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Fifth Annual School Mania slated for July 28

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs' School Mania is set to return for its fifth year from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday, July 28 in the parking lot of the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park. The drive through event will, for the first time, take place during Tax Free

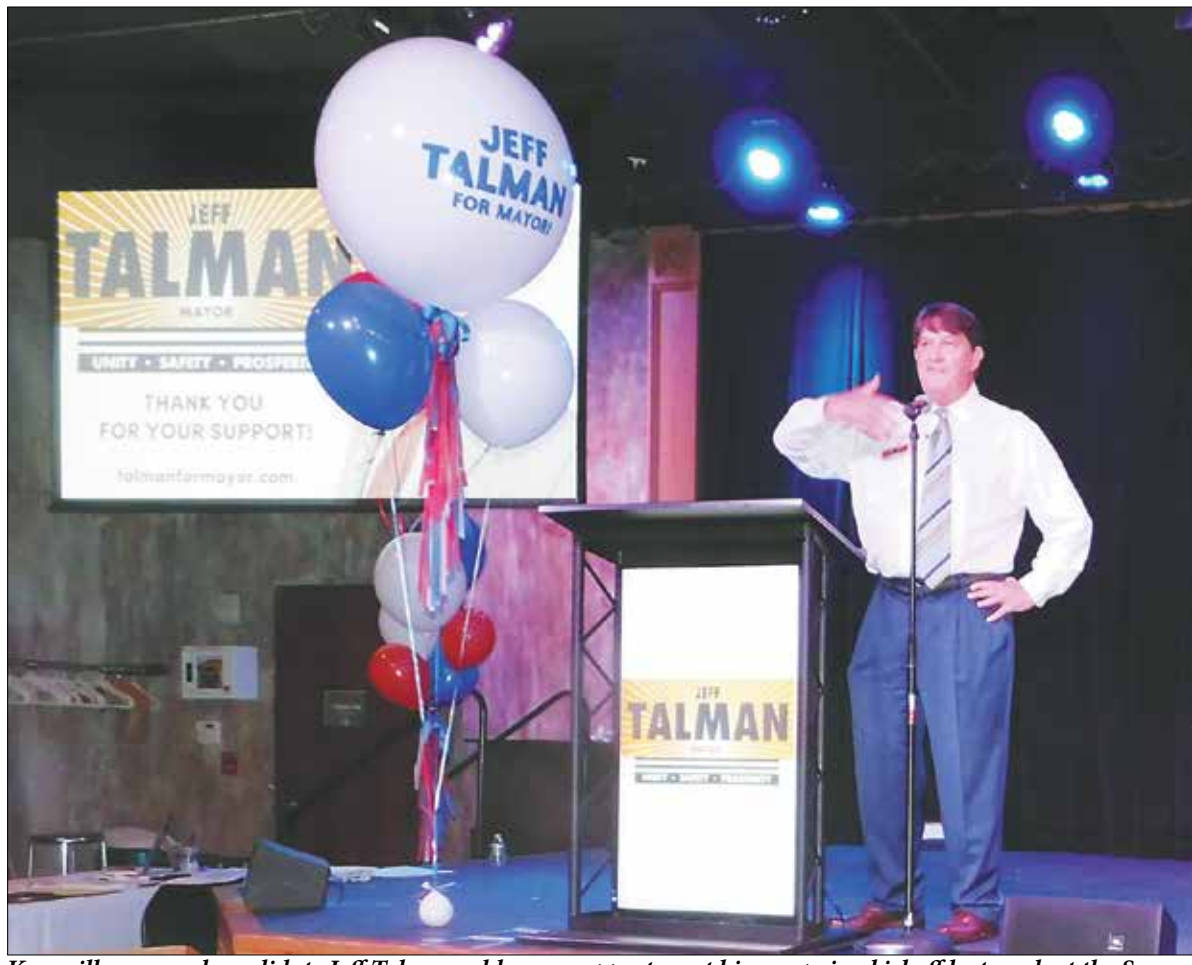
Weekend to ensure families have time to purchase any school- or grade-specific supplies they don't receive at School Mania.

The list of supplies being distributed was curated with the help of Knox County Schools to include as many general school

supplies as possible. Thanks to the generous support of nearly 30 donors and financial sponsors, the Mayor's Office will distribute 2,500 bags each valued around \$45. Bags are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.

At past events, a parent or guardian had to have a child present for every bag they requested. This year, while kids' attendance is encouraged, it isn't required. Attendees are asked to remain in their vehicles the whole time they are on property.

Cars will enter Chilhowee Park via 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive and follow a one-way traffic flow to exit on Magnolia Ave. Event gates will open at 2 p.m. to allow cars to assemble, but no school supplies will be distributed before 3 p.m.



Knoxville mayoral candidate Jeff Talman addresses supporters at his campaign kickoff last week at the Square Room. Talman is looking to unseat incumbent Indya Kincannon.

Knoxville City Council to look at allowing more housing

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As Knoxville and Knox County continue to grow, the increasing population is causing a housing problem. While the county has lots of agricultural sites that are becoming subdivisions, the city faces the problem of having a decreasing number of available lots for houses or businesses.

The Knoxville City Council has several ordinances on its agenda when it meets Tuesday involving housing needs. A lot at 1915 Hoitt Avenue is up for rezoning from RN-2 to RN-4, making room for more houses. Another lot, at 3705 Valley View Drive, could be zoned from RN-1, single family, to RN-3, a general residential category that also allows for more housing.

A lot at 1902 Forest Avenue, currently zoned as Office could be approved for RN-6, a multi-family residential category. A 112 Shipman Drive lot, currently zoned for residential, is asking for an

Office designation.

Recycling some vacant or abandoned lots inside the city may be considered as part of the city's Homemaker Program. Two lots, at 2901 and 2735 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue may be sold, one for \$45,000 and the other for \$31,500, as requested by Housing and Neighborhood Development.

The council is also considering dropping the "special use" requirement for duplex housing in RN-2 residential zonings. It is also considering permitting subdivisions of under 25 units to be approved by the planning committee staff and making that retroactive back to May 2022.

Affordable Rental Development Funds to the tune of \$500,000 may go to Liberty Place Knoxville LP for the creation of 32 permanent rental housing units at 3627 Division Street.

Two lots on Victory Street may get first reading approval to switch from RN-4 residential to

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Jeff Talman Kicks Off Campaign For City Mayor

By Ken Lay

Jeff Talman kicked off his campaign for Knoxville City Mayor early last week. His campaign will emphasize unity, safety and prosperity.

He spent much of the late afternoon and early evening working the Square Room on Market Square, greeting supporters before giving an impassioned speech outlining

his vision for Knoxville, should he be elected and unseat Indya Kincannon.

He addressed the crowd and admitted he was a long shot to win the mayoral race. But he knows nothing is impossible as he recalled a monumental college football upset when Appalachian State stunned Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"If you asked the handicappers,

they would say Talman is a long shot," he said. "But App. State was a long shot at the Big House, weren't they?"

"Together, we can do this because we're good people and I couldn't be more honored to be here. Knoxville is the greatest city in the world."

During his remarks, he called for unity as he implored the residents

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Two Men and a Truck reaching out to help local students



Two men and a Truck marketing coordinator Anne McMillian is celebrating Christmas in July, the company's school supplies drive to benefit underprivileged students for the upcoming school year.

By Ken Lay

The beginning of the 2023-24 school year is rapidly approaching and one local company is stepping up to help students in need.

Two Men and a Truck is in the midst of its annual drive to collect school supplies for the area's underprivileged and disadvantaged students. The event, dubbed Christmas in July, runs through Friday. Donations can be dropped off at 6136 Western Avenue.

Donations will benefit students in the Blount and Knox counties' school systems.

The company is seeking blue and black pens, No. 2 pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases,

colored markers, crayons, highlighters, dry erase markers, dry erase boards, paper clips, three-ring binders, pocket folders, report covers, classroom staplers, staples, rulers, protractors, glue sticks, tape, scissors and calculators.

The school supplies drive is one of three donation drives for the company, which also hosts Movers for Moms and Movers for Mutts. Two Men and a Truck began collecting school supplies several years ago and it's a cause dear to the company's owner.

"Our owner's wife is a teacher," said Two Men and a Truck marketing director Anne McMillian. "She's been a teacher at Karns High School for many years.

"Our owner has done a lot to help local school systems. We started this about six years ago when I came on at Two Men and a Truck and it's just been great. Kids in need shouldn't have to suffer and not have the supplies that they need."

While the event has been in Knoxville for the past several years, the COVID-19 pandemic altered it a bit.

"When we started this it was way before COVID and we had tables full of supplies," McMillian said. "We typically partner with Knoxville School Supplies, which heads this up every year."

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs also has a role in the event, which benefits students in Grades K-12.

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There have been many changes since the 50s and 60s

From a distance



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

teams then, meaning about 350 fewer big league players then than now.

I always looked on the back of those cards hoping to find some star who had my same birthday. The only one I found was an obscure pitcher that almost no one ever heard of named Moe Drabowsky.

He played for eight different teams, the longest stint being with the Chicago Cubs, the team with which he made his major league debut. He was the epitome of what was called a journeyman ballplayer.

The most famous person who had my same birthday was Don Knotts – me and Barney Fife. This is appropriate because this is still my favorite show, and my late wife used to say I still lived in “Andy of Mayberry days.”

I grew up mainly in the fifties and early sixties and turned 18 years old two months before I started at

U.T. in the fall of 1965. The University seemed huge to me then, and I was very intimidated at first – yet it had less than half the number of students at that time compared to now.

My wife, Vickie, and I were talking a few days ago about how different life is today than when we grew up. The population of the city (Knoxville) now is about the same as it was after some controversial annexations in the early 60s, but the county has exploded in growth. Knox County’s population was 250,000 (city and county combined) in 1960 with many farms outside the city limits. Now, the population of the county is nearing 500,000 (city and county combined) as people flee the high taxes and high crime in the Democrat-run cities and states.

There is much more traffic now because of population growth, and because

almost everyone over 16 has their own vehicle. My father told me in the late 80s that there were more cars in a high school parking lot than at all of U.T. when he started there in 1939.

Vickie was one year behind me at Holston High School. Back then many families had two cars, but most had only one. I knew only two students at Holston who had their own car, and everybody else had to beg to use the family car or cars.

There were no interstates in East Tennessee then, and it took about six hours to drive from Knoxville to Nashville because you had to go through all the little towns. It took about two hours to drive a little over 60 miles to my grandparents’ house in Scott County. The road from Caryville to Huntsville was one of the curviest roads in America.

Another huge difference

is in the number of restaurants. Knoxville probably didn’t have more than two or three percent of the number of restaurants we have now. The first McDonald’s opened on Magnolia in 1959 and the first Shoney’s (on Broadway) opened in 1964.

Every meal was eaten at home then. If a family was lucky, they might go out to eat once a week. There was no such thing as fast food as we know it now and not even much snack food.

We moved into a 1,400-square-foot house in Holston Hills in 1952. A den was added on in 1957, and that was called the “new room” until my Mother sold the house in the early 90s.

The “new room” was where we placed our only air conditioner, a window unit that was a big deal to us. We got our first television (black and white) when I was six, and we were told

not to sit too close to it. There was certainly no sex on television then, and TV husbands and wives were usually shown as having separate beds.

Houses had very little closet space then because people just had very few clothes and “stuff” compared to now. People dressed up in their “Sunday best” to go to church, and ministers did not wear jeans or golf clothes when preaching in the pulpit.

There were no video games and only three television networks. Children weighed less because they played outside as much as possible and considered it a punishment to be made to stay inside.

Sometimes I wish my life had not gone by so fast, but then I stop and think, and I realize time only goes slowly when you are sick or something bad is happening.

How to Stop Bank Runs

Marriner Eccles, who was chairman of the Fed from 1934 to 1948, was reputed to say that the main problem with banking was that there were 13,000 banks in the U.S. and not that many bankers in the world.



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Eccles was probably right then and right now. Too many bankers lack risk management skills and make decisions that heighten risk rather than reduce it. Banking is inherently a risky business. Its liabilities are mostly short-term deposits while its assets are mostly longer-term loans. Any finance professor will tell you when there is a mismatch between asset and liability maturity structures there will be risk. Moreover, bank risk is enhanced because

the short-term liabilities are mostly payable on demand. This mismatch caused the implosion of the savings and loan industry and led to the bankruptcy of its insurer, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, which in 1989 was dissolved and absorbed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Incidentally, I was appointed by the FDIC to be one of the four public interest members of the board that oversaw the transition of the FSLIC into the FDIC.

Instead of addressing the risks inherent in the structure of banking, Congress actually made it worse by increasing deposit insurance at the FDIC from \$100,000 to

\$250,000. Bankers could now take even more risks since more losses would be covered by the government insurer. Therefore, the incentives of bankers to chase returns increased rather than decreased.

With the failures of Silicon Valley Bank and First Republic Bank, bad ideas are again in play. First, the regulators ended up insuring all deposits at SVB sending a signal to both bankers and the market. The market was told that “too big to fail” was still the norm. The result was a movement of deposits from smaller banks to larger ones. Bankers were implicitly told they could take more risk because the government would bail them out. There has actually been talk about raising deposit insurance limits again. Bad idea if one wishes to lessen risk. Ironically, there would be

less risk taking if deposit insurance were lowered rather than raised. Another idea that the regulators are floating is to raise capital requirements at the largest banks which are now the beneficiaries of the deposit inflow. Since capital is a line of defense against losses, any loss incurred by the FDIC would be less than if capital were higher. However, the total assets of the FDIC are insufficient to pay out all the deposits of the largest U.S. banks even with the increase in capital.

Yet there are two ways to address the risk inherent in banking that likely will never be considered. The first is the idea proposed by Milton Friedman in the 1950s – that of the “narrow bank.” Here banks would only be allowed to take deposits and not make any loans. The deposits would be

held as required reserves. The Fed would pay interest on the reserves and in turn, the banks would pay interest on deposits. Loans would be made by nondepositories, such as mortgage banking companies and finance companies which would borrow the money in the market in order to lend them to consumers. The nondepositories could be part of the bank’s holding company but their operations would not imperil the deposit holding bank. Hence there would be no more bank runs. The narrow bank model was proposed to the Fed in 2019, but approval was denied with the Fed claiming that narrow banks would threaten the implementation of monetary policy. The Fed was wrong and probably just wanted to preserve the number of bank executives extant.

