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Terry Merianos, owner of Martha Lee's Jewlery, is celebrating the store's recent move to South Knoxville by offering a 20% off all in-stock jewelry promotion. Martha Lee's is located at 3508-C Maryville Pike.

Martha Lee's Jewelry comes home to South Knoxville

Toni Scott running for 5th District **Commission seat**

As the wife, daughterin-law and mother of University of Tennessee athletes, Toni Scott believes in the Volunteer spirit. When she retired from teaching to pursue motherhood, she threw herself into her community, volunteering in our schools, her church and civic organizations to give back to the community that raised her.

Now she's ready to take it to another level and run for Knox County Commission, District 5 in the upcoming Republican primary.

Toni says she has noticed a troublesome trend our community in recent years.

battle for our children's working with our school future. They're not grow- system to empower family ing up in the West Knox involvement in the class-County I knew," she told The Focus.



Toni Scott

life is more expensive now than ever, and our schools are facing challenges unimaginable a generation ago."

Toni promises to fight to change that through protecting District 5 from overbuilding, opposing "We are losing the a property tax increase, room, and ensuring your child's safety when you drop them off for school.

By Jamie Schnell schnellj@knoxfocus.com

Martha Lee's Jewelry has found a new home in South Knoxville, where it all began for its owner. The business is owned by Terry Merianos, who took it over from her mother in 1980.

Terry's mother, Martha Beeler, started selling

north side of Knoxville in 1977, and as a child, Terry loved playing with her mother's jewelry. Terry grew up in South Knoxville and even got her first job at a deli in a family-owned, full-service the same area where the new location has opened.

me home and returned me vintage costume jewelry,

Tennessee pearls on the to my roots. I am thrilled to be back in this part of town, embracing my community, seeing old classmates, and learning about their lives."

Martha Lee's Jewelry is neighborhood jeweler that offers a wide range of jew-"Country roads brought elry, including natural and

fine jewelry, gold, pearls, and diamonds (including lab-grown diamonds), sterling silver, Native American jewelry and custom design. The business has a team of experienced professionals including the jeweler Ray, who has 45 years of experience, and Terry's niece, <u>Continue on page 2</u>

Old Giffin School project among many new housing efforts in city and county

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The old Giffin Elementary School may become a housing development thanks to the first reading earlier this month by the Knoxville City Council. The 1834 Beech Street facility, empty for many years, may be renovated to hold 77 dwelling units within two new low-rise apartment buildings. It will also include a new commons structure near the street.

First District Councilman Tommy Smith said the project will bring "affordable housing to South Haven with workforce housing."

Eligible future residents



The historic Giffin School may be approved for housing buildings. The South Knoxville project is only part of the city's effort to increase housing options for residents.

would have an income created a memorandum below the 60% mean threshold. Smith applauded the cooperation between the developer and the neighborhoods.

"The developer of this The Focus. historic property listened earnestly to the residents of the neighborhood and

of understanding focused on tree preservation, vehicle congestion, and environmental protection for Baker Creek," Smith told

"It is rare that you see a neighborhood and developer find common ground to

both preserve community and increase much-needed affordable housing," Smith added.

The renovation and additions to Giffin School is but one of the many property changes underway in the city to permit more housing, including an effort to permit accessory dwellings in the rear of existing residential homes.

Rezonings for 707 Delap Drive from RN-1 to RN-2 and 114 Sylvia Drive from RN-1 to RN-5, were approved as well as tax incentives for the renovation of four lots on East Magnolia Avenue for housing.

"Traffic is outrageous,

Commission clears Young-Williams for animal control

Bv Mike Steelv Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The final reading of a resolution granting animal control duties in Knox County to the Young-Williams Animal Center passed in a unanimous vote in the regular meeting of the Knox County Commission. That approval came after Commissioner Carson Dailey had questioned in a work session the previous week whether or not the center would pick up dead animals.

Dailey said the question has been resolved. Young-Williams will assume all animal control functions in the city and county beginning in April.

The fairly brief commission meeting also voted to change the rules in a request from the KCSO Employees' Merit System Board of Directors to permit a grievance any time an employee loses pay while being suspended.

The commission also Continue on page 3

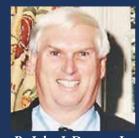
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PAGE A2 The Knoxville FOCUS December 26, 2023 Democrats And Republicans Used To Get Along Better

From a distance



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

A worker at Holston Hills Country Club a few weeks ago told me I was the only Republican he ever voted for. Many Democrats over the years have said similar things like that to both my father and me, and we always appreciated those kind words.

When someone would say that to my Dad, he would always thank them and say, "That counts double, because it means one less against me and one more for me." That licans did.

always seemed to really spoken to him.

I am pleased that during my 30 years in Congress, Republicans and Democrats could still get along with each other.

I tried to be kind to all the Democrats both because it made my time in office more pleasant and also because the Democrats controlled the House for 16 of my 30 years there.

That meant that if I wanted to get something done for my district or for one of my constituents, I needed to try to get along with everyone.

Now, I can drive all around my old district and see probably at least 300 or more major projects that my staff and I were able to get into various bills. And the Democrats treated me about as well as the Repub-

ville lawyer, John Hogin, who loved golf, wanted to play at the famous Burning Tree Country Club where President Eisenhower just as hard to help Demooften played, just outside of Washington.

I was able to get him on the course because my friend, John Corcoran, who grew up in Knoxville and went to UT, was a member there. John was the top Norfolk Southern executive in Washington.

It was a cold October day, and the only others we saw on the course that day were Tip O'Neill, the famous former speaker of the house, and another former congressman, Fred Rooney from Pennsylvania, whom I had never met.

When Mr. Rooney found out who I was, he said, "Your Dad was the only man I ever knew who never

of the finest compliments of the many I have heard about my father.

Daddy and I both tried crats as Republicans, and I believe the people knew that. We never asked anybody's politics if they asked for our help.

Two other former leaders who always seemed to be kind to everyone in Washington were former Sen. Howard Baker and former Attorney General Ed Meese.

Sen. Baker was a great member of the Senate for 18 years, and I believe he would have been a very good president. But what impressed me even more than his time in the Senate were his two years as President Reagan's chief of staff.

The chief of staff is often

During my first year in had an enemy in Washing- the one who has to say 'no' serve with almost 1,500 please the person who had Congress, the late Knox- ton." I thought it was one for the president. There is a other members of the mean way to say no, and a kind way to say it. Sen. Baker's predecessor as chief left as a very unpopular man. Sen. Baker became even more popular after his two years at the White House.

> In my first 10 or 15 years in the House, I used to do a 5-minute radio program each week and a 30-minute TV show once a month. I once had Ed Meese as my special guest on both shows and then took him to lunch at the Capitol Hill Club.

Mr. Meese treated everyone who wanted to speak to him that day, and there were many, with great kindness and respect. President Trump later gave Gen. Meese the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our highest civilian award.

I had the privilege to

House because there is so much turnover in elective office today.

Most of them - Democrat or Republican - were some of the finest men and women I have ever known. Unless you are a political junkie, you could probably not name 50 of them.

It is easier for a Senator to get publicity than it is for most members of the House. A typical hard-working congressman doesn't get much publicity unless he becomes speaker of the house, chairman of a controversial committee, or gets involved in a scandal.

In fact, if a member of the House is frequently on national television, you can be sure that the member is a publicity hound who is working harder to get on TV than he or she is working for their constituents.

Merry Christmas

Mother

State University

This Christmas, like all the ones before, I am grateful to have been blessed with great parents who had struggled to get an education and who made it easy for me and my

brother to go to mother was a domestic. His father drove a coal truck. His mother would not let her three girls do any housework saying that she was not training the next generation of maids. Instead, they all went to HBCUs and became school teachers. Dad and his three brothers all graduated from college and the older children helped finance the education of their younger sib-

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(GA) and is conschool. Dad's parents did sidered the mother of that not finish college and his university. Both of my parents had master's degrees and both my brother and I have Ph.Ds.

My parents spent much of their lives trying to help educate black children in the Atlanta public schools. I am bitter about very few things. However, I am bitterly disappointed in the black intelligentsia and their opposition to improving the education of poor children. When I was growlings. Mother's father was ing up in Atlanta during a farmer but her mother the Civil Rights movement,

had a high school blacks made up over 50 running on a racist platform degree and was percent of the school-age population but only had 6 school marm of the 20 or so high schools for black kids in in Atlanta. So our schools were big. We had horrible facilities, used textbooks with white school's names on them and had no scientific equipment in our labs. However, we had terrific teachers. Back in those days, teaching was a wellpaying job for a black college graduate and we had tons of male teachers too. I got a great public school education. Now our public school teachers use teaching methods that do not work and make excuses for their failure. I thought that once blacks got the vote, we would elect city officials and school boards who cared about educating our children. I thought that the reason why black kids got shafted was because white officials who got elected by

were actively discriminating against blacks. Well, it was true. So we got the vote, the whites fled the city, we voted the bums out and put in place black mayors, city councils and school boards. And what happened? Educational achievement went down. Why? First better jobs opened up for black college graduates. Teacher's standards eroded as well as accountability. My beloved mother who taught second grade for 40 years complained about the deteriorating quality of the teachers - saying that they were unprofessional in their dress and behavior. Second, the teacher's unions became a political force and were more interested in "social justices" than in academic achievement and third, the black politicians began to be manipulated and bribed.

What was ironic is that the only politicians who seemed to care were the Republicans who pushed for vouchers and charter schools - both of which demonstrated higher achievements among black urban kids than the public schools. Of course, both have been derided and panned by liberal democrats and their black sycophants. Well, vouchers work. Charter schools work. What we need is a market solution to the problem of low achievements in education. The market would not tolerate a system that is so bankrupt, so corrupt and so poor that damages and destroys our children. Most urban parents are not equipped to home-school their kids so that is not an option. However, many charter schools and private Catholic schools show a startling

juxtaposition of the same kids from the same environment having radically different academic results. It is a national shame that we have allowed our education system to become so woeful. In a market system, poorly performing schools would have been put out of business and their teachers and administrators fired. Instead, they have been rewarded with everincreasing salaries, benefits, pensions and tenure. So when I once wrote, "Why do democrats hate black kids?" I meant every word. I also include among that number the black leaders of the teacher's unions and every so-called black leader and civil rights organization that remain silent rather than making this the number one issue in black America



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Martha Lee's Jewelry comes home to South Knoxville to continue this legacy in businesses is essential for

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Anastasia Merianos. Terry's passion for vin-

tage jewelry is evident in the collection she has curated at Martha Lee's Jewelry. Terry shares, "Every piece has a story behind it and can be passed down through the generations to be enjoyed for years to come."

Occasionally, she receives letters that accompany the jewelry. One such letter that she showed The Focus was dated 1893.

The previous location of Martha Lee's Jewelry had generational customers for 45 years, with kids and grandkids growing up with the business. Terry hopes

the new location, where she believes she's "meant to be."

Terry told The Focus, "There was a higher power in me getting here, and I am thrilled to be back. We want to grow with the community and develop relationships like I did on the north side of town. I love what I do and I love interacting with people."

Terry believes that small businesses are the backbone of community relationships and encourages people to support them. "I'm hoping we can keep it rural while bringing more retail to the area, as supporting community

building healthy neighborhoods." Martha Lee's Jewelry is committed to growing with the community and providing excellent customer service.

If you're looking for a unique piece of jewelry or want to create a custom design, you can find Martha Lee's Jewelry at 3508-C Maryville Pike in Knoxville or visit their booth at Retrospect Vintage on Central St. You can also follow them on Facebook or call directly at (865)688-0114. The grand opening will last through the end of December, with a promotion of 20% off all in-stock jewelry.

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By Steve Hunley, Publisher publisher@knoxfocus.com

Do As I Say, Not As I Do

Joe Biden routinely has threatened to go after "tax cheats" and has called on the better-off to pay their fair share. Evidently, that doesn't apply to First Son Hunter. Just about every member of the Biden family has had tax problems including brothers Jim and Frank and now daughter Ashley Biden. Special Counsel David Weiss in his indictment charged Hunter Biden of having "engaged in a four-year scheme to not pay at least \$1.4 million in self-assessed federal taxes he owed for tax years 2016 through 2019. . ." Weiss also charges Hunter Biden "to evade the assessment of taxes for tax year 2018 when he filed false tax returns in or about February 2020," which was while the "Big Guy" was running for president. Weiss

stated Hunter Biden allegedly "spent millions of dollars on an extravagant lifestyle rather than paying his tax bills." Of course Hunter did apparently spend freely on prostitutes and illegal drugs.

Teachers' Unions **Oppose** Any Competition

Randi Weingarten, the Broomhilda of the largest teacher's union in the country, has caused a viral sensation by squealing that school choice "undermines democracy." One of the queens of DEI, which supposedly stands for diversity, equity, and inclusion, but a more realistic definition is that coined by Robin Vos: "division, exclusion, and indoctrination." School choice allows parents to send their children to schools that may be located outside their particular neighborhood or simply not go the school for which they are zoned. Teachers' unions oppose school choice and vouchers, claiming they take away taxpayer dollars, which could be better used to raise teacher salaries, build more schools and fund the bureaucracy in the educational industrial complex.

Like virtually every other member of the Left, Randi Weingarten must not know what democracy actually means or is; it was

keep schools closed as and of course Asian, Asianlong as she possibly could. The Left has worn out the word "democracy" recently, just as they have calling those who disagree with them "Nazis." The latter has calmed down a bit while much of the Left indulges itself in antisemitism which would have won the personal approval of Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich. None of the college or university presidents gathered before the House of Representatives' committee could even condemn overtly antisemitic acts on their campuses or anywhere else.

