artists meet tonight

The Tennessee Artist's Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Northshore Dr., Knoxville. This meeting is free and open to anyone interested in the arts in East Tennessee. Refreshments will be served. The program will feature Pat K. Thomas. Pat is a full-time studio artist from Sevierville. She is a surface design, marbling, paper and fabric artist who is also co-owner of the historic Cliff Dwellers Gallery in Gatlinburg. Pat teaches private lessons, conducts workshops, and instructs classes at locations including Arrowmont and the John C. Campbell Folk School. Her work is represented and collected internationally.

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downtown and a destination for people around the region."

Boyd Sports operates the Tennessee Smokies Minor League Baseball team, which will be renamed the Knoxville Smokies with plans to start the first season in the new stadium in 2025. One Knox SC of the United Soccer League also will call the multi-purpose stadium home.

"This stadium will provide a space and a purpose that brings people together and serves as a catalyst for growth," Boyd said. "The people gathered here have been instrumental in impacting the rebirth of Knoxville's downtown in the past decade, and as we grow with intention, we will connect East Knoxville with the Old City and rejuvenate an area to create positive change."

The Knoxville Area Urban League partnered with the stadium project team to encourage participation by contractors and subcontractors classified as "disadvantaged business enterprises" to identify minority entrepreneurs who want to open businesses in the development; and to assist with training and placement of individuals for available jobs.

"Today, we start building," Lomax said. "The incredible talent and visionaries gathered on this site have worked for several years to get to this point. This area, filled with such a rich history, will now serve as a gateway between the Old City and East Knoxville. We all look forward to returning in two years to officially open a new stadium and celebrate new possibilities in East Knoxville."

Two private developments adjacent to the

stadium already have been announced in a \$70 million, 233-unit apartment community called Yardley Flats and a \$55 million nine-story building that will house condos, retail businesses and the team's office space called "The Beauford Delaney Building."

Yardley Flats honors William Francis Yardley, a civil rights leader, politician and Knoxville's first Black attorney, while the condo building recognizes the connection to the internationally acclaimed artist Beauford Delaney and his original childhood home that stood one block from the site of the stadium project.

GEM Community Development Group partnered with a cultural and historical advisory committee led by Rev. Reneé Kesler, president of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, to recognize the rich Black history and culture of the location

of the project, as well as reflecting the multi-racial history of baseball in the community, including the 1920 Knoxville Giants, an inaugural Negro League team that won the first league championship.

"The cultural significance of this project cannot be overstated, and it's so important to establish the history of what was once here," Kesler said. "The Beck Cultural Exchange Center has been intentional about ensuring that everyone who comes

to an event at the new stadium understands the connection and contributions of the Black community."

The stadium will be funded with \$65 million in local government bonds; \$13.5 million state grant; \$2.5 investment earnings on bonds and state grant; \$13 million payment from Boyd; and a loan from Boyd up to \$20 million to Knoxville's Community Development Corporation to be transferred to the Sports Authority for construction.

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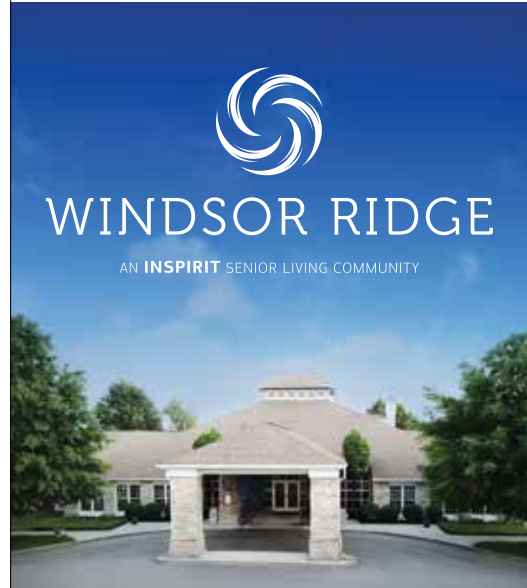


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Special PARC meeting confirms Jered Croom as executive director

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Jered Croom, named by Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon to become executive director of the Police Advisory and Review Committee, was confirmed in a brief special meeting last week.

Croom, who holds a degree in the psychology of criminal behavior and has two terms of experience as a member of PARC, replaces Director Tiffany Davidson, who is becoming the City's new Deputy Director of Community Safety and Empowerment.

Noted for his questions in previous case reviews and knowledge of conflict resolution, Croom was confirmed unanimously by the other PARC members as each was polled.

"Jered has nearly 15 years of serving the people of Knoxville in a variety of roles, including two terms

as a PARC committee member," Mayor Kincannon said. "His background in criminal justice and social work makes him a trusted community leader who will continue to fight for equity and fairness."

"Police oversight has been at the center of conversation recently in Tennessee and I'm stepping into the role of executive director of the Police Advisory Review Committee while the office is in transition," Croom told The Focus.

"Recent legislation has mandated some changes and I look forward to taking the helm and working with the KPD, community partners and citizens to define what policing will look like going forward. I have great support from the City of Knoxville and a vision for this office that I feel will take us in new and exciting directions that will serve the citizens of Knoxville."

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Who among us doesn't know about the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina? I mean we've either been there, wanted to go there, or know someone who has. It's sort of like Dollywood as far as being in the back of our traveling minds, right?

Almost everyone knows a little bit about the mansion, advertised as America's largest castle and built by the hugely wealthy Vanderbilt family. The estate is full of beautiful gardens with lodgings, restaurants and a winery and is open to the public for an admittance fee.

Built in 1895 and sitting

on more than 8,000 acres, the home remains in the hands of the Biltmore heirs. A visit there gives the average person an envious or bitter look at how the upper-crust lived and continues to live. Most of us only dream of such riches and the closest we could ever come would have been being a house servant or a modern-day tour guide.

Do you have any idea how many times you've seen the Biltmore on television or in the movies? I don't mean in their television commercials, I mean as a part of the story.

In the movies the Biltmore Estate was featured, rightfully so, as the home of "Richie Rich," the comic book turned movie. It also played a part in the movie "Patch Adams," "Forest Gump," and even "Hannibal."

Yet the part that the Biltmore Estate played in the Peter Sellers movie "Being There" was my

favorite. Like "Forest Gump" and "Rain Man," the "Being There" plot was both social and political satire. Chancy Gardner, the gardener to a rich family, inherits their fortune and becomes a celebrated person, much like Paris Hilton, famous for being famous.

Chancy is a dim bulb and the public and public officials take to him and think he's brilliant. Literally.

Shirley McClain and many others costar in the funny and touching movie and the story ends at the small lake behind the Biltmore, where Chancy tests the waters with his umbrella and then strolls across the surface of the lake. It's a great scene and the photo of the scene was referenced in posters and on the cover of the VHS and DVD sleeves of the movie.

You can get to the lake by taking the road around the mansion and toward

the winery. Don't try walking across the water.

If you're into movie trivia you could also take the drive south of Asheville to Lake Lure and see some of the places "Dirty Dancing" was filmed. Nearby Chimney Rock Park was the location for parts of "The Last of the Mohicans" and Stephen King's "Firestarter."

Asheville is totally different from other North Carolina cities. Like Knoxville, it is a progressive spot that stands alone for its culture, attractions and businesses. While visiting the Biltmore you may also take in downtown Asheville, the Botanical Gardens, the River Arts District and The Gray Line Trolley.

You can find the Biltmore and Asheville on the internet or call the Asheville Visitors Center at (828) 257-4959.

Non-profit organizations to receive funding in county budget

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The Knox County Budget for the next fiscal year includes \$1.27 million for the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, the receiver of the largest sum of taxpayer dollars

from the general fund. Receiving \$100,000 each will be the East Tennessee Economic Development Agency and Helen Ross McNabb. The Interfaith Health Clinic gets \$56,000 and the West Knox Farragut Chamber gets \$50,000.

Non-profits receiving more than \$40,000 include Catholic Charities and Childhelp Tennessee. Other groups getting tax dollars from the county include Big Brothers and Sisters, Blount Partnership, CASA, Community Mediation Center,

Disabled American Veterans, East Tennessee Community Design Center, Emerald Youth Foundation, Friends of the Library, Keep Knoxville Beautiful, Knoxville Leadership Foundation, Mental Health Association, Muse Knoxville, and Raising a Voice.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund also will contribute funds to non-profits including \$4.2 million to Visit Knoxville. The Arts and Cultural Alliance of Greater Knoxville will receive \$425,000 from the fund and Zoo Knoxville will get \$345,000 for

their capital budget. Other non-profits to get funding include the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Legacy Parks, Asian Culture Center, Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, and the Zoo Knoxville operating budget.

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America on Trial

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

As I begin this essay, President Trump is being arrested (arraigned) by Biden's corrupt and weaponized "department of injustice." It would be difficult to imagine President Trump as a sympathetic figure or a victim, but Biden and the Democrat party, the deep state, the major news and social media, academia and Holly-weird have done so.

I'm no lawyer and can't comment on the legal issues in this latest Trump indictment by our utterly corrupt justice system. However, in my career as a doctor, I have experience in psychopathology. Irrational and insane hatred, as well

as unbridled and dangerous utilization of governmental power, is on full display.

The institutions of our government have become as corrupt and dangerous as any of those in a "banana republic." We once self-righteously railed against countries that misused power to silence, destroy or imprison political rivals. What hypocrites we have become. And what a sad day for America because we are now all on trial. Make no mistake; if they can destroy President Trump, none of us are safe from a rogue government that no longer respects or serves We the People.

Schadenfreude is a German term that has become part of the English lexicon (vocabulary). It means deriving pleasure from someone else's misfortune. Even in the Vols' recent victory, I felt compassion for Southern Mississippi's baseball team. I see only sick joy

from the Democrat talking heads with President Trump's latest indictment. I feel compassion for the most vilified man in the country who is now presumed guilty until proven innocent. And I feel sorry for my country caught in the middle of a political war between the Democrat POTUS and the leading Republican candidate for president.