The second idea would

be to mandate private deposit insurance for amounts greater than \$250,000. The insurance premium paid by the bank would give a clear signal as to the riskiness of the bank and would force less risk taking. There is already an entity called the Deposit Insurance Fund (<https://www.difxs.com/DIF/Home.aspx>) that offers private deposit insurance. The concept could be expanded to cover all banks so that premia are set much like automobile insurance where the riskier drivers pay higher premiums than safer drivers. Thus, if Congress or the Fed really wanted to lessen risk taking, it could mandate private deposit insurance for deposits over \$250,000 and/or eliminate the motivation of bankers to chase yield by replacing traditional banks with narrow banks.



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Talman Kicks Off Campaign

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across all jurisdictions with our partners,” he said. “The Tennessee Senate is a friend and I think people grossly underestimate our county mayor.

“I think he’s a smart guy and I think there’s an awful lot of business we can do together, not because we’re trying to be friends, other than we have a duty to our citizens to look after their interest at a very high level. We’ve got shared issues with traffic and shared issues with law enforcement.”


On the issues of safety and law enforcement, Talman said that the current administration is sending mixed signals to the community and to the city’s police force. He stated that

Kincannon’s policy of alternate strategies is nothing more than an effort to disband the Knoxville Police Department. He vows to work with law enforcement.

“Our current administration is sending mixed signals,” he said. “I will support KPD. A government’s primary responsibility is to keep its citizens safe.”

He also stressed the need for entrepreneurial capitalism for Knoxville’s economic growth.

“The left is against development but they don’t realize that the place where they live was once a development,” he said. “I will support entrepreneurial capitalism and that will be helpful to our most vulnerable citizens.”



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Publisher's Positions



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Knoxville City Mayor- You Have A Choice

Some folks need to be reminded Indya Kincannon has an opponent on the ballot in the mayoral election. Jeff Talman has been active in the community for decades.

Talman has business experience; had it not been for Rogero, Indya's first real job would have been as mayor of Knoxville. Instead, to bolster Indya's credentials, Rogero created a job allowing Kincannon to sort through applicants for city appointments.

Talman advocates for a safer Knoxville for everyone. Indya hired a police chief from New Orleans and got herself sued over the lack of transparency in the process while crime rises in Knoxville.

Jeff Talman believes in managing the government with the money available, while Indya keeps spending with little to show for it, except for higher rents and mortgages. The first thing

Kincannon did after convincing the city council to increase property taxes by 40% was to cut services by pulling back KPD officers from going to the scene of auto accidents without injuries. Anyone having a car accident in the City of Knoxville where no one is injured has no police report for the insurance companies, which will also increase insurance rates here.

Talman argues the city should be managed through growth, just as Knox County has been. It's been 25 years since Knox County raised its property tax rate. Even Lynne Fugate, in speaking to a local club said the mayor had to raise taxes "every four years."

Jeff Talman probably wouldn't be building yet another bridge beside two others for UT and the Vol Navy. Indya convinced the city council to spend \$150,000 to hire a grant writer — apparently there are no grant writers working for either the city or the University of Tennessee — to ask for money to build the bridge, which was turned down by the federal government. Of course, Indya has thoughtfully promised several million dollars so that folks can float down the river to skip across the bridge which, coincidentally, comes out at Neyland Stadium. Naturally, it will be paid for by people who couldn't afford a boat of any kind.

If you like paying for other people's pleasures, go for Kincannon. If you like somebody not anxious to tax

you out of your home and replace it with a cubicle, well... you can figure it out.

Brooks Vs. Fugate

City Councilwoman Lynne Fugate is still continuing to distance herself from her former Republican party. Mayor Indya Kincannon wants to keep Fugate on council because the councilwoman will pretty much rubber stamp whatever the mayor wants. Fugate and Kincannon were both big supporters of former school Superintendent Jim McIntyre when they were both on the Knox County Board of Education. Fugate supported McIntyre's bid to outsource the most poorly paid of school employees — custodians — while he pulled down a salary in excess of that paid to both the vice president of the United States and the chief justice of the U. S Supreme Court. In an article profiling the council race between Fugate and Cameron Brooks, the Compass, which has always been cozy with the Rogero and Kincannon administrations, brags on Fugate's background, especially as a banker. Fugate was pretty free with the taxpayers' money on the school board and once told her colleagues sometimes they need to simply do a leap of faith. That's when The Focus asked if she and her bank gave folks "Leap of Faith" loans. Evidently, only the taxpayers did that, not private businesses.

Fugate's association with Nine Counties, One Vision saw less than a blind man. It accomplished nothing except to provide a nice salary for Fugate. Another waste of taxpayer money, but Lynne Fugate has derived her support from the "country club" Republicans who have dwindled down to practically nothing. That is the diametric opposite of Cameron Brooks, who is campaigning on a populist theme attractive to Independents, Republicans and Democrats. Brooks talks about working folks, promises NOT to vote to increase taxes during his four-year term if elected, and wants to see more and better jobs so that families can afford homes. Brooks isn't shy about pointing out Fugate voted for a 40% increase in Knoxville's property taxes and while she talks about "affordable housing," mortgages and rents increased as a result of the tax hike, making housing LESS affordable for working families. Instead, Brooks touts homeownership and lifting people up to the middle class.

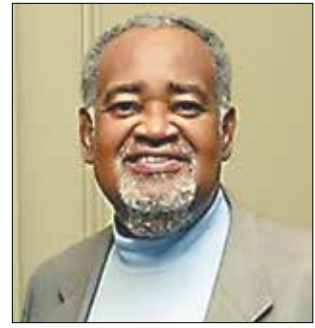
To quote from the Compass, "Polarization is frustrating to Fugate, who is often characterized as a Republican, though city elections are nonpartisan and she rejects the label."

Kincannon, trying to convince Democrats to support a woman who had been a country club Republican her entire life until it became inconvenient, gave

Fugate her "enthusiastic" endorsement. That was seconded by the godmother of Kincannon's mayoralty, her predecessor Madeline Rogero. Neither reckoned with a bigger name and one who counts for far more with Democrats locally: state Representative Gloria Johnson. Johnson endorsed Cameron Brooks last week, praising the challenger for speaking out on behalf of working folks.

Beacon Center Poll

The Beacon Center polled 1,120 Tennesseans recently, only 14% of those polled said they are better off than last year. 46% of respondents said they were worse off than at the same time in 2022. 31% stated paying their rent or mortgage was a monthly concern; an additional 37% said it was a concern some of the time.



Thomas "Tank" Strickland Passes Away

It is with deep sadness The Focus notes the passing of Thomas "Tank" Strickland. A man who served on the Knox County Commission and was elected by his colleagues to chair

that body even though the majority was composed of Republicans while Strickland was a Democrat. Politically speaking, Tank Strickland would have been out of place in today's world of hyper-partisanship. Tank was able to work with anyone who was open to working with him.

During his long career, Thomas "Tank" Strickland was an aide to then-Mayor Victor Ashe, a community activist, and Knox County Commissioner. Eventually, Strickland worked under four mayors of Knoxville. Fundamentally, at the very heart of his being, Tank Strickland cared about and loved people. That is the key ingredient in a public servant being good at what he or she does, a devotion to helping others. That recipe was one Tank knew by heart. To the very end of his life Tank Strickland was still doing for others and giving of himself, his knowledge, experience, and time to help his city and community.

There was nothing flamboyant about Tank, although he had a well-developed sense of humor and loved to laugh. Tank was easygoing, but he was also extremely determined when it came to pursuing a project or goal he believed to be important. Tank's good nature and good humor never wavered in the face of recurrent health problems.

We at The Focus offer our heartfelt condolences to the Strickland family.

New Knox Co. Personnel Committee releases minutes

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The Knox County Commission's Personnel Committee will meet again on Thursday at 1 p.m. to discuss the Governmental Law Library within the library, Room M99, City-County Building

The committee, named by Knox County Chairwoman Courtney Durrett last October, met on June 22. Durrett, at the request of The Knoxville Focus, released the minutes of that June meeting last week. The committee is made of Commissioners Durrett, Carson Dailey, Kim Frazier, Rhonda Lee and Gina Oster.

The June meeting focused on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Office and Board, the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals, the Knox County Department of Internal Audit, and the Governmental Law Library. Representatives from the county and those county committees attending the meeting included Mike Moyers, John Marshall, Chris Manning, Windle Morgan, Andrea Addis, Alisha Zyburt, Tori McMurray, Drucilla Stills, David Buuck, Brock Goetz, Charlie Susano, John Valliant Jr., and Stephanie Candler.

Merit Board

Merit board members Manning and Valliant spoke and reported two people have applied for corrections officer positions since the commission voted to drop the qualifying age to 18 years old. Valliant said the merit board will be discussing what he called contradictory language within their rules regarding the loss of pay and suspension.

Oster, the former merit council chair, asked if the rules state who decides who can and cannot run for office and Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said the rules should state who has discretion. Manning said the board will discuss it and provide a recommendation to the commission.

Board of Zoning Appeals

BZA Chair Terri Kerr spoke about attendance in their meetings and recent rule changes. Commissioner Dailey said the bylaws of the BZA have not been updated in years. Moyers said one zoning appeal has gone to court and Frazier said citizens are paying out of their pockets for such court appeals.

Internal Audit

Internal Audit Director Andrea Addis reported on

some staff members being certified and her office passing a Peer Review. She responded to a question from Dailey that most audits are scheduled but they also do unscheduled audits. She reported 23 fraud hotline calls last year and two this year.

Law Library

Durrett reported that the salary of a vacated position will go toward labor and material to reconfigure the library. The Public Defender's office may fund some of the renovations for building two rooms, adding a door, electrical work and a pass-through countertop. Candler and Moyers said the library may need its own internet and a discussion ensued of what to do with the books there when Pellissippi College would not take them.

Jennifer Bodie, with Finance, was chosen to oversee the law library's budget as she already oversees the library's legal resources.

Votes were taken to approve an estimate of the renovation. Dailey suggested a special called meeting to review the remodeling estimates.

General Sessions judges do not recommend Herrera as new magistrate

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Out of several applications, three attorneys are being considered to complete the term of retiring judicial magistrate Ray Jenkins. General Sessions Judge Chuck Cerny appeared before the work session of the Knox County Commission to present the five elected session judges' recommendations for the position through 2025 when it expires.

Three Knoxville lawyers appeared before the commission to give a brief resume and why they are seeking the office. Cerny followed the three applicants and said that only two of the three applicants are recommended for the position by the judges.

The attorneys, Spencer Reed, Troy Jones and Daniel Herrera, all said they would devote all their time to the position, have voted in Knox County, and have taken the required training. Reed said he has served as a substitute magistrate. Questioned about his



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Attorney and former Republican Party Chairman Daniel Herrera is one of the applicants wanting to complete the term of retiring Magistrate Ray Jenkins. Judge Chuck Cerny recommended two of the three who appeared before the commission's work session and said that if Herrera is chosen the judges would not accept his selection.

background Reed said he was once convicted of reckless driving.

Jones touted his

credentials with the state and federal courts and said he had a drug

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Pond Gap Neighborhood President David Williams and Colonel Timothy Shubert of the 278th National Guard Regiment pose beside the new sign along Sutherland Avenue that honors four Medal of Honor soldiers from the 117th Regiment.

Medal of Honor memorial dedicated

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A new memorial marker stands on Sutherland Avenue honoring four Medal of Honor winners all thanks to the efforts of the Pond Gap Neighborhood Association.

Located in front of the 278th Army Cavalry Regiment of the Tennessee National Guard, a location which once was the 117th National Guard headquarters, the sign was dedicated on a recent Sunday by

Pond Gap Chairman David Williams, who thanked those neighborhood association members for promoting the monument and putting it in place.

Colonel Timothy W. Shubert, commander of the 278th Regiment, told the group of National Guardsmen attending the ceremony that Williams and his neighbors were directly responsible for the marker. He noted that before his regiment was located there, the Pond Gap neighborhood was home to both

Knoxville's first airport and the 117th Regiment. That regiment fought in WWI and WWII and four of its members are honored on the sign as Medal of Honor recipients. Three of those honored were from Tennessee and one from Oklahoma who was transferred to the regiment as it went to war.

Those soldiers honored include Edward R. Talley, Calvin John Ward, Harold G. Kiner and, most notably, Knoxville's James E. "Buck" Karnes. Karnes

and Ward, a Morristown native, destroyed a German machine gun post in 1918 during WWI. Both men survived the war with Karnes becoming a Knoxville Police Officer. He retired to California and, on passing, his body was taken back to Knoxville and buried in the Greenwood Cemetery.

The bridge across the Tennessee River on Alcoa Highway is named for the WWI hero.

General Sessions judges

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trafficking conviction 28 years ago.

Herrera, the past chairman of the Knox County Republican Party, said he is qualified because he has basically "lived in General Sessions the past three years."

Jenkins' replacement must be chosen by the commissioners and approved by the General Session Court Judges and Cerny recommended two: Reed and Jones. The judge said that he had worked with those two attorneys and Herrera was not recommended for the position. He told the meeting nine or ten applications

were received and all the applicants were known by the judges.

Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers called the process of selecting a magistrate "a funky statute" in state law aimed at Knox County, permitting the judges to reject a candidate chosen by the county commission.

Judge Cerny was asked what would happen if someone was chosen by the commission without a recommendation and he replied, "We would decline." The commission's choice for magistrate vote is on the agenda for today's regular meeting.

IN OTHER BUSINESS
Other appointments on the

agenda before the commission today include naming members to the Regional Transportation Board, Air Pollution Control Board, and Technology Corridor Authority.

The commissioners will also consider, on first reading, defining a "swimming pool" on a request from the planning commission.

The commission also hopes to honor Autry O. V. "Pete" DeBusk for his volunteerism and Laura Bailey for her work in the Powell community.

A portion of Parsonage Lane off West Dick Ford Road and a part of Old Tazewell Pike near Pebblebrook Condos may be closed for public use.