University Prejudice

Harvard University just got caught with its pants down - - - again. According to Ground News, Harvard has removed web pages involving diversity and inclusion, which pertain to graduation celebrations for various identity groups. Harvard has sat down on a buzzsaw of criticism because the university apparently has failed to recognize Jewish students as an identity group, as well as one not worth protecting. All of the "affinity" celebrations included everyone but White people and Jewish folks. Among the affinity groups included were LGBTQ grads, Arab grads, "Indigenous" grads, graduates with disabilities,

Weingarten who fought to Latin X grads, Black grads, American, Pacific Islander, and Desi-American grads. The once proud university, Christopher Rufo noted, was providing racially segregated celebrations at its commencement earlier this year. Harvard described the celebrations as a recognition and celebration of the achievements of "graduates from marginalized and underrepresented communities." Now the webpage is gone, gone, gone.

> Internal Combustion **Engines Under** Assault

Another threat to our global well-being has just been stamped out by the action of the Ann Arbor, Michigan City Council, which has just voted unanimously to ban gas-powered leaf blowers. The ban will follow a four-year phase out but is not intended to cause anyone any economic hardship, but well, if it does, too bad. They are saving the planet and democracy. Just ask them.

Get A Room

A 24-year-old staffer for Democratic U. S. Senator Ben Cardin seems to be hinting that "homophobia" is to blame for the outcry about his leaked sex tape.

That tape was apparently filmed in a Senate committee hearing room. Senator Cardin fired the staffer, who has stated he is experiencing "a difficult time" because he had "been attacked for who I love for a political agenda." NO. Not at all. Some things are just wrong for anyone to do, straight or gay, and having sex in a governmental hearing room is one of them. The staffer wrote on his social media that he "would never disrespect my workplace." That's exactly what he did and it's astonishing he doesn't realize it.

Dr. Clarence Sexton A True Blessing

Knox County has lost a giant of an individual. Dr. Clarence Sexton, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Powell, passed away on December 12, 2023. Dr. Sexton had a definite impact on our community and when he accepted the call to helm the Temple Baptist Church, he made it quite clear that he intended to build a school as well. That was the beginning of Crown College. Dr. Sexton helped to launch Bible clubs in schools across the county and eventually his life and ministry helped to create more than 500 churches to be started on every continent across the globe.

Dr. Sexton was a man of a life well lived.

ability. Clarence Sexton was a force for good and one to be reckoned with. Dr. Sexton was a family man in every sense of the word, still in love with his sweetheart, Mary Evelyn, and the father of two sons, Shannon and Matt. Evelyn and Clarence Sexton have 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Yet Clarence Sexton's sense of family was much broader than his wife and children and grandchildren. Dr. Sexton's life touched countless others throughout his time on this Earth. Clarence Sexton knew what it was to have another life touch his own and for the great majority of his life, he gave all of himself to his Lord and Savior and his community. A leader in every sense of the word, Clarence Sexton was not too proud to follow the lead of the Lord.

rare vision and remarkable

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The Knoxville Focus family sends our deepest sympathies to Mary Evelyn Sexton and the Sexton family, as well as the folks at Temple Baptist Church. The Focus joins in saluting and honoring the life of an amazing man who not only made his life count for the Lord, but also for his fellow man. Clarence Sexton's was

Guest Column Parents Want to Protect Children Online Tennessee Device Filter Bill Is the Wrong Solution



becoming even more difficult to know how to protect them from online dangers.

There are millions of parents just like me (back in ful content, but as in many the day) learning in realtime how to raise our children in an online world. date isn't the right solution Around the country, law- to the problem. makers are trying to make giving us more tools and resources to help us protect our kids when they're online. Unfortunately, some well-intentioned elected officials here in Tennessee are taking the wrong approach to remedy the problem.

our children use - and it's protect children from viewing explicit or dangerous material online. Of course, every parent wants to protect their child from harmother areas of our daily lives, a government man-

lives.

Even if we did want the government to mandate content filters on new devices, it's not clear how legislation like this would be put into practice, or if it's even legal. The technology described in the bill doesn't exist, and if it did, In Utah, Governor Spen-Ultimately, it should be even legal scholars who cer Cox launched a public our job a little easier by up to parents - not the gov- support the measure say awareness campaign with that device filters would quickly be struck down for violating the First Amendment. That means we could spend time and taxpayer dollars in court fighting to protect an impractical technology when we should be pursuing realistic and more effective options to protect our children online. As our own lawmakers were focused on pushing faulty device filter legislation earlier this year, other

states have helped set the those sites to verify users' standard for how to protect our children online.

Last year, legislators in Florida passed a bill that created programs to educate children about online harms, like dangerous content and cyberbullying. the same goal in mind. These measures show parents how to use existing tools to protect their children from harmful content and encourage them to play an active role in teaching their child about safe internet practices. In other states, like Louisiana and Virginia, legislators are holding websites government mandates are that provide or promote explicit and harmful content accountable by forcing

ages. These solutions show there is a part for the government to play in protecting our children from dangerous content online without minimizing the role that parents want to have in raising their children.

Some legislators here in Tennessee might be

By Brian Hornback Republican State Executive Committeeman, District 6

Whether it's keeping in touch with loved ones on the phone or using a tablet for help with schoolwork, our children are surrounded by technology in their daily lives. As a parent, I realize that it comes with a host of challenges. Today, it's difficult to keep up with the ever-changing technology

Commission clears Young-Williams

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approved a tax break for a multi-use development named Prosperity Crossing near Watt Road. The Industrial Development Board sought the "TIF" agreement.

Also approved was declaring the county a "Broadband Ready Community" and various appointments were made to boards and committees.

The commission also honored Kelle Shultz for 30 years as head of Habitat for Humanity and the Bella's Blessings program at the East Tennessee Children's Hospital for supplying needed items to children admitted unexpectedly.

was introduced in the general assembly that would have required phones to be installed with "content filters" designed to

Hometown

Handyman

ernment - to make decisions based on children's individual needs. There are already effective and readily available tools like parental controls that allow parents to take a tailored approach to their child's online experiences. A one-Earlier this year, a bill size-fits-all approach would instead let unelected officials make those choices and undercut the active role that parents like me want to have in our kids'

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inclined to renew the push for device filter legislation in January when the general assembly is in session again. They need to know that while elected officials and parents can work together to protect our children from dangerous material online, broad the wrong solution to the problem. Let's make sure we get this right.

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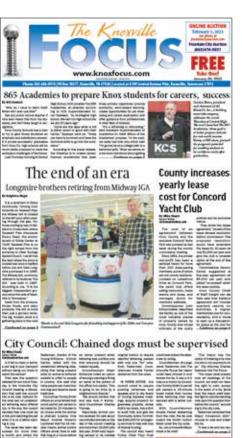
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PAGE A4 The Knoxville FOCUS December 26, 2023 A look back at 2023, part 1

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The year 2023 saw many changes locally, the passing of some very special people, a city election that retained the city mayor for a second term along with most of the city council, an increasing number of homeless and the continued need to house newcomers, and the question of who should assume the countywide ambulance service.



The Knoxville Focus front page for January 30, 2023

January

One year ago next month, the Knox County Commission upped the cost of the lease at Concord Yacht Club and approved the demolition of the historic but abandoned Rule High School. The county commission also voted to permit people to stay in campers onsite where their homes were under construction.

The newly reformed Knox County Sheriff's Office Employee's Merit System Board of Directors met and chose Christopher Manning as chair and John Valliant Jr. as vice chair.

The Knoxville City Council required all dogs to be tethered or watched and sought public comments on its One Year Plan.

The Longmire Brothers retired from owning and managing the Midway IGA ketball team captured a regional title win Supermarket. The brothers were honored over Halls. The Catholic High School Lady in April by the Knox County Commission Irish captured their first-ever basketball for their 25 years of service to their community.

very active public forum with parents calling for buses for middle school athletes and outside therapy for behavior-challenged students.

The Knoxville City Council looked at traffic light upkeep and the Disability Council. Knoxville asked the federal government for \$25 million in grant money for the South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge

The Knoxville TVA Credit Union opened its Northshore location and the Parrott-Wood Library in Strawberry Plains received 525 new books. The new owners of the Midway IGA, Haven and Neal Gapal, were welcomed by the retiring founders, Joe and Dale Longmire.

Halls High School Red Devils wrestlers captured their first TSSAA State Duals Championship, winning the Class A Title with a slender margin. The Farragut Freshman Basketball Team ended up a perfect season winning the Knox County Tournament.

The Halls High School Lady Devils came back to win the 2023 District 4-3A Tournament Championship in basketball.

March

The merit board dismissed former Corrections Officer Keck's complaint against the sheriff's department in a 4-2 vote.

The Knox County Commission voted no in subpoenaing the sheriff to testify to the group regarding an incident at McAlister's Deli where three deputies felt slighted.

Knoxville City Council agreed to transfer some property agreements at the new Public Safety Center at the former St. Mary's Hospital. The property agreements went to the Community Development Department and Lincoln Memorial University. Council also granted the Knoxville Police Department space for a Real Time Information Center in the new Public Safety Building.

Winners in the Knoxville Neighbor of the Year award were announced with Eric Johnson of the Vestal Community chosen as the Good Neighbor of the Year.

In March 2023, Singer Con Hunley returned to the stage for a post-pandemic concert, the Cerebral Palsy Center got a new roof and the Three Rivers Republican Club elected new officers. Several unclaimed veterans were honored and interred in the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. Longtime Community leader Cameron Brooks announced plans to seek a seat on the Knoxville City Council. Sadly Brooks died just before the primary and his name did not appear on the ballot. The Focus featured the various Dogwood Arts Festival trails.

Seymour High School Lady Eagles basstate championship. Fulton High School's boys basketball team rolled into the state championship finals, winning the March 18 championship against Haywood. The Focus profiled Knox County's best boys and girls high school basketball players.

public opinions about a possible new charter school.

Knox County's new public safety director, Brent Seymour, joined a meeting of the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee. The meeting also heard a report that recommended a plan for a county-wide fire department.

Lisa Jerrell's grievance to the merit board was dismissed when she declined to release her medical records. Merit board applicants were interviewed at a commission meeting and the commission approved a secure schools initiative.

The city council sought \$3.6 million in federal funds for new electric charging equipment for city buses. The city council voted to approve two large grants to the Callahan Flats Development at 1511 Callahan Drive with funds from the Affordable Rental Development Program for 30 units for lower-income citizens.

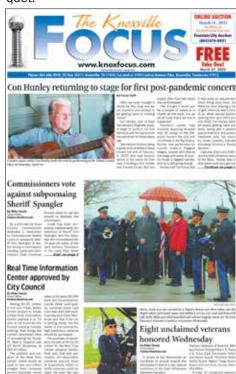
Knoxville City Council candidates began picking up petitions for the 2023 election while Jackie Raley kicked off her 2024 campaign for Knox County Property Assessor.

Vietnam Veterans were honored in special ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial in Worlds Fair Park.

About 500 high school students from across East Tennessee gathered at Crown College for the 31st Annual Top Wrench Competition.

West High School's athletic field got a new look and Farragut's Brooke Simpson was selected as the state's Gymnast of the Year. The Gibbs Lady Eagles celebrated softball coach Carol Mitchell's 1,000 game win.

The Central High School's winning 1973 baseball team was honored and the Halls High School Alumni held its annual banquet.





The Knoxville Focus front page for May 30, 2023

Offices each received \$2,500 from a Knoxville Dragway fundraiser. The Focus "Catching Up With" featured Debbie Sharp of the Office of Neighborhoods.

Knoxville Community Media, formerly CTV, called on viewers and supporters to contact their national representatives to oppose efforts to defund them. Local High School honors began to appear in the Focus, featuring outstanding seniors. The Focus continued its neighborhood features with an article about South Woodlawn's diversity.

A ribbon was cut for the new Mynatt Chapel Funeral Home in Powell

Seymour High School athletic director Gary Householder announced his retirement in May while Aaron Large became the Gibbs High School basketball coach.

Knoxville Catholic's Lady Irish took its first title in the KIL Track and Field Championship. The Gibbs Lady Eagles captured the Regional 2-3A softball championship.

Hardin Valley Academy captured the District 4-4A baseball championship and Halls High School captured their 4-3A title as Coach Doug Polston celebrated his 700th win.

The Farragut Admirals defeated Hardin Valley to get its second consecutive state title.



Former Knox County Commissioner Mike Brown celebrated his 82nd Birthday in an interview with The Knoxville Focus.

Fountain City Auction held its annual Advertisement Auction and The Focus began a series featuring Knoxville's neighborhoods.

The Bearden Volleyball Team built picnic tables for Lonsdale and the new Adrian Burnette School opened for students. Vine Golden Bears celebrate their 44-39 championship win over Holston in the TMSAA Class AA Area 3 finals at South-Doyle Middle School. The Bearden Lady Bulldogs upped their winning basketball streak to 42 games.

February

The month began with both mayors and others cutting the opening ribbon of the new Emergency Mobility Trailer, designed to assist first responders on some calls to 911. The Knox County Election Commission geared up for the upcoming city elections.

The merit board met to call for uniformed Law Enforcement Division officers to select a new representative on the board to replace Officer Winston Ragon and also set a date to hear a grievance filed by Wesley Keck. The county commission agreed with the sheriff to drop the minimum age for corrections officers to 18 years old and also approved a state grant to help with prisoner transportation.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond sponsored a resolution calling for the first mental health court in the county.

The Knox County School Board had a

April

The first class of Knox County Junior Commissioners graduated from its inaugural program and the school board heard





The Knoxville Focus front page for March 27, 2023

May

The county commission learned how the Community Action Committee will repay \$2.4 million in loans and the commission opposed supporting Governor Bill Lee's limited gun control proposal. Knox County prepared to issue \$80 million in bonds and AMR's contract was extended as the county looked for bids for countywide ambulance service.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs announced he was proposing a \$1 billion budget for the city for the next fiscal year Sheriff Tom Spangler demanded a pay raise for his officers. The Knox County Commission debated permitting more housing or controlled growth. The county audit committee voted to recommend hiring Pugh and Associates again.

Mayor Indya Kincannon proposed an increase of \$6.3 million to the city budget with no tax increase. The city election candidates pulled petitions and began campaigning. Demolition of the longabandoned Pryor Brown Garage was announced and the city council approved a housing development along Merchant Drive with a possible park above on the ridge. The city council was asked to approve bulletproof vests for the police department.

