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## Jackie Raley named East Tennessee Chief Deputy Assessor of the Year for 2023

Jackie Raley, Knox County Chief Deputy Assessor of Property, was awarded the East Tennessee Chief Deputy Assessor of the Year Award for 2023 before the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers. The award was presented on behalf of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers by the president, Judy Smith, and the executive director, Will Denami.

"The Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers proudly recognizes Jackie Raley for exemplifying the highest standards of professionalism and dedication in service to the citizens of Knox County and name her as the East Tennessee Chief Deputy Assessor of the Year for 2023," said President Judy Smith.

Also speaking during the award ceremony was Executive Director Will Denami who said, "Once again Jackie Raley has earned the praise of her colleagues for her professionalism and hard work on behalf of the citizens of Knox County and is being recognized with the East Tennessee Chief Deputy Assessor of the Year for 2023 Award. Having twice earned the statewide Chief Deputy award in 2019 and 2022, Jackie does not rest on her laurels and she



Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers President Judy Smith and Executive Director Will Denami present Jackie Raley (center) the East Tennessee Chief Deputy Assessor of the Year Award for 2023.

continues to set an example for everyone to follow when it comes to her dedication and tireless effort."

"I truly appreciate this award and it is an honor to be able to work on behalf of the people of Knox County. I love the team we have in the Knox County Assessor's office and our team loves serving the people of Knox County. The assessor's office

has an important mandate to make sure everyone is treated fairly and we take the responsibility very seriously and work very hard every day to provide high quality service to our citizens," said Jackie Raley, Knox County Chief Deputy Assessor of Property.

The Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers is a professional organization composed

of the elected officials serving as Assessors of Property in Tennessee. The TNAAO's purpose is to work on behalf of the people of Tennessee to ensure fairness and uniformity in statutes and procedures regarding the assessment of property, as well as, to promote excellence through best practices and professionalism amongst those charged with this vital task.

## Final housing changes before city council

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Altering regulations to permit more housing units within the city is on the Knoxville City Council agenda Tuesday for a second and final reading. Several sections of the city code would be changed to permit various housing types, standards, dimensions, conversions, design, parking and other factors for many residential areas.

The idea is to create more dwellings, even accessory dwellings behind homes, to facilitate the growing city population by providing moderately-priced dwellings for family members or to sell or rent.

The proposal is sponsored by Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

Other items on the agenda dealing with housing and development include changing the Northwest City Sector Plan for property at 2812 Merchant Drive to Low-Density Residential.

John Holmes is appealing a Zoning Appeals Board decision that ruled that a 22-bedroom duplex is an "Independent Living Facility" and not a "Two-Family Dwelling."

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## Rounding Up the Community



PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL.

Knox County Board of Education member Kristi Kristy, commission candidate Barry Neal, Commissioner Carson Dailey and former Commissioner Mike Brown — all of District 9 — catch up during last Monday's Meet and Greet at the popular Round Up Restaurant in South Knoxville.

## Barry Neal running for District 9 County Commission

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Barry Neal, a native of South Knoxville, is running for Knox County Commission in the 9th District. On Monday night, he hosted a Meet and Greet at the Round Up Restaurant in South Knoxville.

District 9 incumbents Commissioner Carson Dailey and school board representative Kristi Kristy both attended to show their support. Knox County Law Director David Buuck, Rocky Glenn of Raceway Ministries, and some of Neal's former classmates from South-Young High's first graduating class of 1977 — Johnny King, Gary Morrissey and Clifford White — also mingled at the South Knoxville restaurant.

During the event, South-Young classmate Dennis Hunter described Barry Neal as a "born politician." After high school, Neal obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in education from the University of Tennessee. He then spent 34 years at the university as program coordinator for the Department of Conferences and Event Services.

Barry Neal shared his hometown values and his plans to achieve a high quality of life for residents in the 9th District by addressing critical issues with economic growth, investment in infrastructure and education, healthcare and homelessness (which include mental health and drug issues).

Neal has been active in South Knoxville for several decades — a habit he promises to continue by working towards ensuring the community's safety and integrity through supporting first responders and the strategic development of neighborhoods.

He also promises to hold quarterly "Breakfast with Barry" sessions to get feedback from the community and to address their needs.

"This election is about the voters and their future, their families' future, and the future of Knox County," Neal pointed out.

The primary election day is on March 5, 2024, and early voting begins on February 14. To learn more about Barry Neal and his campaign, please visit www.votebarryneal.com.

## Angie Goethert Running for District 3 School Board Seat

By Ken Leinart

Angie Goethert is one of three candidates on the March 5 primary ballot for the District 3 seat on the Knox County Board of Education.

Incumbent Daniel Watson is not running for re-election.

"Every decision the school board makes should be what is best for the students," Goethert said.

A native of Manchester, Tenn., she moved to Knoxville in 1985 to attend the University of Tennessee. After meeting her husband, John, and graduating from UT, the couple stayed in Knoxville to make a home.

"Knoxville is an amazing place to live," she said. "And other people are finding that out. We need to make our schools the very best and show we are working for the success of the children."

Goethert has seen the school system work. She was on the transition team for Dr. Jon Rysewyk when he was named superintendent of Knox County Schools.

"We have to do what's best for kids," she said. "If we focus on that then we're doing our job. And parents should have a say in their student's education. Then we all win."

As a parent of two children who graduated from Hardin Valley Academy, Goethert is familiar with Knox County Schools and the vital role the system has in the success of students. Watching her children's education and taking part of that process has allowed her to see and understand what students go through, the challenges they may face.

She understands the "Three Es (Enroll, Enlist, Employ)" and knows it

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# Liberals Look Down On Ordinary Americans

From a distance



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

A few weeks ago I wrote about a new book entitled "Where Have All The Democrats Gone?" by the two longtime Democrat consultants who say their party is losing the working class because it has become too "elitist."

John Judis and Ruy Teixeira wrote that Democrats have allowed things that people care about like the "economy and public safety" to be "overshadowed by more elitist topics like identity politics, gender ideology, defunding the police, climate change,"

etc. They added that Democrats were turning people off by mistakenly following a "vaguely defined yet rigidly enforced ideology of anti-racism, which sees white supremacy as the force behind every institution in America."

These are not criticisms coming from partisan Republicans but rather from two men who have worked to help elect Democrats for many years.

Liberals, by looking down at ordinary average Americans and seeming to believe that almost everyone except themselves were racists, have been rapidly losing voters.

In other words, by going overboard in fighting racism that does not exist, the Democrats have become the biggest racists of all.

This was seen most clearly in the Left's

love-at-first-sight embrace of Black Lives Matter, which turned out to be a mega-million-dollar scam.

This has also been seen for many years by liberals loudly proclaiming their tolerance for everything except expressions of beliefs by conservative or fundamentalist Christians.

The brilliant late columnist Charles Krauthammer once wrote that liberals don't just think conservatives are wrong on the issues, "liberals think conservatives are evil."

Liberals, in their arrogance, seem to believe that average Americans are so dumb that they are not capable of running their own lives and that the government should run their lives for them (and that liberals should run the government).

Most on the Left have such an obsessive hatred for Donald Trump they just

cannot believe that any decent American could really be for him.

If you can stand it, watch the panels on MSNBC and CNN for a few minutes. Observe the smirks, the condescension, the sarcasm, the holier-than-thou superiority toward Donald Trump and his supporters.

On the night of the Iowa Caucus, Kaitlan Collins of CNN expressed her elitist shock that almost three-fourths of the Iowa Republicans still believe that the 2020 Presidential election was stolen.

Yet, in 2012 a panel chaired by former President Jimmy Carter said you could never have a secure national election with widespread use of mail-in ballots, and there was never as much use of those ballots as in 2020 when millions floated around.

On the night of the Caucus, former White

House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said the biggest gap in this country today is between the national media and the people. The elites of the national media are in a bubble. They really only talk to each other and can't understand ordinary Americans.

This is especially true of MSNBC and CNN which will only hire former Republican officials or officeholders who are angry at the party like Adam Kinzinger, David Jolly and Michael Steele.

The same thing that is happening here in our country - this division between the elites and the working class - is starting to happen all over the world.

On, Jan. 16, the Drudge Report carried a story about Oliver Bäte, the CEO of German insurance giant, Allianz, who said "detachment of the political elite

from the working class" is a major risk.

He added: "You've seen recent elections in the Netherlands, you've seen it in France, and societies are polarizing because our leaders are not addressing the needs of the people."

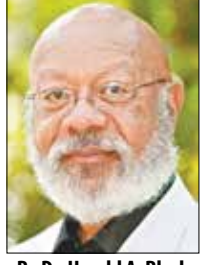
These were statements made at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland - probably the most elitist gathering of big business and top government officials in the world.

There is nothing more oriented toward the globalist big government, big business duopoly than this World Economic Forum.

The people are rebelling against the Democrats here, and parties like them across the world, which have become the parties of big government and big business rather than being "by the people and for the people."

# Franklin Roosevelt kept my father a Republican

When Roosevelt first ran for president most blacks were Republicans. This is not surprising given that the Democrats were opposed to abolishing slavery, resisted Reconstruction, and instituted the Ku Klux Klan, the White Citizens Council and Jim Crow laws. Roosevelt, serving as Woodrow Wilson's undersecretary of the Navy, helped re-segregate the military. He received only 20 percent of the black vote in 1932 in his first presidential election. All that changed by the time he ran for reelection in 1936 when he got 71 percent of the black vote.



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What happened to cause the massive shift in black votes? Note that these were mostly northern

blacks because southern blacks, in the main, were denied the right to vote. In the South, if blacks were not explicitly denied by law the vote, they were denied de facto. My mother said that in Jones County, Georgia, blacks could always register to vote. Her father would take blacks in his wagon to register (as Republicans) at the county courthouse. However, on election day blacks were not allowed to cast their ballots inside the courthouse. Rather, there was a ballot box outside guarded by a white deputy (there were no black deputies in those days). Mother said they put their ballots in the box but had no idea if the votes were ever counted. Moreover, there was a

literacy requirement. When I first registered to vote at age 18 the white clerk took my application and had me read a section of the U.S. Constitution and then asked me to interpret it! She scarcely paid attention to what I was saying and registered me (as a Republican). However, in the same year in Augusta, GA, a professor at Paine College (the local HBCU) was denied registration because the white high school educated clerk did not like his interpretation of the passage from the Constitution. But by this time, even most southern blacks were registered Democrats despite being in the same party as virulent racists. Roosevelt had converted blacks to Democrats by paying lip service to blacks and using his wife Eleanor as an ambassador. He established a "Negro

Cabinet" composed of leading blacks of the day and a few of the blacks in his administration. Eleanor Roosevelt was close friends with Mary McLeod Bethune the founder and president of Bethune-Cookman University. Bethune actively campaigned for Roosevelt in 1936 and argued that many of Roosevelt's New Deal programs would help blacks devastated by the Great Depression. So while Roosevelt was projecting an image of caring, the Republicans did little to counter. In reality, Roosevelt resisted efforts by the Negro Cabinet for significant change in the legal status of blacks and in integration lest he alienate his racist southern base. He never invited Jesse Owens and black Olympians to the White House after their triumph in the Berlin Olympics. He kept the military

segregated. But most of all, the housing policies of the agencies in his administration actively caused black homeownership to fall.

The two Federal agencies chartered in the 1930s were instrumental in promoting racism in housing. The Home Owners' Loan Corporation (HOLCC) was established in 1933 to refinance home mortgages that were in default. The HOLC made maps of neighborhoods and color-coded them according to risk. The most risky neighborhoods were colored red leading to the term redlining. However, the HOLC made loans in these areas which were in many cases black neighborhoods. This was in contrast to the actions of the FHA which as a matter of course denied Federal insurance guarantees to black borrowers. In fact, the FHA targeted black borrowers

as well as black neighborhoods when denying guarantees. While the HOLC concentrated on existing housing, the FHA focused on new housing. The denial of loan guarantees therefore affected the growth in new homeownership and had an adverse impact on new black homeownership.

When my father attempted to purchase his first home in 1938 in Madison, GA, the FHA denied him a loan guarantee. Although both my parents had college degrees and were well known in the community (Mother taught second grade and Dad was the principal at the all-black elementary school), they were forced to rent rather than purchase their home. As a result, Dad detested Roosevelt and would never register as a Democrat.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Piper Seeks Appointment

Cortney Piper began lobbying for an appointment to the Knox County Board of Education just as soon as the news broke that incumbent Mike McMillan had died. Piper sent an email to 8th District County Commissioner Richie Beeler saying she is "new" to the 8th District as her home in Holston Hills had been redistricted from the 1st to the 8th. Piper did say her husband was from the Carter community.