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Knoxville City Council to look at allowing more housing

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In other business, the Knoxville Police Department is asking the city to apply for \$200,000 from the state to attract and recruit officers. It is also seeking \$154,782 in federal funds to improve the local criminal justice system.

School resource officers are the subject of another police department request, this one for \$750,000 in state and homeland security funds for training.

equipment, salary and benefits.

The council will also vote on increasing the amount for the Sevier Avenue Streetscapes Improvement Project. The Third Creek Greenway may get some resurfacing funds and the First Creek BMP Demonstration Park may get some funds for engineering design.

Mayor Indya Kincannon may appoint members of the Council on Disability Issues and portions of Eakers Road and Riverside Drive may be closed.

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Construction begins on Yardley Flats at multi-use stadium

Construction has started on a \$70 million, 233-unit apartment community that will be located directly behind the new multi-use stadium in East Knoxville with direct views of the field.

Building One is projected to be ready in time for the 2025 baseball season with the first pitch in April, and Building Two will become available a few months later in the summer of 2025. Leasing will begin in late 2024.

"Yardley Flats represents a critical intersection of history and modernity," said Joseph A. Fielden Jr., developer and president of Third Base Residential. "We see this project as an embodiment of our community's collective growth and development, both as an homage to a remarkable figure from our past and as a commitment to Knoxville's vibrant future."

The apartment community is named in honor of William Francis Yardley, a civil rights leader, politician and Knoxville's first Black attorney. The residential complex promises considerable economic benefits and much-needed housing close to downtown and the Old City, an area experiencing a significant rise in demand.

"The construction of Yardley Flats is a testament to the importance of public and private sector collaboration in fostering community development," Knoxville

Mayor Indya Kincannon said. "This project creates new jobs, will stimulate economic activity and adds more housing options here in Knoxville. It's a big win for the city."

The project marks a milestone in Knoxville's continued urban development of a once-neglected area, paving the way for further growth and expansion while reflecting the city's rich cultural heritage.

"The development of Yardley Flats not only bolsters our housing options, but also serves as a robust economic stimulus," Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said. "This project will undoubtedly contribute to the local economy and help breathe new life into surrounding neighborhoods."

Knoxville City Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie, who represents the 6th District, added, "This development is not just about housing units; it's about preserving our history, honoring our roots and building a community that reflects our city's diverse and rich cultural past. Yardley Flats will be a prominent feature in Knoxville's thriving residential landscape."

Residents will enjoy top-tier amenities, including courtyards with stadium views, state-of-the-art fitness center, washer and dryer in every unit, pet spa, co-working spaces and more.



The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Right and Wrong

No man is an island, entire of itself; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.

John Donne

I didn't know him, but my friend did. In fact, they worked together caring for patients. Any untimely death is a tragedy, but when it happens closer to home, it seems more meaningful and real.

Like the police officers shot in North Dakota or the daily slaughterers in Chicago, the recent murder of the orthopedic surgeon at the Campbell Clinic in Collierville, 25 miles from Memphis, Tennessee was a tragedy. And like so many other families, another wife and two young children are left grieving and forever scarred.

I know about Memphis and west Tennessee because I lived there during medical school and postdoctoral training

in Internal Medicine. The area is more Deep South than Tennessee. Memphis is flat and hot and mean. I trained at the John Gaston Hospital, a typical inner-city facility similar to Grady in Atlanta or Bellevue in New York City.

I went to medical school thinking I wanted to be a chest surgeon like Hawkeye Pierce of the TV series, *MASH*. But I discovered I had a more contemplative persona than action-oriented surgical disciplines. Nonetheless, I learned medical crisis management by being thrown into the raging waters of a big city's poverty, depravity, and danger.

While trying to figure out the direction of my medical career, I took an ER night job as a "suture student" learning to sew up wounds of the local knife and bottle club, which met nightly in Memphis. The modern proverb "watch one, do one, teach one" was operative

at the Gaston.

As I think about the young orthopedic surgeon who was murdered, it could've been me caring for drunks, criminals, maniacs and drug addicts in the emergency room. I later got a safer student job, more fitting a contemplative, as the medical librarian in an adjacent private hospital.

When you have "walked the walk, you earn the right to talk the talk." Remember this the next time you hear clueless Democrats screaming to defund the police and remove protection for citizens and first responders. I've been in the trenches, so I claim the right to talk.

The Gaston had a police precinct station in the middle of the emergency room. I remember one large black sergeant, who saved me one night from a drunk trying to bite and headbutt me while I was trying to sew up a laceration on his cheek.

"Go getcha cuppa coffee, doc," he said, descending from his raised dais, where he directed black and white units and SWAT teams into the local neighborhoods. I was perplexed, but also frustrated by the drunk, and the sergeant was a lot bigger than me. So, I snapped off my sterile gloves and walked away only to hear the curtains being drawn around my patient's bed, and

moments later a series of smacks, followed by, "Now don't you sass that lit'l doctor again." When I returned, there were two more lacerations to sew up, but the drunk didn't threaten me again.

My Gaston days were not halcyon days, but they trained me well. I saw stab wounds to the heart, gunshot victims, roaches nesting in a child's ear, bedsores the size of dinner plates, blood sugars over 1000 mg/dL and other biochemical abnormalities which are ordinarily incompatible with life. I've seen dehydration so severe that spinal fluid had to be removed with a syringe. I once ran a resuscitation in the middle of the night with a Filipino nurse who spoke only pigeon English, and the EKG machine sparked and caught fire.

There were no private rooms for our patients who were domiciled in 16-bed wards. At night, the further you went from the nurse's station the darker it became because there were fewer light bulbs. I offer only a taste of the Gaston, but if you want more stories, I suggest Samuel Shem's "classic" yet scandalous novel "The House of God," describing the training years in a big city teaching hospital. Shem captured my right of passage.

I survived with the

realization that I could handle almost any medical situation after the Gaston. But since Becky and I knew we were eventually coming back to our hometown, I transferred and completed my residency at UT Hospital, Knoxville, and continued as teaching faculty after my training was completed.

I tell this story only to demonstrate that you only appreciate the good when you have seen its opposite. The reason America continues to slide into chaos is because it hasn't gotten bad enough. Americans have not experienced really "bad" since the Great Depression. I have been blessed, but I have also experienced the underbelly of big city depravity. I am no longer conflicted about what is good or bad, right or wrong.

My criticisms of Democrats are not because I'm a Republican, because I'm not. I am a conservative, which has many varieties. Some examples include fiscal, social, Constitutional or governmental conservatism. I believe in personal responsibility and accountability, equal opportunity under law rather than mandated equity of outcomes, smaller government, lower taxes, national security and controlled borders.

It is astounding that the conservative movement is now considered

a radical philosophy just like the counterculture of the 1960s was considered radical. I remember discussing social conservatism with a friend who could not understand why religion, morality, ethics or abortion should be issues in elections. Apparently, the Republican party leadership thought similarly and avoided social issues to promote the "big tent" of inclusivity. And look what happened as Democrats took the lead.

The social fabric of our nation is falling apart with drugs, crime and abortion up to the time of birth in a dozen states. Education has been corrupted with gender confusion. A third of millennials disparage America and want personal pronoun lunacy enforced by law. To paraphrase G. K. Chesterton, "A man who stands for nothing will believe in anything."

I had a wonderful career in medicine, but when the fire leaves your belly, it is time to step down before others tell you to sit down. I do miss the relationships that I had with patients. But in my second career as a writer, relationships are now with my readers. And the bonus is no trips to the emergency room at 2 a.m., where the journey going is always longer than the trip coming home!

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Jellico celebrates 140 years

A Day Away By Mike Steely

Downtown Jellico is a throwback to the 1880s when the small Campbell County town boomed thanks to its local coal mining, shipping and rail service industries, and a thriving population. From then until roughly the late 1950s, the little town, split by the Tennessee and Kentucky border, had a movie theater, busy retail stores, two or more grocery stores and a historic post office that doubled as a mine rescue headquarters — all benefiting from the Highway 25W traffic that came right through the city. Even after the 1950s Jellico prospered thanks

to the sale of beer at several outlets and four or five taverns just outside town. That ended when neighboring Whitley County and Williamsburg, Kentucky, shed the history of being "dry" and legalized the sale of beer and liquor. Until then Jellico claimed to be the "Beer Drinking Capital of Kentucky" although most of the town is and was in the Volunteer State.

Founded in 1883, the town once known as "Smithboro" is preparing to celebrate 140 years of boom and bust at the "Birthday Bash" on August 4th and 5th downtown along with a History Forum on August 6th at the historic First Baptist Church. Beginning at the

Veterans Memorial in the downtown park and parking area, visitors can not only visit the preserved 1880s downtown area but also get a guided tour, find gift and food vendors, and hear live music. There's also an opening ceremony, a historic walk, tributes, a classic movie in the park, old-fashioned kids' games, a tree planting, and an Old Fashion Doll Buggy and Wagon Parade.

Saturday, August 5 kicks off with Mayor Sandy Terry, special guest speaker Trey Brock of Crouches Creek Baptist Church, City Council Chair of Tourism Suzette Davenport, and Vice Mayor Sara Barton Proffitt slated to speak at 1 p.m. at the Veterans

Park. Winners of the Time Capsule Contests will also be presented.

On Sunday, August 6, the celebration continues at 2 p.m. with a special event at the First Baptist Church that will include the Jellico Honor Guard, the national anthem, and local histories as told by several citizens. The History Forum will feature talks from local historians, games for kids, a period costume contest, music and refreshments.

Jellico is located just off I-75 at exit 160. The events are free and you can get more information on the Facebook page "Jellico's 140th Birthday Celebration."



STORY INSIDE! Standing with literature he donated to the Jellico Public Library, Mike Steely's roots go back to before statehood in the north Campbell County area. He'll be part of a History Forum on August 6th along with two other local historians during the 140th anniversary of Jellico's founding. Photo by Mark Tidwell.

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Picture of a large, dark green watermelon---a summer treat, by Ralphine Major.

Watermelon One of the Joys of Summer!

They come in different shapes and sizes. Some are long; others are short and round. They may be very large, more medium in size, or very small. Many are light green in color and striped. Others may be a dark green solid color.



By Ralphine Major
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Watermelons! They are one of summer's most popular fruits with their sweet,

juicy taste.

The nutritious melon comes in a yellow fruit or the more common red. I have heard comments that watermelons with seeds have a better flavor, although those black seeds can be a nuisance. That is probably the reason so many people would rather bite into a serving

of seedless melon. There seems to be an art to picking out the best watermelon, such as finding the ones with a yellow spot or thumping the melon to check its ripeness. So popular is the watermelon that many candies and beverages on the market today are made with their unique flavor.

A watermelon cutting often brings people together for the simple joy of fellowship and to savor those oh-so-delicious slices of watermelon in summer. Take in the wonderful treats of summer, for fall is nipping at her heels!

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Ball Camp Elementary at a Different Time

Someone the other day asked several questions about Ball Camp Elementary School. Several people responded with answers and new topics of discussion. I put my "two cents" in on one of the questions. I graduated from Karns High School, but I might just be prouder to have spent those first years as a BC Bulldog.



By Joe Rector
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The school's beginnings came around the time of the Civil War. Different buildings have served as the school, but the permanent site became the one at the intersection of Ball Camp Pike, Middlebrook Pike, and Lovell Road. The building was erected sometime in the early years of the last century. A fire in 1963 led to a major overhaul of the school, and the school has undergone several more changes since.

We who are older loved the school. It was our home for eight years, That's right; back in the day, Ball Camp taught students in grades 1-8. Those of us who reached that final year before high school were always proud to be Bulldogs.

Before the fire, the school had two front entrances. Classrooms sat at the front of the school, and the office was also there. The gym was on the other side of the hall, and it was the place for exciting basketball games. The girls played half-court ball, and we had

one of the best teams around with such players as Brenda Wagner and Mary Ann Jones, who gave other teams problems guarding them. My mother, who began her teaching career

the year Jim and I entered first grade, sold small brown bags of the best-tasting popcorn during the games.

Students who attended Ball Camp Elementary lived in the small community. Some of us went to the same churches. The key was that Ball Camp Elementary was the focal point of the community. It had tough teachers who prepared students for high school. Mrs. Slusher was the hardest, meanest teacher in the school. She'd swat the bottoms of students who failed to do homework. Although her grammar and pronunciation of words might not always be perfect, she insisted that her students be perfect in their homework. Students who had Mrs. Slusher as a teacher encountered few problems with language arts in high school.

Before and after school, games of softball always were underway. Back then, the field in front of the school seemed so large, but now I wonder how games could be played in the cramped confines of the play area. High school students waited for buses to take them to Karns High, and they hung out at the edge of the school

driveway. Fights broke out, but no one hurried to break them up for fear of being harmed themselves.

Dan Strange was the principal. He had a rim of graying hair and wore glasses. Mr. Strange talked out of the side of his mouth. One year, an outbreak of hepatitis hit, and Mr. Strange was charged with talking to boys about hygiene. He cocked his mouth and gave a talk on how we should flush urinals with either our feet or elbows. I can still vividly see him as his elbow made a striking motion to simulate the act of flushing.

Unfortunately, Cedar Bluff opened during our 8th grade year. It marked the beginning of huge changes in Knox County Schools. Middle schools took students from their regular elementary schools. That hurt the children who had close identities with those other schools. Since then, much of the closeness of communities died as children were sent to middle schools in the general vicinity of their homes.

Yes, we older folks have much fonder memories of our elementary school years because we spent them with our close friends. Perhaps a return to community schools could help students to like school much better and might lead them to perform better in classes. Some of life's best memories come from the years I spent at Ball Camp. I'm thankful to have had that kind of educational experience.

Steely on History Panel during Jellico's 140th Birthday Bash

The Knoxville Focus senior writer, Mike Steely, will be a panelist on a History Forum at Jellico's 140th Birthday Celebration. Steely, a Jellico native and former editor of the Jellico Advance Sentinel and Monthly Mail, joins local historians Roy Price and Mark Tidwell to

speak and answer questions about local history.

The Jellico Bash begins Friday, August 4 and the history forum is planned for Sunday, August 6 at the First Baptist Church at 2 p.m.

Jellico sits on the Tennessee-Kentucky line just off Interstate 75. The

1880s downtown exists much as it did originally and many writers and journalists were born in the community. It boomed from its inception as a coal mining town and railroad shipping point.