Legacy Parks broke ground on an Intergenerational Playspace at Beverly Park.

The Knox and Union County Sheriff's

Mayor Jacobs and Sheriff Spangler reached an agreement on upping KCSO employee salaries. Jered Croom was appointed director of the Police Advisory and Review Committee and the county began looking at requiring housing developers to make improvements to new roads.

The school board approved releasing students from class during the school day to attend a religious class in a local church if the student's parents approved. The largest budget in Knox County history was passed by the commission.

AMR ambulance received a rate hike from the commission.

The commission voted to support the adoption of the Cherokee name "Kuwohi" for Clingmans Dome in the Smokies and re-hire Pugh and Associates as their outside auditor. A hearing for El Tequila Bar and Grill on Maynardville Highway was set for the Knox County Beer Board.

The multi-purpose stadium broke ground and Randy Boyd spoke for Boyd's Sports which is helping finance and will run the facility.

The Knoxville City Council began talking about creating an Alternative Response Task Force to respond to domestic violence calls.

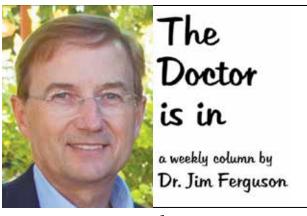
The city began planning its July 4th World's Fair celebration and closed Sharps Ridge briefly as TV antenna work began.

Brinley Murphy of Bearden was named the High School Girls Soccer Player of the Year and Seymour's Female Student-Athlete of the Year, Bailey McCoy, signed with Milligan University.

The Focus featured 2022-2023 outstanding high school student-athlete leaders throughout the month of June for schools in its coverage area.



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Populisms

This will be my last Focus column of 2023. And even though there is little difference week to week, we are all, nonetheless, time-focused creatures. In his trilogy on the origins of Western Civilization, Thomas Cahill imagined a moment when God first appeared to humans and established that present moment in time. And as a result, there was a past before He appeared and the promise He would come again. Western Civilization is based on Judeo-Christian precepts and therefore views time linearly. You might find it odd, but some Far Eastern and Mesoamerican cultures envision time as circular.

Each year-end I think about starting over. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," the Ghost of Christmas Present lives but one day, and ages before our eyes. Fortunately, our timelines are much longer,

"threescore and ten...and if strong, fourscore" (Psalms 90:10). Consequently, I'll look much the same on New Year's Day as I will on New Year's Eve - and it helps because I've learned it is not wise to overindulge.

I've been thinking about populism and planned to begin the New Year with this important topic. You might consider this subject like a book on elephants - more than you care to know. However, spending a few minutes considering an issue so relevant to our time is a small price to pay for citizenship, especially since The Knoxville Focus and my FergNotes on this topic (CliffNotes) are free.

Populism is defined as a political strategy based on an appeal to the interests of the common man. The word derives from the Latin word populus or people. Some definitions describe the concept as

"anti-establishment or anti-intellectual or unorthodox policies which appeal

to the common man rather remember than traditional parties." Other definitions describe the term as "grassroots democracy or representing the common man." In our current time, Populism is frequently described negatively by elites in academia, the ruling class and the media, since it is often derisively associated with President Trump's MAGA (Make America Great Again) movement.

Actually, populism is often a battle between the haves and the have-nots and is probably timeless. And it is understandable that modern progressives label those opposing their divisive Marxist woke philosophy of class warfare as enemies. Hang with me and you'll understand why you often only hear one side of the issue.

As Mary Poppins once sang, we have to "start at the very beginning," at least in the recorded history of Western Civilization. And that means we begin with the first democracies of the ancient Greeks and their populism, and then the Romans' populism because they conquered the Greeks and the Hellenized world. Finally, we'll move to the populist uprisings of the American and French revolutions before finishing with the contrasting populisms of todav.

You may find history boring, but you should outcomes?). The French

George Santyana's famous quote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn understood this as he described the way to destroy a people is to destroy their history. The fallacy of destroying Americanism through the destruction of our monuments and traditions by radicals should be evident. But if you've missed the signs, read on or wait until they knock on the door and take you to The Gulag Archipelago.

Ancient Athenians derisively referred to the "volatile, landless, urban mob" as the ochlos (the Romans called their mobs the turba). The Greek leaders of the people (ochlos) were called demagogoi (Victor Davis Hanson/VDH). Mr. Webster defines a demagogue, as "a leader who makes use of popular prejudices and false claims and promises to gain power." Ancient urban protest movements intended to tax the wealthy, redistribute property (wealth), cancel debts, and increase government employment and entitlements (VDH). Sound familiar to the demands of today's urban mobs?

In the 1790s the French Revolution mobs demanded liberty, brotherhood and government-mandated equality (or did they mean equity aka equal Revolution substituted Manchin, but he's such an Enlightenment era reason outcast that he's retiring for God and was a disaster, from the Senate because producing slaughter, dictatorship under Napoleon The radicals have taken and disastrous expeditionary wars.

Our Founders fashioned a Republic predicated on the Constitution and the rule of law which guarantees equal opportunity, even though man's rights come from God, not government. These days I wonder if our leaders even believe in that concept or just pay lip service to the Constitution. Maybe we need a demagogue to remind them of their oaths and to hold them accountable to the Constitution. We need to say "No!" to today's ochlos who have now added reparations to the laundry list of demands from the mob.

the last point for your New Year's consideration. It seems like there are multiple mobs in America today. One is like the ancient urban mobs of Greece and Rome. They demand "bread and circus," only it's called food stamps, reparations and reality TV these days. They have their own demagogues: the Progressive-Democrats.

But the Democrat mobs are actually several. One is led by leftist radicals like AOC and her Squad. The other claims they are liberal and moderate. An example might be Senator Joe

he is now unelectable. over Joe Biden, the presidency and what is called the Democrat party, which is no longer democratic. If you doubt me, consider the "Democrat" judges in Colorado who have removed President Trump from the Colorado ballot in the latest example of election interference and "law-fare."

section

December 26, 2023

The group opposing the Democrats and their urban mob is more rural, more middle class and more conservative. Perhaps many identify as Republican, but this too is an oversimplification. One group's demagogues are led by the so-called RINOs (Republican in name only). And this brings me to An example is Mitt Romney. The other major faction is the populist MAGA movement led by President Trump.

The operating agreement of our country is the Constitution. We must never forget or allow demagogues to distract us from the opening lines of this magnificent document. We the People must be allowed to choose our representatives and determine what is best for us rather than the rest of the world. If we allow this to be taken from us, we are already lost.

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On turning 77 years old

By Mike Steelv Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

When does one become an old person?

For me it was today, December 26, when I realized I am now 77 years places we lived and the abit. old. By anyone's stan- people we met. dards that's old. I was born in 1946 and supposedly may be the oldest of the Baby Boomers. My wife is a couple of years younger and recently we were talking about all the things, places and people we've encountered over the years. We both have or have had friends that go back to our early school years. As a young married couple, we moved around the county living in at least five different

friends here and there. I've with grown sons and grown worked on various newspapers and for media over the many years and, for the most part, enjoyed my various positions and the gles has slowed me down

states and briefly made realizing that I'm an old man facing our old age with some grandchildren. I still have my hair but it's white and thin. My bones hurt and a year with Covid and then shin-

caution, hoping for the best and for a few more years of living productive and worthwhile lives. Our minds are pretty sharp at times but our memories are valuable.

I'm thankful for The Focus I've wondered how many and the staff and publisher for their faith and trust in an old man who still loves to write and report factual news in the old journalistic style. I'm thankful for old friends who stay in touch from around the nation and for new folks I've come to know in my 26 years in Knoxville.



my wife and I operated our I have together and what newspaper and how our pre-teen boys helped with circulation. It was a family business with all of us taking part.

U.S. Coast Guard, daily and weekly newspapers, for a publishing company and cable television advertising and pains. That and family we've weathered hard times stress weigh on us now and and good times. But I woke recently

I fondly remember when more years my wife and would happen if one or both of us passed away, how the other would survive.

We just can't do some things, like travel and camp, From my years in the we so love to do. Neither of us has much energy beyond brief physical exertion, we both have "elderly" aches then.

But she and I continue on,

Who knows what this next year holds for any of us but let's put on a good attitude and face the future with an open heart. It may be true

Focus senior writer Mike Steely prepares to cover a local government meeting at the City-County Building's main assembly room.

that with age comes some understanding and compas- than the alternative. sion for others.

It's not easy getting older wisdom, tempered by some but, as they say, it's better

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

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Picture of my favorite nativity, a handmade wooden ornament, by Ralphine Major

Finding Christ in Christmas

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words of a beau-

tiful Christmas

As the Christmas celebration Christmas than elaborate decorations



By Ralphine Major ralphine3@ vahoo.com

carol. Maybe it was during Christmas dinner as your loved ones gathered to fellowship and dine that you found Christ in your Christmas.

For many years, my mind has gone to a favorite little ornament when thinking about finding Christ during Christmas. While I really enjoy the fun side of Christmas with glistening garland, bright lights, lifelike reindeer figurines, and green wreaths with big, red bows, I know there is more to

closes in 2023, did you find Christ and festivities. I have often said that if I could only choose one Christmas decoration, it would be the tiny ornament shown here depicting the nativity. It has become my favorite piece of all the Christmas decorations over the years. We have many nativity figurines featuring Joseph, Mary, and the Christ Child. But this one seems different. Made from a small block of wood, it is simple in design---much like the birth and life of Jesus. Each time I look at it, I see Christmas. It is always a reminder to me that the Christ Child who was born in a manger grew up to die on a cross and bring eternal life to all who believe in him. May you always find Christ in your Christmas, and may God's richest blessings be yours every day in the coming year. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

> Words of Faith: "And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16 (KJV).

December 26, 2023 The Knoxville FOCUS Tired of three things uses of pronouns: uses what it's been fed and

I know that I'm at an age where no one wants to hear what I have to say on any subject. Most folks just call me grumpy, or worse. For years, I commented on most controversial subjects and spared no one's

days, or at least I feel that I have. Still, sometimes I just have had enough of some topics and can't keep my mouth shut. This is one of those times, so bear with me.

I'm steaming about the destruction of our language. After having spent 30 years teaching writing and grammar and literature, I'm on a slow burn at what new generations are doing to destroy English. Part of the blame goes to social media. The use of such shortened communications as "lol, Imao, and btw" creeps into formal papers for work or school. Students are no longer able to write in cursive. For some reason, it was dropped from the curricula of schools and replaced with other "serious" courses. I can guarantee folks that the inability to sign one's name speaks volumes about the quality of one's education. Something special has been stolen from individuals: their unique signatures.

What still fires me up most of all is the misuse of personal pronouns. Let me list just a few of the INCORRECT



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feelings. I've mellowed these other person listed before the "and."

> new, politically correct use of "they" to refer to a transgender person. Now, I have no intention of discussing that topic, but when an individual declares that he or she is transgender, the use of "they" is absurd. We all know, or should know, that "they'" is plural. I implore those who might be facing this issue to choose one side (he or she) and leave the plural pronoun alone.

Another topic that is wearing thin with me is the worries about artificial intelligence. I'd like a different name for it because intelligence cannot be artificial. What I have observed over the years is that the dependence on computers and cell phones has crippled us mentally. Too often, people let their electronic devices answer their questions. Developers pump more information and capabilities into these items. An easy way to control AI is to limit what we put into programs. If we don't, the takeover of our society might well happen when a computer

"Keep this secret makes a moral judgment against our survival.

> Last of all, I am simply fed up with the division that has overtaken this country. We no longer have political parties. Instead, we have factions. Political parties find little agreement as factions from the right, middle, and left fight each other. Nothing is accomplished in the halls of Congress because the infighting of the parties themselves prevents bills from being passed and sent on. I'm tired of the failure of our elected representatives to look out for the American public.

> Go ahead and call me grumpy, dim-witted, and shallow. I don't much care. I have no idea how much more time I have on this earth, but I'd sure like to spend it getting along with people of all viewpoints. This tendency to only associate with like-minded individuals only leads to more darkness and failure to learn. Step across the line and talk to someone on the other side of things. You might discover that most people have similar opinions with only nuances making those beliefs different.

It's New Year's week. Let's spend time learning to once again tolerate the views of others. Then, go ahead and love those who have different takes than you do. Otherwise, our wonderful country that leads the world in helping others might just fizzle.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON Shootout at Hell's Half Acre

By Jadon Gibson

The Cumberland Gap was a passageway for Native Americans through the Cumberland Mountains for many years. Later it was deemed to be of strategic importance to both the North and the South during the War Between the States.

growth in a short period of time beginning in 1889. The great influx of workers laboring on the construction of Middlesborough and other area towns resulted in heavy travel through the famous Cumberland Gap.

Saloons were opened

of heavy employment with money circulating freely. Heavy drinking was mixed with gambling and women, resulting in violence on the hillside stretch, Hell's Half Acre.

In the late 1800s, Robert "Mac" Rains and Vernon along the narrow mountain Gibson were owners of the It was also the site of strip on the western tip of Rains and Gibson Distillery no trouble as Gibson was a small string of saloons Lee County, Virginia, to take in addition to a saloon a well-known and well- mild January afternoon, illicit liquor and for shooting that earned the sobriquet advantage of the hundreds on the western tip of Lee thought-out businessman. County. The Cumberland Gap distillery, one of the largest in east Tennessee at the time, produced and marketed Cave Spring Whisky and Apple Brandy. It was advertised and distributed widely. Vernon Gibson was charged with selling whiskey illegally. When he failed to appear at the Lee County Courthouse in Jonesville on the charge, a warrant was issued for his arrest. The paperwork was

officer whose work was primarily in western Lee County.

On a sunny Saturday in January of 1900, Ball mounted his horse and headed for the Rains-Gibson Saloon on Hell's Half Acre. He anticipated

through a period of rapid It was a prosperous time turned over to Deputy reasons and following a Charles Ball, a 21-year-old visit to his doctor, requested and secured a written statement of his illness. This was commonly done in the era before telephones were widespread. Gibson told authorities later that he planned to go to Jonesville the following Monday to settle the matter.