Piper did have a word of thanks for McMillan's service, but the gist of the email seemed to be to promote herself for a temporary appointment to the board of education. County

Commission Chair Terry Hill had indicated the best way forward was likely to wait until the results of the March 5 primary and then appoint the winner, which is not only a good idea but also very practical.

Piper didn't file to run for the board of education and is a Democrat in a highly Republican district. To put it mildly, it's unseemly to start lobbying for an appointment before Mike McMillan's funeral.

## Huge Support For ESA

The Beacon Center conducted a poll of Tennesseans which asked the following question: "Under Tennessee's existing Education Savings Account (ESA) program, families of eligible K-12 students can use a portion of their per-pupil funding on certain educational expenses such as private school tuition, tutoring, educational therapy, or other educational purposes. These ESAs are available to families in Memphis, Nashville, and Chattanooga. Gov. Bill Lee has proposed an Education Freedom Scholarship Act to give the same options to all Tennessee families. Would you

support or oppose expanding educational choice statewide?"

68% of respondents said they would support it. 85% of those who were Republicans said they supported the idea.

## Tougher Bail Requirements Needed For Violent Crimes

Several state legislators, including House Speaker Cameron Sexton, have announced their intention to amend the state constitution. The reason is that Tennessee's State Constitution does not allow anyone other than those charged with capital murder to be denied bail. The proposed constitutional amendment would give judges the power to set bail for a variety of charges for violent crimes aside from capital murder. The announcement came in Memphis alongside newly-elected Mayor Paul Young, a Black Democrat. Sexton said the bill proposing the amendment would also require judges to explain why they were denying bail.

"There are a lot of cases all across our state that you've seen, not just in Memphis, but all across

the state, of someone who is out on bail, who is a violent criminal who committed another violent crime shortly thereafter that took another victim. We don't have the tools to give, due to that limiting constitutional aspect, the judges and the DAs the capability of denying bail on those violent criminals," Speaker Sexton said at the Memphis press conference.

Memphis crime has been steadily rising and outgoing Mayor of Memphis Jim Strickland, a Democrat, has been especially vocal in stating his belief that much of the crime is being committed by those criminals out on bail, who commit more crimes. The Memphis Police Department has pointed the finger at repeat offenders for the rising tide of crime in the city.

Sexton was quite clear in stating that non-violent offenses would not be affected by the proposed amendment to the state constitution. Bail would still be available for those accused of non-violent offenses.

## Process Started To Remove Judge

The Tennessee Board

of Judicial Conduct recommended the removal of Shelby County Criminal Court Judge Melissa Boyd from office. That process requires the Tennessee General Assembly to remove Judge Boyd. The Board of Judicial Conduct's verdict came after months of a flurry of charges against the judge, which include "substance abuse, harassment, and violating agreements with the board." The Board of Judicial Conduct had apparently originally recommended a public reprimand and a suspension from office, as, "She acknowledged that she used illegal drugs while a judge, acknowledged that she needed treatment and she failed to comply" with an order issued on November 22, 2023. Other criminal court judges have had to carry much of Judge Boyd's caseload, as well as their own. "Meanwhile, Judge Boyd has continued to collect her full salary and benefits going on the better part of a year and, unfortunately, there is no end in sight but her removal." All of the information was posted in letter form on the Board of Judicial Conduct's website. It is the beginning of the process, which will go

before the General Assembly.

## Congratulations to Justice Wagner

Governor Bill Lee has named Judge Mary L. Wagner of Shelby County to the Tennessee State Supreme Court. Wagner is a judge of the Shelby County Circuit Court.

According to a statement released by the governor's office, Lee said: "Mary is a highly qualified judge who will bring significant experience to the Tennessee Supreme Court. Her understanding and respect for the rule of law and commitment to the conservative principles of judicial restraint make her well-suited for the state's highest court, and I am proud to appoint her to this position."

Governor Bill Haslam appointed Judge Wagner as a judge of the Circuit Court in 2016. Wagner was the only Republican to win countywide in Shelby County in 2018. Only 39 years old, Wagner can remain on the bench for years to come and is a solid choice. Congratulations to Justice Wagner!

## Final housing changes before city council

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South Banks Apartments at 820 Waterfront Drive wants permission to encroach on the public right-of-way.

Benjamin C. Mullins is asking for a change from RN-1 single-family residential to R-5 general residential for several properties on Pratt Road. Schaad Companies LLC is asking for a change at 2000 Shoppers Lane from Mixed-Use Industrial to General Industrial. Erika Ayala Munoz is asking that 2812 Merchant Drive switch from Neighborhood Commercial to Low-Density Residential. Randy Guignard is asking that the 1717 Loves Creek Road property go from Low Density to Medium Density Residential.

The unnamed street between Blackstock Avenue (Western extension) and Ramsey Street may be renamed "Asylum District."

The approval of \$6 million for right-of-way easements for 56 tracts of land

for the Washington Pike Roadway Project is also on the agenda; the appraisal review for the project is expected to take an additional \$695,400 in city funding. Cannon & Cannon may be hired to provide staff services for the Transportation Engineering Division for \$91,000.

The Knoxville Utilities Board may get a tax break for this past fiscal year. The city may also apply for \$201,682 in federal funds for the fire department with a city match of \$20,168.

Gulf South Security of Knoxville LLC may be hired to provide security for Morningside Park.



## Open enrollment application deadline for Emerald Academy

Open enrollment applications for the 2024-2025 school year at Emerald Academy are now being accepted. Applications must be submitted by February 29, 2024, at 5 p.m. for inclusion in the lottery. Following that date, applications may still be submitted but will not be included in the admissions lottery and will be added to the waitlist.

For more information, visit [emeraldacademy.org/enroll](http://emeraldacademy.org/enroll) or call Emerald Academy at 865-249-7223 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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# Angie Goethert Running for District 3 School Board Seat

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takes a diverse and flexible system to make sure students' success continues after they walk across a stage and get a high school diploma.

"We need to do what's best for kids," Goethert said. Getting them a diploma is good, setting them up to succeed ... Well, that should be part of the arrangement as well.

After graduating from UT she said she worked in retail, opened her own business on Cumberland Avenue, and finally reached a point in her career where she works from home as a consultant.

That has given her time to take part in the education process of son, Cooper, and daughter, Cristina.

The number one priority is literacy. "We have to teach our kids to read," she said. "That sets the path for success."

The two paths her children took offer an insight into two points in Goethert's platform. Cooper graduated in 2020 and, Goethert said, he knew going to college was not something he wanted to do.

"He's happy taking something apart and then putting it back together," she said. Cooper attended CTE classes at Byington-Solway and is a diesel mechanic.

"Career and technical education is so important," she said. "We have to meet those students where they are (in the education process) and be sure we support whatever path they choose."

The fine arts are also important to Goethert. Her daughter Cristina is a 2023 graduate of Hardin Valley Academy and is now studying music at Tennessee Tech University.

"If students want orchestra, choir ... If they want to go to college, to further their education, we need to make sure they can do that," she said.

Goethert learned the importance of the fine arts through her daughter,



Angie Goethert of District 3

who Goethert said, "Has always loved music and is able to pursue that goal.

"Music is important to life." Goethert also learned the challenges students face are not always the ones you think of.

"Cristina started high school in 2019 and graduated in 2023," she said. "Think about that for a minute. It was hard for her. Cooper even said his sister had it harder in school than he did."

But it also served as another learning tool for Goethert.

And finally, Goethert said, she wants Knoxville's teachers to stay Knoxville's teachers and that means paying them.

"I don't want to see our teachers - and we have great teachers - go to another county because of pay," she said. "I want them to stay in Knoxville. We have to invest in them."

Goethert has always been an advocate for students. She learned how to be so by watching her children grow

and by volunteering with the schools as much as possible.

"My daughter says I've always been an advocate for students," she said.

Now she wants to be an advocate from the Knox County Board of Education.

"Dr. Rysewyk and his staff and the board are great people always focused on the kids," she said.

"That has to continue. I feel blessed to have seen what can be done and we have to pay that forward for the next generation."

District 3 covers Cedar Bluff and some Bearden area schools. Goethert said there are students who live in her district who attend Hardin Valley Academy and Karns High School.

February 5 is the final day to register to vote. Early voting for the March 5 Primary begins Feb. 14.

District 3 is one of four districts selecting a member for the board of education.



The Knox County Junior Commission student members will be busy this month as the group visits various county agencies and attends commission meetings.

## Junior Commission program underway

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The second year for the Knox County Junior Commission program is well underway. On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the students are scheduled for a field trip to the Knox County Sheriff's Office detention facility to learn about that department and also hear from District Attorney Charme Allen.

During February the students will also attend meetings of the Beer Board and county commission, take a field trip to the Knox County Health Department, and learn about elections and the Engineering and Public Works Division.

The participating high school upperclassmen are chosen by each commission member from applications. This year's junior commission includes Tralaia Hall and William Mendoza-Euceda of Career Magnet Academy, Gracie Hancock and Maya Hira of Bearden High School, Bayless Bolt of Webb School, Josh Martinez of L&M STEM Academy, Kalan Hendrickson of Apostolic Christian School, Landry Baker of Gibbs High

School, Albert Venable of South-Doyle High School, Timothy Cho of Farragut High School, and Makenlee Cox of Central High School.

Learning the functions of the various Knox County agencies, how the commission and boards work, and experiencing public service is the idea behind the program. The first such program last year drew many inquiries from other counties around the country about how to establish a similar program.

In March the junior commissioners will have a mock commission meeting plus a graduation ceremony and banquet for the members and their families.

Several members of last year's junior commission have returned to speak at commission meetings, not always agreeing with resolutions and ordinances being discussed.

The Knox County Junior Commission was formed by and is overseen by Commissioner Larsen Jay. Several of the 2023 junior commissioners said they will continue their activities in the county for meaningful change.

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## The American Reformation

To go against conscience is neither right, nor safe.  
Martin Luther

In 1517, a Catholic priest by the name of Martin Luther pinned his recommendations for reform of the Catholic Church to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral in Germany. As a result, he was attacked, put on trial for his life, and subsequently excommunicated from his Church. This courageous man refused to go against reason and his conscience. He precipitated The Reformation and changed Western civilization and the world. Five hundred years later, another courageous German, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, said, "Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." He paid for his principled resistance to the Nazi regime with his life.

Anyone not in a coma understands that our

country is in crisis. Our troops are attacked around the world and killed. Our economy has been decimated by Bidenomics. Wars in the Middle East and Central Europe rage, while China threatens Taiwan. Our country has been invaded by nearly 10,000,000 aliens. And our trust in our leaders and institutions, like the FBI and even the justice system, has been gutted.

However, of the many problems in the Biden era, foremost is the border invasion precipitated by the feckless POTUS. The rational person asks, "Why doesn't he close the border with an executive order?" After all, Biden used executive orders to cancel President Trump's very effective "remain in Mexico" policy and Trump's border wall. Doesn't Biden realize he is systematically destroying the very

sanctuary that millions are seeking?

The answer to this mystery is "demographic destiny," a perspective Democrats and their media mouthpieces have repeatedly spoken of and promoted. The premise is that the historically predominant white population of America will be supplanted by non-white people due to migration and reproduction. I find this "great replacement theory" inherently racist. However, it is the reason Biden caused the border crisis and oxymoronic Secretary of Homeland Security Mayorkas refuses to do anything about the invasion by illegals and undoubtedly terrorists.

Democrat strategist, James Carville - aka Skeletor - coined the election phrase, "It's the economy stupid," when he managed Bill Clinton's campaign. But times have changed. Now, to paraphrase Carville, "It's the border stupid." Despite claiming the "border is secure" for three years, Biden now admits that the border is not secure after allowing 10 million illegals to come across the border on his watch.

We are told that if Republicans would just agree to the "bipartisan immigration bill," and give Biden more money, he'd

fix the problem he created. That's another of his numerous lies. President Trump had a secure border without a legislative bill, especially the current one no Congressman has read. Biden has an executive pen but refuses to "secure the border."

Furthermore, Biden is authorized to intervene under "Title 8, Section 12 of the US code," passed by Congress in 1952 and previously used by Obama. Tragically, POTUS cares more about Ukraine's border than our own. Any reader of The Focus could fix the border because they are rational sensible people. Our leaders are not.

I'm reading Jon Meacham's excellent biography of Abraham Lincoln entitled, "And There Was Light." It was a dark time in America in the decades prior to the Civil War. But out of this crucible of crisis arose a true leader, Abraham Lincoln. The issue of that day was slavery, and it led to a Civil War with 650,000 soldiers killed and terrible consequences for non-combatants. But the Union was saved, and the scourge of slavery was defeated. And it cost President Lincoln his life.