We used to talk about conspiracy theories, but now so many have become true. A short list of examples includes the now proven illegal email account and server of Hillary Clinton, who then destroyed subpoenaed evidence; the Mueller investigation; the Russian collusion hoax; the 51 intelligence agents' letters of disinformation and the FBI's collusion with the Democrat Party to interfere in the 2016 and 2020 elections. All the while our nation circles the toilet bowl in decline.

I follow my axiom to "read widely, consider carefully and sift everything through my experience and common sense" (JVF). Nonetheless, I struggle to find the truth. These days "news" should come with a disclaimer. There should be a notation that the reported "facts" have been politically redacted.

I learned long ago that all facts are contextual.

In other words, scripture taken out of context can be problematic. Even 2+2 may not always equal 4. One might say, "Wait a minute, Ferguson!" And I would reply, "Consider the following:"

The 19th-century philosopher Soren Kierkegaard wrote about what he called "universal" truths. These were concepts that would be acknowledged as true everywhere and with all people. Love might be considered a universal concept. Pragmatically, 1+1=2, but this is not true everywhere because at the event horizon of a black hole, all our science and understanding breaks down. I only mention this to emphasize the context where all "facts" must be sifted.

Of course, the story du jour is President Trump's indictment in Miami. The corrupt media are breathless and feign concern while projecting schadenfreude. However, of greater significance are the audiotapes of then Vice President Biden negotiating a 5-million-dollar payment with the Ukrainian President to replace an investigator critical of the Burisma gas company before a billion-dollar US loan would be released.

Senator Grassley of Iowa is not noted for grandstanding, but last week on the Senate floor he said there are seventeen audio tapes

of Joe Biden and Hunter Biden discussing deals with Burisma according to a "highly credible FBI informant." Furthermore, it is alleged that the Burisma gas company deal would guarantee 10% to the "Big Guy," identified as Joe Biden by two sources. And to make matters worse, the FBI had these documents since 2017 when President Trump was being impeached. Grassley said he and others have seen the unredacted FBI 1023 form with its allegations.

The Ukrainian investigator was fired and Hunter Biden was put on the Burisma board of directors with a lucrative salary despite having no knowledge of the oil and natural gas industry.

The reason they are trying to destroy President Trump is he has vowed, "Now that the 'seal' is broken, in addition to closing the border & removing all of the 'criminal' elements that have illegally invaded our country, making America energy independent, & even dominant again, & immediately ending the war between Russia & Ukraine, I will appoint a real special 'prosecutor' to go after the most corrupt president in the history of the USA, Joe Biden, the entire Biden crime family, & all others involved with the destruction of our elections, borders, &

country itself!"

President Trump is an existential threat to the Democrats and the Washington establishment. Regarding this latest indictment, Trump also posted, "If this is the cost to see our mission through to the end to restore our free Republic, and to revive the greatest country in the history of the world, then it's a price I'm willing to pay." It's hard for Washington to deal with a man of principle who is willing to potentially sacrifice himself to "stand in the gap."

I don't know what the truth is. And furthermore, you should not take my opinion or exegesis as gospel. You should be curious and motivated as a citizen to search for and find the truth. At no time in history have we had access to so much information. Long ago, when we once trusted the FBI, Agent Mulder of the X-Files said, "The truth is out there."

Obviously, if your only source of information is the legacy and social media, you will have never heard any of these allegations or the latest "conspiracy theories." So, I recommend you search for the truth. Because as Jesus said, "The truth will set you free."

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A Glimpse of Streetcar Suburbia

Historic Gibbs Drive

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The Knoxville Focus features important neighborhoods in the county every month and Monty Howard, co-chairman of the Gibbs Drive Neighborhood Association, had the following to share about the North Knoxville neighborhood.

The Gibbs Drive Historic District in Fountain City is a neighborhood of fifty-two residences that reflect the characteristics of the streetcar and automobile suburb in Knoxville. The district has a linear street pattern, broad sidewalks, spacious facade lawns and sidewalks. Beginning in the era of streetcar suburbs, neighborhood development continued throughout the period when automobile usage and ownership became prolific in Knoxville. The predominant building styles and forms are the bungalow, Craftsman, Minimal Traditional and four squares. Overall, the district is an outstanding example of the early twentieth-century trend away from the elaborate Victorian-era styles, to a more simplified floor plan and appearance.

Homes on Gibbs Drive are mainly one and one-half to two and one-half stories in height. Construction is brick or frame,

with predominant building materials being brick, weatherboard siding or brick veneer. Lots are larger than those of other early twentieth-century suburbs in Knoxville. Many garages and outbuildings survive in their original form. The Gibbs Drive Historic District retains a high degree of architectural integrity.

Membership in the Gibbs Drive Neighborhood Association is voluntary with nominal annual dues of \$10. According to association by-laws, only members in good standing can vote on issues affecting the street.

The neighborhood officers are made up of two co-chairs, a secretary and a treasurer. Officers meet once per quarter ahead of the quarterly neighborhood meeting.

The primary goal of the neighborhood association is to plan community events to encourage participation and involvement as well as unity among the neighbors, in addition to protecting the interests of preserving the street as a historic district.

In the past, the neighborhood has hosted home tours, candlelight and historic walks as well as the annual celebration of the Dogwood Trails and Christmas light contests. We recently were awarded the City of Knoxville's Neighborhood Grant to improve

signs and landscaping at both entrances to the street. We plan to include signage celebrating the history of the development and its notable residents.

At present, the neighborhood association is working on establishing Historic Gibbs Drive as a protected historic district through the City of Knoxville's Historic Zoning designation as an H1 Historic neighborhood. This would provide certain protections to maintain the historic integrity and appearance of the homes on the street.

Local representatives are City Councilwoman Lauren Rider and County Commissioner Courtney Durrett. We do interact with them often. Councilwoman Rider has been a part of the effort regarding the historic designation and Commissioner Durrett just lives one street over and regularly walks the street interacting with residents. We have a great relationship with both and are grateful for their support.

We are a small geographical neighborhood and therefore have no particular businesses or parks on the street proper. We are bordered by the Knox County Public Library and nearby Fountain City Park and Lake and enjoy a short walk to grocery stores and restaurants like First Watch, a walk-in clinic and nail salon, all at the end



The Dempster-Francis House is located at the entrance to Historic Gibbs Drive in Fountain City. The area has a variety of homes and began as a streetcar neighborhood.

of our street. We are also close enough to enjoy football games on Friday nights at Central High School just across the street.

We hold an annual Christmas light contest that encourages neighbors to decorate homes in festive lights and brings onlookers from across the city. Last year, we boasted 46 of our 52 homes with holiday lights.

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Candidates for City of Knoxville Mayor answer Focus Question

What is the largest problem facing Knoxville?

Compiled by Mike Steely

What is the largest problem facing Knoxville? That's a question The Knoxville Focus asked the five people running for Knoxville Mayor. The replies vary and here are their answers.

Burak Er: Major issues and problems confronting our city today involve fiscal difficulties which affects affordability and increased demand for social services and other city services.

Without affordable housing, families have constrained opportunities to increase earnings, causing slower growth for the city.

Constance Every: Poverty! Forty-seven percent in just the Black Demographic of Knoxville alone; 42% citywide, with the greatest impact coming to the Knoxville Native Community. As people migrate from some of the wealthiest states/cities in the nation move into Knoxville and continue to increase the ever growing cost of living with their buy with cash now payments.

Poverty is the root of our crime, homelessness, and affordability. Knoxville Vision must include a plan that will use the People Checkbook for the greatest benefit of Mass Public good such as high quality transportation to get people to and from jobs, creation of satellite campuses with higher education institutions to increase accessibility to necessary skills/training for the ever changing workforce/job market, and quality youth enrichment that allows our kids to explore their multifaceted talents just to name a few.

Indya Kincannon: Public safety is job #1, and everyone in Knoxville deserves to be safe. I will continue to support our police officers and firefighters who work 24/7/365 to keep our neighborhoods safe. Keeping Knoxville safe takes community trust and involvement, which is why I created the Office of Community Safety and helped launch Turn Up Knox, a street violence interruption organization.

After Public Safety Knoxville's most urgent issue is housing. We need more housing of all kinds, all across the city, for all types of families. Our affordable rental development fund has invested millions in the creation of new housing. I will continue that effort, and facilitate more home construction by the private sector.

As a side note, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the poverty rate among Black residents of Knoxville was 39.7% in 2017, and has dropped to 21.3% in 2021, the latest year for which data are available. While 21% is still too high, that is real progress.

By comparison, our white poverty rate was 20.5% in 2017, and dropped slightly to 19.7% in 2021. With increased costs, especially in housing, many people are hurting. But we are making progress.

R. C. Lawhorn: There is not a single largest problem facing Knoxville, there are multiple problems. I do not think you can indicate that one problem is more serious than the others. I will fix the Problems.

Policing: In the summer of 2021, Knoxville had the highest murder rate

per capita in the United States, our rate was higher than Chicago, New York City and Los Angeles. This has never happened before, and Knoxville was founded in 1791. We need to increase funding for the police department and ensure criminals who commit violent crimes go to jail and are not released.

Poverty: The African American community's rate of poverty runs at almost 50%. Their schools are inadequately taken care of and the quality of the education they receive is sub-standard. They should get as good of an education at Austin-East High School as they do at Bearden High School, and all schools should be maintained to the same standards.

Schools: Our kids should be able to focus on their education instead of being in fear of attacks.

We need to put constables in schools to protect the children, they are professionally trained and need to answer the City Chief of Police and not the principal of the schools, like security personnel have in the past.

TCAP: In Knoxville, 40% of all 3rd graders failed the TCAP test.

I would like to know the scores by district to determine what schools had the lowest scores.

Women Shelter/Homeless: The baseball stadium that the City of Knoxville is building will be a positive tax revenue for the city. The women's shelter and homeless shelter were torn down to make room for the baseball stadium. These facilities need to be rebuilt, by revamping old City properties. Battered or homeless women have nowhere to go when they need help. The homeless have become a city-wide issue because they have no place to go for shelter and

help with mental and drug abuse issues. Drug abuse has increased the homeless population due to our fentanyl crisis.