> Yet on this unseasonably hot words were exchanged Deputy Ball.

between Rains, Gibson and

Ball as the youthful deputy

attempted to lead Gibson

from the saloon. Firearms

the bullet striking immedi-

ately under Rains' heart,"

according to the Knoxville

drew his pistol and fired

three shots at Ball. One

is said would prove fatal.

Ball continued firing and

killed a black man, Thomas

shooting erupted.

Rains died immediately. Ball and Swan, who was Rains' carriage driver, suffered serious wounds. Swan lingered for only a short time before dying. A saloon patron, George Eaton, was also wounded.

Vernon Gibson was unscathed although he was the subject of the incident and was arrested for selling

between you and I." "The warning was issued to my husband and I." Yes, the use of "I" is incorrect. How can you test if a

pronoun is the correct one to use? Simply omit the

Just as confusing is the

"Hell's Half Acre."

of interstate travelers who Middlesborough and passed daily on their way the tri-state area went through Cumberland Gap.

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"Mr. Gibson, I have a warrant for your arrest," he told Gibson politely upon his arrival. "As soon as you're ready we'll leave for Jonesville."

"Wait a minute now," Gibson countered. "I'll put drew his pistol and fired, up bail but I ain't going anywhere."

"Vernon, I have no authority to set bail," Ball Journal. "Rains fell but offered. "I'm supposed to take you to Jonesville. The sheriff said you had skipped out once and for me to bring you in to get this settled."

Vernon had failed to Swan, who took a hand in appear in court for health the fray."

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"Mac" Raines was well known throughout the tri-state area. He was "a man of sterling busiwere displayed and soon ness qualities" according to the Middlesborough "Deputy Sheriff Ball Daily News, which wrote about the incident. In just a few years he amassed a fortune and his home in Arthur, Tennessee, was one of the finest in Claiborne County.

Ironically, Mac Rains inflicted a wound which it was a prospective candidate for sheriff of Claiborne County at the time of his death. Many felt that had he lived he would have easily won election. Rains, a Kentuckian by birth, was raised just across the state line in the bluegrass state.

> Rains' father had also faced a violent death. He was shot and killed by Andy Ray on Newman's Ridge near the Hancock and Hawkins County, TN, line. The Hawkins County sheriff then killed Ray.

> Although Lee County Deputy Charles Ball approached death's door and lingered for several days, he eventually survived the barrage of lead at Hell's Half Acre.

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Life With Wild Bill

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill rayhill865@gmail.com

George Graham Vest, an outstanding attorney and U.S. senator from Missouri, is still remembered to this day for his tribute to dogs. Vest had been hired by Charles Burden whose dog, Old Drum, had been killed by his brother-inlaw, Leonidas Hornsby, who was also a sheep farmer. Hornsby had loudly insisted he would kill any dog which might step onto his property, and he kept his word when Drum, a foxhound, trespassed. An enraged Burden promptly took the only legal course available to him, suing his brother-in-law for damages in the amount of \$150. In 1870 that was a right fair sum, as it would be more than \$3,000 today. It was the maximum amount permitted by the law at the time.

The colorful Vest pledged to win the trial or offer an apology to every dog in the State of Missouri. In his closing argument, George Graham Vest did not reiterate any facts ascertained from the testimony of witnesses, but rather shrewdly appealed to the jury through his eulogy to dogs in general. Vest's oration remains as potent today as it was then:

"The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money a man has, he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it the most ... "A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He sleeps on the cold ground, where the wintry wind blows and the snow drives fiercely. If only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounters with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. "If fortune drives the master forth as an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene

of all comes and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all friend pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."

Nobody can be surprised Vest won that case, which Leonidas Hornsby took to the Missouri State Supreme Court to no avail. George Graham Vest won that case as well and a statue of Old Drum stands in the Missouri State Supreme Court Building in Jefferson City.

Anyone familiar with me personally or this column could not possibly be surprised by my love for dogs. I still hear from folks who talk about the column I wrote when my beloved little Scottish terrier, Mackie, passed away. This story is about my Jack Russell terrier, Billy.

Mackie was suffering from bladder cancer when it occurred to me a puppy might help to extend his life. I determined I would not get another Scottie as I realized all too well Mackie was slipping away from me day by day. It would be just too painful a reminder. I decided to find a Jack Russell terrier and quickly discovered they weren't exactly easy to find. My friend Cameron Brooks discovered a young Jack Russell available nearby and I made an appointment with the vet/breeder. I had been pondering names for a puppy and had just about made up my mind to name him "Billy." I was astonished to see that the puppy Cameron brought to my attention was named Billy. On January 11, 2020, I drove to keep my appointment and the vet had two puppies of about 12 weeks along with Billy, who would soon be eleven months old. The puppies were full of energy, curiosity and determination. They were as friendly as could be and even more playful. Billy put up with their antics, remaining slightly aloof and I considered he was entitled to be a bit standoffish as he had been neutered the day before. I was at least smart enough to take the hint the Lord God had offered; the fact the puppy's name was Billy was a mighty big hint. I bought Billy and we got in



Billy the Jack Russell

pain of losing Mackie was intense and deep. I miss him still and suspect I always will. Yet, it wasn't long before I concluded that if God had need of Mackie and took him back, he had provided me with someone to look after and love. Mackie had slept on his Serta bed beside mine in our bedroom and I missed him. My friend Judy Pennoyer suggested bringing Billy back to my bedroom. I brought his crate and placed it in the bedroom, which Billy did not like at all. Finally, I just brought Billy back to the bedroom and watched him jump from the floor onto the bed like a tiny gazelle. He's slept there every night since. Another odd thing was.

going to the vet where he knows everyone and gets groomed regularly. Where once he waited to see if someone was friendly, now he pretty much assumes someone is friendly and reacts accordingly.

Billy's dislikes include the aforementioned combs, squirrels, bugs, and those slow-witted individuals who are apparently unaware he is to be given a tidbit or morsel whenever he appears at a drive-thru window. According to Billy, there is no exception to this rule.

For those who think Billy lolls about all day, he would contend he has several vital responsibilities, which include alerting me to isn't too keen on the idea of small children getting what he suspects might be his treats.

Billy is also convinced he keeps the neighborhood safe for its residents as he has barked at and run off deer, raccoons, and all manner of vermin. Billy also gazes at joggers with what I believe is a look of pity. He always looks to see what might be chasing them.

As to playing ball, Billy isn't as fond of chasing the ball as much as he likes it bounced so that he can leap to try and catch it in midair. He only likes to chase it when he happens not to grab it in flight.

Like most small children, it is always wise to keep an eye on Billy. If he's being quiet, it's usually a sign that he is into something. Billy is a four-legged shredder, and he has destroyed countless dish towels. Paper is also a favorite to shred, and Billy is prone to destroy any carelessly set aside document.

Billy also has kleptomaniacal tendencies. I once was folding laundry when I noticed a towel apparently slithering away on its own. Socks are a favorite item and Billy will sort through the laundry bin to find an occasional sock if he can. He is also fond of stealing presents meant for others should he happen to fancy them. Once I bought my younger sister a Baby Yoda doll as a joke. As soon as Wild Bill caught sight of Baby Yoda, he was both enchanted and obsessed. At the very first, I put Baby Yoda on the dining room table until I put him in the closet for safekeeping. Going to change, I emerged from my room to see Baby Yoda's robe turning a corner. I saw Billy dragging Baby Yoda by the ear to what I am sure was a terrible fate. Apparently, Billy's sympathies lie with the Empire. Once I retrieved Baby Yoda from certain death and placed him in the closet, Billy stationed himself stubbornly outside the closet, waiting for the moment they would be reunited.

Mackie finally became so ill he just couldn't muster the energy any longer. Each evening, Mackie would get on the sofa in the den in his preferred spot next to me. The first night Billy observed from the floor; the second night, he jumped up onto the sofa and settled himself between Mackie and me. Within a week or so, Billy began laying his little head on my thigh while we were on the sofa. That's when Mackie began shoving Billy to the floor and sprawling on my leg, peering down at a very surprised little fellow. Billy quickly adapted to our routine and followed Mackie outside on his leash. After initially almost demolishing his crate, I bought a bigger one which he seemed to like better. I still believe bringing

the car to come home.

I don't think I'll ever

forget how he sat in the

passenger seat; Billy's

head was down and he

was trembling with fear.

and when we got home, I

attached his leash, which

he didn't much like. Billy

had never been walked

on a leash, nor potty

trained. Billy did well

through the door and

enough, and we walked

Mackie stood upright in

Billy. Billy responded by

his crate when he saw

wagging his tail. That

was the first time I had

seen Billy wag his tail.

played nonstop for the

that first day. Playtime

occurred daily until

Mackie came out of his

crate and the two of them

better part of three hours

I tried to comfort him

Billy home extended Mackie's life, but I also knew the eventual outcome was inevitable. Mackie passed away on August 3, 2020, less than seven months after I brought Billy home. The



after Mackie passed, Billy without fail goes into Mackie's crate to eat his breakfast and dinner.

Billy proved to be a most engaging companion with many similarities to Mackie, although they are quite different in many respects. Mackie had the quiet dignity of an older gentleman, while Billy had the enthusiasm of a young boy. Like all of us, they had their likes and dislikes. Billy will sit patiently (for him) to be brushed, but if I produce a comb, he tries to bite it or take it from me. Clearly, he believes a comb to be some kind of instrument of the Devil, an attitude that I shared as a lad.

Billy has several great loves; food (mine and his own), treats, his chuckit balls, riding in the car, walks, and going through drive-thru windows. Nor does Wild Bill mind



any visitor, notifying me when the postman arrives, and reminding me that my phone is ringing. When Wild Bill believes I am spending too much time writing, he leaps into my lap and sits so that I cannot see the screen. Sometimes he may think it is fine for me to write, but only while he is in my lap. Another thing that Billy approves of is napping on the weekends.

Billy has a special fondness for holidays, especially Christmas. Wild Bill firmly believes the fundamental meaning of the Christmas spirit is sharing bits of prime rib. Depending upon the visitor, Billy will lavish attention upon those who come to his home. Wild Bill's least favorite holiday seems to be Halloween, as he most emphatically dislikes scary masks and little ghosts prowling about. I also wonder if he

Dogs give life even more meaning and fill one with joy and happiness. There is hardly a day when Billy doesn't cause me to laugh out loud.

What George Graham Vest said about dogs was exactly right. There is nothing or no one who will love you like your dog does. I contend that amongst God's many creations, the dog is His most perfect. © 2023 Ray Hill

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FORECLOSURE **NOTICES** NOTICE OF **FORECLOSURE**

WHEREAS default has occurred in the payment of a debt due Barbara Jean Shagan, secured by a Deed of Trust dated 2/11/11 from Kathleen R. Thompson, and recorded at Instrument # 201102170049923 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and whereas A. Scott McCulley has been appointed as Substitute Trustee by Instrument dated 11/29/23 recorded at Instrument # 202312080029033 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; whereas A. Scott McCulley, Substitute Trustee has been requested to sell the property securing the debt, the following said property will be sold at the front door of the City County Building 400 Main Street Knoxville Tennessee on 1/10/24 at 1 p.m.

SITUATED in District No. One (formerly Two) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 13th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as part of Lots 1 and 2 of J C. White's First Addition to the City of Knoxville, Fennessee, being more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the southern line of McCalla Avenue, which said iron pin is distant 13.1 feet in a westerly direction from the point of intersection of the southern line of McCalla Avenue with the western line of Fern Street if these line be extended; thence along the southern line of McCalla Avenue South 41 deg. 10 min. West, 63.20 feet to an iron pin in said line of McCalla Avenue: thence South 37 den 59 min East, 99.15 feet to an iron pin in the line of a fence; thence along said fence line North 45 deg 57 min. East. 24.9 feet to a point at the steps to a porch of a dwelling house; thence North 38 deg. 16 min. West. 42 feet to an iron pin: thence North 41 deg. 45 min East, 57.3 feet to an iron pin in the western line of Fern Street: thence with said line of Fern Street, North 43 dea, 50 min, West, 58.97 feet to a point designated by a cut in said line of said Street; thence on a curve to the left in a northwesterly direction a distance of 19.9 feet to an iron pin in the southern line of McCalla Avenue the place of BEGINNING, as shown by survey of W.S. Lack, Engineer, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated 20 November 1959.

Being the same property conveyed to Kathleen Thompson from Barbara Jean Shagan by Deed dated 2/8/11 and recorded at Instrument 201102170049922 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to all applicable easements, restrictions and building setback lines of record in Knox County, Tennessee The Property, known as 3822 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, Map & Parcel: 82DL/4, will be sold for cash in bar of right and equity of redemption and dower rights. The property is sold subject to applicable easements, restrictions, covenants, prior encumbrances and unpaid taxes.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Substitute Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place certain, without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

Other parties of interest: City of Knoxville Publication dates: 12/18/23, 12/26/23 1/2/24

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

This 12 day of December, 2023.