A descendant of a family that settled in the Jellico area prior to the Treaty of Tellico, Steely has written about the community, the region and state history. His award-winning "A Day Away" column appears in The Focus along with his coverage of county and city meetings. His efforts while editing the Jellico newspaper took first place in Tennessee Press Association recognitions.

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John J. Dempsey of New Mexico

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Each state in the union has its own set of variables and peculiarities, all of which affect its politics. The political history of New Mexico is a mixed bag with the deeply embedded Spanish culture and the "Anglo" politicians. There have been a number of individuals who have left their political mark on the Land of Enchantment, including Dennis Chavez, who served in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate from 1931 until his death in 1962. A contemporary of Chavez and his frequent rival, John Joseph "Jack" Dempsey enjoyed a lengthy career in the fractious and hard-fought politics of New Mexico. At one time a water boy on a railroad, Dempsey made enough money in the oil business to consider an early retirement in New Mexico. Dempsey's affiliation with Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Continental Oil & Asphalt, and the U.S. Asphalt companies had left Dempsey independently wealthy. Rather than retire, John Dempsey became preoccupied with politics, which eventually caused him to rise to become governor of New Mexico.

One of the best resources for portraits in miniature of prominent men and women of the day, TIME magazine noted "red-faced, white-haired" John J. Dempsey was one "of the most popular men in Washington." Noted for his penchant for hard work, TIME stated Dempsey had achieved a record by passing 99 of his own bills in his first six years in the House of Representatives.

Most people acquainted with politics are familiar with the Hatch Act, named for its sponsor, Senator Carl A. Hatch of New Mexico. One reason the Hatch Act was successfully passed initially was because many senators never imagined it would pass the House. That was before Jack Dempsey got behind it, telling friends, "I'm going to pass that bill."

The Roosevelt Administration was not pushing the Hatch Bill and most of the leaders in the House were against it. Hatton Sumners, the crusty and powerful chair of the House Judiciary Committee, was perhaps the most formidable opponent the Hatch Act faced in the House of Representatives. When the Judiciary Committee held a secret ballot and announced the vote was 14 to 10 to table the Hatch Act, Congressman Dempsey caused a major ruckus when he declared at least thirteen committee members had told him they had voted for the bill. Dempsey then started a petition to force the Hatch Act out

of the House Judiciary Committee and for a time, congressmen avoided the New Mexican like the plague. Not the least bit deterred, Dempsey relentlessly pursued members of the House Judiciary Committee and "wheedled, cajoled and bullied them for almost a month." The Hatch Act was passed by the House Judiciary Committee 16-8.

The fight was not yet won and Dempsey appeared before the House Rules Committee where he made a personal appeal to the members. "I'm a member of this committee and I want you men to give me this rule just because it's me."

"Why is it a worse crime for the poor fellow who is out in the open somewhere, drawing \$100 or \$150 a month, to engage in political campaigns any more than a Cabinet officer?" Claude V. Parsons of Illinois demanded to know.

"He engages in political campaigns in most instances as he is directed, as he is forced to engage in it," Dempsey shot back. "That is the difference!"

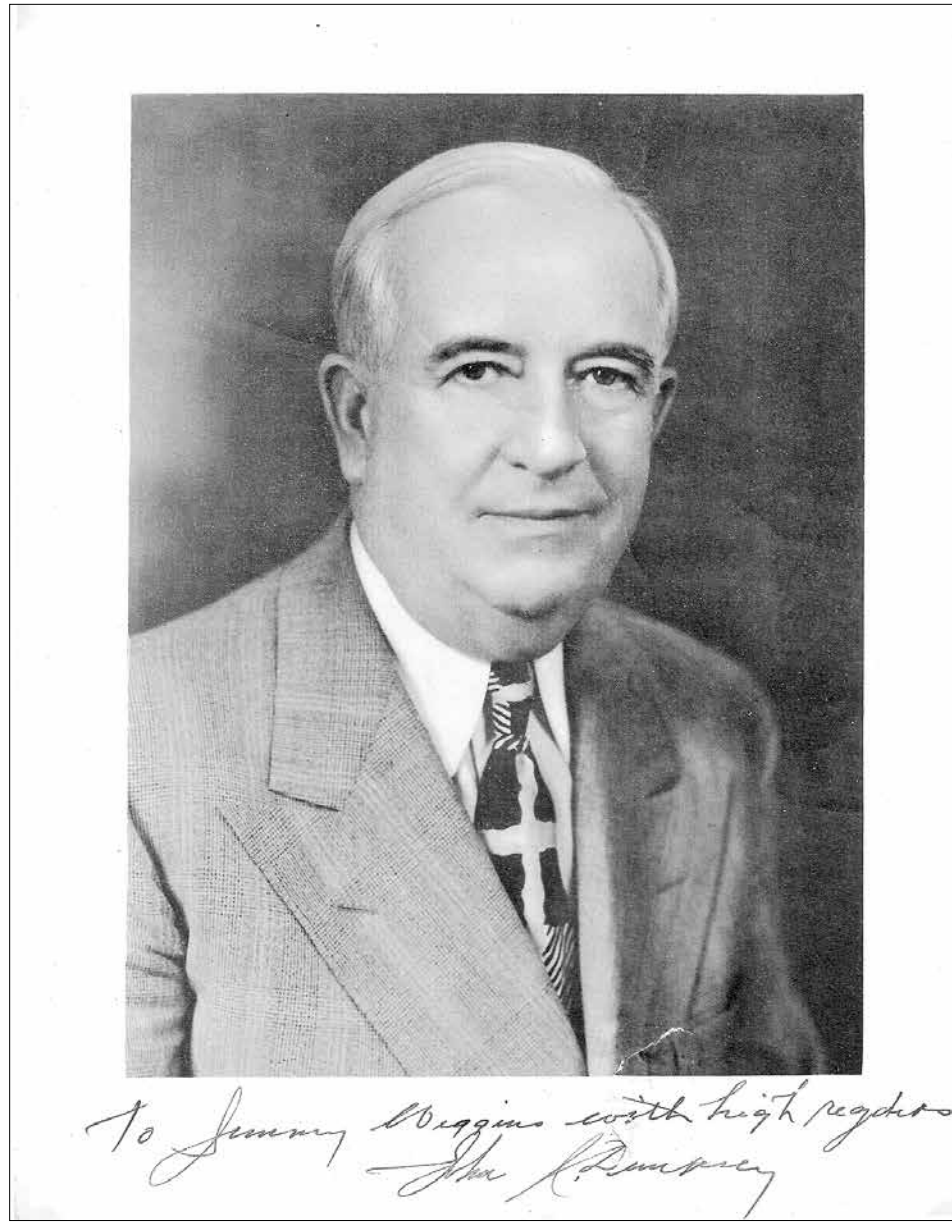
That worked and the Hatch Act moved to a vote of the full House. When Hatton Sumners made a final sizzling attack on the Hatch Bill, Jack Dempsey fought the powerful committee chair and won, 243-122.

When the bill won by Jack Dempsey made it over to the Senate, Vice President Garner was ready to gavel it through when Roosevelt administration stalwart Sherman "Shay" Minton (a future justice of the U.S. Supreme Court) moved to send the bill to conference.

That caused Senator Hatch to jump to his feet in defense of his own bill. "Let nobody be deceived... by the issue," Hatch thundered. "A vote to send it back to conference is... a vote to send the bill to the graveyard. Let there be no hiding behind good intentions... and then send it back to conference where we know it will die!"

Senator Minton's surprise by Hatch's vehemence was visibly etched upon his face and he retreated. "I wanted to take a look at the bill," he muttered. "I have no dagger up my sleeve for his beloved bill. I have no intention to knife my friend in the back. So far as I am concerned, the Senator may have his bill, and God bless him."

It was on the heels of his victory in the House of Representatives that Jack Dempsey made the announcement he would challenge one of the most notorious foes of the Hatch Act in the Senate, Dennis Chavez, in the 1940 Democratic primary. Chavez's family was thoroughly political and had been involved



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed portrait of John J. Dempsey of New Mexico, circa 1942, while he was governor.

in a WPA scandal, which necessitated a trial and ended in an acquittal. That had been one of the reasons why Hatch had sponsored the legislation in the first place, yet it was John J. Dempsey who had worked so hard for its passage in the House of Representatives.

The political dynamic of a small state is obviously quite different than that of a larger state. While many Western states occupy a large land mass, they had smaller populations, which meant politics was frequently only successfully practiced through hard work and personal contact. A small state's representation in Congress oftentimes mattered very much to the people of that particular state. Much like Southerners, Westerners frequently recognized the value of electing someone to Congress and keeping him there to accrue influence and seniority. Perhaps the best example of that is Carl Hayden of Arizona, who served either in the House of Representatives or the United States Senate from the time Arizona achieved statehood in 1912 until his retirement in 1969. Hayden was adamantly against the notion of voting against cloture, the legislative means of closing off debate. Senator Hayden believed it helped to protect the rights of the minority and smaller states.

John J. Dempsey was one of those who relocated to the West and made his home and career there. For decades, Dempsey prospered in the rough and tumble of New Mexico politics.

Born in White Haven, Pennsylvania, Dempsey found his way to New Mexico via Oklahoma, where he had gone to engage in the oil business. By 1920, John J. Dempsey had moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico where he worked as an independent oilman and eventually became the president

of an asphalt company. Evidently, Dempsey's first attraction to Santa Fe had occurred while vacationing. He later built a beautiful home in the hills overlooking the city.

Like so many other Democrats, Dempsey rose on the tide of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. After having served as a trustee of the University of New Mexico, Dempsey was named as the state director for the National Recovery Administration, a New Deal agency. In rapid succession, John Dempsey became the head of the Federal Housing Administration for New Mexico and the National Emergency Council. In 1934, Congressman Dennis Chavez challenged Republican U.S. Senator Bronson Cutting for the Senate.

The Cutting-Chavez race was especially hard fought and the election was contested with the senator having apparently been reelected, however, Cutting was killed in a plane crash coming back to Washington, D.C., from having gathered evidence supporting his case. Chavez was appointed to the vacancy, a fact which deeply appalled several progressive Republicans including Harold L. Ickes, Roosevelt's irascible Secretary of the Interior. Dempsey had won the Democratic nomination for New Mexico's lone seat in the House of Representatives. Dempsey was reelected in 1936 and 1938 before he announced his candidacy against Senator Chavez inside the primary in 1940. Chavez only narrowly beat back Dempsey's challenge, winning by roughly 2500 votes. Dempsey was named a member of the U.S. Maritime Commission by President Roosevelt before becoming an Assistant Secretary of the Interior under Ickes. Dempsey only served at the Interior Department for approximately a year before he resigned and returned to New Mexico where he

launched a campaign for the governorship. John Dempsey won the Democratic primary easily and a decisive victory in the general election against the Republican candidate.

Dempsey was reelected governor in 1944 and almost immediately it became clear he had his eyes on the Senate seat occupied by Dennis Chavez. Despite a ferocious primary, Senator Chavez won by a bigger majority, although he only barely beat Republican Patrick J. Hurley in the general election. When Senator Carl A. Hatch suddenly announced he was retiring to accept an appointment to a federal judgeship, former Governor John J. Dempsey quickly jumped into the race for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in 1948.

Dempsey didn't remain the front runner for long as Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson resigned from President Truman's Cabinet to come home and campaign for the Senate. A former congressman, Anderson easily won the senatorial nomination. Following his loss in the 1948 primary, John J. Dempsey finally appeared to give up his dream of representing New Mexico in the U.S. Senate. When former Governor and incumbent Congressman John E. Miles opted to return and retake the governor's chair in 1950, the 71-year-old Dempsey jumped into the race for one of New Mexico's seats in the House of Representatives. Dempsey's familiarity with the state and name recognition helped him to run first in the primary. For the rest of his life, John J. Dempsey remained in Congress from New Mexico.

Despite his age, there was little doubt Dempsey would continue running, especially after New Mexico lost its other congressman at-large, Antonio Fernandez.

Fernandez had suffered a serious stroke just before the general election in 1956. It was quite clear from reports published by the Albuquerque Journal that Congressman Fernandez was in critical condition. Although reelected, Antonio Fernandez never knew it. He remained in a coma until his death on November 7, 1956. With the passing of Congressman Antonio Fernandez, New Mexico lost valuable seniority and know-how that could not be replaced. That made John Dempsey's own seniority even more important in the House, but time stands still for no man.

In 1958, the 78-year-old congressman showed no signs of slowing down, much less retiring. Dempsey filed for reelection to the House and was unopposed in the Democratic primary. At the end of February, Dempsey became ill and went to George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. The veteran congressman was diagnosed as suffering from a "virus infection," which was evidently serious enough to require blood transfusions and time under an oxygen tent. The aging congressman's prognosis slid from serious to critical in a matter of days and his two daughters flew from Santa Fe to Washington, D.C. Dempsey had apparently disregarded his doctor's instructions to remain in bed, but instead had gone to the Capitol where he had worked on an amendment to the construction of the Navaho Dam in New Mexico. According to one of Dempsey's aides, the congressman had gone to bed that same night and his condition had become progressively worse. Whatever the infection, it was affecting the congressman's intestines. According to Mrs. Cecilia Norris, one of the congressman's secretaries, Dempsey was suffering from uremia.

Jack Dempsey died on March 12, 1958.

It took a Democrat to stand up to what amounted to the functioning of the New Deal political machine as explained by TIME magazine, "the army of U. S. marshals, district attorneys, WPA officers and underlings, customs collectors, inspectors, etc. etc., who worked for him so zealously in 1936 and again last year in the Purge-that-failed." The purge was of course FDR's effort to beat those senators who had opposed his efforts to pack the U.S. Supreme Court.

History is made by men like John J. Dempsey.

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South High Senior Living welcoming residents

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South High Senior Living is up and running following a possible purchase and is doing well. Residents and neighbors voiced so much concern when an offer was made to repurpose the facility into a rehab center that the offer was rescinded. The Knoxville Focus asked about the present and future of this very special facility, which was transformed from a former high school. Lynn Pique, director of sales and marketing, responded to our questions.

Did the former residents remain living there during the proposed change of the former school to become McNabb Rehab facility?