Jeff Talman: I have ringing in my mind the advice offered by the late great management guru Peter Drucker who said, "Don't fix problems, seize opportunities." In our case, I think we have an enormous opportunity to see Knoxville like never before, to imagine Knoxville like never before, and to build Knoxville like never before, but there are challenges.

I think it is first important to look at where we are from a historical perspective. Post WW II the center city of Knoxville, like many US cities, was abandoned by leadership as there was a mass exodus to the suburbs. What remained was older sub-standard housing in established urban neighborhoods. Great public housing refugee camps were established. Knoxville's most fragile people were clustered and concentrated in urban census tracts. All of the housing which was not desired in suburbia, public housing, group housing, student housing, indigent housing, etc, was tightly concentrated in the center city of Knoxville. Critical civic assets such as public schools were simply abandoned. These elegant school buildings such as McCauley School and Rule High School were the centers of public life for decades. Built to withstand everything except ownership by government, they were abandoned and left to rot with no clue as to how damaging derelict buildings are to property values and public perception. If you had any doubt that you lived in a 'bad part of town' all one had to do was to look at how little value the

body politic placed on your neighborhood by allowing such abandonment to occur.

Now many citizens are seeking out housing in the center-city because they want to live in close proximity to Knoxville's defining civic and cultural assets. The University of Tennessee which had long assumed the identity of a commuter college is now embracing its proximity to those same civic and cultural assets. I am one of those who loves downtown and always had the vision for this renaissance even when others did not. I have lived in the Fourth & Gill Neighborhood since January 1984. I have built a mortgage business around helping homeowners renovate, rejuvenate and recycle our older housing stock thus strengthening our great neighborhoods. When I served on the Knox County Tourist Commission I consistently wore my colleagues out by insisting that our tourism strategy had to have our revitalized city as its key selling point. I understand the costs, the process and the commitment needed to build our city.

We have a mass migration of people coming to Knoxville. Many of them are seeking out housing for urban living. I have heard the question asked "is the desire for urban living a fad?", I would say that the abandonment of urban living was the fad and that we are now returning to a permanent order for how some, but not all, people wish to live. This brings investment, exciting renovations, new construction, and rising prices, making housing which had been for decades the least expensive in Knoxville, into some of the most desirable and most expensive.

This presents an

opportunity for the creation of incredible household and community wealth through homeownership. We need honest leadership about what is happening. We need to communicate the 'urgency of now' that existing homeownership opportunities may not be there in the future as the market will price people out. Therefore, we need to do everything possible to help our citizens be beneficiaries in this process. Currently the city is committing lots of public money to address affordable housing. There is not enough public money to really address the challenges at the scale which is needed, which is why the reform is needed to maximize private activity. We need to revamp our permitting processes so that builders, contractors and developers enthusiastically step in to provide the housing inventory which our area desperately needs. We need to direct our neighbors to the lenders and resource providers who can help open the door to homeownership for all who can marshal and pool the resources to do so. By building household wealth, creating jobs and strengthening the tax base, we will have the revenue needed to run the city without having to increase the rate of taxation. Doing so will also strengthen our city civically as we will have more citizens connected to and paying attention to local government.

We also have terrific economic and educational opportunities so that our citizens can have good-paying jobs leading to fulfilling livelihoods. For example a high school graduate in Knoxville can go to Pellissippi State Community College and take advantage of their partnership with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and graduate with an associate's degree as a 20-year-old and go into a \$60,000 per year starting salary. There are and will be many more opportunities like this to make better lives possible.


This is an urban-centric perspective, and there are obviously other things going on in our city and our region, but this in my view is where the greatest opportunities and challenges are to be found.

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When the Mountain State had Three Senators

Pages from the Past



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"History is not the past but a map of the past, drawn from a particular point of view, to be useful to the modern traveler." Historian Henry Glassie.

came roaring back to win the seat of retiring Senator Guy Goff in 1930. Neely won by the greatest majority up to that point of any candidate in West Virginia history seeking a Senate seat.

It was Neely's insistence in meddling in the 1934 Democratic primary to choose an opponent for Senator Hatfield that his conflict with the statehouse faction came to a head. Clem Shaver, a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was a candidate for the Democratic nomination and was politically obnoxious to Neely. Senator Neely opted to back the candidacy of Rush D. Holt, a twenty-nine-year-old state legislator. No politician in West Virginia had more or better ties to the powerful organized labor movement in the Mountain State than Matthew Neely. At Neely's urging, the United Mine Workers and other labor groups coalesced behind the candidacy of Rush Holt, who won the nomination. Holt went on to win the general election and had to wait six months before he could take the oath of office, as he was not yet the required age of thirty under the Constitution.

The statehouse faction was led by H. Guy Kump, who had been elected governor in 1932. Kump was a popular figure, leading the state during the Depression. At the time, West Virginia governors were barred from seeking consecutive terms. Kump backed his attorney general, Homer Holt (no relation to Rush Holt), to succeed him in the 1936 election. Homer won the Democratic nomination and election.

Neely's friendship, political and otherwise, with Rush Holt came to an abrupt and spectacular end over patronage disagreements. By 1936 when Neely was running for reelection to the Senate, he referred to his junior colleague as a "sewer rat" among other lively epithets. With Senator Holt becoming pointedly isolationist in outlook and a foe of the Roosevelt administration, all federal patronage in the state was in Neely's hands. Yet the statehouse Democrats controlled all of the resources of state government and were building up a formidable machine, which was less friendly to the national administration and more conservative generally.

Senator Neely realized a showdown would come between the two factions, which were struggling for dominance in the state. Neely announced he would back a challenger for the Democratic nomination for

governor in 1940 against Carl Andrews, the favorite of the statehouse machine. One by one, Neely eliminated every prospective candidate who sought the endorsement of the senator's federal faction. Only one candidate could meet the exacting criteria Senator Neely posed for the governorship: Neely himself.

After a bitter and savagely fought campaign for the Democratic nomination, Neely beat Carl Andrews. It was not the last pitched battle fought between the two factions. Another had been fought in the 1940 Democratic primary for the United States Senate where Senator Rush Holt was seeking a second term. Former Governor Guy Kump was the statehouse candidate for the nomination, while local Judge Harley Kilgore was Neely's candidate. Kilgore won, while Kump ran second and Holt trailed in third place. Both Neely and Kilgore won the general election with Franklin Roosevelt at the top of the ticket.

The very first dilemma faced by Matthew Neely was resigning his seat in the United States Senate. Both Governor Holt and Neely appointed men to the U. S. Senate. Governor Holt's appointee was Clarence Martin, a respected attorney and former president of the National Bar Association.

Neely, never one to shy away from the bold or flamboyant, took the oath of office no less than three times, anticipating appointing his own successor to the United States Senate. The first oath occurred "instantly after midnight" on January 13, 1941, and was administered by John Kenna, a justice of the state Supreme Court. Neely's signed oath of office was filed with William S. O'Brien, West Virginia Secretary of State, by Arthur B. Koontz, the Democratic National Committeeman from the Mountain State, and Hale Watkins, Chairman of the state Democratic Party. Evidently, Matt Neely kept much of West Virginia's political establishment up late that night.

Two hours later, Governor M. M. Neely announced he had appointed Dr. Joseph Rosier to the U. S. Senate. Rosier was a resident of Neely's home city of Fairmont and a well-regarded educator and president of the Fairmont State Teacher's College. Knowing his way around Washington, D.C., Governor Neely sent a telegram to Edwin A. Halsey, Secretary of the United States Senate, informing him of Dr. Rosier's appointment. Neely's telegram to Halsey also mentioned he had tendered his own resignation from the United States Senate "precisely at midnight" on January 12. "Dr. Rosier, who is one of West Virginia's most illustrious men will with his duly executed credentials, promptly present himself to you for the purpose of taking the required oath of office. . ."

At the same time, retiring Governor Homer Holt appeared in the office of Secretary of State O'Brien to "reaffirm" his own



From left to right, Clarence E. Martin, Senator Harley Kilgore, and Dr. Joseph Rosier of West Virginia in 1941.

appointment of Clarence E. Martin. A very able attorney (he would go on to become general counsel for Union Carbide), Holt's appointment of Martin was made "at the first moment of this 13th day of January, 1941."

In between receiving outgoing Governor Homer Holt and accepting the Rosier appointment, Secretary of State William S. O'Brien took his own oath of office for the new four-year term to which he had been elected in 1940 "in the event any question should arise as to the proceedings tonight."

Neely took the oath of office once again in his study at the governor's mansion and again for the third time at the official inaugural ceremonies. Governor Neely exuded confidence, telling newsmen he was fully confident his own appointee would be seated as the senator from West Virginia.

Matthew M. Neely was a wily politician, and one didn't survive in wild and woolly West Virginia, as he did for generations, without knowing something about practical politics. Neely realized the United States Senate retained the sole authority for determining its own membership. The new governor had just thrown a political hot potato in the lap of his one-time colleagues. Neely's resignation also elevated freshman Harley Kilgore to the status of West Virginia's senior U.S. senator.

As the U.S. Senate untangled and argued over the merits of which appointee had the legal right to serve as a member of that body, an exasperated Alben Barkley, the Majority Leader of the Senate, growled the entire kerfuffle was at the very least unseemly, if not indecent. In any legislative body, whether it is local or federal, relationships matter. That between Alben Barkley and Matthew Neely was somewhat strained. Barkley had

not entirely forgiven and had certainly not forgotten the West Virginian having inferred the Majority leader's opposition to a bill he had sponsored to outlaw the "block booking" of movies had been for financial gain. That was the worst kind of insult one could level at a colleague in the Senate.

Naturally, the politics of the two prospective senators mattered to the senators considering the legal claims of the appointees. While both were Democrats, Dr. Joseph Rosier was acknowledged to be a strong supporter of Franklin Roosevelt and his administration, while Clarence Martin was thought to be more conservative.