There is a debate among historians about whether a leader brings about history

or whether a crisis brings forth a leader. Alexander the Great is an example of the first position. And Abraham Lincoln is an example of the second.

What I find fascinating about Meacham's Lincoln and 19th-century America are the striking similarities with our current American crisis being referred to as a "cold Civil War." A decade ago I wrote an op-ed for the Knoxville Sentinel entitled "The Barely Civil War." Unfortunately, the "barely" has become a "cold" reality. America has moved far beyond Republicans and Democrats and their policy differences.

In the 100 years before the Civil War the sparsely populated agrarian South needed laborers. The abomination of slavery was the answer and became the South's culture. President Lincoln believed in a "transcendent morality" and that slavery was wrong. He opposed the spread of slavery and favored its ultimate abolition.

Democrats today need votes to stay in power. However, their destructive policies have alienated the middle class and people of color from their voting base. Therefore they have embraced the replacement theory with migrants to replenish the Democrat "plantation."

I'm a science fiction fan and I loved the Star Wars movies, even though they were at times corny. There were thought-provoking concepts such as The Force which some found pantheistic. However, I envisioned The Force as pantheistic an all-encompassing emanation of the Divine akin to Acts 17:28.

Even if you don't care for Star Wars, most know of Yoda, the wise Jedi and master of the misplaced modifier! Yoda understood evil and how it must be confronted. He said, "Do or do not. There is no try."

We need an American reformation, but I admit that I also get weary in this war for the soul of America. The relentless lies of Biden and his minions are intended to wear us down and discourage patriots.

For an American reformation to begin we must have a true leader. President Trump is a sinner like me, but he has a track record of accomplishments. I'm sure he gets weary as well confronting the destroyer of worlds and evil's minions, but we cannot surrender.

Trump is on trial for his life and so are we. As a people, we will either do or die on November 5, 2024. There is no try.

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# Knoxville Flea Market moving to Jacobs Building

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The Knoxville Flea Market is moving from the EXPO Center and, next weekend, will hold its popular event in the Jacobs Building at Chilhowee Park for the first time. The Focus asked John Stewart of Stewart Promotions about his company and its plans.

**Please tell our readers about your company's history.**

Stewart Promotions is just finishing up our 50th year of promoting high-quality flea markets in our hometown of Louisville and just wrapped up our 21st year in Knoxville. My grandfather, also named John Stewart, started the business and my dad Terry helped grow it from there. We've been lucky enough to stay in business all that time, survive the

Covid pandemic, and promote over 1,000 shows over the years.

**Where are your various flea markets located?**

We currently have markets in Louisville, Kentucky, and in Knoxville and Franklin, Tennessee.

**What other interest is the company involved in?**

We honestly stick to what we know... which is flea markets!

**Why the move?**

We had been considering looking at other venues in Knoxville for a while. However, when we weren't able to come to terms on a new lease at the



Knoxville Expo Center it gave us no choice. When we found the Jacob Building and Chilhowee Park, we thought it was a perfect spot for the Knoxville Flea Market and we're excited about continuing to bring our flea markets to the Knoxville area, both for our long-time shoppers and hopefully

some new ones too!

**How did the Covid pandemic affect business?**

Covid presented challenges we never thought we would face. We need large crowds to succeed. Even after we were able to reopen it took a long time for folks to feel comfortable attending again. That said, we are back to pre-pandemic levels and shows with both vendors, who were also hit hard, and shoppers.

**What is the basic process of holding a flea market aside from advertising it?**

We are in charge of everything from booking to assigning booths to advertising and beyond. As an

owner, it is a 24/7 job. One thing that sets us apart is the quality of our booths and the money we spend on advertising.

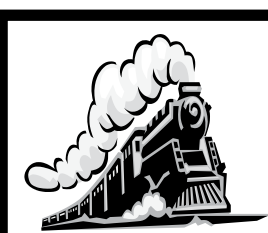
**How did you become interested in such a business?**

I was born into the flea market business quite literally. I remember being a young kid and it was like an amusement park and I thought "Wow, my family works here!" I knew I wanted to be in event promotion and part of the family business.

**Tell us about your employees and their duties during a Knoxville event.**

Generally, Bryan Baines and Kenny Besaw manage the Knoxville Flea Market on-site. They travel down from Louisville and are in charge of all aspects of the show from there.

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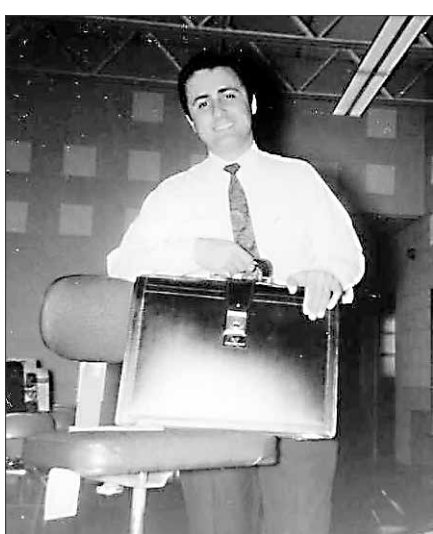
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Picture of Mr. D, Band Director at Gibbs in the sixties, with his new briefcase, a gift our class gave to him, by Ralphine Major.



## 'Mr. D'

He was known as Tony D'Andrea, but students called him "Mr. D." In the early sixties, he became the band director at Gibbs, a small rural school in Corryton, Tennessee.



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While D'Andrea taught band at the junior high and high school levels, he also taught Beginning Band at Gibbs Elementary. That is where I met Mr. D, my first band director. As a fifth grader, I chose to take Beginning Band and started out with the clarinet. At that time, I did not realize what a challenging job the band director had--teaching a classroom full of students to play a variety of instruments and make it sound like music. Mr. D certainly had the knowledge and the talent, and he also had the personality to work with students. His great sense of humor made learning fun.

With D'Andrea, Gibbs gained a great band director and teacher. But in the beginning, the school

did not even have a band room. I remember the late Bob Dagley, Assistant Principal during that time, telling me a few years ago that at first the band met in the basement and often had electrical problems that affected the lighting. By the time I joined the band, however, a new classroom had been built at the back of the school where the front of the school is today. The beloved band director's white Volkswagen could often be seen parked at the entrance to the band room.

*Words of Faith: "Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psalter and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 150:3-6 (KJV).*

When you hear the word 'legacy' what comes to mind? The sports enthusiast thinks about basketball superstars such as Michael Jordan or Larry Bird, who concreted themselves as timeless, legacy players. Those who follow cultural events and are students



By Justin Pratt,  
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Church Senior Pastor

of Rosa Parks and Todd Beamer. It's important to

remember that legacies are not reserved for the famous or those who made significant contributions to the world as we know it. Believe it or not, a legacy is being built every day by each of us who are currently living our lives. Unfortunately, I am afraid that there are far too many people who are living every passing day with little to no thought as to what we are leaving the generations to come. Legacy thinkers can

best be defined as "people who begin with the end in mind." The Psalms have many songs that were penned by writers who believed and understood the principle of legacy. Psalm 71 is the heart of a writer who is asking God to allow him to live out his distinct and divine purpose up until he can successfully pass it along to the next generation. Psalm 78 is a deep

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## Cable news isn't news

I've always liked the news on television. My generation was lucky enough to have anchors such as Huntley and Brinkley, Frank Reynolds, and the GOAT, Walter Cronkite. Back then, we had a half-hour local news report, and then the national news came on. By 7:00 p.m., it was all over, and stations aired Cas Walker or Bonnie Lou and Buster.



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With the creation of cable, I had other choices. These so-called news stations had a different programming idea. They presented the news 24 hours a day. Actually, they didn't come close to giving audiences any such coverage. Instead, each new anchor covered the same stories in the same order. That took maybe fifteen minutes. The rest of the programs were

discussions with individuals who were "experts" or who were eyewitnesses to incidents being reported.

I've watched long news coverage over the years. The first one was the assassination of President Kennedy. Burned into my memory is the sight of John Jr. stepping up to salute the flagged-draped coffin, the clapping of horses' hooves as they pulled the wagon holding the president, and the utter silence of the throngs that lined the streets that led to the grave site.

I watched all of the Watergate hearings. Sam Ervin, Howard Baker and Fred Thompson worked tirelessly and unbiasedly to reach the truth of the whole affair. Their duty to country over party led to the resignation of a president and jail sentences

for some administration members.

At school, my classes and I watched in horror as the towers in New York were rocked by the planes that crashed into them, and then tears flowed as we watched those buildings fall and take the lives of thousands of Americans. That coverage brought out the fear, rage and patriotism of this nation's citizens.

I even watched the O.J. trial. Hearing that a football legend had been accused of killing his former wife and the man with her shocked everyone. I never knew how I felt about the entire thing, but the line, "if they (the gloves) do not fit, you must acquit" led to a not guilty verdict.

For the last eight years, cable stations have spent the majority of their airtime discussing politics. Some of the programs have been excellent; they've given unbiased reports covering the who, what, when, where and why. However, on too many occasions, the news of the day was thin, so "the talking heads" came in and bored reporters and viewers as well. During that same time, Covid knocked us flat. We were trapped at home, so some of us binge-watched

cable news only to hear the same thing with each new show. The constant repetition of the same old news drove us half crazy.

Now the stations have introduced a new type of programming. The reporting of the same things still occurs. However, someone decided that the news would be more exciting if the teams of anchors stood. Now, we watch those folks walk around as if they're lost. I'm sure they feel foolish doing so, and before long, stations might go back to one anchor sitting at a desk and reporting the news. Yes, they might still report the same thing every hour and have lines of guests to tell us what we just heard or saw. At least we who watch them will be able to keep up with things.

I am giving serious consideration to leaving all cable news. Life will be much calmer without endless hours of so-called news. Of course, now isn't such a good time to wear myself off the news since the election is this year, as well as several trials. I'll have to make the decision when the time comes. Things shouldn't be nearly as boring as they have been.

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**When is your first flea market in the Jacobs Building and how will it be different from the Expo Center?**

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We'll have 250 booths and expect a full sell-out. Besides the location, there will not be a lot of differences... as we'll still have free admission, free parking and many of the same great vendors. We also hope to pick up some new vendors and shoppers with the move and are excited for February! We have six shows in 2024 and shoppers can find our full schedule at [www.KnoxvilleFleaMarket.com](http://www.KnoxvilleFleaMarket.com).

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# Machine Man

## Barratt O'Hara of Illinois

### Pages from the Past



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There have been numerous political machines throughout the country; some infamous still to this day. Most of those political machines were to be found in big cities. Tennessee had two active political machines, both of which thrived for a period of time. The best-known of course was that headed by Edward H. "Boss" Crump. Of less notoriety was the machine run by Hilary Howse of Nashville. There was the machine of Frank Hague whose defiant utterance, "I am the law!" has been much written about and frequently quoted. Perhaps the most notable political machine in American history is Tammany Hall, especially under the notorious Boss Tweed. There was also a formidable political machine in Chicago; more than one in fact. The most durable was that founded by Patrick Nash, a man who became wealthy through contracts with the City of Chicago, and Edward J. Kelly, who rose from sewer worker to mayor. The Kelly-Nash machine selected officeholders from aldermen to governors and United States senators. There were those instances where they also made men president of the United States, most notably John F. Kennedy in 1960. The Kelly-Nash machine came under the control of Richard J. Daley when he became mayor of Chicago. One of the rewards given by the machine locally was a seat in Congress. Most ambitious politicians preferred a seat on the Board of Aldermen to that in the U.S. House of Representatives. While the machine sent some bright young men to the House, it also gave a seat here and there to aging ward healers who had been faithful to the political organization. One such man was Barratt O'Hara.