A. Scott McCulley, Substitute Trustee, 535 W. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Maryville, TN 37801 865-243-3363



NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN RE

Clerk and Master **NON-RESIDENT** NOTICE

J Scott Griswold

This 28TH day of NOVEMBER, 2023

TO: LUAY M. S. ISLAM OR ANY LIVING HEIRS

IN RE: DEBRA GREEN AND WESLEY GREEN, v. LUAY M. S. ISLAM AND / OR HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS,

NO. 207818-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUN-TY TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant LUAY M. S. ISLAM a non-resident of the State of Ten nessee or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon LUAY M. S. ISLAM, it is ordered that said defendant LUAY M. S. ISLAM file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with A. SCOTT MC CULLEY, an Attorney whose address LAMAR ALEXANDER PKWY., MARYVILLE, TN 37801 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor JOHN F.WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 5TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

J Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TIMOTHY KIRKPATRICK

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF JAXSON NOAH COUCH

ASHLEY GAIL ROLAND, ROBERT DAVID ROLAND and TEAGAN ALECEA COUCH v. TIMOTHY KIRKPATRICK

NO. 207819-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUN-

TY. TENNESSEE In this Cause, it annearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TIMO-THY KIRKPATRICK, 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 TIMOTHY KIRKPATRICK, it is ordered that said defendant, TIMOTHY KIRKPATRICK, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mikaela M. Smith, an Attorney whose address is Two Cen tre Square, Suite 600 625 Gay Street P.O. Box 870 Knoxville, TN 37901 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 Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspa per for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 4th day of December 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 Case No. 23CH5570

Dairian Leshawn Hughett Whereabouts Unknown

Last Known Address.

inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC., ADRIENNE J. BAILEY, MANAGING MEMBER, ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP. LLC. AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND

CREDITORS OF PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC., it is ordered that said defendant, PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC. ADRIENNE J. BAILEY, MANAGING MEMBER, ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC, AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF PRESSTIN

MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC., file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with GAIL F. WORTLEY, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers Street Knoxville. TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a idgment 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 14th day of DECEMBER, 2023.

J Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JAMES WAYNE HUNTER

IN RE: WILSON & ASSOCIATES. PLLC, ATTORNEY IN FACT

JENNIFER HAWKINS AND JAMES WAYNE HUNTER

NO. 206747-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JAMES WAYNE HUNTER 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 JAMES WAYNE HUNTER, it is ordered that said defendant JAMES WAYNE HUNTER file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville. Tennessee and with H. KEITH MORRISON, an Attorney whose address is ONE EAST CENTER STREET, SUITE 310 FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS 72701 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor JOHN F. WEAVER a the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 15TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

J Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: JOSH LAWSON AND APRIL LAWSON

IN RE: WILSON & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, ATTORNEY IN FACT

LEKESHA R. MYNATT, JAVON RODGERS, JONATHAN LAWSON, JOSH LAWSON, APRIL LAWSON, AND KNOXVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING COMMERCIAL SERVICING, INC.

NO. 207032-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants JOSH LAWSON AND APRIL LAWSON a nonresident 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 JOSH LAWSON AND APRIL LAWSON, it is ordered that said defendants JOSH LAWSON AND APRIL LAWSON file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with H. KEITH MORRISON, an Attorney whose address is ONE EAST CENTER STREET, SUITE 310 FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS 72701 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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;

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

date of death. This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE BALES

820 WHITESBURG DRIVE

KNOXVILLE TN 37918

DONALD TODD BALES; ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF COLETTE MARIE BROWN

DOCKET NUMBER 88690-3

in respect of the Estate of COLETTE MARIE

BROWN, who died October 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

fast 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;

(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

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAISY BELL BROWN

DOCKET NUMBER 88702-3

of DECEMBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in

respect of the Estate of DAISY BELL BROWN,

who died August 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

and unmatured against the estate are required to

file the same with the Clerk and Master of the

above-named Court on or before the earlier of

the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their

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

months from the date of first publication; or

received an actual copy of the notice to creditors

if the creditor received the copy of the notice less

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

claims will be forever barred.

date of death.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day

(2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's

ESTATE OF COLETTE MARIE BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

MICHAEL LEE BROWN

3426 BLUFF VIEW DR

LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

P.O. BOX 32211

DAVID J. OTTEN, ATTORNEY

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the

be forever barred:

described in (1)(A); or,

date of death.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day DECEMBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary

This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2023. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD CRAWFORD PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOE STEPHEN CRAWFORD; EXECUTOR 9110 RUTLEDGE PIKE

of DECEMBER 2023, letters

respect of the Estate of CHARLES EDWARD

CRAWFORD who died Aug 7, 2023, were issued

the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the

Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All

persons, resident and non-resident, having claims,

matured or unmatured against his or her estate

are required to file the same with the Clerk and

Master of the above-named Court on or before

the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2)

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;

(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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

described in (1)(A); or

date of death

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MASCOT, TN. 37806

ESTATE OF PAUL EDWARD DIXON DOCKET NUMBER 88567-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL EDWARD DIXON who died May 30, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancerv 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;

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF PAUL EDWARD DIXON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TINA MITCHELL: CO-EXECUTRIX 3730 EDGEWATER WAY LOUISVILLE, TN. 37777

SHIRLEY DIXON; CO-EXECUTRIX 3425 HAPPY ACRES DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RECTOR ROBERT DUNSMORE DOCKET NUMBER 88699-3 Notice is hereby given that on the day of

DECEMBER, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of RECTOR ROBERT DUNSMORE, who died October 1, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

respect to the Estate of JEAN SAGER FOX, who died on July 30, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

eived 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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JEAN SAGER FOX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROBERT D. FOX 122 CAVETT HILL LANE, APT 237 FARRAGUT, TN 37934

> DANIEL ROBERT FOX 816 MCKINI FY POINTF LANF KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

O.E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY 900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR P.O. BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET GAIL GARNER DOCKET NUMBER 88785-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET GAIL GARNER who died Nov 5, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee, All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARGARET GAIL GARNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DAVID L GARNER; EXECUTOR 10917 SONJA DRIVE FARRAGUT, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLA MAE GRANTHAM DOCKET NUMBER 88756-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER 2023 Letters Testamentary in

respect of the Estate of WILLA MAE GRANTHAM

who died October 8, 2023, were issued to the

undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate

Division, of Knox County, Tennessee, All persons,

resident and non-resident, having claims, matured

or unmatured, against the estate are required

to file the same with the Clerk of the above

named court on or before the earlier of the dates

prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will

first date of the publication of this Notice if the

creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

forever barred

ESTATE OF JERRI DELZIA SNYDER, Deceased. DANIEL DOTSON DEBBIE DOTSON DEE DOTSON **UKNOWN HEIRS OF JERRI DELZIA SNYDER** KNOWN HEIRS OF JERRI DELZIA SNYDER. Respondents

Knox County Chancery Court (Probate Division) Docket No. 87498-2

DANIEL DOTSON, DEBBIE DOT-TO: SON. AND DEE DOTSON

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JERRI DELZIA SNYDER It is ordered that said Respondents, Daniel Dotson, Debbie Dotson, and Dee Dotson and all unknown heirs of Jerri Delzia Snyder file an answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court at Knox County, Tennessee and with Lisa W. Gammeltoft, Esq. an attorney whose address is Kizer, Gammelt oft & Brown, P.C., 110 Cogdill Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 within thirty (30) days of the final date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against them ex parte. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 7 day of November, 2023.

Lisa W. Gammeltoft, Esq. KIZER, GAMMELTOFT & BROWN, P.C. 110 Cogdill Road Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: GLADYS D. HICKSON IN RE: TJT PROPERTIES, LLC., v. GARY Ponders and gladys d. Hickson,

NO. 207169-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUN-TY. TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GLADYS D. HICKSON 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 GLADYS D. HICKSON, it is ordered that said defendant GLADYS D. HICKSON file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with A. SCOTT MCCULLEY, an Attorney whose address is 535 W. LAMAR ALEXANDER PKWY., MARYVILLE, TN 37801, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause 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.

Angela Minga, Petitioner Vs.

Dairian Leshawn Hughett, Respondent

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appears from the pleadings filed in this cause that Dairian Leshawn Hughett whereabouts are unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered December 7, 2023, service of process will be made by publication.

Dairian Leshawn Hughett 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. Dairian Leshawn Hughett 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 December 11, 2023.

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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC., Adrienne J. Bailey, Managing Member, ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC, AND ANY **UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF** PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC.

IN RE: PAMELA D. GROVES v. PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC., ADRIENNE J. BAILEY, MANAGING MEMBER, ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC, AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC.

NO. 207631-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC., ADRIENNE J. BAILEY, MANAGING MEMBER, ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESSTIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC, AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF PRESSTIN

MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC., a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and

This 15TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

J Scott Griswold **Clerk and Maste**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CATHERINE M. ANDERSON DOCKET NUMBER 88789-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary respect of the Estate of CATHERINE M. ANDERSON who died May 18, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF CATHERINE M. ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ALAN MATTHEWS 1999 MAPLEWOOD DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE BALES DOCKET NUMBER 88732-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LINDA SUE BALES who

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

ESTATE OF DAISY BELL BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

SAMUEL BROWN

KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

3715 POWERS STREET

KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

GAIL F. WORTLEY ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENN MURPHY BURD

DOCKET NUMBER 88792-3

DECEMBER, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of GLENN MURPHY BURD

who died September 8, 2023 were issued to

the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons,

resident and non-resident, having claims, matured

or unmatured, against the estate are required

to file the same with the clerk of the above-

named court on or before the earlier of the dates

prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will

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

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

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

(B)Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

(4) months from the date of first publication; or

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

be forever barred:

described in (1)(A); or

date of death.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of

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than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is fourth (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or This the 11 day of DECEMBER. 2023.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF RECTOR ROBERT DUNSMORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHARON RICE 12417 BOYD STATION ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

WILLIAM E. DUFFEY, JR. ATTORNEY 112 DURWOOD ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF SHARON EASON DOCKET NUMBER 88797-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHARON EASON who died Oct 12, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident having claims, matured or unmatured against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(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 fou (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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHARON EASON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOHN B GULLEY, IV; EXECUTOR 8295 HORSESHOE MOSA TRAIL CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO

ESTATE OF JEAN SAGER FOX

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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLA MAE GRANTHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM H. GRANTHAM, EXECUTOR **508 GOLDEN HARVEST ROAD** FARRAGUT, TN 37934

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF CONARD LEROY HENDRICKSON, JR DOCKET NUMBER 88795-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CONARD LEROY HENDRICKSON, JR., who died on the 26th day of September, 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 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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF CONARD LEROY HENDRICKSON, JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHERRY HENDRICKSON 216 HARTFORD ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

110 COGDILL ROAD

DOCKET NUMBER 88774-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD CRAWFORD

LAUREN E. SMITH. ATTORNEY KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO

JAMES BURD 113 COUNTRY CLUB CIRCLE WINCHESTER, VA 22602

ESTATE OF GLENN MURPHY BURD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

CREDITORS

DOCKET NUMBER 88688-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of

DECEMBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVE A. KANO DOCKET NUMBER 88771-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of

DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of STEVE A. KANO, who died October 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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

(d) SARY (d) usy show the notice to creditors 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 DECEMBER, 2023.

This life TT uay of December, 2023.

ESTATE OF STEVE A. KANO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Steven R. Warnock 9618 Vermilion Drive Knoxville, TN 37922

HAGOOD MOODY HODGE ATTORNEY 900 South Gay Street, Suite 2100 Knoxville, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALLEN THEODORE KINCAID Docket number 88669-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALLEN THEDDORE KINCAID who died Oct 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 his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF ALLEN THEODORE KINCAID

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANNETTE KINCAID; EXECUTRIX 8925 W EMORY ROAD KNOXVILLE TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF COLLEEN M MCMAHAN Docket number 88138-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of COLLEEN M MCMAHAN 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 nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARA C MINK DOCKET NUMBER 88786-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLARA C MINK who died Oct 28, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the 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;

(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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLARA C MINK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Deborah L Hopper; executrix 5225 Malibu Drive Knoxville. Tn. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES BRYAN PAYNE DOCKET NUMBER 88663-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of

DECEMBER, 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES BRYAN PAYNE who died on March 26, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF JAMES BRYAN PAYNE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSANNA P. HUFFMASTER; Administratrix 1060 Curry Road 13 Clovis. NM 88101

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WAYNE BRADLEY PHILLIPS DOCKET NUMBER 88722-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of WAYNE BRADLEY PHILLIPS, who died September 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:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE ALLAN PIERCE, II Docket Number 88716-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GEORGE ALLAN PIERCE, II who died Aug 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

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

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

This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF GEORGE ALLAN PIERCE, II

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM EARL MARCUS; ADMINISTRATOR 300 Edwards School Road Loudon, TN. 37774

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID E. PIERCE Docket Number 88755-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID E. PIERCE who died November 8, 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 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF DAVID E. PIERCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) David M. Pierce 799 S. Crest Road Chattanooga, TN 37404

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY Po Box 4415 OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNA MONDAY SHIPE Docket Number 88744-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANNA MONDAY SHIPE who died Aug 4, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

<u>NOTICE TO</u> <u>CREDITORS</u>

ESTATE OF JAMES LAWRENCE WEAVER, SR. Docket No. 88656-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES LAWRENCE WEAVER, SR., who died on or about August 26, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 12 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES

LAWRENCE WEAVER, SR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLOTTE GAIL WEBB 8429 OLD ANDERSONVILLE PIKE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37938 C. Edward Daniel Attorney 2236 Harvest Lane Dandridge TN 37725

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAMUEL ALVIN BALLOFF Docket Number 88830-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of DECEMBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SAMUEL ALVIN BALLOFF, who died on September 30, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 19 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF SAMUEL ALVIN BALLOFF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

DAVID HENRY BALLOFF 8844 ROSEMONT BOULEYARD KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

K. RAY PINKSTAFF, ATTORNEY P.O. Box 31408 Knoxville, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TUCKER CARMICHAEL BLAKELY DOCKET NUMBER 88828-3

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

<u>NOTICE TO</u> CREDITORS

of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN FAULKNER

who died on September 30, 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

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 of this notice if the creditor received

an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least

sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4)

months from the date of first publication as

This the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HALEY NICOLE FERGUSON

DOCKET NUMBER 88757-1

of DECEMBER, 2023, Letters of Testamentary/

Administration in respect to the Estate of HALEY

NICOLE FERGUSON, deceased, who died on May

22, 2023, were issued to the understaned by the

Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All

persons, resident and non-resident, having claims,

matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are

required to file the same in triplicate 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 claim will be forever barred;

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

eceived 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

This the 14 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's

Estate of HALEY NICOLE FERGUSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

5344 N BROADWAY, SUITE 101

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE of JACK DAVID FRAKER

DOCKET NUMBER 88793-1

of December, 2023, Letters Testamentary

respect to the Estate of JACK DAVID FRAKER.

who died on October 10, 2023, were issued to

the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of

the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox

County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-

resident, having claims, matured or unmatured,

against the above captioned Estate are required

to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the

above-named court on or before the earlier of the

dates prescribed in paragraphs numbered one (1)

or two (2) below; otherwise, their claims will be

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the

forever harred.