It took months for the Senate to hold hearings and listen to the arguments of both Martin and Rosier and their respective claims to the seat to which each man had been appointed. After winding its way through the appropriate committee, senators took four days in listening to the facts of the case on the floor of the Senate. Senators discussed and argued the various precedents, while others debated the facts surrounding each appointment and the law involved. It should surprise exactly no one that there was maneuvering behind the scenes. The Roosevelt administration exerted all of the influence it could summon on behalf of Dr. Joseph Rosier.

Clarence Martin had his own supporters and commanded backing from conservative Democrats and many Republicans inside the Senate. Many of Martin's colleagues from the American Bar Association lobbied hard for his being seated in the Senate.

Whatever his personal feelings about Matt Neely, Alben Barkley did his duty as the leader of his president's party in the United States Senate. Barkley

argued hard on behalf of seating Joseph Rosier. If the spectacle was indeed unseemly and indecent, Barkley said it was the fault of Homer Holt, the outgoing governor of West Virginia and not that of Neely.

The Senate was sharply divided and the vote was close. Clarence E. Martin was denied a seat in the United States Senate by a vote of 40 - 38. Dr. Joseph Rosier, a quiet, white-haired professional educator who had been a faithful supporter of Matthew Neely, took the oath of office.

Matthew Neely had gotten his way and it was common knowledge in the Mountain State that Joseph Rosier was merely a placeholder. As Governor Neely fired those Democrats from state jobs who had been aligned with the administrations of Guy Kump and Homer Holt and replaced them with his own followers, it was generally believed he would try to regain his seat in the Senate in 1942.

That proved to be the case and having merged the federal and statehouse factions, Neely easily turned aside a determined challenge inside the Democratic primary by Guy Kump. Yet the people of West Virginia were not thrilled by Matt Neely's skipping from one office to another at his own whim. Neely lost the general election to an unknown Republican, Chapman Revercomb.

The verbose Neely, when asked about his loss, snapped, "A fatalistic philosopher once said that on election day the American people have the right to do anything they damned please. Recent returns from the political front preclude the possibility of refuting this assertion."

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Golf Buddies

I started playing golf after I married Amy. Her Poppa played and wanted me to go with him. I enjoyed the time with him, but my game was filled with hacks at the ball and worm burners that rolled along the



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fairways. At other times, the dangerous slice that I had hit houses, screened-in porches, and trees. Still, I liked being with my father-in-law.

During my teaching career, I taught a 7:00 a.m. class, which allowed me to leave early. On many days, I made my way to the golf course to play at least nine holes. I have played in dangerously hot summers and frigid winters. I've even teed off as snow flurries turned into huge flakes. The bug had certainly bitten me, and I was hopelessly hooked on playing golf.

For about 30 years, I've swung the clubs with little success in becoming a better player. Two different times I took lessons from pros, and although some improvement came, my scores lowered only a couple of strokes. The person who has the worst score on a hole tees off last, and it's only because my brother Jim likes to go last that I am not permanently stuck in that position.

The upside to playing golf has always been the people with whom I've been paired. For several years, I played with Jim and two other men who worked with him at the course. Little John and Andy were older than we were, but they beat us like red-headed stepchildren every round. We were a solid foursome

who laughed and joked and tried not to take the game too seriously. John has cut back his playing time in recent years, and Andy contracted melanoma and passed from the cancer a few years back.

Two other men I play with are Joe Dooley and David Ingram. I worked with Joe at Karns High School for 25 years and subbed with him for five years. David and Joe were basketball refs for years. The three of us have played at least one hundred rounds together. Until last year, we traveled to Marion, Virginia, each year to play in a tournament that benefited Project Crossroads. I think I am correct in saying that we came in last place every time. Still, we had good times there. Joe and David were witness to the only hole-in-one I ever had.

One more group that I've played with is just as special. Jim called me to ask if I wanted to play with his foursome a few years back. The other two players were Dwight Christian and Pete Stafford. Dwight was a band director in Knoxville for years. His bands were always some of the best in the area and won their shares of competitions in Knoxville and in other places in the area. Dwight played for years as a professional musician, and although I never heard him play, stories are that he was a magician with his instrument. Pete Stafford coached high school football in Knoxville for years. He is a legendary coach whose teams always were top-notch. Pete later became a principal in the school system. I imagine

every student dreaded having to make the walk to his office. Pete seldom raises his voice, but his very presence is enough to make students in trouble feel nervous.

My buddies are in their 80s now, and playing golf is difficult. Jim offered to get them and let them chip and putt a round or two. We just gathered the other day. Now, we meet for lunch at Cheddar's. The talk is filled with truths and a tall tale or two. We keep up with each other's health and family. Pete likes to fish, as does Jim, so they spend time discussing their latest catches. No, we don't play golf; the only exercise comes from lifting forks to our mouths. The sharing of a meal and just being together is good enough for us. We are friends who have grown close, at first on the golf course and now as older guys with plenty of aches and pains.

As I said earlier, I play "at" golf. My game is mediocre, and with more stiff joints and deep aches in my legs and knees, I doubt that it will get much better. The good thing is that my cost per stroke is lower than most everyone else's. I'm thankful for the game and the good friends that it has brought into my life.

A Photo Reflection for Father's Day

It is the last in our family series of pictures taken on Easter Sunday 1973. I



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was wearing my now familiar navy and white polka dot dress as we were dressed for church. This time my brother and I are standing alongside our father. The surprise subject is Wayne's dog, King, who may be the most photogenic of all. Back then, the day of picture-making just seemed normal. Looking at the picture today, it is a treasure. In August it will be 29 years, the anniversary of our father's death. I suppose it is human nature to recount the number of years when special days come around.

Father's Day is celebrated in June. Our father's birthday is also the week of Father's Day. He would have turned 97 years old. The picture shown here is a snapshot of but one day in our lives, but I see so much more in it. It was taken a couple of years after we had moved to the mini farm. Ralph loved the land, cattle, horses, riding the tractor, and gardening. Eight years earlier he had developed a heart condition whereby his heart became enlarged and beat irregularly. Several years after selling his dairy cattle, he looked out one day at the farm and realized he could no longer work it. Our parents made the decision to sell the farm and move to an acreage with a pasture field, but otherwise woodland. We spent the summer before my senior



Picture of Wayne, Ralph, and Ralphine Major with Wayne's beloved dog, King, beside him, by Juanita Major.

year in high school cutting enough trees to clear a space to build a house. I cannot recall taking family pictures in this spot near the gravel driveway as shown here, and I am not sure we even took pictures on some holidays. But on this day, I am so glad we did.

May all those reading this column be blessed with special memories of their fathers to carry with them through the years. Truly, fathers are the backbone of this great nation. Whether our earthly father is living or deceased, we can take comfort in knowing that we have a heavenly Father who loves and cares for us. Hope your family had a blessed Father's Day 2023.

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Running back De'Sean Bishop, Karns' male Student-Athlete of the Year, looks for running room against Oak Ridge during the 2022 season.

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2022-23

Student-Athletes of the Year from five local high schools – Austin-East, Central, Farragut, Karns and Seymour – are recognized in The Knoxville Focus this week.

The fourth and final week of the annual series will be published in our June 26 issue.

Athletic directors at each of the 25 high schools in the Focus' coverage area were requested to start the process of submitting their school's female and male honorees. Teachers, coaches and administrators contributed to the selections.

We hope you will join us this week in learning about the honorees' accomplishments and applauding each one!

Bishop got Karns rolling in football

By Steve Williams

De'Sean Bishop, one of the nation's top running backs, helped put an end to a long dry spell in football at Karns High in 2021 and 2022, leading the Beavers to the state playoffs with 7-5 and 7-4 records.

Prior to then, the school had enjoyed only one winning season (1978) in 42 years and hadn't had back-to-back winning seasons since 1973-74.

Last fall, Bishop, Karns' male Student-Athlete of the Year, moved up to No. 2 in career rushing yardage (8,347) and No. 3 in most touchdown runs (102) in

TSSAA history.

He chose to end his high school career early and signed scholarship papers with the University of Tennessee in December, so he could begin preparation for his freshman season with the Vols.

The 5-10, 195-pounder, who was a two-time Mr. Football in Class 5A, made a good showing in the Orange and White spring game at Neyland Stadium in April.

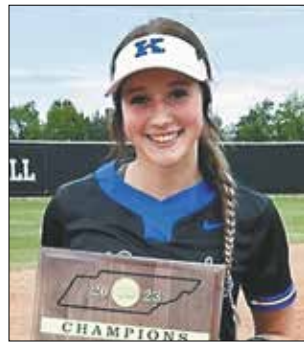
"The last two years have been two of the best years in Karns football history, and De'Sean had a lot to do with that," said Head

Coach Brad Taylor. "He is an intense competitor, a hard worker, and we are proud of what he has contributed to the program. We are proud of the work that he has put in and will be cheering him on in Neyland Stadium this fall."

Maples, a junior, is KHS female honoree

Alyssa Maples sparked in academics and as a dual-sport athlete in volleyball and softball her junior year.

She had a 3.86 GPA and earned All-District 3-3A honors in both volleyball



Alyssa Maples

and softball.

Karns softball coach Michael Spain said Maples is "constantly working" in the classroom and on the field. She is "a joy to coach" and Karns High is proud to have her represent us, added Spain.



Central High's Cole Ballenger and Caroline Cooper are Student-Athletes of the Year.

From dancing to violin lessons, that's Caroline

CHS female honoree is 'Top 10' student

By Steve Williams

Being a captain on the dance team and ranking in the Top 10 of her graduating class are only part of why Caroline Cooper was selected as the female Student-Athlete of the Year at Central High for 2022-23.

There is so much more about this young lady that has made CHS proud.

"Caroline is a perfect example of a 'well-rounded' student," said Athletic Director J.D. Lambert in his final days before retiring. "She took and excelled in the most advanced courses while also being involved in dance, Bobcat Company, youth leadership Knoxville, and more. More than her activities, Caroline is an example of kindness to her peers and a willingness to help

others."

It's no wonder that Caroline was chosen by her peers as "Most Dependable" in the Class of 2023.