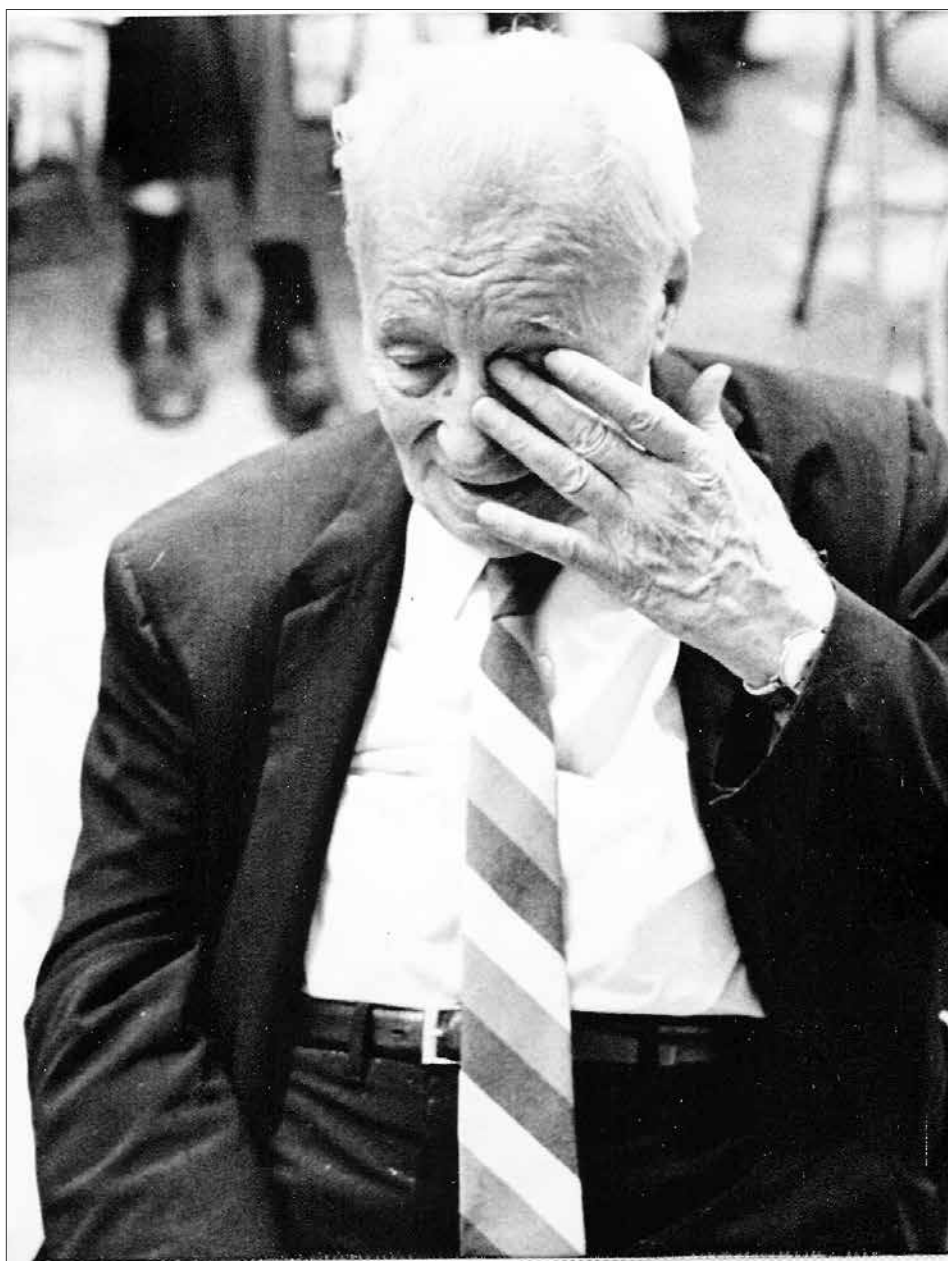
O'Hara lived a long and colorful life. As with most lives, Barratt O'Hara's had its ups and downs, but the Irishman had a veritable zest for living. O'Hara had played football in high school, a normal enough experience for most teenage boys, but by fifteen, he was a corporal in the Spanish-American War, landing in Cuba three days after Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders. At fourteen, he had gone with his father, a Berrien County Circuit Court judge, to Nicaragua to map territory. The elder O'Hara had received a presidential commission from Grover Cleveland to go to the Latin American country to survey a prospective route for a canal linking the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. Eventually, Barratt O'Hara settled in as a

reporter, working in St. Louis and Chicago. At age twenty-one, O'Hara was the sports editor for the Chicago American. Sometime later, he went to work as an editor at a competing Chicago daily, the Examiner. It was while working as a reporter and editor that Barratt O'Hara began attending classes at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. When America entered the First World War, Barratt O'Hara became an officer and went to France. After returning home from the war, O'Hara practiced law. By age thirty, O'Hara had been elected lieutenant governor of Illinois and was the youngest person to be elected to that position. O'Hara was also a part of a radio program where he spoke up for the Democratic Party and organized labor.

While in Congress, Barratt O'Hara was most proud of his perfect attendance record. Once when headed to his office one snowy day, the congressman slipped on the ice and ripped his trousers. "I went anyway," O'Hara later recalled.

For eleven years, Congressman Barratt O'Hara answered every roll call but one. That was because his friend James Bowler had died, and he attended the funeral. Evidently the only thing that could stop O'Hara from showing up for work was death. O'Hara readily acknowledged it was "unreasonable" for the folks back home to expect a congressman to maintain a 100% attendance record, but he also insisted a representative's record should never fall below 90% without some calamity having occurred.

It was while practicing law Barratt O'Hara gained recognition from the leaders of the Chicago political machine. He and his law partner, William A. Saxon, did a bustling business representing the city in matters relating to subway construction and traction litigation. O'Hara made periodic attempts to return to public office, at various times seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate and the gubernatorial nomination in 1920. Those and another attempt to regain the lieutenant governor's office all ended in defeat. Eventually, Barratt O'Hara was put forward as a candidate for the Democratic nomination to represent Illinois' Second District in the U.S. House of Representatives against incumbent Republican Congressman Richard B. Vail in 1948. The Democratic ticket ran strongly in the Land of Lincoln in 1948 and Barratt O'Hara nudged



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION, AP WIRE PHOTO

**Congressman Barratt O'Hara wipes the tears from his eyes after losing his primary to a challenger, 1968.**

Congressman Vail out of office narrowly. Former Congressman Richard Vail sought a rematch in 1950 and beat O'Hara decisively. 1952 saw the third match between Barratt O'Hara and Richard Vail and although Republicans were running very well in Illinois, they weren't running as well in Chicago. O'Hara won again by a small margin. The last grudge match between Barratt O'Hara and Richard Vail was fought in the 1954 election. This time the result was definitive. O'Hara had managed to entrench himself in Congress and won better than 60% of the ballots cast and ended the political career of Richard Vail. O'Hara's percentage of the vote dipped a bit in 1956 when Dwight Eisenhower was winning in Illinois easily, but after that, the congressman was never again seriously challenged in either the Democratic primary or general elections until the end of his legislative career.

Barratt O'Hara could regale any number of people with his recollections, both the common man and kings and presidents. O'Hara charmed John F. Kennedy by recalling stories about his beloved grandfather, John "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald, for whom he was named. "I told him one day he got his sweetness from his mother of Boston at one time," Barratt O'Hara remembered after the president's murder. "We were always friendly and about two weeks before he was killed, he served as a guide when I took several constituents through the White House. When we left, he said, 'Barratt knew my grandfather.' Those were the last words I heard him say."

A highly partisan Democrat, Barratt O'Hara was once asked why he had moved from Berrien County, the congressman

thought for a moment before answering. He snapped he had moved "because there were too damned many Republicans in Berrien County." Yet he was very warm personal friends with Clare Hoffman, an arch-conservative congressman from Michigan.

If a career can be made by a political machine, so, too, can it be ended by the same machine. Barratt O'Hara turned eighty-six on April 28, 1968, but one reporter wrote that "the wolves" were already "howling" after Congressman O'Hara. Bob Seltzer, editor of the Daily Calumet acknowledged O'Hara's "legs aren't nimble, and he is a bit stooped when he stands, and he doesn't chase up and down the stairs" yet his "booming voice in public address" seemed to be an indication of his remaining vitality. There were rumors the Daley machine would "dump" the congressman who wanted a 10th term. And as is always the case when there is an elderly incumbent, a host of younger prospective candidates waited in the wings, ready to pounce if the opportunity presented itself. Some Democrats fretted it would be awkward to try and unseat 72-year-old Senator Everett Dirksen in 1968 while backing an 86-year-old congressman for reelection.

After quite nearly having beaten Congressman Barratt O'Hara, who had the machine endorsement in the 1966 Democratic primary, Abner Mikva remained eager to go to Congress. During the two years following his defeat, Mikva was supposedly courting Mayor Daley, a rumor Mikva always hotly denied.

Another handicap for the sitting congressman was the fact the Daley organization always raised the necessary money for Barratt O'Hara's campaign. Loss

of the machine's endorsement meant the incumbent would have to raise campaign funds himself, something he had never done during his eighteen years in Congress. Bun Borrowdale, one of O'Hara's most vocal supporters in the district, told a reporter, "The Congressman has never coveted someone else's position. He might have some reservations if someone were to covet his position."

Barratt O'Hara was the oldest member of Congress when he began his campaign for renomination in 1968. After his close call inside the Democratic primary in 1966 and with Abner Mikva running once again, the machine thought it better to give the younger candidate the nomination. The ward captains voted not to endorse Congressman O'Hara for the Democratic nomination. For the first time in twenty years, Barratt O'Hara's name would not appear on the machine's list of endorsed candidates. Mayor Richard J. Daley called President Lyndon Johnson to ask that some post be found for O'Hara, perhaps as an alternate delegate to the United Nations.

Not one to take things lying down, Barratt O'Hara refused to bow to the will of the machine. The 86-year-old congressman stubbornly insisted upon running again without the endorsement of the machine. Friends and supporters tried to reason with O'Hara. Backers warned the congressman he could not possibly expect to beat the Daley machine. Even as the returns showed him losing badly, Congressman O'Hara said he felt sure he could have won yet again had only the people come out to vote.

Age and time had caught up with him and Barratt O'Hara ran a very distant second to Abner Mikva

in the Democratic primary and won only 26% of the vote. A tearful O'Hara acknowledged defeat.

The Chicago Tribune printed a story noting tears came easily to the aging congressman, although O'Hara insisted he was not bitter about his defeat. Congressman O'Hara insisted he was proud of the thousands of votes he had received while waging a "poverty-stricken campaign." The reporter thought the defeat stung more than the congressman conceded. O'Hara said his loss in the primary was "a real relief." The Tribune reporter believed the mist in the eyes of the old congressman belied the statement. When the three bells rang signaling a vote in the House, O'Hara looked at an aide and said, "Thank God, I don't have to worry about those anymore." A few hours later, the bells rang three times once again. Barratt O'Hara worked on his correspondence and stayed at his desk. "I knew they weren't key votes," O'Hara told the reporter, "or I'd have gone over."

For a decade, O'Hara had spent most of his time as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, an odd assignment for a Chicago congressman. For a decade, Barratt O'Hara had headed the subcommittee on Africa. Not surprisingly, O'Hara was the last veteran of the Spanish-American War to sit in Congress.

O'Hara told the reporter of his growing fear of other countries acquiring nuclear capabilities, especially China. "The night a group of us was called to the White House to be told about the capture of the Pueblo, we all knew how close we could be to World War III," Congressman O'Hara recalled.

Long a widower, Barratt O'Hara did not return home to live in Chicago but rather chose to remain in Washington, D.C. The old war horse apparently couldn't bear to leave what had become his home. Although he owned a home in the Windy City, O'Hara continued living in his apartment at the old Congressional Hotel. Yet once out of the House of Representatives, the former congressman began ailing. O'Hara entered Georgetown University Hospital where he slipped away, dying from congestive heart failure at age eighty-seven. Barrett O'Hara Jr. laid the blame for his father's passing squarely on the machine. The Daley machine having refused to endorse Barratt O'Hara in 1968 had broken the congressman's heart, his son said.

After his death, Barratt O'Hara was remembered in an editorial in the Benton Harbor, Michigan Herald-Palladium as "a gutty patriot, a good-hearted human being, a loyal friend, a charming person who lifted the spirits of those around him. . ." The editorial noted O'Hara was "a remarkable man." "One who was a distinguished credit to his native heath and to the art of living."

# Knox voters face a long primary ballot

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When Knox County voters begin early voting on Wednesday, February 14, they will encounter eighteen different primary races on the ballot, everything from their party's choice for the U.S. presidential nomination down to their district's choice for Knox County School Board.

Early voting stretches through Tuesday, February 27 and Tuesday, March 5, is the Primary Election Day.

The only candidate to be assured of election is Criminal Court Judge Hector I. Sanchez, who is unopposed in his Republican Primary and there is no Democrat running for that office.

**Presidential Choices:** The Republicans will choose

between eight presidential candidates but, so far, everyone had dropped out of the race except for former President Donald J. Trump and former Ambassador and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. That party will also be selecting presidential electors including an "Uncommitted" category. Democrats will select from President Joseph R. Biden or "Uncommitted."

**Knox County Law Director:** Incumbent Law Director David L. Buuck is opposed in the Republican Primary by Daniel A. Herrera. Democrat Jackson Farmer is not opposed in his primary and will face the Republican winner in the August general election.