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day

FRIN FERGUSON ATTORNEY

6222 ELLESMERE DRIVE

SCOTT HAHN ATTORNEY

KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

publication; or

date of death

as described in (1)(A); or

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN FAULKNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ALLEN DEWAYNE WEST

TUCSON, AZ 85743

9067 N. SANGUINE DRIVE

DAVID H. LUHN ATTORNEY

310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date of the first

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

claims will be forever barred.

publication: or

described in (1)(A); or

date of death.

ESTATE OF SAROLYN H DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 88791-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of

DECIMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAROLYN H DAVIS who died Nov 24, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or befork and Master of the above-named court on or befork 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 DECEMBER, 2023

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH D DAVIS

DOCKET NUMBER 88817-1

DECEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect

of the Estate of ELIZABETH D DAVIS who died Aug

27, 2023, were issued the understaned 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)

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

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

This the 15 day of DECEMBER, 2023

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERRY LEE DAVISON

DOCKET NUMBER 88424-1

DECEMBER 2023, letters administration in respect

of the Estate of TERRY LEE DAVISON who died Feb

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)

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first

otherwise their claims will be forever barred

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH D DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

WADE M BOSWELL; EXECUTOR

3311 BUNKER HILL DRIVE

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

lescribed in (1)(A); or

date of death.

(BI Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

(1)(Δ) Four (4) months from the date of the first

otherwise their claims will be forever barred

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of

ESTATE OF SAROLYN H DAVIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) C RANDY MASSEY; EXECUTOR 3204 REGAL DRIVE ALCOA, TN. 37701

MARK GRAYSON ATTORNEY 3204 Regal Drive Alcoa. TN. 37701

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

This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF COLLEEN M MCMAHAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Julie Bradley; Administratrix 5401 pinecrest road Knoxville TN 37912

DUSTIN LANDRY ATTORNEY AT LAW 859 Ebenezer Road Knoxville TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AMY EALY MILLER Docket Number 88783-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of AMY EALY MILLER who died on October 9, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or no matured, 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 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 (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 months from the date of the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF AMY EALY MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RANDY MILLER; EXECUTOR 3517 OLD VALLEY VIEW DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

ROBERT A. COLE ATTORNEY 2313 PULASKI ROAD KNOXVILLE TN 37914 (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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

This the TT day of December, 2023.

ESTATE OF WAYNE BRADLEY PHILLIPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) VICKI PHILLIPS 121 HONEY RIDGE WAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

COURTNEY D. SCOLLARD, ATTORNEY 10004 MEADOW VISTA CIRCLE KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICIA MARIE PHIPPS Docket Number 88777-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the ESTATE OF ALICIA MARIE PHIPPS, who died June 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 abovenamed court on 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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF ALICIA MARIE PHIPPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Gerald L. Donner, Jr 520 S. Washington St. Siloam Springs, Ar 72761

JORDAN T. NEWPORT, ATTORNEY 900 S. GAY ST., STE. 2100

KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

(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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF ANNA MONDAY SHIPE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Kelly ann Shipe; administratrix 1912 e governor John Sevier Hwy Knoxville, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL J. TRAUSCH Docket Number 88780-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL J. TRAUSCH who died November 12, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF PAUL J. TRAUSCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHRISTINA A. GERDES 409 CIRCLE HILL DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

ERICA L. SKALET 8000 Chesterfield Drive Knoxville, TN 37909

EDWARD A. COX, JR., ATTORNEY 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite N-290 Knoxville, TN 37919 (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

(BI 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 DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF TUCKER CARMICHAEL BLAKELY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Katarina a Blakely; administratrix 7014 Rye Lane Knoxville, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHNNY LEE CRUZE Docket Number 88811-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHNNY LEE CRUZE who died Jul 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 robefore 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;

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

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

This the 15 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHNNY LEE CRUZE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Robin Jeanette Cruze; executrix 1720 Goff Road Knoxvii Je Tn. 37920

from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

is the 4 day of DEGEWIBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF TERRY LEE DAVISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LINDA DAVISON; ADMINISTRATRIX 3551 WADE DANIEL WAY POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY MCMILLAN EWELL DOCKET NUMBER 88833-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of DECEMBER, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY MCMILLAN EWELL, who died on November 22, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 19 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

Estate of NANCY MCMILLAN EWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Michael W. Ewell 550 W Main St., Ste. 500 Knoxville, TN 37902

MICHAEL W. EWELL, ATTORNEY 550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN FAULKNER Docket Number 88826-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of DECEMBER 2023, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect

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

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

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

This the 15 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE of JACK DAVID FRAKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: MRS. JUDITH S. CONDRY 4918 SHANNON RUN DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE FRANCIS DOCKET NUMBER 88796-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY CATHERINE FRANCIS who died on August 5, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days form 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 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.

ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE FRANCIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JAMES GORDON FRANCIS

1903 CAROLINA AVENUE

DAVID H. LUHN ATTORNEY

310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.

BRISTOL, TN 37620

KNOXVILLE TN 37919

This the 15 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

ESTATE OF ROBERT W. MINGE

DOCKET NUMBER 88790-1

in respect of the estate of ROBERT W. MINGE

who died October 17, 2023, were issued to

the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the

Chancery Court 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 and Master

of the above-named Comi on or before the earlier

of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise,

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

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

This the 14 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH RAY PATE

DOCKET NUMBER 88825-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary (or

letters of administration as the case may be) in

respect of the Estate of KENNETH RAY PATE who

died July 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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

(2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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;

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

This the 19 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF KENNETH RAY PATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

DONNA GAIL MCGHEE

2824 CECIL AVENUE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

described in (1)(A); or

date of death

(8) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF ROBERT W. MINGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

6600 HILDA LANE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

BILL FIX, ATTORNEY

KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

P.O. BOX 31632

BARBARA BAIR, ADMINISTRATRIX

(B)Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

their claims will be forever barred:

described in (1)(A); or

date of death.

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters of administration

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLYDE HARPER DOCKET NUMBER 88645-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLYDE HARPER who died August 25, 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 conv of the notice to creditors f 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 20 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLYDE HARPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DIANA L. DAVIS **5216 TAZEWELL POINTE WAY** KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENDA FAYE JOLLY DOCKET NUMBER 88769-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2023, letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of GLENDA FAYE JOLLY who died September 14, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee, All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 f 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 20 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF GLENDA FAYE JOLLY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANTHONY H. JOLLY 7320 BROKEN CREEK LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY P.O. BOX 1990 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL T. KNOWLES DOCKER NUMBER 88641-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of DECEMBER 2023 letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL T. KNOWLES. who died on August 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise, their claims will

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

2020 Nissan Versa 3N1CN8EV3LL882101 (Sheila Barnett) 2005 Toyota Corolla 2T1BR32E65C507801

(Rebecca Rholetter)

(Kayla Pilcher) 2001 Mercedes E320 WDBJF65J51B241452 (John Snelling)

2013 VW Jetta 3VW637AJ7DM296443 (Betty Boles/ Jennifer Cerasoli/ VW Credit) 2010 VW Passat WVWJK7ANXAE142846

(Chey Canaday/ Superior Financial) 2012 VW Beetle 3VWVA7ATXCM603329

(VW Credit Leasing/ Tracie Herrell) 2012 VW Eos WVWFW7AH7CV005340 (How-

ard King) 2010 VW Tiguan WVGAV7AX1AW514640 (Jill Richards)

2009 VW Tiguan WVGAV75N19W511628 (Jason Graves/ Megan Colley)

2012 VW Passat 1VWBH7A37CC060151 (Heather Love/ Nationwide SouthEast) 2005 VW Touareg WVGZM77L15D079498

(Kayla Brady) 2011 VW CC WVWMN7ANXBF710308 (Kate lin Brock)

2011 VW Tiguan WVGAV7AX4BW531658 (Cody Lindenmuth/ Navy FCU)

2009 Acura TSX JH4CU26699C012683 (Corey Cole) 2007 Chrysler Pacifica 2A8G

M68X37R226257 (Terry Armes) 2011 Ford Escape 1FMCU0C71BKC48092

(James Waller) 2010 Jeen Liberty 1J4PN2GK4AW144078 (Elizabeth Fink/ Elizabeth Caldas)

2020 Honda M/C L37MMJBV5LZ010258 (Harlon Clark)

2004 VW Jetta 3VWRK69M64M015919 (Linwood Cotton)

2006 Jeep Liberty 1J4GL58K96W165490 (Grant Spivey)

2007 Honda Civic 1HGFA16837L138118 (William Goset) 2007 Saturn Aura 1G8ZS57N87F271034

(Joe Reese) 2012 Nissan Altima 1N4AL2AP3CC207087

(Eulalia Pascual/ Broadway Auto Sales) 2014 Nissan Maxima 1N4AA5AP3EC449050

(Aalyah Fenderson/ United Auto Sales) 2009 Honda Ruckus JH2AF58019K604458

(Deaver Shattuck) 2012 Kia Sorento 5XYKUDA29CG274977

(Marvin Shafer) 2020 Dodge Ram 3C6UR5CJ4LG214540 (Nicholas Peyton/ TX Farm Bureau Casualty/ Rolys Auto Sales/ Ariadna Mendez/ Sam Motors)

2005 Nissan Titan 1N6BA06A75N544492 (Stephanie Payne/ Richard Poland/ TN Title Loans)

1998 Ford Expedition 1FMPU18L3WLA66861 (Janis Williams) 2012 Honda Civic 2HGFG3B51CH553841

(Bethanna Pennisi/ Check into Cash) 1998 Ford Ranger 1FTYR10C7WPB34402 (Jonathan Goldberg/ Cash Express)

2012 Honda Civic 2HGFB2F53CH324175 (Morgan Thomas)

2007 Honda CRV JHLRE48317C032482 (Sylvester Williams

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on January 19, 2024 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 2430 Thorngrove Pike

(Erica Smith/ Lendmark Financial) 2013 Nissan Altima 1N4BL3AP2DC235880

1994 Chevy S10 1GCCT14Z4RK118914

5D18AR367375 (Lisa Buchert)

Rodney Guinn hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, Ve hicle Identification Number 1G3M11Y8HP327763 Any and all parties holding an interest in said ve hicle must contact Rodney Guinn by certified mail. return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to 7133 Old Butledge Pike Knoxville TN 37924 Published in The Knoxville Focus Monday, De

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December 26, 2023

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(Richard Webster)

2008 Ford Escape 1FMCU03118KE82141 (Wesley Milstead)

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS, ATTORNEY 2010 Dodge G. Caravan 2D4RN 2908 TAZEWELL PIKE SUITE G KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for title:

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services

due 1/24/24 RFP 3509, Installation Services for Federally Funded Cable Networking, due 1/24/24; RFP 3510, Prisoner Transport Services, due 1/25/24

cember 26, 2023. Bid 3508, Sign Language/Interpreter Services,

be forever barred

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

This the 19 day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL T. KNOWLES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STANLEY DAVID LEVY 3018 HATCHER MOUNTAIN ROAD, UNIT 1 SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

> ADAM J. CARR, ATTORNEY 109 PARKWAY, SUITE 2A SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF CARYLL J LINCK DOCKET NUMBER 88829-1

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Bearden softball team helps Wreaths Across America

By Steve Williams

Bearden High's girls softball team lent a big hand to the Wreaths Across America event Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Knoxville National Cemetery.

For three hours, from 11 in the morning to 2 in the afternoon, they were remembering and honoring the past by placing wreaths on grave sites.

Feelings for the fallen didn't end when they left.

"A tag was placed on the backside of each wreath for anyone to keep as a reminder of the fallen soldier and their families," said Bearden Coach Kenneth Boles. "All of our ladies took one of the tags as a reminder of the fallen." Boles noticed too that

"the girls were very humble after the event," he said. "The ladies were blown away by the turnout and the show of support from the community."

The Saturday also was a day of building team unity. "We use any chance we get to be together," said Boles. "We do team building activities.

"We will be helping on the Wreaths Across America's pick-up day. I believe that will be on Jan. 20."





Taryn Bryant, Co-Director for Wreaths Across America, and her husband Chris Bryant join the Bearden High School softball team at the Knoxville National Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 16. Left to right, Front row: Kate Daniels, Kaylynn Wood, Kendall Hubbs, Elizabeth Newman, Makayla Garrett, Josephine Breeden. Second row: Kenneth Boles, Abigail Thompson, Laryah Ivy, Lainey Cox, Megan Lawson, Allie Seritt, Hannah Phillips. Third row: Alexandria Smith, Katherine Smith, Kylie Dutton, Aleksandra Walker, Bailey Hague. Fourth row: McKenna Webb, Makhia Nickerson, Jaycie Overton, Kendyl May, Rusty Bruce. Fifth row: Abigail Kelton, Madelyn Brown, Ashland Gonzales.

Three Bearden High School



A-E football players help in two ways

Local middle school teams to participate in holiday hoops tournaments

By Ken Lay

Schools will be relatively dark and silent this week as students, staff and faculty are away for the holiday break.

But gyms at three area schools will be hopping with post-Christmas basketball tournaments.

West Valley will host its annual holiday tournament Dec. 27-29.

The event will feature both the host Wolves and Lady Wolves. Hardin Valley will have both its girls and boys teams in the respective tournament fields. Maryville will also have its girls and boys in the tournament. Liberty Bell, a powerhouse from the Tri-Cities will have both its boys and girls squads competing.

Other girls teams competing in this year's tournament include Holston and Seymour. Other boys teams in the tournament include Indian Trail, Cherokee, Sevier County and John Sevier.