Cooper had a weighted grade point average of 4.39 after taking six Advanced Placement courses. She also had an ACT composite score of 27.

Caroline was on every dance team in middle school through high school.

She's also been involved in the Choir and Musical Theater for five years, participating in audition choirs, her church's youth choir and six musicals.

Cooper has had leadership roles, too. In the Bobcat Company, she was elected Alto Section

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McCoy will focus on basketball at Milligan

By Steve Williams

Bailey McCoy was a three-sport standout at Seymour High, but she will be putting her time into basketball as a Milligan University signee.

Bailey was selected Seymour's female Student-Athlete of the Year in 2022-23 and had a 4.0 grade point average to go with her athletic talent.

In basketball at SHS, McCoy was All-District 3-3A first team plus the District and Region 2-3A tournaments' Most Valuable Player. She also was named to The Daily Times' and The Mountain Press' All-Basketball teams.

Bailey also was the District 4-2A Player of the Year in volleyball and made the All-Tournament team. She earned

All-District 2-2A honors in tennis, too.

Oliver is Seymour's male S-A of Year

Braylon Oliver, selected the male Student-Athlete of the Year at Seymour, had a 3.5 GPA and earned All-Region 1-4A honors in football plus made The Daily Times' football team.

Oliver, a tight end and defensive end, signed with Concord University to play football. He finished his senior season with 44 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, eight sacks, and six forced fumbles.

Braylon also played basketball at Seymour.

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Bailey McCoy and Braylon Oliver are Student-Athletes of the Year for Seymour High School.

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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2022-23

McCallister and Holloway were respected at A-E

By Steve Williams

Austin-East's Student-Athletes of the Year, Sydnei McCallister and LeShaud Holloway, were two of the most respected individuals in their school.

Sydnei was a three-year letterman in softball and a varsity cheerleader as well. "She carried a 3.7 grade point average, but completed 37 total credits during her high school career instead of just the required 28 credits," said Athletic Director Jeff Black. "She was well respected by her peers and continued to be

a high character student throughout her high school time."

Holloway was a four-sport athlete in football, basketball, track and baseball, noted Antonio Mays, his football coach.

In football, LeShaud was a quarterback and receiver and also captain. He signed with Maryville College and will continue his education and football career with the Scots.

Coach Mays called Holloway a "humble leader who comes to work every day."



Sydnei McCallister and LeShaud Holloway are Student-Athletes of the Year for Austin-East High School.



Andre Alves named Farragut volleyball coach

By Ken Lay

Andre Alves spent a year away from volleyball last season. But a chance to coach a traditional area power in the sport was too good to pass up.

After a year away from coaching, Alves will return to the sidelines as he was recently tapped to replace Jo Madden as head coach at Farragut High School.

He enjoyed his time away from the game, but it also left a void in his life, making him eager to return.

"I spent some time on my back deck, smoking a cigar and drinking bourbon. I enjoyed my time away from the game, but I missed it," said Alves, who was an assistant coach at Catholic High School from 2015-22. "I would spend time thinking that I wished that I was at the Showdown at the Sunsphere today."

"I'm a competitive person and it feels like it's my call. I want to mold our next generation of leaders. We need strong leaders and we need strong women as leaders."

For years, the Lady Admirals were regulars at the TSSAA Class 3A State Tournament in Murfreesboro. Farragut, however, hasn't been back to the Midstate in some time, a trend that Alves is looking to reverse.

He knows it won't be easy because Farragut will face a difficult task every time it steps on the floor.



Andre Alves

"I just like the challenge and I'm a competitive person," Alves said. "We have some talented players and we will face the toughest competition all the way across the net."

The Lady Admirals compete in District 4-3A against the likes of Heritage, William Blount, Maryville, Bearden, Hardin Valley Academy and Lenoir City.

"We play in a tough district and then you have the region (which features Oak Ridge, West, Clinton, Karns and Central)," Alves said.

Should the Lady Admirals make it back to Murfreesboro, they'll see the likes of Brentwood, Ravenwood and other powerhouse programs from Nashville.

But that certainly doesn't change his goals and expectations at Farragut.

"It's my directive to rebuild the program," Alves said. "I want to take them back to the glory days when they had players like Alexis Parker and Maddie Howell."



Morrison and Roderiques are Farragut honorees

By Steve Williams

Two talented sophomores – Elsa Morrison and Ty Roderiques – have been chosen Student-Athletes of the Year at Farragut High.

The 5-foot-11 Morrison was the District 4-3A Sophomore of the Year and first team All-District in volleyball.

In softball, Elsa is one of the top high school players in the nation and was recently named the Gatorade Tennessee Softball Player of the Year. She's now a finalist for the Gatorade national award.

Morrison hit 23 home runs this season, which

was one short of the state record, and was so respected for her power that opposing teams walked her (usually intentionally) 51 times.

Elsa only struck out twice and finished with a .596 batting average that also included 15 doubles. She scored 52 runs, drove in 72 and stole seven bases.

Morrison had a .740 on-base percentage and a 1.511 slugging percentage.

Defensively, Elsa allowed only four stolen bases and threw out seven of 11. "She is also one of



LEFT: Farragut's Ty Roderiques won state and national titles in gymnastics in the 2022-23 school year plus excelled in the classroom and on the stage. ABOVE: A huge boost for Farragut this year was the arrival of sophomore catcher Elsa Morrison, a transfer from Carmel, Indiana, who nearly doubled the school's season home run record.

the best defensive catchers that I've ever seen play the game," said Farragut Sports Information Director Jack Tate, who is a former high school head baseball coach.

In the classroom, Morrison had a weighted 4.04 grade point average.

She also is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and helps in the community by volunteering as a youth softball coach.

Ty Roderiques, the school's male honoree, won the state championship in gymnastics this year and recently won the national championship

in the vault event in Oklahoma City. Ty took third place overall in the United States (six combined events).

"After watching numerous videos of his performances, Ty is one of the most talented athletes that I've watched in over 40 years of seeing high school athletes," said Tate.

Roderiques is a two-time academic All-American.

"He was also terrific as an actor/singer in Farragut High School's musical theater performance of Mama Mia back in the fall," said Tate, who teaches Film Studies at FHS.

Meet The 2023 Knoxville Focus All-County Softball Team

By Ken Lay

The 2023 high school softball season is in the rear-view mirror and the campaign was filled with stellar performances from area players and teams.

Farragut and Gibbs each made deep postseason runs. The Lady Admirals came up just short of a three-peat at the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro, while the Lady Eagles also culminated their campaign at the Midstate.

The Knoxville Focus recognizes some of the area's top players on its 2023 All-County Team.

Cocher of the Year: Casey Humphreys, West High School: Under Humphreys' leadership, the Lady Rebels went 13-13, posting their first non-losing season in several seasons. West also opened a new on-campus facility in 2023.

Player of the Year: Elsa Morrison, Farragut High School:

A sophomore catcher for the Lady Admirals, Morrison was named the Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year. She was also the District 4-4A Player of the Year. She batted .617 and blasted 23 home runs, a single-season school record.

She drove in 71 runs and crossed the plate 52 times, leading the Lady Admirals to a third consecutive state tournament.

Pitcher of the Year: Atiana Stamper, Halls High School: A sophomore for the Lady Devils, Stamper went 11-2 and recorded a miniscule 0.86 earned run average. The all-district standout allowed just 14 earned runs

and struck out 223 opposing hitters in 114 innings pitched. She helped Halls make a Class 3A state sectional appearance in 2023.

Other all-county performers:

Ava Guzowski, Farragut High School: A senior utility player for the Lady Admirals, Guzowski batted .452 and hit nine home runs and drove in 53 runs. She had nine doubles and nine home runs en route to earning all-district honors. She'll continue her softball career at Kennesaw State next season.

Addison Pressley, Farragut High School: A junior outfielder for the Lady Admirals, Pressley hit .406 and amassed six doubles. The Cornell commitment hit one home run and was an all-district standout.

Emma Keck, Gibbs High School: Keck, an infielder for the Lady Eagles, starred both offensively and defensively. She recorded a .381 batting average and had 34 RBIs, amassing 11 doubles. She also helped Gibbs turn 10 double plays. The all-district standout also finished with 70 putouts.

Malyiah Smith, Gibbs High School: Smith, a sophomore, scored 65 runs and stole 41 bases. She batted .508 and finished with eight doubles and three triples.

Dakota Large, Gibbs High School: Large, a junior for the Lady Eagles, hit .448 with 33 RBIs, 10 doubles and three triples.

Caitlyn Brown, Karns High School: Brown, a sophomore outfielder for the Lady Beavers, led her team to the District 3-4A Tournament Championship. She was the tournament's Most Valuable Player. For the season, she hit over .400 and hit 11 home runs and had 54 RBIs.

Alyssa Maples, Karns High School: A junior infielder and pitcher, Maples emerged as a two-way star this season as she batted .415 and posted a 2.38 ERA and recorded 101 strikeouts in the circle.

Leslie Hensley, Powell High School: Hensley batted .408 for the Lady Panthers, who reached the Region 2-4A Tournament. She finished the season with four homers, 38 RBIs and 16 extra-base hits, including 11 doubles and a triple.

Aimee Flynn, Powell High School: Flynn batted .429 and crushed four home runs. She also had 11 doubles and knocked in 27 runs.

Gracy Wood, Powell High School: Wood batted .381

and recorded 24 RBIs. She finished the season with six doubles and six triples.

Lizzi Lowe, Powell High School: Lowe hit .337 with nine extra-base hits, including three doubles, five doubles and a home run.

Brooklyn Burnett, West High School: West emerged as a competitive squad in the recently completed 2023 campaign and Burnett was one of the area's top hitters as she batted .451 with 22 runs batted in. She also legged out 10 doubles for the Lady Rebels. She was an all-district performer in her freshman season.

Ava Humphreys, West High School: A freshman for the Lady Rebels, Humphreys hit a robust .465. She scored 30 runs and stole 35 bases.

Ella Jenkins, West High School: The sophomore hit .441 and had two home runs and scored 26 runs. She achieved All-District 3-4A honors as West boasted its best record in several seasons, going 13-13.