Yes, most residents have remained. South High Senior Living was very proactive during the proposed sale and worked to assist in the placement of many individuals who lived here at that time. Residents were placed with partnering senior living communities in and around the Greater Knoxville area before it was decided to remain South High Senior Living.

What's new at Old South High?

So much excitement is going on. We are having a Back to School BBQ on August 5, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and a Great Family Night, cowboy style, celebrating Ms. Betty Davis turning 100 on August 15 to name a few.

Are there rooms available currently?

Yes, we have about 12 apartments available in Memory Care and six or so Assisted Living studios where residents enjoy an abundance of thoughtful amenities as a resident.

South High Senior Living also offers Respite Care apartments as a temporary home while family members and caregivers are away on vacation, for family emergencies, for short-term stays during a period of rehabilitation, or just to "try us out" at a daily rate of \$175.00.

What amenities does South High Senior Living offer residents?

South High Senior Living was founded on a care philosophy that fosters dignity and respect for residents and promotes their independence. As we never stop growing or learning,



The former South High School building was transformed and reopened as South High Senior Living in 2020 but could have become a rehab center. The offer to purchase was recently withdrawn and now the assisted living and memory care facility is alive and well.

we promote a life of vigor through activities and events focused on personal health and growth that help our residents lead balanced and fulfilling lives.

We offer scheduled local transportation as well as a handicapped-accessible van that can transport our residents for fun trips such as a lunch trip to Cruze Farm Pizza Barn.

Several activities are scheduled daily for the stimulation of the mind and body focusing on health and wellbeing. Three delicious meals are prepared daily and snacks and refreshments are available all day. Chef/Culinary Services Director Bill McNeeley offers a host of special dining requests and meals are very delicious while keeping the residents' varying tastes in mind.

We take safety very seriously and offer our emergency response system, hotel-style key fobs for ease of entry and exit, and fully-staffed, 24/7 care for health issues to ensure your loved one is well cared for. In our apartments, we have pull cords and grab bars throughout to ensure safety and lessen falls.

What does it cost to live there?

Assisted Living starts at \$4,800 (that goes with a) Personal Care Program that is a point system based on actual needs and calculated along with the monthly rate. We continually monitor residents' needs and periodically reassess the services being offered which can reduce the monthly rate as the resident improves while having in-house care through

physical therapy, occupational therapy and home health or hospice as they continue to age in place.

Memory Care is all-inclusive at \$6,300. These rates are quite reasonable among our competitors and make us a great community to bring your loved one back to Tennessee to retire in.

Tell us about the scheduled trips for the residents.

Trips and events are ongoing and full of fun and exciting times together. Families can join us on any trip or outing. Socials, church group visits, daily devotionals, games, movies, mind, body and spirit time, and happy hours are all part of the daily experience. Outings are scheduled with plenty of time for residents to schedule these events around other activities or social events. For example, this July's schedule included outings to the Bijou, coffee shop and ice cream socials, an adventure at Seven Island State Birding Park and lunch on the town at Myrtle Chicken.

Is there an event planned, like a re-opening or "still open" event?

We recently celebrated our 3 Year Anniversary with a Luau. Our Back to School BBQ is August 5, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and we will be accepting donations of snacks and individually-wrapped treats for students and teachers. There will be face painting, live music, balloon art and games and it will be a fun time for the community to come meet our seniors.

Tell us about continuing to be open. Are there any fears that the facility may be up for sale again?

It's an adventure to rebuild the census here at South High Senior Living. The community is so beautiful and well thought out with seniors and their families' needs in mind. We provide the best of care and truly want to partner with our residents and their families.

We are proud to be pet-friendly and to offer several community social spaces that provide plenty of opportunities for residents to make new friends or visit with family. There is a billiard room for the competitive soul looking for another challenge or the novice who likes to get to know someone over a friendly game of pool. We have a daylight garden where tomatoes are picked from the vine. Our caring, passionate staff are available around the clock to provide peace of mind knowing that someone is always close by.

We are confident that South High will remain a senior living community with great people in place to care for the residents here for many years to come! Only our owner, Rick Dover, can answer the question of when or if he decides to sell again and if it goes up for sale again, we have an amazing team who are dedicated to ensuring the well-being of the residents who are residing here for a seamless transition.

More information about South High Senior Living can be found on the internet or by contacting DSM@southhighknoxville.com or calling (865) 338-3060. It is located at 835 Tipton Ave, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Is It Actually Against the Law to Pay People to Vote for You?

What would happen if someone running for public office simply said, "If you vote for me, I will pay each of you \$5.00." Would anything happen to that person? Is there any specific law that prevents someone



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Would they face any kind of punishment? In Tennessee, there is a law that prevents this. Tennessee Code Annotated section 2-19-121 states that it is unlawful for any candidate to expend, pay, promise, or loan or become liable in any way for money or other things of value, directly or indirectly, or to agree to enter into any contract with any person in exchange for that person voting for them.

Okay, so now we know there is a specific law that

prevents candidates from bribing people to vote for them. What happens if they do it though?

Tennessee Code Annotated section 2-19-123 states that a violation of this law is a Class C misdemeanor. This is the lowest level criminal offense in Tennessee that still carries a potential jail sentence. The maximum jail time someone would face if they are convicted of this crime is 30 days.

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Area state senators promote upcoming sales tax holidays

Lt. Governor Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge), state Senator Becky Massey (R-Knoxville), and state Senator Richard Briggs (R-Knoxville) are encouraging Knox County residents to take advantage of Tennessee's upcoming sales tax holidays, set to begin July 28 with the state's annual back-to-school tax-free weekend. A three-month-long suspension on grocery sales tax begins Aug. 1.

The sales tax holidays are part of successful legislative efforts in the General Assembly this year, supported by the Knox County lawmakers, to pass the largest tax cut in Tennessee history.

The lawmakers say the sales tax holidays are intended to provide relief to Tennesseans amid rising inflation and food costs.

"The cost of living continues to rise due to historic inflation, but the need for

groceries remains constant. Suspending the grocery tax for three months is one way the state can provide direct relief to all Tennesseans," said McNally, Massey and Briggs in a joint statement.

The state's annual back-to-school tax-free weekend runs from Friday, July 28 through Sunday, July 30 and provides a \$10 million tax cut. Eligible purchases include clothing and shoes valued at \$100 or less, school or art supplies costing \$100 or less, and computers for personal use priced at \$1,500 or less.

The three-month-long grocery sales tax holiday is from Aug. 1 through Oct. 31 and applies to food and food ingredients. However, it does not include prepared food, alcohol, dietary supplements, tobacco or candy. The state will replace local revenue lost, so local governments' budgets will not be affected by this tax reduction.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Veteran linemen will be the 'heartbeat of our team'

HARDIN VALLEY FOOTBALL 2023

Miner confident Hawks will improve in his second year

By Bill Howard

A year ago Jeff Miner took the helm of the Hardin Valley Academy football team. A slew of injuries made his inaugural season a rough one, as the Hawks won but a single game.

With his boys a year older and in better shape, and more familiar with his system, Miner is confident he'll see improvement in his second year.

"Last year our kids fought hard, they never gave up," said Miner. "We're trying to build a culture so we can put 'em in position to be successful ... getting to know our system. Now that we know each other better, they understand what we're doing better."

On offense, Miner's approach is to establish the run to set up the pass. A pair of seniors - Caleb Standifer (6-1, 175) and Jude Hurst (5-11, 170) are currently competing for the quarterback spot. Both have some experience.

"Both those guys can get the job done," Miner said. "There'll be some games where they'll need to make throws to win games but we're also not trying to put everything on their shoulders."

The rushing approach will be by committee, Miner said. Junior Nathan Holbrook (6-0, 200) and senior Brady Loveland (5-10, 190) will be the third-down bruisers, though neither has extensive experience.

Junior McKale Hayes (6-1, 170) and senior Brady

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HALLS FOOTBALL 2023

By Steve Williams

Halls High School's football coaching staff will be leaning heavily on its veteran offensive and defensive linemen to lead the way in 2023.

"They are going to be the heartbeat of our team, so to speak," said Brent Hughes, the Red Devils' second-year head coach.

"A lot of the linemen have started since they were sophomores. They're big and a lot of them have changed their bodies and gotten more in shape in the weight room.

"The thing that separates them in my opinion is that they are very smart. And a lot of those kids - they are not just good football players - they are great young men in the classroom, as citizens and in the community."

Hughes said offensive line coach Chase Slaven has done a great job with them the last two years. "You can just see that the cohesiveness is there. It's



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Halls senior linemen (from left to right) Adam Boles, Caleb Turner, Braden Barham (on the bar), Nick Goodwin and Jackson Alvey in the Red Devils' weight room last week after a morning practice session on the field.

their turn to have that special senior year. And that's what we want. I think they're up to the challenge of understanding that our team is going to go as they go. And I think they own

that." Looking ahead, Hughes believes if the Red Devils can run the football and protect their quarterback and stop the run and get to the opponents'

quarterback, they are going to have a successful season.

"If we struggle on those things, then we are going to struggle on the field and have to get creative," he said. "That's kind of where we're at as a football team."

Halls finished 2-9 last season, but its record was deceiving.

"Four or five of our games last year were lost by a possession," Hughes pointed out.

The Red Devils' wins came against Cocke County and Heritage. They lost to Daniel Boone in the first round of the playoffs.

Halls has seven returning starters on offense, led by senior linemen Jackson Alvey and Nick Goodwin. Amari Lethgo, who started at quarterback as a freshman, also is back. A lot of the team's skill players will be sophomores and juniors.

"Our hope is that we

allow our young guys enough time to groom and continue to adapt to the speed of high school football," said Coach Hughes. "With a lot of experience those guys got last year, hopefully they can take the next step this season and be more comfortable."

Halls returns eight starters on defense, including three senior linemen up front in Caleb Turner, Gavin Cameron and Noah Burgin.

Other returnees include inside linebackers Hunter Toney, a junior, and Kameron Bates, a senior, plus outside LB Brody Rogers, who played a lot as a freshman last season.

"We also return twins Gavin and Michael Harrop in the secondary," said Hughes. "They are senior skill players that lead our backend and are just great kids."

Gabe Holmes, who started last season as

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Halls Head Coach Brent Hughes fits freshman Tucker Berkley with shoulder pads last week.

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GIBBS FOOTBALL 2023

Gibbs ready for new season, new stadium

By Mark Nagi

The 2022 high school football season wasn't your typical campaign for the Gibbs Eagles.

They never played a game at home.

Ernest Whited Stadium at Gibbs High School was over 50 years old and in need of renovations, which forced the Eagles to play all their games on the road, with "home" games played at Carson-Newman University.

"We are looking forward to not getting on a bus 12 times and traveling every Friday," said Gibbs head coach Brad Turner. "That was tough. When you travel every week and you are in a small room on the road... it isn't like you are in your own locker room with air conditioning, relaxing, watching film and doing those things."

The new stadium now has increased capacity with room for approximately 4000 spectators. There's also a larger press box to go with new concession stands, restrooms and ticket booths, plus handicap accessibility.

"Being there and practicing, it is going to be pretty special the first home game against Halls (on August 25) to see our community in the stands and see what that will look like and compare that to what it looked like before," said Turner.

Despite those challenges, the Eagles finished last season with a 7-5 record before they were knocked out of the playoffs in the second round by Greeneville.

"Looking back, one of our mottos last year was 'Find a way' and it teaches

you what life is like," said Turner. "Sometimes things don't go your way and you have to find a way to be successful... we all know that in Class 4A you have to get past Greeneville or (defending state champion) Anderson County to make it far, and Anderson County is in our Region, so we played two of the best teams in the state my opinion."

As for the 2023 Eagles, Turner will be replacing nine starters on offense, but is excited about their young players at the skill positions. The Eagles also plan to platoon two guys at quarterback.

"We moved Boone Brockwell, who was our starting running back last year to quarterback. And we also have Chase Norman, who was our backup quarterback last year. We are gonna use both of them and they both bring different aspects of the game. If Boone isn't at quarterback, he will play running back. If Chase isn't at quarterback, he will be at wide receiver. They both also start safety for us, so they will both be on the field a lot."

On defense the Eagles return over half of our starters, so there is more experience on that side of the ball. "Wyatt West is a 3-year starter at linebacker," said Turner. "He has options to play at the college level. Wyatt is a really good football player for us and is the leader of our defense."

Turner added, "We had a good spring and scrimmage against Grainger County. It is about being physical and not making mistakes."



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

It took a long time coming, but it was worth the wait. Gibbs High's renovated football stadium has nearly tripled in size as far as seating capacity.

'No Stadium Tour' gives way to Home, Sweet, Home!

By Steve Williams

Fully appreciating the present can sometimes require recalling the past.

Gibbs High School's renovated and enlarged football stadium is sparkling in Columbia Blue, Black and White and ready for some action.

Due to construction delays, Ernest Whited Stadium in Corryton did not host any football games during the 2022 season.

In fact, the last game the Eagles played on their home turf was in Week 10 (Oct. 22) of the 2021 season – a 31-28 loss to Clinton.

Last year, Gibbs had to find other locations to play its five home games. Its schedule ended up being referred to as the "No Stadium Tour."

The Eagles' first home game was played at Webb. They played two of their

home opponents (Central and South-Doyle) at Carson-Newman University and the other two (Scott and York Institute) at Central High.

Gibbs also earned a home berth against Grainger in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs but won that game at Fulton. After their second-round loss at Greeneville, the Eagles finished 7-5, despite playing all of their games on the road.

"Last season was obviously a challenge, but we took it in stride and tried to teach our kids sometimes in life things don't go the way you want and you have to find a way to make the best of it, and that's what they did," recalled Gibbs Head Coach Brad Turner.

"Our senior class did a really good job of persevering through that adversity and not making excuses and being happy to play ball. I think our team bought

into that and our community bought into that. It was tough getting on a bus 12 times last year, but at the end of the day, we look back at 2020 and say at least we were playing football."

In 2020, some local teams didn't get to play all of their games due to the corona virus pandemic.

The seating capacity of Gibbs' new stadium has increased from approximately 1,500 to exactly 3,801, said Coach Turner.

One of the biggest changes fans will notice is that Gibbs' home side is now on the other side of the field.