Cedar Bluff's boys basketball program will host the annual John Melnick Battle at the Bluff at CBMS Dec. 28-29. The host Giants will have both their varsity and JV teams playing at the event.

The tournament, named for longtime Cedar Bluff basketball coach John Melnick, will also feature Gresham (varsity and JV); Fort Loudoun (varsity and JV) and the varsity team from Oliver Springs. Anderson County High School will host the Maverick Middle School **Christmas Tournament** Dec. 28-30. The Halls Red Devils and Lady Devils are in the field as well as the Powell Panthers and Lady Panthers.

softball players participate in the Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, Dec. 16. Alessandra Walker kneels to place a wreath at one grave site, while Bailey Hauge looks her shoulder. Standing and wearing a black hood is Catherine Smith.

Quinton Calhoun, a junior lineman and team captain on Austin-East High School's football team, and freshman lineman Keaton Mear have been recognized for their community service during the holidays.

Both were school ambassadors said Coach Antonio Mays, serving to renovate bathrooms at A-E and in food distribution to families in need.

Roadrunners Quinton Calhoun (No. 52) and Keaton Meer (No. 66) receive high marks in community service.

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PAGE C2 The Knoxville FOCUS December 26, 2023 Holiday Helpers include HVA dancers and Junior Hawkettes

By Steve Williams

"We had a blast with the Hawkettes!"

That was Hardin Valley Academy Dance Coach Kaylee Pulvirenti's reaction after her team's performance with the Junior Hawkettes on Dec. 14.

Not only is the event fun for the kids and dance team, it's a fun night out for parents and grandparents to enjoy and get a break from holiday shopping.

The Knoxville Focus started including the event with its list of "Holiday Helpers" a few years ago. Yep, we enjoy the pictures, too!

The annual Christmas Hawkettes Dance Camp started soon after Hardin Valley Academy opened in 2008.

Hawkettes come from Hardin Valley Elementary School.

"We have been doing this camp for over 10 years,"



HVA versus Karns basketball games.

Pulvirenti is assisted by Co-Coach Julie Mincke.

In addition to Pizzi, the dance team roster includes Lucy Blair, Eleanore Locke, Kaitlyn Keim, Riley Beemer, Trinity Kargbo, Jovie Raddon and Taelyn Beardsley.

FOS BY IEREMY WIGG

It's hard to tell who is having the most fun -- the Hardin Valley Academy dance team or the Junior Hawkettes -- at their annual Christmas holiday performance ... but that's not a bad problem to have!

"Each year, we have such a great turnout, as it is the perfect opportunity to get Most of the Junior our Hardin Valley community (and surrounding areas) together - something that the HVA dance team values greatly.

said Coach Pulvirenti. for five years, it warms my dance alongside of the

at later games or community events run up to my dancers as they created a friendship through dance."

The favorite part of this event for Jackie Pizzi, senior captain of the HVA "As a coach of this team dance team, is getting to

heart to see the Hawkettes Hawkettes at the game and have fun playing games during the camp portion, added Pulvirenti.

At this year's event as usual, the Hawkettes and HVA dance team members performed together during both of the girls' and boys' halftime sessions of the



A closeup picture of Junior Hawkette Emma Gaskins and the Hardin Valley dance team's Kaitlyn Keim during the annual Christmas performance.

Freeman to play soccer at **Roane State**

By Ken Lay

An aspiring third-generation nurse will get the chance to follow in both her mother's and grandmother's footsteps. And she'll also get the opportunity to play collegiate soccer.

Recent Gibbs High School graduate Lauren Freeman signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her academic pursuits and her athletic career at Roane State Community College at a ceremony at Gibbs High on Thursday, Dec.14.

Freeman, who graduated from high school early, will play for the Lady Raiders' first soccer team in the fall. Roane State will be coached by former Oak Ridge High School and Grace Christian Academy coach Donnie Green. She'll major in nursing. Both her mother and grandmother also majored in nursing at Walters State Community College.

me," she said. "I just really liked their coach and we ran some drills."

She also considered Pellissippi State, which will also field a team for the first time in 2024 and Walters State, but Roane State provided a good nursing program and the chance for her to continue her career on the pitch.

Freeman signed with the Lady Raiders without seeing the campus.

"I just really felt like I belonged at Roane State," she said. "I never saw the campus. I never took a tour."

She noted that the small class size at the school was a factor in her decision. She also said that the opportunity to stay close to home also appealed to her.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

A little confetti is tossed into the air at a signing ceremony for Powell High's Steven Soles Jr. last Tuesday. At the honorary table (l-r) is grandmother Tracy Whitmore, Steven, mother Antonia Whitmore and great-grandfather Eddie Soles Sr. The tall man wearing a blue cap on the back row is Steven Soles Sr.

Soles Jr., PHS sack leader, signs with

Freeman met Green at a recruiting camp.

"Roane State came to

Gibbs High School soccer player Lauren Freeman will continue her career at Roane State Community College. She recently signed with the Lady Raiders, who will have a team for the first time in 2024. They'll be coached by former Oak Ridge and Grace Christian coach Donnie Green. Photo submitted.

"I kind of (want to stay close to home) because I'm very close to my grandmother," Freeman said. "I wanted to be close to home, but sometimes, it's good to stay on campus and get to know your team."

By Steve Williams

With Knox County schools closed for the holidays last Wednesday, the official National Signing Day for NCAA Division 1 football programs, Powell High Coach Matt Lowe scheduled a signing ceremony on Tuesday afternoon for Steven Soles Jr., his record-breaking defensive end.

"It was a mock signing," said Lowe, who wanted Soles to get a taste of what a real signing is like and also allow his family members, coaches, teammates and friends to be there for the special occasion.

Steven officially signed Wednesday with the University of Kentucky "around 8 a.m.," confirmed Lowe via email.

There was nothing fake about Soles, the football player, either.

"He walked in (to PHS four years ago) with high aspirations," said Coach Lowe.

And the 6-2, 215-pound defensive end achieved a lot.

His 17 sacks as a junior was a school record for a season and his 47 career sacks is an all-time school record.

"When (the box) goes to 3rd and 10, he knows what exactly to do at that moment," said Lowe.

Soles was a "Sophomore of the Year" in 2021 when he helped lead the Panthers to the TSSAA Class 5A state championship.

He was a finalist for the Tennessee Titans' Mr. Football award this past fall and also was voted The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year.

High's back-to-back state champions, said Soles was "the most explosive player I've ever coached against."

Steven was gracious for the recognition and said to all at the turnout: "Just wanted to let you all know I appreciate you and I thank you."

Wearing Kentucky blue, Soles said he is looking forward to "having a platform that can get me to the next level. I'm trying to get surrounded by athletes that have the same goal as I do. To push the brotherhood you build; to push the bond you build."

As for taking the big step from high school football to the major college level, Steven said he's looking forward to "the competitive nature of it all. Honestly, if I'm not competing, I'm not having fun. Just playing with people who are said to be great athletes; I'm ready to compete and have fun."

When asked what his main reason was for choosing Kentucky, he recalled: "I had an unofficial visit there. I sat through some meetings and talked to some coaches. It was really the game plan that they see with me in their system, having a good defense and me just being fast and ferocious off the edge."

Soles added the UK coaches showed him stats and records of past players his speed and size. Leading the SEC in sacks could be a possibility someday.

"I feel like I could be in a good position with those coaches," he said. "I know I'll play some outside linebacker as well. I'm pretty excited

Lamar Brown, head coach of West about (the thought) of being able to move around on the field a lot more."

> Soles said he also had offers from Alabama, South Carolina, Miami, Missouri and Memphis.

> When asked if Tennessee offered him a scholarship, Soles answered: "No."

How do you figure that?

"They don't want to win," he replied. "They don't want to win."

As for what he might major in, Soles said: "Right now I'm thinking about Business and Economics, but that might change."

Lowe said Soles was a good student and had a GPA "around 2.8 or 2.7."

Three generations of Steven's family attended the ceremony, including his father Steven Soles Sr., a big man who played offensive right tackle at Lane College in Jackson, TN. "I'm very proud of Steven," he said.

Steven's mother, Antonia Whitmore; grandmother, Tracy Whitmore; and great grandfather, Eddie Soles Sr; also were at the ceremony.

His grandmother said she remembers starting to give Steven bean juice and cornbread when he was 3 months old.

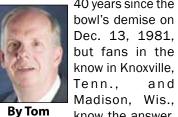
"I'm so proud and trying not to cry," she added.

"It's all been an honor and a blessing," summed up Steven. "I couldn't ask for nothing more I guess. I can say I lived a nice life here in high school and met some great people. It's time to turn the page."

December 26, 2023 PAGE C3 www.knoxfocus.com Who played in the final Garden State Bowl?

Who played in the final Garden and Kentucky and lived on the

and



know the answer, Mattingly almost by heart.

Tennessee and Wisconsin squared off that day, with the Vols winning 28-21. Both teams came with 7-4 records. Dave McClain coached the Badgers, while John Majors was in his fifth season with the Vols.

The bowl lasted four years, starting with Arizona State and Rutgers in 1978, Temple and California in 1979, and Houston and Navy in 1980. The games were played at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J., often in weather not conducive to drawing a big crowd.

One website noted, "Freezing temperatures and a lack of successful local college teams contributed to its demise."

For the Vols, the 1981 season had gotten got off to a rocky start on "Rocky Top," or, more precisely, away from "Rocky Top." Tennessee looked dead in the water after lopsided losses at No. 10 Georgia (44-0, with Herschel Walker running for 161 yards) and No. 5 Southern Cal (43-7, with Marcus Allen running for 211 yards). Vol fans had traveled 5,000 miles or so to see their team outscored 87-7.

A season-ending knee injury to promising freshman quarterback Alan Cockrell in the win over Pat Dye's first Auburn team left Steve Alatorre and Jeff Olszewski under center.

Alan returned to action in 1983, leading wins over Alabama in each of the next two years and berths in the Peach and Florida Citrus Bowls.

State Bowl? It's been more than brink a couple of times to win 40 years since the over Memphis State, Wichita bowl's demise on State, Ole Miss, and Vanderbilt.

In the Vanderbilt game, a 38-34 Vol win, Commodore Whit Taylor, a native of Shelbyville, threw for 464 yards, with receivers running loose in the Vol secondary all day. Alatorre wasn't bad, throwing for 319 yards. Willie Gault had four catches for 217 yards and one score, second best mark in Vol history to that time, behind only Elizabethton's Johnny Mills (225 against Kentucky in 1966).

There was a key play in the final seconds. Taylor threw for the southeast corner to wideout Allama Matthews. Matthews appeared to be open, before Tennessee's Carlton Peoples got a hand on the ball to save the game. Matthews would later become an SEC official and be involved in a controversial play 19 years later at the other end of Shields-Watkins Field, the Jabar Gaffney catch (or non-catch, depending on your perspective) in the 2000 Florida game.

Then came the trip to New York/New Jersey for the game against the Badgers.

The game featured the talents of Gault, offensive guard Bill Mayo, defensive tackle Reggie White, linebacker Carl Zander, Alatorre, center Lee North, wide receiver Anthony Hancock, and running back James Berry.

After Wisconsin scored to lead 7-3 in the first quarter, the Badgers kicked off, and 11 seconds later, the Vols led 10-7. All Gault did was return the ensuing kickoff 87 yards for a score. John Ward didn't identify the specific landmark Willie ran toward, as he did in 1980 at Vanderbilt ("Willie Gault has run all the way to the need to.



Head coach John Majors and Willie Gault (26) celebrate Tennessee's win over Wisconsin in the 1981 Garden State Bowl.

24 of 42 passes for 315 yards, Banks after his performance in throwing for one score and run- the 2023 Orange Bowl. ning for another.

the day for 196 yards and was the Vols. on the receiving end of a 43-yard strike from Alatorre.

State Capitol..."), but he didn't had 14 tackles on the day, and was even better in the 1984 Sun two games. We came back to win Alatorre, who shared quarter- Bowl with a still-standing school eight games, including the bowl The Vols lost only to Alabama backing duties with Olszewski bowl record 20 tackles, a record game. That's one of the best defeating Wisconsin.

in 1980 and 1981, completed shared with former Vol Jeremy

The 1981 season was a high-Hancock had 11 catches on light campaign for Majors and

"I was more concerned about the 1981 team than any team in Mendham, N.J., native Zander the last 13 years," Majors said in 1990. "We got tromped the first

lesson builders - one I've used with our team and staff on many occasions - talking about what happens if you keep hanging on, keep fighting, keep coming back."

The lesson is clear. If you're going to close out a bowl game, even one with a mere four-year run, do it the right way. The Vols helped close out the Garden State Bowl the right way by

Tennessee Football Welcomes Class of 2024

By Mark Nagi

National Signing Day.

I can't be the only to add really good players a kid." one who misses the old to our roster in that way,

scrimmage. We'll continue every time you're talking to

guys that were with us this past season (and) true of the signees that are coming in. We felt like we wanted to add some experience in those positions. We've attacked that through the portal with a couple guys, as well."

guys that got to grow our home state," said 5-star wide receiver Mike Tennessee wants to and mature as football Heupel. "Boo Carter has Matthews of Parkview High and then athleticism and keep the best in-state players, but I love the played both sides of the School in Lilburn. The first Wednesday in length at the skill spots. players from leaving Big athletic traits," Heupel line of scrimmage and February brought with it They're dynamic in the Orange Country. And said of his secondary room. was really good as a returner great length, just talking fax machines and madness way that they play. I love while they lost some good "That's true of the young as well. We've already seen about his wingspan, a lot of those skill sets extremely explosive," said from him. He's electric, he's got great change of direction, quickness, and a really good football IQ. He's natural as a returner, too. We've already seen some of that from have to develop the ability him. Really excited about to play versus man press who he is. He's got a real maturity about him on the football field that is rare for a high school kid."