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Listeners could hear the game's excitement

Many of the old stadiums across the country have been torn down. Only film, later videotape, and the power of memory are keeping them alive.

Life as we know it has taken a number of interesting turns.

Closer to home and of equal or greater concern, Larry Munson and John Ward no longer broadcast the Georgia and Tennessee games.

They were two legends who described the excitement of college football from the 1960s onward.

"While Cawood Ledford was my closest friend in the business," said Ward, "Larry Munson was right there, too. His strength was that he could visualize the game for the listener. He was a very good broadcaster, with his own technique."

In markedly different ways, their listeners could feel the game's excitement in each voice, distinct yet different.

John Ward could make the standard broadcast disclaimer ("This broadcast is authorized under broadcast rights granted by the University of Tennessee through the Vol Network, solely for the entertainment of our listening audience...") into an art form. Don't remember ever hearing Munson utter those famous words. Someone did, but probably not Larry.



John Ward (L) and Doug Dickey (R) are shown on the set of the "Doug Dickey Show," a not-be-be-missed part of Sunday afternoons in the fall.

Munson's rambling monologues, laced with liberal use of the word "we," seemed to go on forever, never finding a period. They were classic.

Ward had a keen sense of anticipation as the play unfolded, with few wasted words.

Both men painted the word picture in markedly different ways, and their fans loved them. Ward disdained the use of the word "we," as applied to Tennessee, but the excitement was still there. John rarely stood up in the booth, but when he did, something special had to have been happening, take for example the 80-yard TD pass from Peyton Manning to Joey Kent in the 1995 Alabama game.

For his part, Munson never did decipher the difference between Vol running backs Don

McLeary and Curt Watson in the 1969 game at Athens, telling of "Tennessee going toward the book store, just handing the ball off to that big running back."

Tennessee ran the ball well that season, and Watson and McLeary each gained more than 100 yards rushing that day. The numbers on the orange jerseys were soaked with North Georgia mud. They weren't easy to see anyway, home or away, rain or shine.

Georgia trailed Florida in the 1980 version of the event formerly known as the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party." Things looked bleak when the Bulldogs lined up in the shadow of the Gator Bowl's north end zone, trailing 21-20. It was third-and-11.

The south end zone looked miles away but was actually a

mere 92 yards. Getting in field goal range seemed a tall order. Florida players and fans were in victory mode. Happiness was heading toward Gainesville at a feverish pace.

For its part, Georgia wanted no part of losing. In one magic moment, King Arthur pulled the sword from the stone. The Lone Ranger and Tonto arrived just in time to save the little town from the Cavendish gang. Barney Fife found Andy and Helen in the cave.

That famous, often grating, voice was in full flower.

"It will take a miracle now... Do the Dogs have it?... Florida in a stand-up five... They may or may not blitz... Buck back... In trouble... Gonna throw on the run... Complete to the 25... to the 30... Lindsay Scott... 35... 40... 45,

50... 45,40... RUN LINDSAY... 25, 20...15, 10, 5... LINDSAY SCOTT!... LINDSAY SCOTT!... LINDSAY SCOTT!"

It was a magic moment, unless you were rooting for the Gators.

For Ward's signature moment, you flash back to the night of Jan. 4, 1999, when Tennessee and Florida State were battling for the first BCS National Championship.

"Peerless Price is the wide receiver returning to the Vol huddle with the clock showing 9:45 to go in this game... This is John Ward and Bill Anderson sending you the action from the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona... Tennessee will come to the line with Travis Stephens as the running back. There are two flankers to the left, one to the right... Florida State in a 5-man front. They're going to blitz this time. Martin back, steps up, struggles, going to throw the ball long, long down the field to Peerless Price... Caught at the 45... He's at the 40, 35, 30, 25, 20. Just give it to him... No flags on the field. Touchdown, Tennessee!"

John's calls of moments like this one have resonated over the years, being savored as a part of life wherever Vol fans gather.

So, here's a tip of the old fedora to Larry Munson and John Ward, who made football exciting for fans over the years, each with different styles, but united by their ability to bring home the action on the field in a memorable way.

From dancing to violin lessons, that's Caroline

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Leader by her peers for the school's advanced choir.

Caroline also has spent a lot of time in community service, particularly with Operation Christmas Child. Each year in November since 2016, she has traveled to Boone, N.C., to volunteer at the OCC warehouse, where she has helped process the boxes sent to children around the world.

About this time last summer, Cooper decided she wanted to add a new extracurricular activity in her life.

"I settled on violin lessons," she said. "It has been a wonderful way for me to constantly be learning something new. Additionally, it is a healthy outlet rather than wasting time online."

CHS male honoree had 'Heart of a Champion'

Cole Ballenger, Central's male honoree, participated in a variety of activities during his years in high school, including playing three seasons for the

football Bobcats. Last fall he received honorable mention on the All-Region 2-5A team and was presented "The Heart of a Champion" trophy by his coaches for his outstanding leadership and character during the 2022 football season.

Ballenger also was awarded the CAREACTER Star Athlete Award for his character on and off the football field during his junior and senior years.

He raised his GPA to 3.76 his senior year and was chosen by his class as "Best All Around Boy" of CHS.

This spring Cole was in a clinical internship class and worked in a dental office and a physical therapy office. In addition, he is certified in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Basic Life Support through the American Heart Association.

Cole has been accepted to the University of Tennessee and plans to pursue a degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Science.

The New SEC is a Mixed Bag

By Mark Nagi

Time waits for none of us, and that includes the world of collegiate athletics.

The Southeastern Conference, which announced a couple of years ago the additions of Texas and Oklahoma, announced its SEC schedule for the 2024 season, which also happens to be when the Longhorns and the Sooners join the league.

Despite now having 16 teams, the SEC is sticking with an eight-game football conference schedule. This is welcome news to Nick Saban at Alabama, who spent the past few months politicking to make sure that his game against Western Montana A&T State isn't affected. Every SEC school can keep a profitable non-conference contest that fans don't want.

The TV money is such a large factor it is hard to imagine the SEC staying at eight games much longer. Eventually, the league will go to nine football games. But in terms of those eight SEC games in 2024, Tennessee will host Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, and Mississippi State, while traveling to Arkansas, Georgia, Vanderbilt, and newcomer Oklahoma.

The SEC will also abandon divisional play, with the top two teams

playing for the conference championship. If this had been the case in 2022, the Vols would have played Georgia for the SEC title.

Of course, this isn't the first time the SEC has seen some change. Sewanee left in 1940, Georgia Tech bolted in 1964 and Tulane departed in 1966. Back in 1992, the SEC grew from 10 to 12 with the additions of Arkansas and South Carolina. Then in 2012, Missouri and Texas A&M expanded the conference's footprint. Which leads us to Texas and Oklahoma next season.

Yes, the SEC looks much different than it did at the time of its founding in 1932. And not everyone is happy about it.

With 16 teams it'll be impossible to keep some football rivalries active on an annual basis. Alabama/Auburn, Florida/Georgia, Ole Miss/Mississippi State... those surely will be safe. But there could come a day when you do not see Alabama and Tennessee play every year. As it is in 2024 the South Carolina/Tennessee game is off the schedule for the first time in over three decades.

If there was sports talk radio back in the 1960s, I'm sure that fans would have flooded the airwaves to talk about how losing

Georgia Tech and Tulane was going to bankrupt the league. Had Twitter been around in 1992, there would have been a #NoArkySC hashtag across the platform.

But there are some positives to the most recent expansion. First, now every SEC team will play in the others building at a minimum every four years. Since Texas A&M joined the SEC in 2012, Tennessee has only played at Kyle Field once, with the Aggies only playing in Neyland Stadium once. You'll get to see games like that more often.

Old Southwest Conference era rivalries like Texas vs. Texas A&M and Texas vs. Arkansas will be renewed too. Those rivalries are built on pure, unadulterated hate, so I'm excited to see them back. The first run through the conference will bring excitement when Oklahoma plays at Gainesville for the first time.

I'm not a fan of change for the sake of change. I understand the financial rationale behind the moves. The SEC is trying to stay at the top of the heap. They see the Big Ten and Big 12 making moves (I can't wait for UCLA at Rutgers in Big Ten play!) and won't be left behind. Time waits for none of us.



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Emmett Machinists knock off Quicksteps in Vintage Base Ball

I had heard about vintage "base ball" being played at the Historic Ramsey House, but I had never been to a game. So Saturday afternoon (June 10) I finally got out there to check it out.

I'm glad I did. It was very interesting and fun to watch. I guarantee it won't take me long to go back.

After parking and on my way to the field, I passed by some Cherokee Indians on the property and a group of folks from the Colonial era picnicking. I later learned they were with "Tennesseans for Living History" and portraying 18th century living.

Portrayals of President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Lincoln also were on the grounds.

As I approached the field and saw the base ball players and their attire, I thought to myself: "This is really like going back in time."

The second game of the day between the Knoxville Holstons and the Cumberland Club of Nashville was just finishing. The Holstons also played in the opening game at 11 that morning against the Lightfoot Club of Chattanooga.

There was a 30-minute break before Emmett Machinists of Knoxville would play the Quicksteps of Spring Hill.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The arbiter looks on as a player from each team tries to grab the knob of the bat to see who bats first or takes the field.

By the way, a player for the Quicksteps told me their nickname was derived from players hurrying to get to the "outhouse" during games back in the day!

The atmosphere was laid back in between games and a 4-year-old boy from Seymour got to go on the field and take some swings against one of the team's pitchers. After a few misses, the determined lad hit the ball and ran the bases. After crossing the plate, one of the players

lifted the boy up so he could yank the rope to ring the bell. Apparently, this was done in games in this era nearly 160 years ago.

Spectators on hand were settling into their lawn chairs and there were several shady areas behind the backstop and down the third base side of the field in the late afternoon.

After introduction of the players, the "arbiter" (umpire) tossed the bat up between two opposing players, and the one

who grabbed the knob had the choice of batting first or last. This time, the Machinists got to bat last.