**Knox County Assessor of Property:** John Whitehead is term-limited and two Republicans are seeking

the nomination: Phil Ballard and Jackie Raley. The primary winner will meet Drew A. Harper, the lone Democrat, in the general election.

**Knox County Commission, District 1:** Dasha Lundy is not seeking reelection and Evelyn Gill and Damon L. Rawls are the Democrats seeking her position. The Republicans in their primary are Charles Frazier and Justin Hirst.

**Commission, District 2:** Incumbent Democrat Courtney Durrett is alone in her primary for reelection. The Republican primary has Debbie Phillips. The Independent candidate on the general election ballot is Ethan Grantham.

**Commission, District 4:** Two Republicans are on the primary ballot: Garrett Holt and Liz Tombras. The lone Democrat in the primary is Shane Jackson.

**Commission, District 5:** Five

Republicans vie to replace John Schoonmaker. They are Brad Hall, Angela Russell, Dale Skidmore, Toni Scott and Brian Walker. The lone Democrat in that primary is S. Arthur Moore.

**Commission, District 6:** Incumbent Terry Hill has opposition in the Republican primary from Julie McBee-Fritts. The Democrat primary has Daniel Edward Greene.

**Commission, District 8:** Commissioner Richie Beeler chose not to run again and may be replaced by fellow Republicans D.J. Corcoran, Kara Daley or Adam Thompson. Charles V. Chandler is the only Democrat in that primary.

**Commission, District 9:** Two fellow Republicans are running: Andy Fox and Barry Neal. The winner will face Democrat Matthew Park and Independent Stacey Bryon Smith.

**Board of Education, District 2:** Incumbent Jennifer Owen will be on the general election ballot as an Independent along with Pat Polis. Democrat Anne Templeton is the only name on the Democratic primary and there is no Republican in that race.

**BOE, District 3:** Two Republicans, Robert V. Daspit and Angie Goethert, are seeking to replace Daniel Watson, who is not on the ballot. The winner will face Democrat Patricia Fontenot-Ridley in the general.

**BOE, District 5:** Republican Lauren Morgan is on the ballot and will face Democrat Terry Whitaker in the general election.

**BOE, District 8:** Two Republicans seek to replace the late Mike McMillan. They are Tommy Lakins and Travis Wright.

## Living Out a Legacy that Outlives You

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contemplation of Asaph and his desire that multiple generations be fully aware of the praiseworthy deeds of God. He wants his legacy to continue so that his children's children will remember the works of the Lord. These men seem to clearly understand that when our life's work is complete and we lay silently in the grave, our life's legacy will continue to speak out loud. We are all living out some kind of legacy that will far outlive us.

I am certain of these three truths, from both scripture and just historical experience. First, each of us is given a fixed amount of time on this earth. God knows our days and we each have a number.

Second, some people get more time than others. It's just a fact. None of us knows what time we have left.

And last, the legacy we leave is determined not by the days that we live, but by the life we put into each of those days. Legacies aren't usually built on single

episodes; they are built over the long term by doing the simple things. Love people. Show kindness. Live with honesty and integrity.

We have great potential to influence the next generation for the good of society and the glory of God but we must, as the Psalmist, make the mission personal. We have to think futuristically. Becoming a legacy thinker means you live life with the hope that one day your life's work will continue even when your physical life no longer exists.

A Canadian explorer once said, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit." We may not see the fruits we plant today, but we plant them with the hope others enjoy the sweetness. This is legacy.

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# Brockwell, Kitts honored at Gibbs

After multiple cancellations and postponements in January, Gibbs High was happy to honor Boone Brockwell and Coach Tyler Kitts for their Tennessee Football Coaches Association 2023 All State awards last Wednesday between the home basketball games against Cumberland Gap.

Brockwell was recognized for being named All State Running Back to the TnFCA 1st Team for Class 4A; Kitts was lauded for being named the TnFCA Assistant Coach of the Year in the state for Class 4A.

"The past two years we've been blessed with some really skilled kids on the high school team," Kitts, who was also named the TnFCA Assistant Coach of the Year in Region 2-4A for 2022, told The Focus. "In 2022, we threw for 2,500 yards and then rushed for 2,000. This year was more ground based. I think we threw for around 1,000 yards and the rushing total was at least double that.

"Boone had like 1,300 yards himself and scored 30 touchdowns. There were a lot of other guys that played really important roles. We had a young offensive line that really grew as the season went on and developed an identity. And some guys stepped up that were behind the scenes."



PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS.

From left to right: Gibbs High School Coach Tyler Kitts, Head Coach Brad Turner and Boone Brockwell at last Wednesday's special honors.

# J.D. Lambert named Fountain City Man of the Year

By Ken Lay

For years, J.D. Lambert was a constant presence at Central High School. The long-time teacher, girls and boys basketball coach, assistant principal and athletic director had his accomplishments recognized recently.

Lambert, who retired following the 2022-23 school year, was named Fountain City's Man of the Year for 2023 by the Fountain City Business and Professionals Association at its annual dinner on Saturday, January 27, at Beaver Brook Country Club.

It was intended to be Lambert's night, but the last thing he wanted to do was make the evening about him.

"We have so many people in Fountain City that support the community and support Central High School, and I may have won this award, but this award is for all of you."

Lambert, who came to Knoxville after teaching and coaching at Morristown East, Morristown West and Jefferson County high schools, first served at Central High as its girls basketball coach. He was later the boys basketball coach, and after a short time away to work at Austin-East, Powell and Halls high schools, he returned to Central to become an administrator before his retirement.

During his career, Lambert also taught at Meadowview Middle School, Whittle Springs Middle School and Karns High School.

Once he first began working at Central High, the Kentucky native said he considered Fountain City his true home.

"I've been a Beaver, a Panther, a Roadrunner and a Red Devil," he said. "I've been all of those things. But I'm a Bobcat and I'll always



Fountain City Man of the Year J.D. Lambert with Whitney Hickam-Cruze at the Fountain City Business and Professionals Association banquet on January 27. Hickam-Cruze played for Lambert and the Central Lady Bobcats from 2001-2003. Photo submitted.

be a Bobcat."

Lambert definitely will continue to make his mark on Fountain City. He may be retired but he often takes to social media and posts newspaper articles about Central's storied

past and Bobcat current events.

The size of the crowd who showed up to honor him that Saturday night was certainly a testament to the positivity that Lambert

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## Trevor Bayne talks racing, business and family at FCBPA's annual dinner

By Ken Lay

Trevor Bayne's life forever changed on Feb. 20, 2011. It was on that day that his name became etched in the NASCAR record books as the youngest driver to win the Daytona 500.

Bayne won NASCAR's crown jewel at the tender age of 20, driving for Wood Brothers Racing in the Daytona 500.

In a career that all but ended in 2018, Bayne has reached the highest highs and experienced some low points along the way, including when he found out he was being released from his contract after a press release was leaked. The release said that Matt Kenseth, a NASCAR champion, would be taking his ride.

Bayne was the keynote speaker at the Fountain City Business and Professionals

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## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

## Webb holds off Catholic for 13th straight win

By Steve Williams

Webb School's boys basketball team led most of the way in their rivalry game with Knoxville Catholic Thursday night, but the host Irishmen wouldn't go away.

Coach Ricky Norris' Spartans had answers for that, too. Every time the Irishmen got close, either sophomore Wilson Luton or senior Drake Ingram or the combination of those two would provide a cushion.

The end result was a 65-52 victory for Webb, which now owns a 13-game win streak.

Late in the third period, Catholic pulled into a 40-all tie. No problem. Ingram sparked a 9-0 run

that extended into the final period with a short jumper on the baseline and a 3-pointer at the top of the key.

The Irishmen again crept close with 2:50 remaining in the game when Juice Eleam went coast to coast for an old fashion 3-point play that cut the deficit to three.

Luton responded with a 3-pointer at the left of the key and Ingram fired in a 3-pointer from the left wing that restored a nine-point margin.

Ingram finished with a game-high 22 points. Point guard Jaylen Pompey added 14 and Luton 13, including three 3-pointers.

Eleam was best for Catholic with 16 points. Carson Asbaty chipped in 14 and Case Murphy 13.

Webb is now 19-3 and 4-0 in the Division II-AA East Region and a close second behind Baylor, which is 16-3 and 5-0 in the league. Catholic dropped to 12-10 overall and 0-4 in the region.

The Spartans have back-to-back games against Baylor coming up Saturday (Feb. 3) on the road and at home Tuesday (Feb. 6). Webb also will host Catholic Friday (Feb. 9).



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

**Webb senior Drake Ingram goes up for a shot in the Spartans' 65-52 win over Knoxville Catholic Thursday night. Ingram's jersey number matched his game-high point total of 22 points. The two Division II-AA rivals will square off again this coming Friday night at Webb.**

## Smith gives Bulldogs power on the inside

By Steve Williams

Brody Smith had as much to do with Bearden's 50-46 basketball win over Hardin Valley last week as anyone, yet after the game he said, "My favorite sport is football."

The 6-6, 250-pound sophomore left tackle and defensive end has a football offer from Tennessee and earlier in the day before the Bulldogs played at HVA, he got an offer from South Carolina - his 11th overall.

It's easy to see why. Not only is Brody big, he is strong and agile for his size. And during the game against the Hawks, he hit the hardwood to battle for loose balls.

Smith tied with teammate Justin Nordin for scoring honors as each tallied 13 points. Drew Brillhart chipped in 10.

The victory lifted the Bulldogs to 21-4 overall and 3-2 in District 4-4A.

Ben Brophy (19 points) and Tommy Joseph (13) led the Hawks (11-10, 1-3).

Hardin Valley jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but Bearden trimmed the margin to three (8-5) and then went on a 10-0 run for a 15-8 advantage.

The Hawks, who trailed 27-19 at halftime and 37-29 after three stops, never got closer than five



PHOTO BY TAMMY DAVIS KREGEL

**Brody Smith, Bearden's 6-6, 250-pound sophomore, wins the opening tip off against Hardin Valley Tuesday (Jan. 30).**

until Brophy's 3-pointer pulled them within four as the game ended.

Big Brody had a few highlights in the contest. The first was a steal he made on the defensive end of the court early in the second period. As he battled with an opponent, Smith fell on

the hardwood but managed to flip the ball to teammate Nordin, who raced to the other end for a layup.

Early in the second half, teammate Sean Capshaw tipped the ball at the basket four or five times before Smith grabbed the rebound and put it in.

To show he could score in other places besides the paint, Brody started the final period with a 3-pointer from the right corner to give the Bulldogs a 40-29 command.

"Brody joined us this year as a lefty post and does a nice job for us," commented Bearden Coach Jeremy Parrott after the game. "He gives us something we didn't have."

When asked about the Bulldogs' potential this season, Parrott said: "I don't know. Until we start to shoot it, I can't speak to that. We haven't shot it well in several weeks. We've got to come around with our shooting. But until then, we've just got to keep going."

Parrott said "the fact that we held a team to 46 points in conference play, we got to take solace in that."

The Bearden coach also addressed the tough schedule Knox County teams have been dealing with since the mid-January snow storm that backed up several games that have to be made up in a short amount of time.

"You can't do anything but try to work through it, and I'm proud of our young men for working through it," said Parrott.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Knoxville Catholic's Amaya Redd drives between Webb's Meeya Green (24) and Katelyn Overton (3) in a 47-26 Lady Irish win Thursday night at Catholic. Photo by Luther Simmons.**



## Slow start turns into a 47-26 Lady Irish win

By Steve Williams

Up and down the court they went, but neither team scored in the first 3½ minutes.

Did the two Division II-AA rivals - host Knoxville Catholic and Webb - want to win so badly that they simply couldn't settle down enough to score?

Instead of points, each team had committed five turnovers.

But the effort of the players on both teams was 100 percent.

Webb 8th grader Kyndall Mays scored inside for the first basket of the game. Catholic senior Caroline Krueger matched that with the clock showing 2:05 to go in the opening period.

Then Logan Connatser and Tinsley Walker hit back-to-back 3-pointers from the left of the key to give the Lady Irish an 8-2 lead at the end of the first period. Webb managed to get

within three points (10-7) early in the second quarter, but Catholic went on a 10-2 run to take a 20-9 halftime lead. Its last three points of the half came on free throws by Sydney Mains, who was fouled on her 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

Coach Travis Mains' Lady Irish went on to a 47-26 victory.

"The key to the win was rebounding," said Mains. "We held them to one shot a whole lot and we had a lot of what the kids call 'kills or turkeys' - that's getting three stops consecutively. Defense won the game. It was hard to score on both sides.

"We got to shoot some free throws that separated the game a little bit and we hit some timely 3s. I thought execution of our last-second play before the half was huge."