"We have some young did a great job inside of state of Georgia, including

"He's (Matthews) got Heupel. "The ability to go and high point a ball in the middle of the football field or out on the edge just going vertically. As a wide receiver, you are going to at the line of scrimmage. Those are things that you typically don't see (from a high school player). But In addition, five members a really bright guy who's got

football fans eagerly anticipated which players would join their team in the Fall.

The early signing period has done away with most of the fun. Better for the student-athletes. Worse for the fans.

But I digress.

Last week Tennessee welcomed its Class of 2024, a group of 27 new Vols. That's 23 high school kids and four college transfers. Eighteen of them are set to be early enrollees who will participate in spring practice.

added," said Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel. "You look at what we've signed, obviously a point of emphasis was the line of

as thousands of college the competitive makeup of this group. Some guys have already shown some leadership traits, and I'm excited to get to work with them whenever they get to 4-star defensive back campus."

> When the dust settles this will be a top-15 class nationally, which keeps the Vols among the elite teams in the country, and smack dab in the middle of their fellow SEC schools.

"As competitive as it is on the football field, it's even more competitive in recruiting," said Heupel. "The time, energy, effort, and strain. Everybody "I love the length and is working in the same athleticism that we've footprint. I think we're one of the few leagues left where it's actually a regional footprint. You're competing against guys inside of your conference

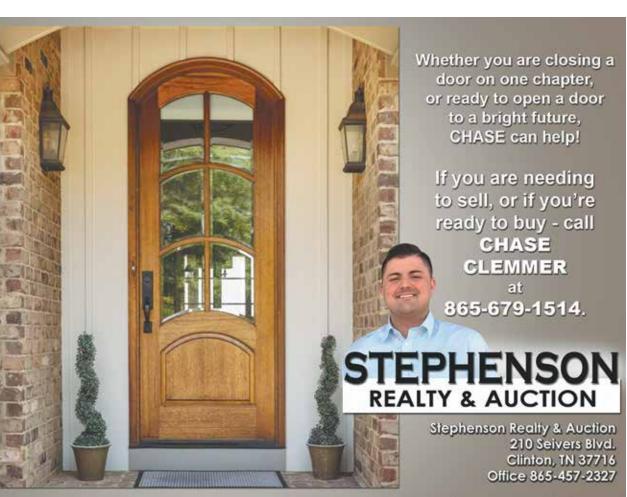
ones, eight players in this Class are from within the state's borders. Nashville's Lipscomb Academy was good to the Vols, with Kaleb Beasley and 4-star linebacker Edwin Spillman signing with the Vols.

The secondary is a concern for the Vols heading into next season, and Beasley may be called on to make an immediate impact.

That group of eight in state also includes the 2023 Mr. Football in Class 6A, Boo Carter from Bradley Central in Chattanooga.

"I thought our staff

of the class are from the a great future."





PAGE C4 The Knoxville FOCUS December 26, 2023 Football coaching changes continue in Knox County

By Steve Williams

Last Tuesday was moving day on the local high school football scene.

Three schools announced new head coaches on the heels of Steve Matthews leaving Knoxville Catholic Monday and accepting the Concord Christian head position.

On Tuesday, Philip Shadowens was named the new head coach at Catholic. He and Matthews had been co-head coaches for the Irish this past season.

Matthews said he liked the idea of building a new program. CCS hasn't had a varsity team in several years. The Lions had a JV team this season.

Scott Cummings, after taking a season off to watch his son Connor play at West, took the Lenoir City job Tuesday and Paul Shelton resigned after two seasons at South-Doyle to get back into coaching on the college level.

Central, Grace Christian and Hardin Valley currently have



openings in Knox County.

BRAYLON HARMON, Knoxville Catholic standout, decommitted from Wofford and signed with UT on National Signing Day. He returned four kickoffs and two punts for touchdowns his senior season and also was an excellent receiver.

Other Knox County players signing NLI included Webb WR-DB Markeis Barrett (Vanderbilt), Farragut linebacker Jack Alley (Air Force) and Bearden running back Jaheim Merriweather (Purdue).

ZACK TURNER, Gibbs point guard, has reached the 1,000point plateau in his basketball career, and it's early in his junior season. He received an award between the girls' and boys'

games Friday, Dec. 15.

Turner was a second-team honoree on last year's Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County team.

DESHAWN PAGE, former Fulton High football and basketball standout, recently graduated from Mississippi State University, where he played linebacker for the football Bulldogs. DeShawn was a Class 5A Mr. Football honoree at FHS.

HALLS Football Coach Brent Hughes and wife Heather have a new baby boy. Cortland arrived Wednesday, Dec. 6, weighing 6 pounds and 12 ounces. "He doesn't look like a lineman right now - I'll tell you that," said Hughes.

Brent and Heather also have two daughters, Ava (5) and Sutton (2).

CLEVELAND took over the No. 1 ranking in the Tennessee High School Wrestling poll last week, moving past No. 2 Baylor. Halls is No. 14 in the season's third poll.

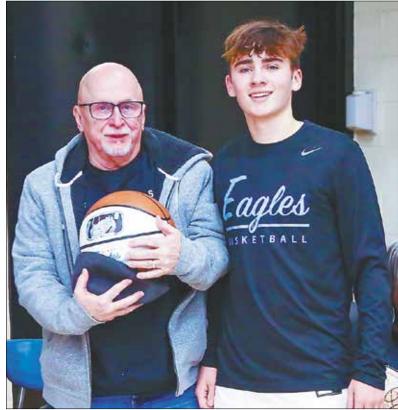


PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS

Gibbs' Zack Turner recently reached the 1,000-point plateau and dedicated his accomplishments to "Pops," his grandfather, who is battling esophageal cancer. Pops is holding a basketball that has his grandson's picture on it.

Area football players earn all-region honors

By Ken Lay

high school football season for Knoxville Area teams, players and coaches. And area regions honored their stars with their postseason awards as recognized by the leagues' coaches.

In Region 2-3A: Austin-East went 4-8 and made the state playoffs. Roadrunners' junior quarterback Shane Cherry was named Offensive Player of the Year in his first year playing high school football. He's an all-state caliber guard for the Austin-East basketball team with multiple NCAA Division I scholarship offers. He has an offer from coach Rick Barnes and the University of Tennessee.

Hunley, Dimere Ligon and James Nyonkuru. In Region 2-4A: Gibbs finished second in the region behind Anderson County. The Eagles' Brad Turner was named Coach of the Year, while offensive coordinator Tyler Kitts shared Co-Offensive Assistant of the Year, along with Anderson County's Jon Chadwell.

All-Academic Team.

Fulton's Vershawn Cash It was another banner shared Defensive Lineman and Anterius McAlister. of the Year honors with Bradshaw.

> were Dexter Moulden; Fife-Offshack; Dylan Albert Johnson, Garrin Bailey; Derrick Smith; Dexter Lewis; Joe Moore and Tavaria Allen. Vernon Anderson was named to the All-Academic Team.

players named to the All-Region 2-4A Team, including Maddox Cupp; Marquail Patterson; T.J. Tipton; Rolondo Phillips; Jaedyn Begovich and Trashaun Berry. Isaiah Mitchell was selected to the league's All-Academic Team.

league selections, includ- (Central); Matthew Clayton Cherry was joined on the ing Jerry Isaacs: Carson (Powell); Brodie McFalls all-region team by team- Vines; Ryan Gibson; (West) and Riley Earle mates Condis Cherry, Zvon Rockett and Javdon (Halls), DeMarcus Allen, D'Andre Shanklin. Sanjai Samtini was an all-academic team. In Region 2-5A: Halls High's Brent Hughes was the Coach of the Year and the Red Devils' Amari Lethgo was named Newcomer of the Year and Owen Taylor (Halls) was the Specialist of the Year. Central's Daniel Sackie shared Tight End of the Year honors with the Red Devils' Drew Ross. Steven Benji Angola was named Soles Jr. (Powell) was Player of the Year. Frank Johnson IV was named Offensive Player of the Year. Ryan Scott (West) was named Defensive Player of the Year. Powell's Connor Wheeler was the Running Back of the Year. Syxx Hoard (West) was the Wide Receiver of the Year. Britton Carver (West) and Jesse Massengill (Powell) shared Co-Offensive Linemen of the Year honors. West High's Marshaun Bowers was the Athlete of the Year. C.J. Smith (West) was named Defensive Lineman from the Bulldogs were: of the Year. Anderson Smith (West) was the Linebacker of the Year and Powell's Markus Jackson was the Defensive Back of the Year. All-Region selections ers for the Hornets were: from the Rebels, who won a second consecutive state championship, included: Stephen Johnson; Jack Codavilla; Dominique Davis; Hunter Dance; Warwick was named to the Connor Cummings; Devin

Jamison; Wyatt DeRoche; Stewart. Jack Keith; Antwain Burdine

Powell's All-Region stand-Anderson County's Gracen outs were: Chavron Thomas; Blake Neely; Byron Finger; All-league for the Falcons Adrian Daugharty; Joshua Stooksbury; Abu Keefer and Nikko McDonald.

All-Region selections from the Red Devils were: Nick Goodwin; Caleb Turner; Michael Harrop; South-Doyle had six Jackson Alvey; Kameron Bates; Gavin Cameron; Brody Rogers and Landon West.

> All-Region selections from the Bobcats included: Dante Strickland; Torin McAfee; Jake Hobert and Donovan Washington.

The all-academic selec-Seymour had five all- tions included: Washington

The All-Academic Team was comprised of Drew Parrott (Bearden); Holt Lawrence (HVA) and David Broda (Farragut).

In Division II-A East: The King's Academy had three all-league players in Alijah Davidson; Garrett Cogdill and Jack Hamilton. Peyton Brooks was an all-academic standout.

In Division II-AA East: Markeis Barrett (Webb School of Knoxville) was the Most Valuable Player. Cooper Cameron (Webb) was the Defensive MVP and Dakota Fitzsimmons (Webb) was the Offensive Assistant of the Year.

Christian Grace Academy's Lucas Hollifield was the Special Teams MVP.

All-Region standouts for the Spartans included: Jack Wagner: Xavier Hickman: In Region 3-5A: Karns Jalen Hill; Ari Klasky; Ethan Klasky; Mason Testerna; Harvey Niendorff. Eli Vickers was an all-academic selection.

Tyler Kitts named District 2-4A Cooffensive Assistant Coach of the Year

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School had a successful season on the gridiron in 2023.

The Eagles went 9-3 and finished second in Region 2-4A, behind eight-time defending region champion Anderson County. Gibbs earned plenty of recognition recently as the league's coaches when they announced their postseason awards.

Gibbs High's football team won four superlative awards. Head coach Brad Turner was named Coach of the Year, while offensive coordinator Tyler Kitts shared Co-assistant Coach of the Year honors with Anderson County's Jon Chadwell. Boone Brockwell was named Offensive Specialist of the Year and Benji Angola was named Specialist of the Year.

Kitts, a Gibbs graduate, who played football and baseball for the Eagles, oversaw an offense that averaged 30.5 points per game. He said he was honored to win the award, but credited the players and his fellow coaches

"This season, we had a lot of good kids and our offensive line coach, coach (Brent) Hughes does a great job and he won this award last year," Kitts said. "Coach Turner does a great job, and he lets us do our job.

"We have great kids and it all starts with the parents. I'm honored to be here, and be back to where I went to school. We have great community support.

Specialist of the Year and Boone Brockwell earned Offensive Specialist of the Year.

All-Region standouts for Gibbs included: Wyatt West; Hayden Mills; De'Juan Harris; Landon Frisco; Cash Mount; Luke Tidwell; Brady Hughes; Wyatt Bentley and Levi Allison. The Eagles had two players receive All-Academic honors including Cam Norman and Sabe Smith.

Carter's Jody Scruggs was named the league's Newcomer of the Year. Spencer Russell (Carter) was named Offensive Player of the Year and Judd Taylor earned Offensive Lineman of the Year honors.

All-Region perform-Jake Coffey; Roman Webb: Joseph Armenta; Isaiah Webb; Gabe Dennis; Andre Thomas; Isaiah Monday and Brody Sparks. Hayden

High's Alex Idol was the Defensive Lineman of the Year and Walker Lockhart shared Defensive Back of the Year honors with Clinton's Derek Bean.

All-Region selections for the Beavers included: Austin Kirk; Doug Turner; Kareem Ellis; Brody Cassell; Dassen Huckleby and Matthew Eldridge. Aiden Meredith was an allacademic standout.

In Region 2-6A: Bearden's Kevin Lane and Patrick Abernathy shared Co-Defensive Assistant of the Year honors.

Farragut's Jack Alley was the Defensive Player of the Year. Bearden's Jayzon Thompson was the Freshman/Sophomore of the Year and Tory Beaufort was the Special Teams Player of the Year.

Hardin Valley Academy's Nathan Holbrook was the Kicker/Punter of the Year.

All-Region selections Sam Tummins; Clay Clough; Kai Ironside; Preston Gould; Kai Young; Brody Smith and Chaston Smith.

Farragut's all-league players included: Landis Davila; Nathan Harville; Avery Mohr and Wyatt Drummy.

Hardin Valley's all-league selections were: Tommy Joseph; Pierce Palmer; Brady Hogrefe and Michael

In Division II-AAA East/ Middle: Catholic's Braylon Harmon was the Player of the Year.

He was joined on the All-Region Team by teammates Tyreek King; Jayden Neal; Antori Hamilton; Quincy Pannell and Gavin Menard.

During his time as a player in Corryton, he played for longtime head coach Randy Carroll and also had ties to former Eagles' head coach and offensive coordinator Brad Conley and credits both as educators and coaches.

"They made sure that you did things the right way," Kitts said of Carroll and Conley.

In addition to its all-league superlative awards, Gibbs had two players named to the all-academic team as Sabe Smith and Cam Norman were recognized for their achievements in the classroom.

The Eagles also had eight players named to the All-Region 2-4A Team including: Wyatt West; Hayden Mills; Da'Juan Harris; Cash Mount; Brady Hughes; Wyatt Bentley; Luke Tidwell and Levi Allison.

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