Noticeable differences in the vintage game: Players do not wear a glove. Pitches were thrown underhanded. The arbiter did not call balls and strikes, so there was not any base on balls. The "striker" (batter) had to swing and miss three times to be out. A warning from the arbiter, however, could be given to the striker if he repeatedly did not swing at

good pitches over the plate. Yes, the "plate" was actually round and the bases were "sacks."

"You still have three outs in an inning. That's about the only thing that hasn't changed," said a player on the Machinists.

This vintage game was played according to 1864 rules, which was the last year a fielder could catch a ball on "the first bound" for an out. Starting in 1865, the ball had to be caught in the air like in today's game.

Anderson built blacksmith shop to earn Eagle Scout rank

By Steve Williams

Ethan Anderson was in high school at River's Edge Christian Academy and needing a project to complete his Eagle Scout rank.

He "took a tour" of the Historic Ramsey House and came up with an idea, he recalled recently.

"I thought I could build a Blacksmith Shop for them," he said. "I built it in historical fashion."

Anderson raised \$20,000 over a 2½-year period of time. And the day in July of 2021 that his project was completed was

also the day he got his Eagle Scout rank.

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America.

"The shop has been open two years now," said Anderson. "It's open every event we have and assorted Saturdays."

Ethan, now 19, is currently going to Pellissippi State Community College and is scheduled to finish there in the fall and then start at the University of Tennessee next spring. He plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Ethan Anderson keeps the fire burning at the Blacksmith Shop he built on the grounds next to the Historic Ramsey House. His project earned him the Eagle Scout rank in 2021.

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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 GARY DANIEL AILOR
DOCKET NUMBER 87829-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GARY DANIEL AILOR who died Oct 14, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GARY DANIEL AILOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA KAY AILOR; EXECUTRIX
5728 HYATT ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT EARL ARTHUR
DOCKET NUMBER 87714-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of MAY, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT EARL ARTHUR who died April 12, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 1 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT EARL ARTHUR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROY ARTHUR
7911 LEVERETTE WAY
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT EARL ARTHUR
DOCKET NUMBER 87932-1

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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROY ARTHUR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 30 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CARL KIPP BURNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERESA A BURNETT; EXECUTRIX
4418 SEVIERVILLE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOY CLANCY CARDEN
DOCKET NUMBER 87768-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the ESTATE OF JOY CLANCY CARDEN who died July 2022, were issued to the undersigned of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 1 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOY CLANCY CARDEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THOMAS CARDEN
333 ST. MARY'S LN.
MARIETTA, GA 30064

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATY M CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 87887-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATY M CLARK who died Mar 12, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF KATY M CLARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PRISCILLA ZURKHLEN; EXECUTRIX
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KODAK, TN. 37764

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL W. DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 87898-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL W. DAVIS who died May 5, 2023, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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ESTATE OF PAUL W. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA CATE HUBBS
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY LOUISE CHEATHAM
DOCKET NUMBER 87775-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JUNE 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY LOUISE CHEATHAM who died February 19, 2016 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 2 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF BETTY LOUISE CHEATHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL P. CHURCH
518 PICKENS GAP ROAD
SEYMOUR TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY ANN MARTIN CATE
DOCKET NUMBER 87837-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JUNE, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in the Estate of NANCY ANN MARTIN CATE who died on the 15th day of January 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate

Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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ESTATE OF NANCY ANN MARTIN CATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA CATE HUBBS
5403 VILLA ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL W. DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 87898-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL W. DAVIS who died May 5, 2023, 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 date 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 5 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF PAUL W. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA CATE HUBBS
5403 VILLA ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY LOUISE CHEATHAM
DOCKET NUMBER 87775-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JUNE 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY LOUISE CHEATHAM who died February 19, 2016 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 2 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF BETTY LOUISE CHEATHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL P. CHURCH
518 PICKENS GAP ROAD
SEYMOUR TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL J. DICKENSON
DOCKET NUMBER 87576-2

Notice is hereby given that on 6 day of June 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CARL J. DICKENSON, who died March 16, 2023 were issued to the Michael Dickenson by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 6 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF CARL J. DICKENSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
M. SUE WHITE
216 PHOENIX CT. SUITE D.
SEYMOUR TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN H CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 87824-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEAN H CLARK who died Mar 10, 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JEAN H CLARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICTORIA C SHOPE; EXECUTRIX
5305 FOUNTAIN GATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATY M CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 87887-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATY M CLARK who died Mar 12, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF KATY M CLARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICTORIA C SHOPE; EXECUTRIX
5305 FOUNTAIN GATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL W. DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 87898-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL W. DAVIS who died May 5, 2023, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PAUL W. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH CURTSINGER; ADMINISTRATRIX
5531 NEUBERT SPRINGS RD
KNOXVILLE TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL T. DUNN III
DOCKET NUMBER 87883-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL T. DUNN III who died Feb 23, 2023, were issued to the undersigned of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 5 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF PAUL T. DUNN III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARIETA DUNN
5801 SOLAR DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLYDE MCCALL DAVENPORT
DOCKET NUMBER 87794-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CLYDE MCCALL DAVENPORT who died Mar 28, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLYDE MCCALL DAVENPORT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
IRIS DAVENPORT; ADMINISTRATRIX
4124 GUINN ROAD
KNOXVILLE TN 37931

from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLYDE MCCALL DAVENPORT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
IRIS DAVENPORT; ADMINISTRATRIX
4124 GUINN ROAD
KNOXVILLE TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL W. DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 87898-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL W. DAVIS who died May 5, 2023, 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 date 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 5 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF PAUL W. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA G. BURGESS; EXECUTOR
2508 VINCINDA CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEARL J. FORESTER
DOCKET NUMBER 87897-3

Notice I 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 PEARL J. FORESTER who died April 20, 2023, were issued to William Anthony Forester, by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 31 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF PEARL J. FORESTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM ANTHONY FORESTER
3404 JOHNSON RD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTIN EARL FOWLER
DOCKET NUMBER 87894-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARTIN EARL FOWLER who died Feb 25, 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 6 day of June 2023.

ESTATE OF MARTIN EARL FOWLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL DICKENSON
4900 AVIS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL J. DICKENSON
DOCKET NUMBER 87576-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of June 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CARL J. DICKENSON, who died March 16, 2023 were issued to the Michael Dickenson by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 6 day of June 2023.

ESTATE OF CARL J. DICKENSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL DICKENSON
4900 AVIS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CATHERINE DOUGHERTY
DOCKET NUMBER 87822-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CATHERINE DOUGHERTY who died Oct 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE DOUGHER

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELENORE HYDE
DOCKET NUMBER 87860-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELENORE HYDE who died Feb 7, 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 19 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ELENORE HYDE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERESA HYDE POLLY; EXECUTRIX
6115 ATKINS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TIMOTHY LYLE
DOCKET NUMBER 87626-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY LYLE who died February 20, 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 21 day of APRIL, 2023.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY LYLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRY LYLE
10008 S. NORTHSHORE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922.

FEDERICO A. FLORES ATTORNEY
2685 ANDERSONVILLE HIGHWAY, SUITE 2
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN MANSON
DOCKET NUMBER 87515-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN MANSON who died Jan 15, 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 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 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN MANSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROY E HARBERT; EXECUTOR
775 LEISURE LANE
GREENWOOD, IN 46142

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH GEORGE MCADAM, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 87842-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH GEORGE MCADAM, JR. who died November 23, 2022, were issued to Karen Carson, by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days after 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 25th day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH GEORGE MCADAM, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAREN CARSON
10953 TWIN HARBOR
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

JOHN NEAL ATTORNEY
6657 RIDGE ROCK LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LOUISE C. MECK
DOCKET NUMBER 87856-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of June, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LOUISE C. MECK who died in Knox County, Tennessee on April 9, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication 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 5 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF LOUISE C. MECK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA K. COLSTON
101 COUNTRY RUN CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37849

TIMOTHY HOUSHOLDER ATTORNEY
800 S. GAY ST., SUITE 1200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT ERNEST MERIDIETH
DOCKET NUMBER 87838-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT ERNEST MERIDIETH who died on the 17 day of January 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 1 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT ERNEST MERIDIETH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID MERIDIETH
8021 EWING ROAD
POWELL, TENNESSEE 37849

JEFFREY MERIDIETH
8110 SHARP ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

R. SETH OAKES ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARK C. MYERS
DOCKET NUMBER 87778-3**

Notice I 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 MARK C. MYERS who died March 20, 2023, were issued to Ashley C. Howell by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days after 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 31 day of May, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARK C. MYERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ASHLEY C. HOWELL
710 HIGHLAND DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

ADAM J. CARR ATTORNEY
109 PARKWAY, STE 2A
SEVIERVILLE, TN 38962

GREGORY E. BENNETT
P.O. BOX 1516
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF REX R REUST
DOCKET NUMBER 87875-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of REX R REUST who died Feb 28, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 19 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF REX R REUST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACK L REUST; EXECUTOR
12808 EDGEBROOK WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DARLENE JOY RIGHTSSELL
DOCKET NUMBER 87699-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DARLENE JOY RIGHTSSELL who died on November 12, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 1 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF DARLENE JOY RIGHTSSELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA JOY KESSIE
990 BROTHERTON DRIVE
COOKVILLE, TN 38506

STACIE D. MILLER ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 300
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MILTON RUSSELL
DOCKET NUMBER 87805-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JUNE, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) respect to the Estate of MILTON RUSSELL, who died on February 1, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 2 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF MILTON RUSSELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICKY LYNN RUSSELL
3051 VOLK AVENUE
LONG BEACH, CA 90808