"The sun at 7 o'clock (game time) when we were on the old home side was right in your eyes," said Turner, "so we decided to go with not having the sun in our eyes."

The stadium now has aluminum bleachers on both sides.

There's also a huge new

press box plus new ticket booths, concession stands and restrooms.

"We're happy with it," said Turner.

The track and soccer teams got to use the stadium this past spring.

The backside of the press box and stadium also has been spruced up.

"We cleared off some trees back there so that you could see it and we're going to put some lights on that, so that at game time and night time, you'll be able to see it from Tazewell Pike for sure," added Turner.

Gibbs had a Senior Night for the football team last fall at Carson-Newman and will extend that recognition at this season's home opener.

"We're going to recognize all the players from last year, especially our seniors, before the game and have a little dedication ceremony for that to present them

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Veteran linemen will be the 'heartbeat of our team'

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freshman, also returns at cornerback.

"We feel good about the product that we are going to be able to put out there," said Hughes. "It's just right now we're searching for depth in a lot of areas. There's going to be some freshmen that are going to help provide us depth."

"I like to find freshmen

early and throw them to the fire to get them ready," added Hughes. "I've done that every year since I've been at Halls, just because you never know what you're going to need. I try to find that talent early and really try to groom it for the future. It allows those kids to find a role on our football team."

"Like last year, for

example, halfway through the season Holmes ended up being one of our best cornerbacks and he was a freshman. He returns this year and he's going to be a special football player."

As for special teams, senior Owen Taylor should be a weapon for Halls as its placekicker and punter. "He's really improved and he's got an opportunity to

go and play college ball somewhere," said Hughes.

The Red Devils lost two of their top skill players – WR/DBs Camden Johnson and Nolan Faust – to graduation.

"Those were two others we knew would be special early and we threw them to the fire as freshmen," said Coach Hughes. "Both are in the Top 5 in receiving in school history."

Halls will play its season opener at home against Campbell County on Aug. 17 in a Rivalry Thursday TV game.

Ex-Vol Mitchell is Halls' new DC

Former Tennessee defensive end Xavier Mitchell has joined Halls' coaching staff as its defensive coordinator. He also played in the Canadian Football League.

"Coach Xavier Mitchell is probably one of the



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Halls High Athletic Trainer Sammy Gover, who is in her second year with the Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic, schedules freshmen players for concussion testing, which is required every two years.

smartest football coaches that I've gotten to coach with," said Halls Head Coach Brent Hughes. "He's a guy that you respect because he has played the game at the highest level and the thing that separates him from a lot of people is he always puts

the players first before himself, before anybody else and I admire the heck out of that."

"He's making a difference already on our football team as he's still continuing to adjust and learn not just our kids, but our coaches as well. So we are super excited to have him here and know he is going to do good things for us as well."

Hughes, who was Halls' defensive coordinator for three years prior to becoming head coach, will be the team's offensive coordinator, replacing Tanner Williams, who left the program.

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Organized down to the last second

Traveling with the Tennessee football team meant trips to various venues, some exotic, some not. Someone once made a statement that was right on the money.

“If you were early, you were on time. If you were on time, you were late. If you were late, you were left.”

On these road trips, life was circumscribed by a number of bus rides and two plane flights. Everything was spit-and-polish and organized down to the last second.

A bus was the mode of transport to McGhee-Tyson Airport from campus, after a security check in the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center. The charter flights were mainly on Delta, although there was one trip to the old airport in Fayetteville, Ark., in 1995 where Delta wouldn't fly. An outfit called Miami Air did, and it was an adventure.

When the plane landed, three buses provided transit to the stadium for the Friday afternoon walk-through. A police escort took over, sirens blaring. The officers were efficient in getting the buses through the afternoon traffic, except in Boston one year, where the procession seemed to stop at every crosswalk.



The scoreboard tells the tale as Tennessee won a tough, defense-oriented game in 2003 at Miami.

Following the walk-through, the buses took us to the team hotel, where room keys were spread across three big tables. Then there was scattered grumbling about three small elevators trying to move more than 100 people into the upper reaches of the hotel. Russ Bebb and I would pick up the keys to our room nearly simultaneously, but Russ always got there first.

The next day, buses took us to the game site, gears grinding as they made their way through the crowd and the traffic.

When we arrived at the stadium, there were a number of fans at the

players' entrance. There was some colorful language, but nothing really serious. "One-finger salutes" were in abundance. There was a time at Auburn when fans rocked the buses from side to side, but that was the exception rather than the rule.

Players took a quick walk up and down the field before heading for the sanctity of the dressing room. Visiting team dressing rooms were always functional, and that's about all you could say. That assessment also includes the visitors' dressing room under the south stands at Neyland Stadium.

The uniforms are laid out

with precision, and everyone seems to be going in different directions. The media types head upstairs, and game time approaches. There's a meal of some sort and a great deal of earnest conversation about any number of subjects.

Afterwards, the buses made their way to the airport for the trip home. If Tennessee had won, it was a happy time. If not, that's another story. The local post-game shows dominated the airwaves. Those shows were always fun, more fun when the good guys had won.

There was all kinds of banter in the back of the plane. Gus Manning led the

fun and frivolity. Statistics had been distributed. If game statistics differed from Russ Bebb's Vol Network stats, Russ would always maintain his were correct.

The plane trip home provided food for the first time in several hours. The bill of fare was generally a roast beef sandwich, a ham and cheese sandwich, an apple, a large Snickers bar, some chips, and a couple of energy drinks, maybe even a Coca-Cola, all in one big bag.

The plane landed in Knoxville, with a big "thump" on impact. Either John Majors or Phillip Fulmer would make a brief

speech about the team being on its best behavior over the rest of the weekend.

After one lengthy trip, the plane landed without incident and passengers began quickly preparing to disembark. The plane hadn't quite made it to the gate when the pilot asked everybody to again be seated.

Nobody sat. He asked again. Same result. Finally, the late Tim Kerin, who had a tendency to punctuate this type of moment, uttered these memorable words.

"SIT DOWN!" Everybody sat. That was Tim Kerin, a man of great influence who commanded respect.

Buses were at the ready on the tarmac for the trip back to Gibbs Hall. There might be a stop at an auxiliary parking lot at the airport or at Lindsey Nelson Stadium where players' and other staff members' cars were. Then, finally, it was all over. Time to move on to next week.

The videographers headed to the Communications Building to prepare for the coaches' show the next morning.

It was back to the office, and an hour or so later, time to head home.

That's seven bus rides and two plane flights over a Friday and Saturday, maybe even into the early hours of Sunday morning. It was a vintage time, not soon to be forgotten.

Fox named HVA girls soccer coach

By Ken Lay

Masey Fox isn't afraid of challenges. If she were, she wouldn't have answered the call to become Hardin Valley Academy's next girls soccer coach.

Not that the Lady Hawks don't have talented players in place, it's just that the timing could've been awkward.

"I got the call and I got the job when the (TSSAA-mandated) dead period ended, and they basically asked me if I could come in and start practice tomorrow," Fox said.

The dead period ended July 9 and teams were allowed to return to athletic activities the following day, and Fox began preparations for the season.

"I really became attracted to the job after I talked to (athletic director) Mike (Mullins) and (assistant

athletic director) Maddie (Warren)," said Fox who played at Greenback High School and collegiately at UT-Chattanooga. "I was excited because I saw that you were in a close-knit community.

"We had a big turnout at our parent meeting and that was great to see. It was just an exciting atmosphere."

Fox replaces Jessie Stephens Burkhart, who resigned to take over the head coaching position at Farragut High School.

The new coach hasn't been around long but she knows that the Lady Hawks will face a stiff challenge every time they hit the pitch.

HVA competes in District 4-3A, the so-called 'district of death,' which features the Lady Hawks, two-time defending Class

3A State Champion Bearden, Farragut, Maryville, William Blount and Heritage. West High returns to the league after winning District 3-3A last season.

"I first learned a little bit about the district of death when I got here," said Fox, who has previously coached at Greenback and Maryville College.

She's been impressed with what she's seen early.

"When you have practice at 5:30, we have girls showing up at 4:30 to work on things and you also have girls staying after practice to do extra work," Fox said. "Right now, I'm trying to get to know the girls, the team, and there's been a lot of learning in a short period of time."

Dover named boys soccer coach at Hardin Valley Academy

By Ken Lay

A familiar face is returning to the high school boys soccer scene in 2024.

Ray Dover was recently named head coach at Hardin Valley and he's relishing another opportunity to be a head coach again.

"I'm glad to be back but I enjoyed my time away," said Dover, who replaces Jessie Stephens Burkhart, who stepped down as both the Hawks' and Lady Hawks' head coach to become the girls coach at Farragut High School, her alma mater. "I got a chance to do a lot of things that I wanted to do. But once you start doing this, you don't want to stop doing it."

"When I coached, it was all about the players, all about the guys."

Dover is no stranger to Hardin Valley or to District 4-3A as he was Farragut's boys head coach from 2016-20. He had success with the Admirals, making a state tournament appearance in 2017 and three consecutive sectional appearances in 2017-19.

His last season with the Admirals was the COVID-19-abbreviated campaign in 2020. District 4-3A, aka 'District of Death,'

features the likes of Bearden, Farragut, the Hawks, Maryville, William Blount and Heritage. West High also returns this school year, replacing Lenoir City.

"I coached in this league and my second year, was the year that it was all together, so I know what it's all about," Dover said.

"My second year, we won it,"

"This is what I'm used to and I know what it is."


Bearden and West spent time away from the league and the Admirals' sectional losses came to the Bulldogs.

At HVA, Dover inherits a team that reached the Class 3A state semifinals in Murfreesboro. And that, he said, brings its own challenge.

"I saw that team play last year. I saw them in their game that went to overtime at Bearden and I saw them play in the state tournament," he said. "It's up to us as coaches to make sure that players stay hungry and get better."


"We're going to learn. We're going to get better and we're going to have fun. It's all about building relationships and I've met with all of players one-on-one."

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Miner confident Hawks will improve in his second year

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 Hogrefe (6-2, 210) will provide the speed in the backfield. Hayes is a star runner on the track team.
 "Those guys (McKale and Brady) can go the distance; other guys can get tough yards," said Miner. "I think they'll complement each other."
 Senior Pierce Palmer (6-1, 185), junior Isaac Shelby (6-1, 195), and sophomore Taa Henderson (5-9, 160) will be the primary targets for Standifer or Hurst. Shelby is the most experienced.
 "I think we'll be balanced (on offense) and make it tough for teams to focus on one thing," said Miner.
 The offensive line might be the Hawks' strongest unit this year. Considerable experience returns.
 Junior Neal Henley (6-0, 215) will be at right guard, while senior Holt Lawrence (6-0, 205) will play left guard.
 Senior Josh Lay (6-3, 250) will play right tackle; left tackle will be manned

by junior Dustin Rodriguez (6-0, 215). Senior Scotty Stamey (6-1, 240) could also help at left guard.
 Junior Evan Clarke (5-10, 215) will be at center.
 "That ought to be one of the strengths of our team with all those guys back," said Miner.
 The D-line has returning experience as well, as both ends are returning starters. Junior Michael Stewart (6-1, 200) will be at right end, while senior Andrew Beeler (6-1, 205) will be at left. Senior Ayden Turner (6-1, 280), who played O-line last year, will be in the middle.
 Hogrefe and senior Tommy Joseph (6-1, 200) will be the outside linebackers. Junior Kaden Cutcher (5-11, 185) will be the middle linebacker. Joseph is a returning starter; the other two have some experience.
 "All solid, all smart; just really heady football players," Miner said of his 'backers.
 Two returning starters - seniors Adam Blaylock

(5-11, 175) and Cooper Rittenberry (5-9, 170) will play cornerback this year. Miner will also have returning experience at safety, from Palmer, senior Brady Miner (5-9, 165), and sophomore Brady Lamb.
 The injury bug bit HVA hard last year in the secondary.
 "There's experience back there," Miner said. "They're smart, they know how to play with leverage and not give up big plays."
 Holbrook will be the punter and kicker. He's strong at both, Miner said. Many players can return punts or kicks.
 "Having that guy who can punt and flip the field is big; knowing you can count on 3 points is also big," said

Miner. "Really excited about special teams."
 A year removed from '22, Miner believes he and his staff have laid the foundation for a brighter future.
 "We've had time to teach and talk and push and install our culture and our way of doing things," Miner said. "I think we've got a great culture and a great locker room."
 "We've closed the gap. The natural progression is to win those close games (we lost last year). "We're excited; couldn't ask for a better group of guys."
 The Hawks open the season Aug. 18 at home against Karns. The first Region (2-6A) game is at home against Bearden Sept. 15.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS
 On a sunny day in early August last summer, Gibbs' football team was practicing, but no construction work was going on at the stadium.

'No Stadium Tour'

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 With something," said Turner.
 The Gibbs coach said he hopes more of the alumni will turn out now, especially with more room at the stadium. "We want them to be a part of the Gibbs football program and look forward to seeing them this fall."
 The Eagles will play their season opener at Union County on Aug. 18 and

their first home game will be against Halls on Aug. 25.
 By the way, Gibbs' last win on its home field was against Halls, 25-20, in the 2021 season opener - a little over 23 months ago. Having gone so long without a win on their home field should pump up the Eagles even more for this year's rivalry game against the Red Devils.

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**TO: MORGAN GORDON
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF
AURORA OLIVIA JONES
NO. 206505-2**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MORGAN GORDON, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MORGAN GORDON, it is ordered that said defendant, MORGAN GORDON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Megan A Bodie, an Attorney whose address is 800 S Gay Street, Suite 1650, Knoxville, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B Armstrong Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 23rd day of June, 2023.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
CHANCERY DIVISION AT
CLINTON, TENNESSEE

**Anthony Reynolds
Whereabouts Unknown**

**Last Known Address:
6606 Raccoon Valley Road
Knoxville, TN 37921**

**Heather Reynolds, Petitioner
Vs.
Anthony Reynolds, Respondent**

Case No. 22CH4061

It appears from the pleadings filed in this cause that Anthony Reynolds whereabouts are unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered July 5, 2023, service of process will be made by publication.