Looking back at the start of the game, when it took a long time for both

teams to get on the scoreboard, Coach Mains said: "It did take a long time. It was very physical and the kids were a little nervous in this game. I don't know why they were nervous; but they were."

Sydney Mains, Catholic's sharpshooter, was among those who didn't score in the first eight minutes, but she came on strong particularly at the free throw line. Despite a bandaged right thumb, she knocked down 11 of 11 foul shots and finished with a game-high 19 points.

Connatser, Walker and Krueger added six points each. Amaya Redd and Maggie Frana chipped in five apiece.

Meeyah Green led the Lady Spartans with 14 points. Mays contributed eight as she battled inside.

The game got a little close at the start of the final period as two free throws by Green pulled Webb within 10 (26-16).

Catholic, however, quickly widened its lead as Krueger drove inside and Mays was charged with a technical foul. Moments later, a technical foul also was charged to the Webb bench.

As a result, Mains cashed in four free throws and then hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

Redd added to the pile of points when she stole the ball and scored a layup. Catholic's lead had swelled to 21 points (37-16).

"Obviously, it didn't go our way, but heck, learn from it and hopefully get better," said Greg Hernandez, who is in his first season as Webb's head coach.

The loss left Webb 17-7 overall and 4-1 in the region. Catholic is on top of the standings at 4-0 and 19-4 overall.

The two East Region members will meet again this Friday (Feb. 9) at Webb.

## Bearden girls' depth shows in win over HVA

By Steve Williams

The depth that Bearden High's girls basketball team has was on display at Hardin Valley Academy last week.

Sophomore standout Natalya Hodge scored all 11 of her points in the first period and junior forward/guard Kendall Anne Murphy took over in the second period by tallying nine of her game-high 17 points.

Four other Lady Bulldogs also would combine for 28 points to lead Bearden to a 62-45 win over the Lady Hawks.

The victory upped Bearden to 21-1 overall and 5-0 in District 4-4A. HVA was handed its first district loss in four games and slipped to 11-8 overall.

The Lady Bulldogs' only loss this season was to Webb in a holiday tournament in Greeneville.

The game did have a sad moment as Bearden sophomore guard Emma Rainey was sidelined in the final quarter with an injured right knee.

"I feel like our depth is a huge advantage for us," said Bearden Coach Justin Underwood. "We have a lot of kids we can throw at teams and our kids are very willing to play for each other, so I was proud of them tonight after playing back to back games (Monday and Tuesday).

"We're still getting our legs underneath us from being off as long as we were with the weather," he added. "I told them it doesn't have to be a

perfect game; you want to strive to play really well. But with Hardin Valley being undefeated in the district, whether it's by one or 21 (points), you want to play well. I was proud of our girls tonight."

As for Rainey's injury, Underwood said "we'll know more in the coming days." It was the same knee she injured last January.

Murphy made three of Bearden's eight 3-pointers.

The Lady Bulldogs also got eight points each from seniors Rachel Wilhoit and Lindsay Wilson and six points each from juniors Lainey Cox and Aisha Patel.

Bearden jumped out to a 36-19 halftime lead. The Lady Hawks made a 9-1 run in the third period to cut the deficit to 10, but Murphy and Rainey ended the quarter with back-to-back 3-point shots to put the lead back at 16.

"I thought Kendall Anne did a great job for us," said Underwood. "That's a young lady that works really hard and has put a ton of time in the gym. I'm just proud of her to see the fruits of her labor coming true and for her to have the opportunity to do so well. I thought she hit some big shots that helped us keep a cushion throughout the game."

Junior guards Kyndra West and Kamryn Butcher led Hardin Valley with 17 and 14 points, respectively. West scored 11 of her points in the first half and Butcher scored nine of her points in the third period.

# The integral 1964-65 recruiting class

Looking back, it's hard to believe that it has been 60 years since Tennessee football coaches were signing one of the best football recruiting classes in the school's history.

The year was 1964. This was Doug Dickey's first full recruiting class and set the stage for a 34-9-1 record while the 1965 recruits were on the squad.

Tennessee signed 40 players, with some soon-to-be big names set to make their imprint on Vol football. The advent of freshman eligibility wasn't a factor until 1972, so the Vol rookies played four freshman contests, defeating Virginia Tech, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt, and losing to Alabama.

The 40-member class included three All-American selections (wide receiver/running back Richmond Flowers, defensive back Jimmy Weatherford, and offensive guard Charley Rosenfelder) and six All-SEC selections (tight end Ken DeLong twice, fullback Richard Pickens, Rosenfelder twice, defensive tackle Frank Yanossy, and Weatherford).

The 1966 sophomores lost only two home games during their time on campus (both at home), an

11-10 loss to Alabama on a rain-splattered greensward and a 14-7 loss to Ole Miss, in their first season. Their overall record was 34-9-1, including three consecutive wins over Alabama.

There were 19 who saw varsity service over a three-year period. The class included 11 from the state of Tennessee.

Pickens and Flowers were the two most heralded signees, both signing after contentious recruiting battles with Alabama.

Pickens was from Knoxville's Young High School and was a bruising runner and devastating blocker who led the SEC in rushing in 1968 with 736 yards. He was also a first-team All-SEC selection in his senior season.

Flowers was a second team 1968 All-SEC selection who added a dimension of speed that gave opponents fits whether he lined at wide receiver or at tailback. He scored the winning touchdown in the 1968 game against the Tide. He was one of the heralded track athletes of his day, winning an NCAA title and six SEC championships. He played in Super Bowl V in 1971 for the Dallas Cowboys, along with former Vols Ron Widby and Steve Kiner.

There were a couple of last-minute wins that helped define the season. In the 1968 season

opener against Georgia, the Vols trailed 17-9 with one last chance to salvage a tie with the eventual SEC champions. Bubba Wyche threw a touchdown pass to Gary Kreis and followed that up with a two-point conversion toss to DeLong.

That season opener offered Vols a new and controversial artificial playing surface on Shields-Watkins Field. Its official name was Tartan Turf, a product of 3M, but the nickname "Doug's Rug" served as tribute to the Vol head coach.

Tennessee defeated Alabama 10-9, when Weatherford blocked a potential game-winning field goal at the end of the game at Neyland Stadium, changing places with fellow signee Nick Showalter just before the snap. Weatherford also had a strong game in the 1967 Alabama game paired against the Tide's Dennis Homan. It came a year after Tennessee's 24-13 triumph over Alabama at Legion Field.

After redshirting in 1966, DeLong started at tight end the next three seasons. He was an All-SEC selection in 1968 and 1969 and caught a touchdown pass from tailback Walter Chadwick in the 1967 Alabama game. His brother, Steve, was an All-American selection at Tennessee in 1963 and 1964 and won the Outland



**ALWAYS INTENSE:** Doug Dickey led the Vols back to national prominence in the mid-to-late 1960s.

Trophy as the nation's best interior lineman in 1964.

The Vols added two three-year starters at defensive end in Jim McDonald (Knoxville) and Neal McMeans (Gate City, Va.). Both were solid players. McMeans was a second team All-SEC selection.

Rosenfelder was a three-year starter and was an All-SEC pick in 1967 and 1968. He was the only returnee on the 1968 offensive line and helped lead the way as the Vols earned an 8-2-1 record and played Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

Williams was a three-year starter at defensive tackle and was a steady player throughout his career. He came to Tennessee from Greeneville (Greene

County). He was also a 1968 second team All-SEC selection, as were Flowers and Weatherford.

Bill Young, a Knoxville South High School grad, was a versatile athlete who started at safety in 1966. He redshirted in 1967 due to an injury and was again a starter at safety in 1968-69. He was also a key reserve on Tennessee's 1966-67 SEC title-winning basketball team.

Other members of the class who lettered were wide receiver Bill Baker (Jasper), offensive guard Clifton Stewart (Chesapeake, Va.), defensive back Benny Dalton (Walland), offensive tackle Jerry Holloway (Memphis), nose guard Rick Marino

(Memphis), and defensive back Jimmy Thomas (Lake Butler, Fla.). Signee Bill Justus of Fulton High School in Knoxville played on the freshman team, but opted to play basketball, where he was an All-SEC and All-American player, known as the "Adrenaline Kid," honoring his "take no prisoners" style of play.

The Vols of that day are now in their mid-to-late 70s, but it's groups like this one that make the term "Vol for Life" an integral part of Tennessee lore and tradition. The Vols had suffered through mediocre at best seasons from 1958 to 1964, but the ensuing seasons brought the Vols back to national prominence.

# Super Bowl LVIII Preview

By Mark Nagi

The final football game of consequence of the season is set for this coming Sunday when the San Francisco 49ers face the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LVIII.

Yes, I know the XFL/USFL merger brings us something called the UFL starting in March, and spring football is coming up for the Vols as well... but this is the last dance until late August. Let's make it count.

In efforts to make sure that you don't sound like a bozo at your Super Bowl party, I have some information about the big game. Feel free to slip these tidbits into conversation.

This is a rematch from four years ago, when the 49ers blew a 10-point fourth quarter lead to the Chiefs.

Atlanta fans certainly remember, as San Fran's head coach, Kyle Shanahan, was the Falcons offensive coordinator when they blew a 28-3 lead and lost to the Patriots in Super Bowl LI.

Speaking of the Pats, the Kansas City Chiefs are the modern-day version of the New England Patriots. The Chiefs are a team that everyone is sick of watching win games, and they also feature an all-time great QB in Patrick Mahomes. The Chiefs have won two Super Bowls since February 2020, including last year's victory over Philadelphia.

Unless you've been living under a rock, you already know that KC's all-pro tight end Travis Kelce is dating pop star Taylor Swift. She is one of the most popular musicians in the world and gets approximately 45 seconds of airtime during a typical broadcast, mostly

after Kelce makes a big catch. If you can't handle that much Swift, I'd suggest reading a book or taking a walk, because she will be on your TV.

Swift will be flying to the game in Las Vegas following her concert in Tokyo, so "Swifties" will be following the lead of college football fans who track airplanes during a coaching search.

If you are a Vols fan and want to find a reason to root for the Chiefs, look no further than offensive right guard Trey Smith. He slipped to the 6th round of the 2021 NFL Draft due in large part to fears about blood clots he suffered through in 2018. But Smith has proven to be quite the steal and is a starter for an offensive line tasked with protecting Mahomes.

As for the San Francisco 49ers, they have five Super Bowl wins on their resume, but it's been 29 years since they lofted a Lombardi Trophy. The 49ers have the best running back in the sport in Christian McCaffrey, and a second-year QB in Brock Purdy who went from Mr. Irrelevant in 2022 (the nickname given to the last player selected in the NFL Draft) to an MVP candidate. He's only 24 years old and will be the third youngest quarterback to ever start a Super Bowl.

If you are a Vols fan and want to find a reason to root for the 49ers, look no further than wide receiver Jauan Jennings. He was one of the most beloved Tennessee players in recent memory, not only for his game-winning TD grabs against Florida and Georgia in 2016, but for his passionate nature. Jennings plays hard every snap and has made some huge

catches for San Francisco during this postseason run.

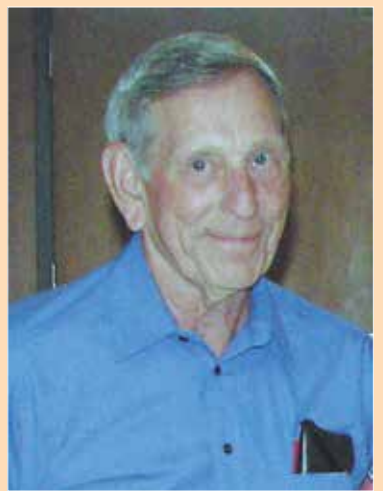
No matter the outcome, it is good to know a Tennessee alum will get a ring. With the influx of UT players into the NFL, this likely will continue to be a common occurrence. Five Vols were taken in last year's draft and more will hear their names called come April.

So, watch the commercials, don't have too much guacamole, and enjoy the game. It should be a good one.

## Bud Bales on Todd Helton going into the MLB Hall of Fame

*(Bud Bales coached Todd Helton in baseball at Knoxville Central High School and the Bobcats' 1990 team won the TSSAA State Championship with a 31-0 record.)*

**"He's very deserving of course. I think probably that he should have been recognized earlier, but being recognized at any point in time as far as the Major League Baseball Players Hall of Fame is concerned, that's quite an honor. Very deserving as far as Todd is concerned. You know he's worked awfully hard for it. From the time I've known him as just a little boy, playing Little League ball and right on up through high school, college and into**



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## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

## Halls wrestlers earn another state dual berth

By Ken Lay

Another successful season netted the Halls High School boys wrestling team another trip to the Midstate and the Dual State Wrestling Championships.