O.E. SCHOW, IV ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SARAH LOUISE SPAHR
DOCKET NUMBER 87849-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of MAY 2023, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of SARAH LOUISE SPAHR who died Jan 23, 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 date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SARAH LOUISE SPAHR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARILYN E SPAHR; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
5311 PARKDALE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF VICTORIA LUCILLE STUFFLE
AKA VICKIE LUCILLE STUFFLE, AND
VICTORIA L. STUFFLE AS SURVIVING
SPOUSE OF TEDDY L. STUFFLE
DOCKET NUMBER 87785-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of VICTORIA LUCILLE STUFFLE AKA VICKIE LUCILLE STUFFLE, AND VICTORIA L. STUFFLE AS SURVIVING SPOUSE OF TEDDY L. STUFFLE who died on December 10, 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 1 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF VICTORIA LUCILLE
STUFFLE AKA VICKIE LUCILLE STUFFLE,
AND VICTORIA L. STUFFLE AS SURVIVING

SPOUSE OF TEDDY L. STUFFLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA L. CHAMBERLAIN
3429 PARKER BOULEVARD
KODAK, TN 37764

STANLEY F. LADUKE ATTORNEY
108 SHERWAY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH BAXTER TRAHERN, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 87698-1**

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 JOSEPH BAXTER TRAHERN, JR. who died January 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 31 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH BAXTER TRAHERN, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SARAH M. TRAHERN
1718 ROSEWOOD AVENUE
NASHVILLE, TN 37212

MATTHEW T. McDONALD ATTORNEY
116 AGNES ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF STEVEN WEAVER
DOCKET NUMBER 87866-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STEVEN WEAVER 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 19 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF STEVEN WEAVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEVEN B WEAVER; ADMINISTRATOR
7843 CODY LANE
KNOXVILLE TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RUBY J. WHITE
DOCKET NUMBER 87853-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of June, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUBY J. WHITE, who died on April 14, 2023, were issued by the undersigned Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his 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 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 5 day of June, 2023.

ESTATE OF RUBY J. WHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA K. SELLERS
3805 ORANGWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

JACK W. BOWERS ATTORNEY
625 MARKET STREET, 6TH FLOOR
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CLIFTON DUANE WILLARD
DOCKET NUMBER 87749-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CLIFTON DUANE WILLARD who died March 14, 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 1 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLIFTON DUANE WILLARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

DAVID WILLARD PENEGAR
1021 GLEWOOD AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

MATTHEW T. McDONALD ATTORNEY
116 AGNES ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JASPER CARL WILSON
DOCKET NUMBER 87777-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day JUNE, 2023, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JASPER CARL WILSON who died February 21, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having chums, 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) days from the decedent's date of death.

This 6 day of JUNE 2023.

ESTATE OF JASPER CARL WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CARL RICKY WILSON
1221 MIDWAY ROAD
STRAWBERRY PLAINS TN 37871

M. SUE WHITE
216 PHOENIX COURT SUITE D
SEYMOUR TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTY JO WORTHINGTON
DOCKET NUMBER 87662-1**

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

The Hensleys started a settlement, I

During the first half of the 20th century, the United States changed from a predominantly rural to an urban society. Many advances brought comforts to mankind and easier means to perform tasks. Yet for nearly fifty years a group of people lived atop Cumberland Mountain in a manner similar to that of homesteaders a century earlier.

In 1845 Governor William Owsley of Kentucky granted 500 acres of land at the headwaters of Martins Fork and Shillalah Creek on the top of Cumberland Mountain to a man named Bates. In May of 1903, this land was purchased by Burton Hensley

Sr., who then subdivided most of it into sixteen parts which were deeded to his heirs.

There were no roads to the mountaintop when Sherman Hensley, Burton's son-in-law, moved his family there in December of 1903. Most people of that era moved during the winter months so they would be available for spring planting.

Hensley came from Martins Fork in Harlan County with his wife, Nicey Ann, who was three months pregnant, and their small son. They unloaded their wagons and reloaded their belongings onto a sled at the base of the mountain which was pulled by a

mule along a rough trail to the mountaintop. They took a gray mare, two heifers, a calf and about 18 hogs. Once they were atop the mountain there was acre upon acre of relatively flat land.

Within a short time, other family members followed, mostly Hensleys and Gibbons with whom they intermarried. Within a few years, there were several farmsteads, blacksmith and carpentry shops, two water-powered grist mills, a sorghum mill and several whiskey stills. The farmsteads included barns, hog houses, a chicken house, a smokehouse, a corncrib, a granary, beehives, a springhouse, underground

vegetable storage bins and a sheep barn.

Each man, woman and child had to work to keep their families self-sufficient. Food was grown, harvested and preserved. They made their own tools. In addition to school lessons, the children were taught the virtues and rewards of hard work. There was a saying at Hensley Settlement that you could tell a man from a boy by how much he could carry. This encouraged boys to help with community chores.

They built mud-chinked log houses with stone fireplaces and homemade furnishings. After the logs were in place the cracks

were filled with mud and boarded over.

The nearby forest provided wood for their buildings and heat while making way for crops and pastures. The hog population reached about 300 and they were allowed to roam free.

The number of people residing at the settlement reached about 100 at its peak. The mountaintop community included about forty houses.

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Jadon Gibson is a freelance writer from Harrogate, Tennessee. His writings are both historic and nostalgic in nature.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KELLI DEE MACCARTEY
DOCKET NUMBER 87934-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KELLI DEE MACCARTEY who died MARCH 7, 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 9 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF KELLI DEE MACCARTEY
HOMER G. MACCARTEY; EXECUTOR
480 CHAPEL GROVE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

TERESA M. KLENK ATTORNEY
265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY SUITE 604
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA R. MARKS
DOCKET NUMBER 87961-3

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

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

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

This the 9 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF BARBARA R. MARKS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARIANNE MARKS
GARAFOLA, CO-EXECUTRIX
1315 SNOWDON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

SUSAN ELIZABETH MARKS, CO-EXECUTRIX
1315 SNOWDON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

BILL FIX, ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 31632
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LURA M. MCBRIDE
DOCKET NUMBER 87701-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JUNE 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of LURA M. MCBRIDE, who died on March 31, 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) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 7 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF LURA M. MCBRIDE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THOMAS W. MCBRIDE &
ROBERT S. MARQUIS
3105 KELLER BEND ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

O.E. SCHOW, IV ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR
P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HARRY A MCLEOD, II
DOCKET NUMBER 87972-2

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

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

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

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

This the 9 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF HARRY A MCLEOD, II
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RUTH SLOAN MCLEOD; EXECUTRIX
5334 BEVERLY OAKS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONCEPCION LEUBA PEREZ
DOCKET NUMBER 87806-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JUNE 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of CONCEPCION LEUBA PEREZ, who died on February 23, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 7 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF CONCEPCION LEUBA PEREZ
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AUGUSTO LEUBA PEREZ
9520 GULF PARK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

O.E. SCHOW, IV ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR
P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDSEY POPE
DOCKET NUMBER 87801-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LINDSEY POPE who died Apr 14, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 15 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LINDSEY POPE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MORGAN POPE; ADMINISTRATOR
4785 BRIERLY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALTER RAYMOND SALISBURY
DOCKET NUMBER 87795-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALTER RAYMOND SALISBURY who died Mar 31, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 17 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WALTER RAYMOND SALISBURY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROSANNA HENRY; EXECUTRIX
421 SADDLE RIDGE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ANTHONY SEGRAVES
DOCKET NUMBER 87931-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM ANTHONY SEGRAVES who died April 21, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 8 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ANTHONY SEGRAVES
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES G. SEGRAVES
3311 GREENWOOD GLEN DRIVE
KINGWOOD, TX 77345

LYNN TARPY, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTSHORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE H SHACKELFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 87893-1

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

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

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

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

This the 22 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE H SHACKELFORD
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SCOTT SHACKELFORD; CO EXECUTORS
111 N EAST END ROAD
STRAWBERRY PLAINS TN 37871

KAREN HODGE; CO EXECUTORS
380 INDEPENDENCE DRIVE
JEFFERSON CITY TN 37760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBBIE P SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 87789-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBBIE P SMITH who died Mar 8, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBBIE P SMITH
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PERRY D SMITH; EXECUTOR
7108 MADEIRA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHY RIGSBY STANTON
DOCKET NUMBER 87950-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KATHY RIGSBY STANTON who died Jan 21, 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 5 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF KATHY RIGSBY STANTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES DAVID MILLER; ADMINISTRATOR
1106 BAXTER DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WILBUR TARBET
DOCKET NUMBER 87728-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL WILBUR TARBET who died FEBRUARY 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WILBUR TARBET
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL WAYNE TARBET
228 GOLF CLUB DRIVE
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROY WELCH
DOCKET NUMBER 87798-2

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

Estate of ROY WELCH who died Jan 29, 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

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

This the 15 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROY WELCH
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL WELCH; EXECUTOR
5122 FORT SUMTER ROAD
KNOXVILLE TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEWEY E WHITE
DOCKET NUMBER 87820-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEWEY E WHITE who died Mar 24, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 5 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF DEWEY E WHITE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
E CHARLENE WHITE; EXECUTRIX
4904 MANDALAY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET ELLEN PERRY WILLIAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 87865-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET ELLEN PERRY WILLIAMS who died Mar 10, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 19 day of MAY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARGARET ELLEN PERRY WILLIAMS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GRACIE ELLEN GREENWAY; EXECUTRIX
7029 TERRY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANKLIN WITT
DOCKET NUMBER 87788-1

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

be forever barred.

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

This the 1 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANKLIN WITT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES R WITT; ADMINISTRATOR
3923 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knox County Air Pollution Control Board

The Knox County Air Pollution Control Board will meet in a regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room (Room Number B500) located on the basement floor of the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917, on Wednesday, July 19th, 2023. Public comment is welcome.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend this public meeting, please contact the Knox County ADA Coordinator, Carly Pearson, at 865-215-3603 or carly.pearson@knoxcounty.org no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- IV. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- V. Amendments to the agenda
- VI. Approval of minutes from meeting of April 19th, 2023
- VII. Citizens' comments and requests
- VIII. Reports
 1. Director's report
 2. Air Monitoring report
 3. Enforcement report
- IX. Other business
- X. Adjournment

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 3420, Roadway Improvements to Westcott Blvd, due 7/19/23

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

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