Anthony Reynolds IS THEREFORE, HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON OR BEFORE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION before the Clerk and Master of Chancery Court, located at 100 N. Main Street, Suite 308, Clinton, Tennessee 37716 and make defense to the complaint filed in the foregoing case styled above. Otherwise, said complaint will be taken for confessed, and a Judgment by Default entered. Anthony Reynolds is required to file responsive pleadings with the court and Petitioner's Attorney, H. Daniel Forrester, III, 224 N. Main St., Clinton, TN 37716. It is further ordered that this Notice be published in The Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This July 6, 2023.

Harold P. Cousins Jr.
Clerk and Master
By: Blake Williams
Deputy Clerk

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**In re Estate of Modestine
Cunningham, Deceased**

**FELICIA COALSON, Administrator
v.
GLORIA TIPTON, PENNIE BRAGG,
RICHARD HARDIN, KEVIN CUNNINGHAM,
BARIN HARRIS, RODNEY HOUSTON,
TIARA STOKLEY, ALSTORJA HOOKER,
AND WANDA VAULTON, Respondents.**

No. 86362-3

From the sworn Petition for Sale of Real Property and for Order requesting service of process by publication and the entire record, the Court finds that the whereabouts of the Respondents Gloria Tipton, Pennie Bragg, Richard Hardin, Kevin Cunningham, Barin Harris, Rodney Houston, Tiara Stokley, Alstorja Hooker, and Wanda Vaulton are unknown and, after a diligent inquiry, cannot be ascertained or they have not accepted service. It is therefore ORDERED that the Respondents Gloria Tipton, Pennie Bragg, Richard Hardin, Kevin Cunningham, Barin Harris, Rodney Houston, Tiara Stokley, Alstorja Hooker, and Wanda Vaulton shall be served by publication of the following notice in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper located in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, as provided by law.

NOTICE
TO: Gloria Tipton, Pennie Bragg, Richard Hardin, Kevin Cunningham, Barin Harris, Rodney Houston, Tiara Stokley, Alstorja Hooker, and Wanda Vaulton

It is ordered that said Respondents, Gloria Tipton, Pennie Bragg, Richard Hardin, Kevin Cunningham, Barin Harris, Rodney Houston, Tiara Stokley, Alstorja Hooker, and Wanda Vaulton file an answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court at Knox County, Tennessee and with Felicia Coalson, an Attorney whose address is Owings, Wilson, & Coleman 900 S. Gay Street, Suite 800, Knoxville, Tennessee within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or the real property of Modestine Cunningham located at 116 S. Elmwood St., Knoxville, Tennessee will be sold. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. ENTERED July 6, 2023.

J. Scott Griswold, Clerk

Approved for Entry:
Felicia Coalson, Administrator
Owings Wilson Coleman
900 S. Gay Street, Suite 800
Knoxville, TN 37902

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

**VIRGINIA TRYDELL and CLYDE THOMAS,
Petitioners,
VS.**

**RANDY THOMAS, TOM THOMAS, WILLIAM
M. THOMAS, JR., SHARON THOMAS,
TERRY THOMAS, TAMMY SANDERS, LYNN
CHILDS, GWEN NEWMAN, FRED THOMAS,
AMBER GIBSON, J.A. GIBSON and All
Other Unnamed Heirs of Ollie Thomas.
Respondents.**

No. 2023-CH-81

To: Randy Thomas
Tom Thomas
William M. Thomas, Jr.
Sharon Thomas
Terry Thomas

The whereabouts of all are unknown

You are hereby summoned to appear within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this Summons, to-wit , within 30 days after August 7, 2023, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the Petition to Sell Real Estate and to serve a copy of your answer upon James H. Snyder, Jr., 345 South Hall Road, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701, (865) 981-4966, Attorney for the Petitioners; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition which has been filed with the Clerk of the Court in the above-entitled action by the Petitioners aforesaid.

Issued upon Order of the Court on this the 11 day of July, 2023, at 12:08 o'clock p.m.

Stephen S. Ogle
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: TOSHA L. LEE
IN RE: CHRISTOPHER K. LEE V. TOSHA L. LEE
NO. 206836-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TOSHA L. LEE, non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon TOSHA L. LEE, it is ordered that said defendant, TOSHA L. LEE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Samuel B. Tipton, an Attorney whose address is 611 S. Washington Street Maryville, Tennessee 37804 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 19 day of July 2023.

J SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LEE F BAILEY
DOCKET NUMBER 88140-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LEE F BAILEY who died Jun 5, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 3 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LEE F BAILEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANICE B MCCLAIN; CO-EXECUTRIX
7943 JENHURST WAY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL B BIGGS
DOCKET NUMBER 87560-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL B BIGGS who died Oct 8, 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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This the 6 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL B BIGGS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARTIN MANER; EXECUTOR
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WILLIAM E DUFFEY, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW
112 DURWOOD ROAD
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES EARL BRIDGES
DOCKET NUMBER 88093-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES EARL BRIDGES who died May 11, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 27 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES EARL BRIDGES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFERY ALAN SHOFFNER; EXECUTOR
1223 VENIDO DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GEORGE C. BRITTAIN, III
DOCKET NUMBER 87929-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of GEORGE C. BRITTAIN, III, who died December 26, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 6 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GEORGE C. BRITTAIN, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JESSICA D' ANDRAIA
9419 GLADIATOR LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

MICHAEL R. CROWDER ATTORNEY
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P.O. BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 88003-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL J. CLARK who died April 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 his or her 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 MICHAEL J. CLARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MATTHEW DENNIS DANIELS
3564 CAPTAINS WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

PATRICK L. WHITE, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WALLACE WILSON CONAWAY
DOCKET NUMBER 88051-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JULY, 2023, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of WALLACE WILSON CONAWAY who died on April 2, 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 theirs claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 7 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WALLACE WILSON CONAWAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JENNA VEE MCGAHEY GLENN

RONALD L. GRIMM ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 2466
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF INA RUTH PROFFITT COOPER
DOCKET NUMBER 88146-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of INA RUTH PROFFITT COOPER who died Jun 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 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 JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF INA RUTH PROFFITT COOPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARBARA J MURRIAN; EXECUTRIX
5546 WILKERSON ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY CECILIA HOEY COOPER
DOCKET NUMBER 88149-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY CECILIA HOEY COOPER who died Apr 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 JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARY CECILIA HOEY COOPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY ELIZABETH KINNANE; EXECUTRIX
5104 HEDGEWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARTHA REBECCA EDWARDS
DOCKET NUMBER 88090-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTHA REBECCA EDWARDS who died Aug 6, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARTHA REBECCA EDWARDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CINDY EDWARDS CAMPBELL; EXECUTRIX
2160 HIGHLAND FALLS COURT
JOHNSON CITY, TN. 37615

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SARAH DAISY EDWARDS
DOCKET NUMBER 88096-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SARAH DAISY EDWARDS who died May 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF SARAH DAISY EDWARDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES R WALKER; ADMINISTRATOR
391 FINLEY ROAD
RUTLEDGE, TN. 37861

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN RAY GERVAIS
DOCKET NUMBER 88002-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN RAY GERVAIS who died May 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

(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 29 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN RAY GERVAIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TRACEY GERVAIS; EXECUTRIX
55 DUNDEE DRIVE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GARY LYNN GINLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 88014-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JULY, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GARY LYNN GINLEY who died on January 24, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 7 day of JULY, 2023.

Estate of GARY LYNN GINLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA BAILEY, EXECUTOR
8112 BRICKYARD ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

KEVIN A. DEAN ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY SUE HANCOCK
DOCKET NUMBER 88111-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY SUE HANCOCK, who died on June 11, 2023, were issued to all the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARY SUE HANCOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN NICHOLAS HANCOCK
3212 ORCHARD GRASS ROAD
LEXINGTON, KY 40509

FIONA F. HILL ATTORNEY
550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH PATRICK HINDS
DOCKET NUMBER 88132-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH PATRICK HINDS who died May 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 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 first publication; or

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

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH PATRICK HINDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMI HINDS SCHMID, EXECUTRIX
7600 SCENIC VIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

VICTORIA B. TILLMAN, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LISA HARRIETT JACOBS
DOCKET NUMBER 88068-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JULY, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of LISA HARRIETT JACOBS who died on March 29, 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 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 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 JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LISA HARRIETT JACOBS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA FRIEDMAN
3039 GLENDON AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90034

PATRICK R. MCKENRICK ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARVIN QUINTON KOSIER
DOCKET NUMBER 88024-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARVIN QUINTON KOSIER, who died on July 23, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NADINE H. PLUMMER DOCKET NUMBER 87941-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of NADINE H. PLUMMER, who died on May 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) 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 this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 11 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF NADINE H. PLUMMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTIN L. MCDANIEL
10227 S. RIVER TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

PAUL C. SHUMAN ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR
P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AGNES L REED DOCKET NUMBER 88084-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of AGNES L REED who died May 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 3 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF AGNES L REED

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA REED; EXECUTRIX
1333 ROOSEVELT ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELLEN HUMMEL ROBINSON DOCKET NUMBER 88049-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELLEN HUMMEL ROBINSON who died May 6, 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 the 6 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ELLEN HUMMEL ROBINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NORA JEAN ROBINSON
1400 KENESAW AVE., 23B
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

MICHAEL R. CROWDER ATTORNEY
4TH FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA BLDG.
P.O. BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KELLY MARIE ROGERS DOCKET NUMBER 88095-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KELLY MARIE ROGERS who died Apr 17, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 28 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF KELLY MARIE ROGERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN STOKES; ADMINISTRATOR
7925 CRANLEY ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS MARTIN SHOEMAKER DOCKET NUMBER 88065-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DORIS MARTIN SHOEMAKER 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), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DORIS MARTIN SHOEMAKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID DEWAYNE SHOEMAKER;
ADMINISTRATOR
360 SOUTH SEVENDAKS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

JOHN EDWIN BAUGH ATTORNEY AT LAW
4617 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH DENISE STEELE DOCKET NUMBER 87786-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH DENISE STEELE who died Mar 27, 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 27 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH DENISE STEELE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD WILSON; ADMINISTRATOR
3239 MISTY HILL WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALBERT RAYMOND TIPTON DOCKET NUMBER 87917-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the ESTATE OF ALBERT RAY TIPTON, who died on April 18, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ALBERT RAYMOND TIPTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL ALLEN TIPTON
8124 TAZEWELL PIKE
CORYTTON, TN 37721

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEANNE LYNN TUCKER DOCKET NUMBER 87891-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEANNE LYNN TUCKER who died May 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 29 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF JEANNE LYNN TUCKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEWEL D HAYNES; ADMINISTRATOR
211 LAILA LANE
MT AIRY, NC 27030

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANKIE DEHART WALKER DOCKET NUMBER 88086-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE 2023, Letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANKIE DEHART WALKER who died May 30, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF FRANKIE DEHART WALKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY NELLE OSBORNE; EXECUTRIX
3220 WASHINGTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES SHELTON AIKEN DOCKET NUMBER 88175-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES SHELTON AIKEN 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 publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 10 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLES SHELTON AIKEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY F AIKEN; EXECUTRIX
569 WINDHAM HILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE ESTATE OF JOHN PETER AYO, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 88113-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOHN PETER AYO, JR. who died May 29, 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 13 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN PETER AYO, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
JEFFREY PETER AYO
LAURA HECK AYO
1330 WILLOWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

N CRAIG STRAND ATTORNEY
7610 GLEASON DR, STE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT WILEY BARRY DOCKET NUMBER 88170-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT WILEY BARRY who died Mar 4, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 7 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT WILEY BARRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT E BARRY; EXECUTOR
9331 PARADISE VALLEY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID BASS DOCKET NUMBER 87951-2

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN DAVID BASS, who died on March 20, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID BASS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WANDA STERCHI
1705 WATERVIEW TRAIL,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

JANE KAUFMAN JONES, ATTORNEY
8517 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD BECKLEY DOCKET NUMBER 88148-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD BECKLEY who died Jun 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 JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RICHARD BECKLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY ELIZABETH BECKLEY; EXECUTRIX
5701 PINELLAS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WARREN ALEXANDER BRINDEL DOCKET NUMBER 87987-2

Notice is Hereby Given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2023, Letters of Administration, in respect to the Estate of WARREN ALEXANDER BRINDEL, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk & 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 in triplicate with the Clerk & Master of the above-named Court within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, OR the Date of Receipt of a copy of this Notice, otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned below.