The event was scheduled for Saturday at the Williamson County Expo Center in Franklin Saturday. Results weren't available at press time.

The Red Devils opened the Class 2A championships against Bartlett. The eight-team field also included Cleveland, Summit, Arlington, Brentwood, Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett and Bradley Central.

Halls went to Franklin in search of a second consecutive dual state title. The Red Devils won't technically repeat should they win the championship in 2023-24. The TSSAA re-classified wrestling following last season when Halls won both the Class A dual and traditional state championships.

But that doesn't matter because a state title is a state title and longtime Red Devils coach Shannon Sayne, a state champion for Halls during his high school days, said he likes his squad's chances to bring home some more hardware.

"I think we have a pretty good chance but you have

to put your best 14 against their best 14 and see what happens," Sayne said. "I think we got a good draw.

"The thing that makes duals so much fun is that you can move guys around and change weight classes, but you have to come out ready to go."

The Red Devils qualified for the dual state championships with a 54-17 victory over Science Hill in the state sectionals at Halls Middle School on Friday, January 26. That victory culminated a busy week for Halls as recent inclement winter weather forced the team's postseason competition to be compressed into

three days. Further complicating things was that the Red Devils and other teams in Knox County were not allowed to practice for nearly two weeks when snow and ice forced classes to be canceled.

"We were a little rusty but we came out and took care of our business," Sayne said. "It was hard because we had 10 days when we couldn't practice, and the guys had to maintain their weight.

"It's not like basketball where you can just roll out a ball and go play."

Against the Hilltoppers, Halls posted a dominant performance.

Tanner Kitts, who competes in the 106-point division, won by forfeit. Jesse Burns (150 pounds) also won by forfeit for the Red Devils.

Halls scored four wins via the pin as Rylan May (120 pounds), Jordan Sexton (132), Harlen Hunley (157) and Barrett Whaley (165) all won by fall.

Ben Whaley, who wrestles in the 190-pound weight class, earned the Red Devils five team points as he won by technical fall.

At 215, Matt Cook scored a major decision and picked up four team points. Caleb Turner (285), Gabe Freeman (175) and Trevor Sexton

(138) scored three team points each with decision victories.

Halls also won the district and region championships. At the district championships, the Red Devils defeated Bearden and Powell on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, Halls won the regional dual title with wins over Maryville and Hardin Valley Academy.

Thursday's region duals featured three former Halls wrestlers, who are now coaching as Halls (coached by Sayne), Maryville, coached by Alex Cate, and Powell, coached by Caleb Leonard, competed in the event.

## Bud Bales on Todd Helton going into the MLB Hall of Fame

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professional ball. Of course he's always been top-notch in everything that he did. He was a hard worker of course and very diligent. And his dad (Jerry) was partly responsible for that you know, keeping him occupied in sports. He was an outstanding football player as well as a baseball player.

"When he was in high school playing both sports, you would think most guys would get into one sport pretty quick. But Todd, he'd play football and then after football was over, the first thing he would show up for was winter workouts for baseball and he'd work out for baseball and then he would leave the baseball facility and head to the football field house and work out down there with his uncle (Joel). He was quite a very diligent type athlete. He wanted to get better and he worked at it hard to be as good as he could be. And like this situation here (to be inducted into the Hall of Fame), it's paid off. He's one of the best in the world as far as a baseball player. As far as those coming through Knoxville, I don't recall ever seeing one that could compare to Todd Helton. He was the best of the best and a very good kid and good student in school. I was just blessed of having the privilege of coaching him and working with him for four years there in high school."

## J.D. Lambert

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has imparted to those he's known, taught, coached and influenced during his career.

The attendees at the dinner included one-time Central cheer coach Jackie Raley, who is running for Knox County Property Assessor; former Hardin Valley Academy softball coach Whitney Hickam; Cruz, a Central graduate who played basketball for Lambert and now teaches at Shannondale Elementary School; former Central principal Jon Miller; former Central football coach Nick Craney; Bobcats' baseball coach Brandon Roberts; longtime basketball official scorer Chad Brown; longtime Central basketball manager Aaron Kilgore; and Knoxville sportswriter Steve Williams, who taught with Lambert at Whittle Springs.

During his brief remarks to the crowd, Lambert recalled meeting Brown and Kilgore, who worked in the basketball programs when they were students.

"When I came to Central, Chad Brown was keeping our book, and now who's

keeping the book? Chad Brown," Lambert said. "Aaron Kilgore was the basketball manager and he's still the basketball manager... or he's supposed to be if he's not running for mayor of Fountain City.

"Whitney Cruze is here with her family, and she's at Shannondale Elementary School and she goes there on Sunday afternoon and takes a leaf blower, and blows the leaves so her students can have a clean school when they come. Steve Williams is here and we taught at Whittle Springs together."

Lambert knew that he was going to be recognized by the Fountain City BPA, but he would receive a surprise honor later in the evening, as he was recognized by his home state of Kentucky. He was named a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Andy Beshear.

"I had to come to Tennessee to be recognized as a Kentuckian," Lambert said. "I was honored, you know that you're getting one award and you wind up getting two.

"It was just great to have all you people there."

## Trevor Bayne talks racing, business and family

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Association's annual dinner on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Beaver Brook Country Club.

In a question-and-answer session moderated by FCBPA President Charlie Pratt, Bayne talked racing, business and family.

"Your life forever changes when you become a Daytona 500 Champion," said Bayne, who attended both Gibbs and Central high schools.

He now lives in Corryton with his wife, Ashton. The couple has five children.

Following his racing career, Bayne ventured into the business world, and after a trip to Australia, he opened Mahalo Coffee Roasters, a coffee shop in North Knox County. He joked that he began drinking coffee the year before he opened the business.

"I like coffee. I began drinking it the year before and I went to Australia. When you want to learn how to make coffee, you go



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

2011 Daytona 500 Champion Trevor Bayne and FCBPA president Charlie Pratt answer questions from attendees at the recent FCBPA annual dinner. Bayne was the keynote speaker and retired educator J.D. Lambert was named Man of the Year.

to Australia," Bayne said.

His release from his racing contract came as a shock.

"A friend called me and said that Matt Kenseth was taking my ride in three weeks," he recalled. "Then my boss called and said that it was true."

Bayne, who has multiple sclerosis, relied on his faith following his release. "My wife and I prayed and asked what was next," he said.

Bayne noted that humility has served him well in both the racing and business worlds.

## Wright and McCarter to be inducted into TSSAA Hall of Fame

By Steve Williams



Fulton High boys basketball coach Jody Wright and longtime basketball official Jerry McCarter, who also is a supervisor in the Knox South Officials Association, are two of the eight members in the Class of 2024 who will be inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame this year.

The induction ceremonies will be held at the annual luncheon at the Student Union Building on the MTSU campus in Murfreesboro on Monday, April 8.

One administrator, four coaches, two officials, and one contributor will be inducted that day to join others in the annual gathering of those selected since the process began in 1982.

## Webb's Eckerman receives Gatorade state C-C award

Webb School's Colin Eckerman was recently named the 2023-2024 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Cross-Country Runner of the Year.

Eckerman set a new winning meet record (14:51.54) at the 2023 TSSAA DII-AA State Cross-Country Championship.

He was only one of a handful of runners in the country to qualify for both

on the level of play (middle school, high school junior varsity and high school varsity). "We've lost several older umpires," said Turner.

## Veteran assistant fills CHS vacancy

After around 20 years of experience as an assistant high school football coach and defensive coordinator, Kevin Lane is taking on a new challenge as Central High's head football coach.

He replaces Nick Craney, who resigned at the end of the 2023 season. Craney also was a DC at Central before taking the reins as the Bobcats' head coach in 2020.

Lane, a Halls High product, was defensive coordinator at West when the Rebels were state runners-up and state champions in 2013 and 2014.

He started out at Central (2003-10) and then coached at West (2011-16), Knoxville Catholic (2017-20), West (2021) and Bearden (2022-23).

## TSSAA state wrestling gets underway

The TSSAA state boys' wrestling dual meet tournament started Saturday (Feb. 3) at the Williamson County Ag-Expo Center.

Other TSSAA state wrestling action coming up this

month includes:

Division II Traditional – Feb. 16-17 at Montgomery Bell Academy, Division I Traditional and Girls' State meet – Feb. 23-24 at Williamson County Ag-Expo Center.

## Farragut basketball schedule for week of Feb. 5

Farragut High's basketball teams will play at Hardin Valley on Tuesday. Thursday games will be Bearden at Farragut. It'll be Senior Night on Friday at Farragut as the Admirals and Lady Admirals host Kingston.

The District 4-4A tournament starts on Feb. 13 at Maryville High School.

## High School Baseball Media Day set for Feb. 21

There will be a Media Day for high school baseball on Feb. 21 at Dick's Sporting Goods at West Town Mall. It is sponsored by the ETBCA and will be held in the upstairs part of the building (near the baseball section). It will run from 9 in the morning until noon. Food will be catered by Salsarita's from noon until 1 p.m.

This information was provided by Geff Davis, Gibbs High baseball.

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BY: BRANDON ROBERT STOOKSBURY AND ALANNA GAIL WINDHAM, PETITIONERS,  
V. JOHN DOE, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, RESPONDENT.  
NO. 207919-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOHN DOE, 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 JOHN DOE, it is ordered that said defendant, JOHN DOE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with CARIN C. BRIO, an Attorney whose address is 3217 GARDEN DRIVE, SUITE 1 KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor CHRISTOPHER D. HEAGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 29th day of JANUARY 2024.

J Scott Griswold  
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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: WILLIAM BURL HENRY, MARY RUTH HENRY, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF WILLIAM BURL HENRY AND MARY RUTH HENRY,  
IN RE: JAMES EDWARD SLOAN  
NO. 208122-2

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants WILLIAM BURL HENRY, MARY RUTH HENRY, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF WILLIAM BURL HENRY AND MARY RUTH HENRY, 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 WILLIAM BURL HENRY, MARY RUTH HENRY, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF WILLIAM BURL HENRY AND MARY RUTH HENRY, it is ordered that said defendants, WILLIAM BURL HENRY, MARY RUTH HENRY, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF WILLIAM BURL HENRY AND MARY RUTH HENRY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RYAN S. WORTLEY, an Attorney whose address is 3715 POWERS STREET KNOXVILLE, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
Docket No. 4149  
KIMBERLY LOUISE CLAPP Plaintiff,  
v.  
JERRY LYNN CLAPP, JR., Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, Jerry Lynn Clapp, Jr., is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant, Jerry Lynn Clapp, Jr., file an answer with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of

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This 11 day of August, 2022.

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NO. 206124-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, JACQUELINE ROSE TEBBETTS AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GORDON LESLIE TEBBETTS, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon it is ordered that said defendant, JACQUELINE ROSE TEBBETTS AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GORDON LESLIE TEBBETTS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with PATTY WHITEHEAD, an Attorney whose address is 3145 AVALON RIDGE PLACE, SUITE 100 PEACHTREE CORNERS, GEORGIA 30071, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B ARMSTRONG JR, at the Knox County

Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 12th day of JANUARY, 2024.

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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT  
IN RE: NASTASSJA DESIRE HUCKLESBY v. AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT  
NO. 207748-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT, 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 AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT, it is ordered that said defendant, AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT, 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 judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor CHRISTOPHER D. HEAGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
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J Scott Griswold  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS WHITESIDES CAUTHEN DOCKET NUMBER 88494-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS WHITESIDES CAUTHEN, who died on January 18, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate

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ESTATE OF PHYLLIS WHITESIDES CAUTHEN  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES A CHADWELL DOCKET NUMBER 88729-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of NOVEMBER, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES A CHADWELL, who died October 29, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY G. COX DOCKET NUMBER 88863-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of LARRY G. COX who died October 18, 2023 were issued the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF LARRY G. COX  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MATTIE LEE FOX DOCKET NUMBER 88844-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JANUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MATTIE LEE FOX, who died November 17, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, 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 JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MATTIE LEE FOX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRANDI FOX MCBRAVER  
7430 QUAIL CREEK LANE  
CORRYTON, TN 37721

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF KATHRYN SWANN JAFFURS DOCKET NUMBER 88866-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of KATHRYN SWANN JAFFURS who died on November 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 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 23 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF KATHRYN SWANN JAFFURS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHRISTOPHER M. JAFFURS  
1447 TUGALOO AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

DALLIS H. HOWARD, ATTORNEY  
4820 OLD KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF STEVEN DUSTIN LEOPPER DOCKET NUMBER 88927-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of STEVEN DUSTIN LEOPPER who died December 23, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF STEVEN DUSTIN LEOPPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BECKY LYNN LEOPPER  
1309 FOX RIDGE DRIVE  
POWELL, TN 37849

LUCAS M. FISHMAN, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 629  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF WALTER E. MCLEMORE DOCKET NUMBER 88896-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALTER E. MCLEMORE, who died on the August 17, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 25 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WALTER E. MCLEMORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ERIC BENDER  
2941 ROCKINGHAM HWY.  
ROCKINGHAM, VA 22802

ESTATE OF PAULA IRENE BRADLEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 88895-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of PAULA IRENE BRADLEY, who died November 15, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GREGORY W. MADDOX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVEN K. MADDOX  
13190 RAZELL WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

KEVIN N. PERKEY, ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR  
P.O. BOX 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

This the 25 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WALTER E. MCLEMORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARY E. JOINES  
500 COMPTON LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF EDITH MARIE SEXTON DOCKET NUMBER 88770-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case maybe) in respect of the Estate of EDITH MARIE SEXTON who died October 19, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), 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 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 23 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF EDITH MARIE SEXTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GARY WAYNE WATTS  
232 COUNTY WALK DRIVE  
POWELL, TN 37849

RACHEL E. DONSBACH, ATTORNEY  
550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 600  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ALMA ILENE BEASON DOCKET NUMBER 88683-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of January 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALMA ILENE BEASON who died Mar 9, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 22 day of January, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALMA ILENE BEASON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL ABERNATHY; ADMINISTRATOR  
1609 BROOK MANOR DRIVE  
HIXON, TN. 37343

COURTNEY L. COX, A ATTORNEY  
4931 HOMBERG DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DEBRA BENDER DOCKET NUMBER 88898-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEBRA BENDER who died October 14, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 this 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 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DEBRA BENDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ERIC BENDER  
2941 ROCKINGHAM HWY.  
ROCKINGHAM, VA 22802

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF PAULA IRENE BRADLEY DOCKET NUMBER 88895-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of PAULA IRENE BRADLEY, who died November 15, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GREGORY W. MADDOX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVEN K. MADDOX  
13190 RAZELL WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

KEVIN N. PERKEY, ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR  
P.O. BOX 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

the first publication; or

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PAULA IRENE BRADLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL EUBANKS  
7315 ETHELD REDA DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

WAYNE WYKOFF, ATTORNEY  
SUMNER GARLAND, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 31526  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARY F. BRESENHAM DOCKET NUMBER 88870-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY F. BRESENHAM, who died on November 14, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARY F. BRESENHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VICKIE J. TETERS  
9445 CLUBLANDS DRIVE  
JOHNS CREEK, GA 30022

DAVID A. MONTGOMERY, ATTORNEY  
112 GLENLEIGH CT., SUITE 1  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMIE CHERRY BRODY DOCKET NUMBER 88918-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of testamentary/ administration in respect to the Estate of JAMIE CHERRY BRODY, who died on September 25, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Grainger 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.

(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 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMIE CHERRY BRODY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAM BRODY  
911 HEATHER WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY  
5344 N BROADWAY ST.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELMER L COSBY DOCKET NUMBER 88853-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELMER L COSBY who died Oct 22, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELMER L COSBY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RICKY LEE COSBY; EXECUTOR  
5608 OLD BROADWAY STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOHN FRANK CRONAN, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 88871-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JOHN FRANK CRONAN, JR., who died November 10, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or

unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk & Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN FRANK CRONAN, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KELLEIGH CULPEPPER CRONAN  
308 RUSSFIELD DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

LEWIS A. COMBS, JR., ATTORNEY  
3002 W. GALLAHER FERRY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF WILMA JEAN DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 88909-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JANUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILMA JEAN DAVIS who died Dec 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:

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

This the 29 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILMA JEAN DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERRY M STRICKLAND; EXECUTRIX  
5128 DOVEWOOD WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ROBERT F. GRAY DOCKET NUMBER 88687-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT F. GRAY who died on October 13, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident d 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 days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT E. GRAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
AMY MORTON VAUGHN  
1632 LEONTE DRIVE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

GREGORY D. SHANKS  
406 UNION AVENUE, SUITE 602  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES MOWBRAY HARRIS DOCKET NUMBER 88902-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES MOWBRAY HARRIS who died Sep 4, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES MOWBRAY HARRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CYNTHIA L WELLS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
10534 ASPEN RIDGE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARGARET PIERCE HEADRICK DOCKET NUMBER 88897-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET PIERCE HEADRICK who died November 3, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BOB J. MCCOLLOUGH**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88864-3**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BOB J. MCCOLLOUGH who died December 2, 2023, were issued to DENA C. MCCOLLOUGH by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Knox County, TN. 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 26 day of January, 2024.

**ESTATE OF BOB J. MCCOLLOUGH**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 DENA C. MCCOLLOUGH  
 9332 CAMERON ROAD  
 MASCOOT, TN 37806

**DUSTIN S. CROUSE, ATTORNEY**  
 9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D200  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ERIK DAVID MCFARLANE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88402-3**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERIK DAVID MCFARLANE who died on May 21, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or  
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or  
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF ERIK DAVID MCFARLANE**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 TAMARA IMAN MCFARLANE  
 1678 PADDLE WHEEL DRIVE  
 MARIETTA, GA 30062

**NEVA M. FOUST, ATTORNEY**  
 4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DONALD F. MILLS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88873-3**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONALD F. MILLS who died November 14, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or  
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or  
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF DONALD F. MILLS**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 CATHERINE VANDERGRIFF  
 720 COVENTRY RD.  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

**BROOKE GIVENS, ATTORNEY**  
 110 COGDILL ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMIE OGLE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88914-2**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JAMIE OGLE who died November 9, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.  
 ESTATE OF JAMIE OGLE  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 KAYCEE OGLE  
 2215 BAINBRIDGE WAY  
 POWELL, TN 37849  
 SARAH E. C. MALIA, ATTORNEY  
 P.O. BOX 12395  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TRAVIS ANTHONY PARIS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88868-1**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day JANUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of TRAVIS ANTHONY PARIS who died November 16, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or  
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF TRAVIS ANTHONY PARIS**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 KAY CARROLL PARIS  
 P.O. BOX 957  
 HARROGATE, TN 37752

**GLENN A. W. OVERTON-CLARK, ATTORNEY**  
 9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE SUITE D200  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CLYTEE R. PATTERSON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88886-1**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CLYTEE R. PATTERSON who died November 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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 (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 JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF CLYTEE R. PATTERSON**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 JAMES T. PATTERSON  
 8508 CAMBRIDGE WOODS LANE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

**BRADLEY S. LEWIS, ATTORNEY**  
 10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ANNE BOND POWERS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88877-1**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANNE BOND POWERS who died April 5, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 this 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 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF ANNE BOND POWERS**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 ROGER D. OSBORNE  
 7209 LAWFORD RD.  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LORAINNE STAPLETON RECTOR**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88765-3**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH LORAINNE STAPLETON RECTOR who died November 9, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 22 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LORAINNE STAPLETON RECTOR**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 CHRISTOPHER TODD RECTOR  
 242 ZANE LANE  
 LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA PARKER ROBBINS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88883-1**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA PARKER ROBBINS who died November 17, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA PARKER ROBBINS**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 JOHN F. ROBBINS, III  
 204 PETERSON ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELOISE RODGERS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88899-2**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELOISE RODGERS who died November 25, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 this is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF ELOISE RODGERS**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 CHERYL C. RODGERS  
 5100 HEDGEWOOD RD.  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LUCINDA RENA SCHEUER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88782-2**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LUCINDA RENA SCHEUER, who died October 17, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or  
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 22 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF LUCINDA RENA SCHEUER**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 RYAN JAMES SCHEUER  
 705 SCHENLEY ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

**JULIE D. EISENHOWER, ATTORNEY**  
 217 S PETERS ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY S. SIMS**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 DEBORA NEWCOMBE  
 912 COBBLESTONE DRIVE  
 LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WANDA SUE SOLOMON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88835-1**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WANDA SUE SOLOMON who died November 14, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF WANDA SUE SOLOMON**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 EVA COLLINS BROOKS  
 507 DRAKEWOOD ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

**GLEN R. THOMPSON, ATTORNEY**  
 P.O. BOX 6127  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID A. STEPHENS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88845-2**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID A. STEPHENS, who died September 2, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF DAVID A. STEPHENS**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 TERESA COOPER  
 924 RACCOON VALLEY ROAD WEST  
 HEISKELL, TN 37754

**BRADLEY H. HODGE, ATTORNEY**  
 900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2100  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WAYNE ANTHONY STILES**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88928-1**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of WAYNE ANTHONY STILES who died December 29, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF WAYNE ANTHONY STILES**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 TODD STILES  
 1028 HAMILTON RIDGE LANE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

**MICHAEL R. CROWDER, ATTORNEY**  
 4TH FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA BLDG.  
 P.O. BOX 442  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HARRIET W. THOMPSON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88921-3**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRIET W. THOMPSON who died November 8, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF HARRIET W. THOMPSON**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 CHARLES H. THOMPSON  
 8717 DUNAIRE DRIVE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

**BRADLEY C. GRAVES, ATTORNEY**  
 GRAYSON B. HOLMES, ATTORNEY  
 2095 LAKESIDE CENTRE WAY, SUITE 131  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN VANVALKENBURG**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88919-1**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of GLORIA JEAN VANVALKENBURG who died December 16, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN VANVALKENBURG**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 JULIE FAULKNER  
 3926 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL T. WALKER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 88867-3**  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL T. WALKER who died on November 2, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
 This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL T. WALKER**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 BRYAN WALKER  
 502 ANNANDALE ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

**PRESTON WALKER**  
 7005 TRADITIONAL DRIVE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

**DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY**  
 310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## MISC. NOTICES

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL T. WALKER**  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 BRYAN WALKER  
 502 ANNANDALE ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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## KNOX COUNTY

### AIR POLLUTION

### CONTROL BOARD

### NOTICE

The Knox County Air Pollution Control Board will meet in a regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room (Room Number 8500) located on the basement floor of the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917, on Wednesday, February 7th, 2024. Public comment is welcome.  
 If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend this public meeting, please contact the Knox County ADA Coordinator, Carly Pearson, at 865-215-3603 or carly.pearson@knox



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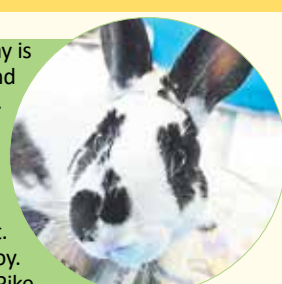
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## Young-Williams Animal Center



Hi! My name is **ROSIE**, and my friends sometimes call me Rosie Posey. I love to spend my time running around the house chasing after my foster family's adult cats. I think I get on my kitty friends' nerves sometimes, but I am not a scaredy cat and am very persistent. They have warmed up and play with me now too! I really love humans too! I purr loudly as soon as my people walk into the room. When I'm tired and at night, I love to be held and snuggled up with my people on the couch or in bed. My foster family tells me I am the sweetest. I am a social kitten and want to be where my people are. I can't wait to find my purrfect forever home! You can find me on [young-williams.org](http://young-williams.org) and fill out an application to get in touch with my foster pawrent to set up a meet and greet.

Hello, I'm **MAX**. I may be small, but my heart is so big. Every day is a new adventure for me. I love to explore my surroundings and sniffing out every nook and cranny with my twitchy little nose. I'm a gentle soul, always careful not to hurt anyone or anything. I'm also quite curious, always eager to learn and to understand the world around me. I'm looking for a forever home where I can continue to grow and explore. If you're looking for a sweet, gentle and curious companion, then I'm your rabbit. I promise to fill your life with joy. Adopt me at Young-Williams Animal Village, 6400 Kingston Pike.



**Young-Williams Animal Center**  
3201 Division Street, Knoxville, TN 37919  
[www.young-williams.org](http://www.young-williams.org)

865.215.6599  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily  
Closed 1-2 p.m. for animal quiet time

## Free Legal Advice Clinic for Veterans

DATE - General Legal Issues

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024

TIME: Noon - 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION

Knox Co. Public Defenders  
Community Law Office  
1101 Liberty Street  
Knoxville, TN 37919

Please note: This is not a wills clinic. Clients can expect legal advice, but no wills are drafted at this clinic.

The Veterans' Legal Advice Clinic is a joint project of the Knoxville Barristers, the Young Lawyers Division of the Knoxville Bar Association (KBA), KBA/Barristers Access to Justice Committees, Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office, the University of Tennessee College of Law, Lincoln Memorial University - Duncan School of Law, and the local VA office.

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- Contract disputes
- Estate Planning
- Child support
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