This the 12 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WARREN ALEXANDER BRINDEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MATTHEW F. BRINDEL, ADMINISTRATOR
7620 OLD CLINTON PIKE, APT. 45
POWELL, TN 37849

ROGER D HYMAN ATTORNEY
PO BOX 26072
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH S. BYRD DOCKET NUMBER 88119-2

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14 day of JULY, 2023, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of DEBORAH S. BYRD, who died on the 23 day of February 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 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 14 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH S. BYRD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANDREA CROUSE
2349 CONNERS CREEK CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

RONALD J. ATTANASIO, ATTORNEY
625 MARKET STREET, SUITE 700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN WHITAKER COKER A/K/A JOHN W. COKER DOCKET 7CH1-2023-PR-5121

Notice is hereby given that on June 12 of 2023 Letters Testamentary (or of Administra-

tion as the case may be) in respect of the estate of JOHN WHITAKER COKER A/K/A JOHN W. COKER, who died 3/19/2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Campbell County Chancery Court of Campbell 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 (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 12 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN WHITAKER COKER A/K/A JOHN W. COKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH G COKER; ADMINISTRATOR
PO BOX 126
JACKSBORO, TN 37357

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED MAYNE CONNER AKA CARRIE MAYNE CONNER DOCKET NUMBER 87960-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY 2023, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of MILDRED MAYNE CONNER AKA CARRIE MAYNE CONNER who died Dec 31, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MILDRED MAYNE CONNER AKA CARRIE MAYNE CONNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARSON ROBERT GENTRY
DOCKET NUMBER 88062-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of JULY, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CARSON ROBERT GENTRY who died on April 15, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 14 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CARSON ROBERT GENTRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CATHERINE RENEE O'BAUGH,
ADMINISTRATRIX
7401 OPENVIEW LANE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

ANGELIA M. NYSTROM, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE S-700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES B. GHEEN, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 88153-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES B. GHEEN, SR. who died December 29, 2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 17 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES B. GHEEN, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES B. GHEEN, JR.
9217 A WESTLAND DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

ANGELIA M. NYSTROM, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE S-700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS L. GRAHAM, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 87955-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of JULY, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the ESTATE OF THOMAS L. GRAHAM who died February 7, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 18 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF THOMAS L. GRAHAM, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
KATHY D. GRAHAM
7036 HIGH ALPINE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37918

JOEL A. CANNON, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW
2924 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE F
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MINNIE PEARL HARPER
DOCKET NUMBER 88184-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MINNIE PEARL HARPER who died Feb 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 11 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MINNIE PEARL HARPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL ANDREW HARPER; EXECUTOR
4521 FAWNIE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES WILES HOOK
DOCKET NUMBER 88192-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES WILES HOOK who died Jun 30, 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 12 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF FRANCES WILES HOOK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
M CAREY HOOK, CO-EXECUTOR
135 BROOKS BANK DRIVE
NOLENSVILLE, TN. 37135

K ELIZA HOOK, CO-EXECUTOR
925 LAKE HAVEN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE WINFORD HURST
DOCKET NUMBER 88114-3

Notice I hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY, 2023 letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LAWRENCE WINFORD HURST who died APRIL 10, 2023, were issued to Michael Wayne Hurst 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 the 17 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE WINFORD HURST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
MICHAEL WAYNE HURST
732 CLIFFTOP RD
BLAINE, TN 37709

A. NICOLE TROUTT ATTORNEY
100 DALTON PLACE WAY, STE 103
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY ANNE LAWSON
DOCKET NUMBER 88145-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY ANNE LAWSON who died Mar 13, 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF NANCY ANNE LAWSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RODNEY LAWSON; CO-EXECUTOR
3113 SHELBOURNE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

ANGELA BOLIN; CO-EXECUTOR
231 CLINCH VALLEY DRIVE
BLAINE, TN. 37709

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LOU LONGMIRE
DOCKET NUMBER 87985-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of July 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LOU LONGMIRE who died March 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 5 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARY LOU LONGMIRE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LOUANNE L. CLABOUGH
4001 AVON PARK CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

JOHN A. LONGMIRE
3712 THRALL RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY J. MOYER
DOCKET NUMBER 88128-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY J MOYER who died May 11, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 17 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY J MOYER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ASHLIE CZYZ; EXECUTRIX
2207 WINNERS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

RYAN N. SHAMBLIN ATTORNEY AT LAW
205 MOHICAN ST
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLAIRE ANN PATTI
DOCKET NUMBER 88183-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLAIRE ANN PATTI who died Dec 6, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLAIRE ANN PATTI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARE E PATTI; EXECUTOR
12663 BRASS LANTERN LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET PFEIFER
DOCKET NUMBER 88105-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of MARGARET PFEIFER, who died on February 19, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication on 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 17 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARGARET PFEIFER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THOMAS S. PFEIFER
2446 ANCIENT OAK LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

J. NICHOLAS ARNING, JR. ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR
P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT DALE REESE
DOCKET NUMBER 88008-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT DALE REESE 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 re-

ceived an actual copy of his 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 17 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT DALE REESE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ZACHARY REESE
317 INDEPENDENCE DRIVE
JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

WESTON A. GANTTE ATTORNEY
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DANDRIDGE, TN 37725

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEE ROBERTS
DOCKET NUMBER 87939-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of Joseph Lee Roberts who died April 25, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received 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 14 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEE ROBERTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REGINA ROBERTS
2726 RUSHLAND PARK BLVD
KNOXVILLE TN 37924

M. SUE WHITE ATTORNEY
216 PHOENIX CT, SUITE D
SEYMOUR TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ORVID RICHARD ROBERTS
DOCKET NUMBER 88088-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ORVID RICHARD ROBERTS who died Jun 4, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF ORVID RICHARD ROBERTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JERRY RIDINGER; EXECUTRIX
7736 PENNYROYAL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNIE THEO ROYER
DOCKET NUMBER 87809-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANNIE THEO ROYER who died April 2, 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 12 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ANNIE THEO ROYER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN M. ROYER
6909 SHERWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

LISA W. GAMMELTOFT, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY E RUDD
DOCKET NUMBER 88085-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY E RUDD who died Oct 28, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the

same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2023.

ESTATE OF JUDY E RUDD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERESA Y FOX; EXECUTRIX
3101 ELLISTOWN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD DEAN SAMMONS, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 88076-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JULY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD DEAN SAMMONS, SR. who died Nov 8, 2021, 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 13 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RICHARD DEAN SAMMONS, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD SAMMONS, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR
235 DEER MEADOW AVENUE
BOWLING GREEN, KY 42103

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD SHULER
DOCKET NUMBER 87990-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES EDWARD SHULER who died Sep 29, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON The Treaty at Sycamore Shoals

By Jadon Gibson

Chief Dragging Canoe, Chief Oconostota and other chiefs agreed on March 17, 1775, to sell lands including most of present-day Kentucky. It also included a large tract of land in Tennessee.

Former Judge Richard Henderson agreed to pay the Indians with arms and powder. The British were not apprised of this and were displeased because it would make the Indians a much greater threat on the borderland, where the pioneers lived and worked in close proximity to the Indians.

Henderson had almost reached an agreement with the Cherokees the previous year. Prior to the new discussions he advertised for settlers by promising 500 acres to all who would raise a crop of corn on the new land. He stated that fifty soldiers would be hired for protection and would receive 500 acres each in payment.

The guns, lead, powder, rum, flour, blankets and sacks of corn to be exchanged were loaded onto six wagons and transported to Sycamore Shoals (Elizabethton) on the eastern edge of Tennessee.

It was an impressive sight when Chief Dragging Canoe, Chief Oconostota, Little Carpenter and Raven arrived in their regalia and filed past the cabins and wagons for a glimpse at the goods to be exchanged. It was valued at 10,000 pounds in British currency at that time. Over 1200 Cherokee tribesmen arrived and mingled about the valley.

During the discussion, Oconostota rose and, with great emotion, opposed the historic sale urging his people to refuse and resist further encroachment of the white men. Several of the Indians exhibited aggressive behavior.

The agreement was struck the following day however even though Chief Dragging Canoe had previously told Daniel Boone there would be much trouble in settling the land known as "Kain-tuck the Dark and Bloody Ground."

Boone did not remain for the signing as he was commissioned by Henderson to blaze the trail and explore

the newly acquired region along with his band of 30 axe men.

He traveled north to Moccasin Gap and then turned westward crossing Clinch River and Powell Mountain. After crossing Powell River they soon arrived at the massive Cumberland Mountains and traveled along its base westward underneath a great wall of white rock near what is now Ewing, Virginia. This impressive landmark can be seen from Highway 58 just 11 miles or so east of Cumberland Gap.

"Every heart is bounding with joy and excitement as we begin to discover the pleasing and rapturous appearance of Kentucky," one of the members of Boone's party wrote in his journal "So rich a soil we have never seen before. It is covered with clover in full bloom. The woods are alive with wild game. The turkeys are so numerous as though nature had spread a feast for us all. It almost induces us to imitate Columbus and kiss the soil of Kentucky as he kissed the sand on his first setting foot on the shores of America."

They pushed onward into Kentucky blazing the trail to what is now the Kentucky River.

A savage attack by Indians left several of their party dead and wounded prompting Boone's men to begin constructing a fort. Henderson and additional men were coming to Boone's assistance but they wondered when. It was with great difficulty they eventually arrived.

Upon their arrival, Boone's men gave them a salute of gunfire. The day of their arrival was declared a day of festivity. The fort would become known as Boonesborough.

The 13 colonies declared their independence from British rule on July 4, 1776. The following day settlers from present-day Tennessee petitioned North Carolina for annexation. In 1777, North Carolina established Washington County, which included most of Tennessee. That year Kentucky became the westernmost county of Virginia.

Settlers steadily flowed into Kentucky most using Wilderness Road and passing through Cumberland Gap. By 1790 Kentucky's population was 73,000 and growing and in 1792 she was admitted into the union.

In the mid-1790s, Wilderness Road was widened to allow passage by wagons resulting in an even greater westward migration.

My wife and I revisited Fort Boonesborough just off Highway 75 near Lexington, Kentucky, just a few years ago. It is an outstanding replica staffed by period craftsmen. It's a wonderful place to spend the morning or afternoon.

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Local bike drive hosted by Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union™, UKG, and Two Bikes Knoxville

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union partners with UKG, a leading provider of HR, payroll and workforce management solutions, and Two Bikes Knoxville, a local non-profit bicycle store, to collect bicycles from the community. The bicycles are being gathered, refurbished and given to those in need.

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union has a long-standing history of serving its members and community. Guided by the philosophy of "People Helping People," the credit union is always seeking an opportunity to give back to the community.

"Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union is approaching its 90th anniversary. Without our members and the communities we serve, the credit union would not be in the position to reach this milestone," says Lynn

Summers, interim CEO and president. "We are proud to partner with two other organizations that are as equally dedicated to giving back to the community as we are."

Two Bikes Knoxville has been sharing their passion for bikes with everyone in the community through many ongoing programs such as "The Bike School," "Pedal It Forward" and "Community Rides." These projects give Two Bikes Knoxville the platform to refurbish and give away used bikes, host community bike rides, hold classes to help upkeep bikes, and offer internships to future bicycle enthusiasts. They also donate one bike for every one that is sold. Two Bikes Knoxville partners with businesses like KTVAEUCU®, UKG, and local nonprofits to build opportunity, sustainability, and community through

bicycles.

Bicycle and cash donations are accepted at every KTVAEUCU® branch location (excluding the Tri-Cities area and Lovell Heights drive-thru locations) from Monday, July 31, until the end of business hours on Thursday, August 10. Bicycles can be used or new.

"We want to encourage all of our Members and those in the Greater Knoxville area to participate in the bike drive," says Kimberly Trimble, Chief People Officer. "Credit unions have always had a People Helping People philosophy, and we are excited to enact this service attitude through hosting the bike drive."

For more information on community initiatives at Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, visit tvacreditunion.com.

SCHOOL MANIA

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED WHILE THEY LAST

FRIDAY, JULY 28

3 - 6 P.M.

JACOB BUILDING PARKING LOT

Enter on 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive - Gates open at 2 p.m.

AD SPACE DONATED BY THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID KELLY WILLIAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 88123-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JULY, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID KELLY WILLIAMS who died on April 3, 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) 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
(2) 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 JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DAVID KELLY WILLIAMS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EMILY E. WILLIAMS; ADMINISTRATRIX
2715 FAIRVIEW STREET

KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

ANGELIA M. NYSTROM, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE 5-700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROYCE WRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 88087-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROYCE WRIGHT who died Mar 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) 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
(2) 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.

date of death.

This the 10 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROYCE WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT; EXECUTOR
2612 WOODBINE AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 3439, Carpet Tile Installation Services, due 8/24/23;
Bid 3442, Electronic Signs, due 8/22/23;
Bid 3444, Firearms, due 8/21/23;
Bid 3446, Housing and Energy Services for CAC, due 8/21/23;
Bid 3447, Paving Services, due 8/23/23
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

THE OWNERS AND/OR LIEN HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE HERBY NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO RECLAIM SAID VEHICLES BEING HELD AT ALL COLORS BODY SHOP FAILURE TO RECLAIM THIS VEHICLES WILL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF SAID VEHICLE AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC ACTS 1967, CHAPTER 240, HOUSE BILL 379 ON SEPT 14, 2022 AT 209 N. CONCORD ST. KNOXVILLE TN. 37919.

2002	Chevrolet	3500
VIN#1GCJK33132F135350		
DATE OF SALE 7-28-23		

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, house Bill 379. The sale will be held at Volunteer Towing Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in

the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below, not bearing a VIN/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).

- 17 FORD FUSION 3FAGP0LU4R287106
- 02 HONDA 1HGCG22452A000207
- 02 DODGE RAM 3D7HU182X2G187526
- 03 MERCURY G MARO. 2 M E F M 7 4 W 2 2 3 X 6 5 3 4 8 6
- 17 NISSAN NV200 3N6CM0KN9HK709554
- 15 KIA SOUL KNDJN2A23F7178924
- 00 HONDA VAN 2HKRL185YH621643
- 97 BUICK 2G4WS52M9V1426973
- 10 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF3EAXU036402
- 07 HONDA PILOT 5FN9Y18427B032359
- 06 FORD F1501FTRX14W96KA91080
- 14 NISSAN ROGUE 5N1AT2MXXE827265
- 09 TOYOTA COROLLA 1NXBU40E7Z044014
- 05 JEEP G. CHEROKEE 1J8HR50N15C729886
- 14 FORD FIESTA 3FADP4EJ7EM202057
- 18 HY ELANTRA KMHD84LFOJU614708
- 20 TOYOTA COROLLA 5YFEPRAE1LP040716
- 08 GMC SERRIA 2GTEK638081286520
- 10 NISSAN 1N4AL2AP8AC139849
- 10 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL2AP1AN495855
- 03 TOYOTA COROLLA 1NXBR32E132022338
- 05 NISSAN XTERRA 5N1AN08U5C620393
- 07 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BE46K47U539309

24) 11 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZA5EU4BF246202

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON, August 9, 2023 11:00 AM AT YOUR EXTRA STORAGE (starts at Cedar Bluff location): CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE

254 Harry Lane Blvd. Knoxville TN 37923:
L10 Jericho Figuero, J09 Dawn Mayer, F52 Barbra Yasa. 7144 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville TN 37849: DC31 Nicholas Breeden, G13, William Horton, E19 Linda Ballard, D03 Linda Ballard, G08 Naaji Kingstro. 4303 E. Emory Rd. Knoxville TN. 37938: E29 Clyde Holloway, H05 April Pollock, H12 Laura Reynolds, C16 Nathan Space, G16 Ronald Wolfenbarger.
CASH ONLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for title:
Ben Sexton hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 2006 Dodge 1500 Pickup, Vehicle Identification Number VIN #1D78A18266S28417. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Ken Sexton by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to 1830 Elkins Rd, Kodak, TN 37764.
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